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1 actinide separations, process demonstrations, and chemical and physical properties  
2 determinations.

- 3 • Decontamination and Decommissioning—Facilities and equipment that are no longer  
4 needed or usable are decontaminated and decommissioned, resulting in TRU mixed  
5 wastes consisting of scrap materials, cleaning agents, tools, piping, filters, Plexiglas™,  
6 gloveboxes, concrete rubble, asphalt, cinder blocks, and other building materials. These  
7 materials are expected to be the largest category by volume of TRU mixed waste to be  
8 generated in the future.

9 The TRU mixed waste contains both TRU radioactive and hazardous components, as defined in  
10 20.4.1.800 700 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR, §268.35(d) 266.210), and in the Federal Facility  
11 Compliance Act, Public Law 102-386, Title 1, §3021(d). It is designated and separately  
12 packaged as either contact-handled (**CH**) or remote-handled (**RH**), based on the radiological  
13 dose rate at the surface of the waste container.

14  
15 The hazardous components of the TRU mixed waste to be managed at the WIPP facility are  
16 designated in Table B-91. Some of the waste may also be identified by unique state hazardous  
17 waste codes or numbers. These wastes are acceptable at WIPP as long as the Treatment,  
18 Storage, and Disposal Facility Waste Acceptance Criteria (**TSDF-WAC**) in Section B-1c  
19 Module H are met. This WAP describes the measures that will be taken to ensure that the TRU  
20 mixed wastes received at the WIPP facility are within the scope of Table B-91 as established by  
21 20.4.1.500 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §264), and that they comply with unit-specific  
22 requirements of 20.4.1.500 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §264.600), Miscellaneous Units.

23  
24 ~~Some TRU mixed waste is retrievably stored at the DOE generator/storage sites. Additional  
25 TRU mixed waste will be generated and packaged into containers at these generator/storage sites  
26 in the future. TRU mixed waste will be retrieved from storage areas at a DOE generator/storage  
27 site. Retrievably stored waste is defined as TRU mixed waste generated after 1970 and before  
28 the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) notifies the Permittees, by approval of the  
29 final audit report, that the characterization requirements of the WAP at a generator/storage site  
30 have been implemented. Newly generated waste is defined as TRU mixed waste generated after  
31 NMED approves the final audit report for a generator/storage site. Acceptable knowledge (AK)  
32 information is assembled for both retrievably stored and newly generated waste. Waste  
33 characterization of retrievably stored TRU mixed waste will be performed on an ongoing basis,  
34 as the waste is retrieved. Waste characterization of newly generated TRU mixed waste is  
35 typically performed as it is generated, although some characterization occurs post generation.  
36 Waste characterization requirements for newly generated and retrievably stored TRU mixed  
37 wastes differ, as discussed in Sections B-3d(1) and B-3d(2).~~

38  
39 Waste characterization is defined in Module I performed through implementing the requirements  
40 of this WAP by a certified characterization program as the activities performed by the waste  
41 generator to satisfy the general waste analysis requirements of 20.4.1.500 NMAC (incorporating  
42 40 CFR §264.13(a)). The applicable waste characterization activities are completed before waste  
43 containers ~~have been~~ are certified for disposal at WIPP. The characterization process for WIPP

1 waste is presented in Figure B-21. Prior to receiving CBFO certification, a Generator site waste  
2 characterization programs are is first audited by the Permittees, with the New Mexico  
3 Environment Department (NMED) approving the final audit report. After this, generator sites  
4 The certified characterization program determines whether Acceptable Knowledge (AK) AK  
5 alone is sufficient for characterization, or whether a sampling and analysis program in  
6 conjunction with AK is necessary to adequately characterize wastes. If an AK Acceptable  
7 Knowledge Sufficiency Determination (AKSD) is sought, information is provided to the  
8 Permittees for their review and provisional approval; NMED determination of adequacy of the  
9 AK information is required before final approval by the Permittees. If the sampling and analysis  
10 route is chosen, sites the certified characterization program proceeds to sample and analyze  
11 waste in conjunction with AK and in accordance with this WAP. Once an AK Sufficiency  
12 Determination AKSD is obtained, or when required sampling and analysis data are obtained,  
13 sites the certified characterization program would then prepare and submit the Waste Stream  
14 Profile Form (WSPF) (Figure B-2) for the Permittees' approval. Once the WSPF is approved, a  
15 site the WIPP may receive waste from the certified characterization program may ship waste to  
16 WIPP. The Permittees will perform waste confirmation prior to shipment receipt of the waste  
17 from the generator/storage TRU waste site to at WIPP as specified in Renewal Application  
18 Appendix B7, (Permittee Level TRU Waste Confirmation Processes) by performing radiography  
19 or visual examination (VE) of a representative subpopulation of certified waste containers, to  
20 ensure that the wastes meet the applicable requirements of the TSDF-WAC. Waste confirmation  
21 will not be performed by the Permittees when a Scenario 1 or Scenario 2 AKSD has been  
22 approved for the waste stream. An approved Scenario 1 and Scenario 2 AKSD addresses that the  
23 waste is not ignitable, corrosive, or reactive and only those EPA hazardous waste numbers  
24 authorized for storage and disposal at WIPP apply to the waste (see Section B-0b and Renewal  
25 Application Chapter B, Appendix B4, TRU Mixed Waste Characterization Using Acceptable  
26 Knowledge, Section B4-3d). Approved Waste Stream Profile Forms document assigned EPA  
27 hazardous waste numbers (see Section B-0c).

#### 28 29 B-0a Waste Characterization

30 Characterization requirements for individual containers of TRU mixed waste are specified on a  
31 waste stream basis. A waste stream is defined as waste material generated from a single process  
32 or from an activity that is similar in material, physical form, and hazardous constituents. Waste  
33 streams are grouped by Waste Matrix Code Groups related to the physical and chemical  
34 properties of the waste. Generator/storage The certified characterization programs sites shall use  
35 the characterization techniques described in this WAP to assign appropriate Waste Matrix Code  
36 Groups to waste streams for WIPP disposal. The Waste Matrix Code Groups are solidified  
37 inorganics, solidified organics, salt waste, soils, lead/cadmium metal, inorganic nonmetal waste,  
38 combustible waste, graphite, filters, heterogeneous debris waste, and uncategorized metal.  
39 Waste Matrix Code Groups can be are grouped into three Summary Category groups:  
40 Homogeneous Solids (Summary Category S3000), Soils/Gravel (Summary Category S4000),  
41 and Debris Waste (Summary Category S5000).

42  
43 The TRU mixed wastes are initially categorized into the three broad Summary Category Groups  
44 that are related to the final physical form of the wastes. Waste characterization requirements for

1 these groups are specified separately in Section B-2 of this WAP. Each of the three groups is  
2 described below.

3  
4 S3000 - Homogeneous Solids

5 Homogeneous solids are defined as solid materials, excluding soil, that do not meet the  
6 NMED criteria for classification as debris (20.4.1.800 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR  
7 §268.2 (g) and (h))). Included in the series of homogeneous solids are inorganic  
8 process residues, inorganic sludges, salt waste, and pyrochemical salt waste. Other waste  
9 streams are included in this Summary Category Group based on the specific waste stream  
10 types and final waste form. This Summary Category Group is expected to contain toxic  
11 metals and spent solvents. This category includes wastes that are at least 50 percent by  
12 volume homogeneous solids.

13  
14 S4000 - Soils/Gravel

15 This Summary Category Group includes S4000 waste streams that are at least 50 percent  
16 by volume soil/s/gravel. This Summary Category Group is expected to contain toxic  
17 metals.

18  
19 S5000 - Debris Wastes

20 This Summary Category Group includes heterogeneous waste that is at least 50 percent  
21 by volume materials that meet the criteria specified in 20.4.1.800 NMAC (incorporating  
22 40 CFR §268.2 (g)). Debris means solid material exceeding a 2.36 inch (in.) (60  
23 millimeter) particle size that is intended for disposal and that is:

- 24  
25 1. a manufactured object, or  
26 2. plant or animal matter, or  
27 3. natural geologic material.

28  
29 Particles smaller than 2.36 inches (60 millimeters) in size may be considered debris if the  
30 debris is a manufactured object and if it is not a particle of S3000 or S4000 material.

31  
32 If a waste does not include at least 50 percent of any given Summary Category Group by  
33 volume, characterization shall be performed using the waste characterization process required for  
34 the summary category group constituting the greatest volume of waste for that waste stream (see  
35 Section B-3d).

36  
37 The most common hazardous constituents in the TRU mixed waste to be managed in the WIPP  
38 facility consist of the following:

39  
40 Metals

41  
42 Some of the TRU mixed waste to be emplaced in the WIPP facility contains metals for  
43 which 20.4.1.200 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §261.24), toxicity characteristics (TCs)  
44 were established (EPA hazardous waste numbers D004 through D011). Arsenic, barium,  
45 Cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury, selenium, and silver are present in discarded tools

1 and equipment, solidified sludges, cemented laboratory liquids, and waste from  
2 decontamination and decommissioning activities. A large percentage of the waste  
3 consists of lead-lined gloveboxes, leaded rubber gloves and aprons, lead bricks and  
4 piping, lead tape, and other lead items. Lead, because of its radiation-shielding  
5 applications, is the most prevalent toxicity characteristic TC metal present.

#### 6 7 Halogenated Volatile Organic Compounds

8  
9 Some of the TRU mixed waste to be emplaced in the WIPP facility contains spent  
10 halogenated volatile organic compound (VOC) solvents identified in 20.4.1.200 NMAC  
11 (incorporating 40 CFR, §261.31) (EPA hazardous waste numbers F001 through F005).  
12 Tetrachloroethylene; trichloroethylene; methylene chloride; carbon tetrachloride; 1,1,1-  
13 trichloroethane; and 1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane (EPA hazardous waste numbers  
14 F001 and F002) are the most prevalent halogenated organic compounds identified in  
15 TRU mixed waste that may be managed at the WIPP facility during the Disposal Phase.  
16 These compounds are commonly used to clean metal surfaces prior to plating, polishing,  
17 or fabrication; to dissolve other compounds; or as coolants. Because they are highly  
18 volatile, only small amounts typically remain on equipment after cleaning or, in the case  
19 of treated wastewaters, in the sludges after clarification and flocculation. Radiolysis may  
20 also generate halogenated volatile organic compounds.

#### 21 22 Nonhalogenated Volatile Organic Compounds

23  
24 Xylene, methanol, and n-butanol are the most prevalent nonhalogenated VOCs (EPA  
25 hazardous waste numbers F003 through F005) in TRU mixed waste that may be managed  
26 at the WIPP facility during the Disposal Phase. Like the halogenated VOCs, they are  
27 used as degreasers and solvents and are similarly volatile. The same analytical methods  
28 that are used for halogenated VOCs are used to detect the presence of nonhalogenated  
29 VOCs. Radiolysis may also generate non-halogenated volatile organic compounds.

30  
31 The generator/storage sites certified characterization program shall characterize their waste in  
32 accordance with this WAP and associated Renewal Application Appendices, and ensure that  
33 waste proposed for storage and disposal at WIPP meets the applicable requirements of the  
34 TSDf-WAC in Module II. The generator/storage site certified characterization program shall  
35 assemble the AK Acceptable Knowledge (AK) information into an auditable record\* for the  
36 waste stream as described in Renewal Application Appendix B4 (TRU Mixed Waste  
37 Characterization Using Acceptable Knowledge). For those waste streams with an approved  
38 Scenario 1 or Scenario 3 AKSD Sufficiency Determination (see below), sampling and analysis  
39 per the methods described in Renewal Application Appendices B1 (Waste Characterization  
40 Sampling Methods) and B2 (Statistical Methods Used in Sampling and Analysis) are not  
41 required.

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\* "Auditable records" mean those records which allow the Permittees to conduct a systematic assessment, analysis, and evaluation of the Permittees' compliance with the WAP and this Permit.

1  
2 All waste characterization activities specified in this WAP and associated Renewal Application  
3 Appendices shall be carried out ~~at generator/storage sites~~ by certified characterization programs  
4 and Permittee approved laboratories in accordance with this WAP. The Permittees will audit  
5 ~~generator/storage site waste~~ characterization programs and activities as described in Section B-3.  
6 Waste characterization activities ~~at the generator/storage sites~~ performed by the certified  
7 characterization programs at the TRU waste sites include the following, although not all these  
8 techniques will be used on each container, as discussed in Section B-3:  
9

- 10 • Radiography, which is an x-ray technique to determine physical contents of containers
- 11 • Visual examination of opened containers ~~as an alternative way~~ to determine their physical  
12 contents
- 13 • Headspace-gas (HSG) sampling to determine VOC content of gases in the void volume  
14 of the containers
- 15 • Sampling and analysis of waste forms that are homogeneous and can be representatively  
16 sampled to determine ~~concentrations of hazardous waste constituents and TC~~ toxicity  
17 ~~characteristic~~ contaminants of waste in containers
- 18 • Compilation of AK documentation into an auditable record

19 B-0b Acceptable Knowledge ~~AK~~ Sufficiency Determination

20 ~~Generator/storage sites~~ Certified characterization programs may submit a request to the  
21 Permittees for an AKSD ~~AK Sufficiency Determination~~ (~~Determination Request~~) to meet all or  
22 part of the waste characterization requirements. The contents of the ~~Determination Request~~  
23 AKSD request are specified in Renewal Application Appendix B4, Section B4-3d. The  
24 ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD request may take one of the following forms:  
25

- 26 Scenario 1 Radiography or ~~visual examination (VE)~~ of the waste stream is not  
27 required, and chemical sampling and analysis is not required;
- 28  
29 Scenario 2 Radiography or VE of the waste stream is not required, but chemical  
30 sampling and analysis of a representative sample of the waste stream is  
31 required; or
- 32  
33 Scenario 3 Chemical sampling and analysis is not required, but radiography or VE of  
34 100% percent of the containers in the waste stream is required.  
35

1 The Permittees shall evaluate the ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD request for completeness and  
2 technical adequacy. This evaluation shall include, but not be limited to whether the  
3 ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD request is technically sufficient for the following:  
4

- 5 • The ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD request must include all relevant information  
6 specified in Renewal Application Appendix B4, Section B4-3d.
- 7 • The AK Summary must identify relevant hazardous constituents, and must correctly  
8 identify all applicable TC toxicity characteristic and listed EPA hazardous waste  
9 numbers.
- 10 • All hazardous waste number assignments must be substantiated by supporting data and, if  
11 not, whether this lack of substantiation compromises the interpretation.
- 12 • Resolution of data discrepancies between different AK sources must be technically  
13 correct and documented.
- 14 • The Scenario 1 and Scenario 2 AKSD AK Summary must include all the identification of  
15 waste material parameter weights estimates by percentage of the material in the waste  
16 stream, and determinations must be technically correct.
- 17 • All prohibited items specified in the TSDf-WAC should be addressed, and conclusions  
18 drawn must be technically adequate and substantiated by supporting information.
- 19 • If the AK record includes process control information specified in Renewal Application  
20 Appendix B4, Section B4-3b, the information should include procedures, waste  
21 manifests, or other documentation demonstrating that the controls were adequate and  
22 sufficient.
- 23 • The site certified characterization program must provide the supporting information  
24 necessary to substantiate technical conclusions within the ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD  
25 request, and this information must be correctly interpreted.

26 The Permittees will review the ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD Request for technical adequacy  
27 and compliance with the requirements of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit),  
28 using trained and qualified individuals in accordance with standard operating procedures (SOPs)  
29 that shall, at a minimum, address all of the technical and procedural requirements listed above.  
30 The Permittees shall resolve comments with the generator/storage site certified characterization  
31 program, and the Permittees may change the scope of the ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD Request  
32 to one of the three scenarios. If the Permittees determine that the AK is sufficient, they will  
33 provisionally approve the ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD request and forward it along with all  
34 relevant information submitted with the ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD request to NMED for an  
35 evaluation that the provisional approval made by the Permittees is adequate. Within five (5)  
36 days of submitting an ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD request to NMED, the Permittees will post  
37 a link to the transmittal letter to NMED on the WIPP Home Page and inform those on the

1 e-mail<sup>\*</sup> notification list. Based on the results of NMED's evaluation, the Permittees will notify  
2 the ~~generator/storage site~~ certified characterization program whether the AK information is  
3 sufficient and the ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD request is approved. The Permittees will not  
4 approve a ~~n~~ Determination Request AKSD request that NMED has determined to be inadequate  
5 unless the ~~generator/storage site~~ certified characterization program resolves the inadequacies and  
6 provides the resolution to the Permittees for submittal to NMED for evaluation of adequacy.  
7 Should the inadequacies not be resolved to NMED's satisfaction, the Permittees shall not submit  
8 a ~~n~~ Determination Request AKSD request for the same waste stream at a later date.  
9

10 In the event the Permittees disagree, in whole or in part, with an evaluation performed by NMED  
11 resulting in a determination by NMED that the Permittees' provisional approval for a particular  
12 waste stream is inadequate, the Permittees may seek dispute resolution. The dispute resolution  
13 process is described in Addendum B3 ~~specified in Module I~~.  
14

15 If a ~~generator/storage site~~ certified characterization program does not submit a ~~n~~ Determination  
16 Request AKSD request, or if the Permittees do not approve a ~~n~~ Determination Request AKSD  
17 request, or if NMED finds that the Permittees' provisional approval of a ~~n~~ Determination Request  
18 AKSD request is inadequate and the Permittees either do not seek dispute resolution or are  
19 unsuccessful in the dispute resolution process, the ~~generator/storage site~~ certified characterization  
20 program shall perform radiography or VE on 100% percent of the containers in a waste stream  
21 and chemical sampling and analysis on a representative sample of the waste stream using  
22 ~~headsapce gas~~ HSG sampling and analysis (for debris waste) or solids sampling and analysis (for  
23 homogeneous solids or soils/gravel waste) as specified in Renewal Application Appendices B1  
24 and B2.  
25

26 If a ~~generator/storage site~~ certified characterization program submits a ~~n~~ Determination Request  
27 AKSD request, the Permittees provisionally approve the ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD request  
28 as Scenario 1, and NMED finds that the Permittees' provisional approval is adequate, neither  
29 radiography or VE nor chemical sampling and analysis of the waste stream is required.  
30

31 If a ~~generator/storage site~~ certified characterization program submits a ~~n~~ Determination Request  
32 AKSD request, the Permittees provisionally approve the ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD request  
33 as Scenario 2, and NMED finds that the Permittees' provisional approval is adequate, chemical  
34 sampling and analysis of a representative sample of the waste stream is required, but radiography  
35 or VE is not required.  
36

37 If a ~~generator/storage site~~ certified characterization program submits a ~~n~~ Determination Request  
38 AKSD request, the Permittees provisionally approve the ~~Determination Request~~ AKSD request  
39 as Scenario 3, and NMED finds that the Permittees' provisional approval is adequate,

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<sup>\*</sup> The Permittees will develop and maintain an e-mail list to notify members of the public concerning actions identified in this Permit requiring e-mail notification. The Permittees will provide a link on the WIPP Home Page <<http://www.wipp.energy.gov>> whereby members of the public may review the actions requiring e-mail notification and submit a request to be placed on this list.

1 radiography or VE of 100% percent of the containers in the waste stream is required, but  
2 chemical sampling and analysis is not required.

#### 3 4 B-0c Waste Stream Profile Form Completion

5 After a complete AK record has been compiled and either an Determination Request AKSD  
6 request has been approved by the Permittees or the generator/storage site certified  
7 characterization program has completed the applicable representative sampling and analysis  
8 requirements specified in Renewal Application Appendices B1 and B2, the generator/storage  
9 site certified characterization program will complete a Waste Stream Profile Form (WSPF) WSPF  
10 and a Characterization Information Summary (CIS). The requirements for the completion of a  
11 WSPF and a CIS are specified in Renewal Application Appendix B3, Sections B3-12b(1) and  
12 B3-12b(2) respectively.

13  
14 The WSPF and the CIS for the waste stream resulting from waste characterization activities shall  
15 be transmitted to the Permittees, reviewed for completeness, and screened for acceptance prior to  
16 loading any TRU mixed waste into the Contact Handled or Remote Handled Packaging at the  
17 generator facility, as described in Section B-4. The review and approval process will ensure that  
18 the submitted waste analysis information is sufficient to meet the Data Quality Objectives  
19 (DQOs) for AK in Section B-4a(1) and allow the Permittees to demonstrate compliance with the  
20 requirements of this WAP. Only TRU mixed waste and TRU waste that has been characterized  
21 in accordance with this WAP and that meets the TSDF-WAC specified in ~~this~~ the Permit will be  
22 accepted at the WIPP facility for disposal in a permitted Underground Hazardous Waste  
23 Disposal Unit (HWDU). The Permittees will provide NMED with copies of the approved WSPF  
24 and accompanying CIS prior to waste receipt at the WIPP ~~stream shipment~~. Upon notification of  
25 approval of the WSPF by the Permittees, the generator/storage site certified characterization  
26 program and the TRU waste site may be authorized to ship waste from the waste stream to  
27 WIPP.

28  
29 In the event the Permittees request detailed information on a waste stream, the site certified  
30 characterization program Site Project Manager will provide a the W waste S stream  
31 C haracterization information Package (Renewal Application Appendix B3, Section  
32 B3-12b(23)). ~~For each waste stream, this package will include the WSPF, the CIS, and the~~  
33 ~~complete AK summary. The Waste Stream Characterization Package will also include specific~~  
34 ~~Batch Data Reports (BDRs) and raw analytical data associated with waste container~~  
35 ~~characterization as requested by the Permittees.~~

#### 36 37 B-0d Waste Confirmation

38 The Permittees will perform waste confirmation on a representative subpopulation of each waste  
39 stream shipment after certification and prior to ~~shipment~~ receipt as described in Renewal  
40 Application Appendix B7. The Permittees will use radiography, review of radiography  
41 audio/video recordings, ~~VE~~ VE, or review of VE records (e.g., VE data sheets or packaging  
42 records ~~logs~~) to examine at least 7 seven percent of each waste stream shipment to confirm that  
43 the waste does not contain ignitable, corrosive, or reactive waste. Waste confirmation will be

1 performed by the Permittees prior to receipt shipment of the waste at the WIPP from the  
2 generator/storage site to WIPP.

3  
4 B-1 Identification of Transuranic TRU Mixed Waste to be Managed at the Waste Isolation Pilot  
5 Plant WIPP Facility

6  
7 B-1a Waste Stream Identification

8 The TRU mixed waste destined for disposal at WIPP will be characterized on a waste stream  
9 basis. Generator/storage sites Certified characterization programs will delineate waste streams  
10 using acceptable knowledge AK. Required acceptable knowledge AK is specified in Section  
11 B-3a and Renewal Application Appendix B4.

12  
13 All of the waste within a waste stream may not be accessible for sampling and analysis at one  
14 time. Renewal Application Appendix B2 (Statistical Methods Used in Sampling and Analysis)  
15 addresses the requirements for selecting waste containers used for characterization of waste  
16 streams as they are generated or retrieved.

17  
18 B-1b Waste Summary Category Groups and Hazardous Waste Accepted at the Waste Isolation  
19 Pilot Plant WIPP Facility

20 Once a waste stream has been delineated, certified characterization programs generator/storage  
21 sites will assign a Waste Matrix Code to the waste stream based on the physical form of the  
22 waste. Waste streams are then assigned to one of three broad Summary Category Groups;  
23 S3000-Homogeneous Solids, S4000-Soils/Gravel, and S5000-Debris Wastes. These Summary  
24 Category Groups are used to determine further characterization requirements.

25  
26 The Permittees will only allow generators certified characterization programs and TRU waste  
27 sites to ship those TRU mixed waste streams with EPA hazardous waste numbers listed in Table  
28 B-91. Some of the waste may also be identified by unique state hazardous waste codes or  
29 numbers. These wastes are acceptable at WIPP as long as the TSDf-WAC are is met. The  
30 certified characterization program Permittees will perform characterization of all waste streams  
31 as required by this WAP. If during the characterization process, new EPA hazardous waste  
32 numbers not listed in Table B-1 are identified assigned to a waste stream, those the wastes streams  
33 will be prohibited for disposal at the WIPP facility until a permit modification has been  
34 submitted to and approved by NMED to include the additional for these new EPA hazardous  
35 waste numbers in the Permit. Similar approved waste streams at other generator/storage TRU  
36 waste sites will be examined by the certified characterization programs at the direction of the  
37 Permittees to ensure that the newly identified EPA hazardous waste numbers do not apply to  
38 those similar waste streams. If the other waste streams also require new EPA hazardous waste  
39 numbers, shipment of these similar waste streams will also be prohibited for disposal until a  
40 permit modification has been submitted to and approved by NMED.

1 B-1c Waste Prohibited at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant WIPP Facility

2 The following TRU mixed waste are prohibited at the WIPP facility:  
3

- 4 • ~~Liquid waste (waste shall contain as little residual liquid as is reasonably achievable by~~  
5 ~~pouring, pumping and/or aspirating, and internal containers shall contain less than 1 inch~~  
6 ~~or 2.5 centimeters of liquid in the bottom of the container. Total residual liquid in any~~  
7 ~~payload container (e.g., 55 gallon drum or standard waste box) may not exceed 1 percent~~  
8 ~~volume of that container. Payload containers with U134 waste shall have no detectable~~  
9 ~~liquid)~~

10 For purposes of demonstrating compliance with the liquid waste prohibition, the  
11 following conditions shall apply when using the radiography and/or VE waste  
12 characterization methods:

13 “Free-standing liquid” is the observable liquid fraction of S3000 or S4000 waste.  
14 The observable free-standing liquid fraction of TRU mixed waste in an internal  
15 container shall be no more than one percent of the internal container volume.

16  
17 “Residual liquid” is the observable quantity of liquid allowed to remain in an  
18 otherwise empty internal container and the residual liquid shall be no more than that  
19 reasonably expected after all wastes have been removed that can be removed using  
20 the practices commonly employed to remove material from that type of container  
21 (e.g., pouring, pumping, and aspirating), and after emptying, no more than one inch  
22 or 2.5 centimeters of residual liquid remains in the bottom of the container. Total  
23 residual liquid in any payload container (e.g., 55 gallon drum or standard waste box  
24 (SWB)) shall be no more than one percent volume of that container.

25  
26 The observable free-standing liquid and total residual liquid inside a payload  
27 container shall be no more than one percent of the payload container volume. The  
28 no more than one percent volume limit shall be based upon quantities of  
29 free-standing liquid observed inside and outside of the container liner (when  
30 present), free-standing liquid in internal containers, and residual liquids remaining  
31 in internal containers (including bag confinement layers). Liquid observed within  
32 debris items such as tubing, hoses, folds in plastic sheeting, and on the exterior  
33 surface of bags, etc. are not prohibited provided the liquid volume is included in the  
34 total volume calculation and the summed result is no more than one percent of the  
35 payload container volume.

36  
37 Payload containers with hazardous waste number U134 assigned shall have no  
38 observable liquid.  
39

1 When using a container identified in Renewal Application Appendix M1,  
2 Section M1-1b as an overpack payload container the following shall apply:

- 3
- 4 1. Containers are considered overpacked and not direct loaded regardless of  
5 the presence or absence of the container lid; and
- 6 2. The observable free-standing liquid fraction of TRU mixed waste in any  
7 internal container, inside the overpacked container, shall be no more than  
8 one percent of the internal container volume; and
- 9 3. Only residual quantities of liquid shall remain in an otherwise empty  
10 internal container inside the overpacked container; and
- 11 4. All observable liquid shall be included in the overpacked container total  
12 volume calculation and the result shall not exceed one percent of the  
13 overpacked container volume.

14 The overpack payload container total limit is the sum of the one percent total  
15 volume limit for each overpacked container.

- 16
- 17 • ~~n~~Non-radionuclide pyrophoric materials, such as elemental potassium
- 18 • ~~h~~Hazardous wastes not occurring as co-contaminants with TRU mixed wastes (non-  
19 mixed hazardous wastes)
- 20 • ~~w~~Wastes incompatible with backfill, seal and panel closures materials, container and  
21 packaging materials, shipping container materials, or other wastes
- 22 • ~~w~~Wastes containing explosives or compressed gases
- 23 • ~~w~~Wastes with polychlorinated biphenyls (**PCBs**) not authorized under an EPA PCB  
24 waste disposal authorization
- 25 • ~~w~~Wastes exhibiting the characteristic of ignitability, corrosivity, or reactivity (EPA  
26 Hazardous Waste Numbers of D001, D002, or D003)
- 27 • ~~w~~Waste that has ever been managed as high-level waste and waste from tanks specified  
28 in Table B-8~~2~~, unless specifically approved through a Class 3 permit modification
- 29 • ~~a~~Any waste container from a waste stream (or waste stream lot) which has not undergone  
30 either ~~radiographic~~ radiography or ~~visual examination~~ VE of a statistically representative  
31 subpopulation of the waste stream in each shipment, as described in Renewal Application  
32 Appendix B7, unless a Scenario 1 or Scenario 2 AKSD has been approved for the waste  
33 stream

- 1 • ~~a~~Any waste container from a waste stream which has not been preceded by an  
2 appropriate, certified WSPF (see Section B-1d).

3 Before accepting a container holding TRU mixed waste, the Permittees will perform waste  
4 confirmation activities on each waste stream shipment to confirm that the waste does not contain  
5 ignitable, corrosive, or reactive waste and the assigned EPA hazardous waste numbers are  
6 allowed for storage and disposal by ~~this~~the Permit. Waste confirmation activities will be  
7 performed on at least ~~7~~seven percent of each waste stream shipped, equating to examination of at  
8 least one of fourteen ~~containers~~containers in each waste stream shipment. If a waste stream shipment  
9 contains fewer than ~~fourteen~~14 containers, at least one container will be examined to satisfy  
10 waste confirmation requirements. ~~Section B-4 and~~ Renewal Application Appendix B7 includes  
11 ~~descriptions of~~ the waste confirmation processes that the Permittees will conduct prior to  
12 receiving a shipment at the WIPP facility.

13  
14 ~~Containers are vented through filters, allowing any gases that are generated by radiolytic and~~  
15 ~~microbial processes within a waste container to escape, thereby preventing over pressurization or~~  
16 ~~development of conditions within the container that would lead to the development of ignitable,~~  
17 ~~corrosive, reactive, or other characteristic wastes.~~

18  
19 To ensure the integrity of the WIPP facility, waste streams identified to contain incompatible  
20 materials or materials incompatible with waste containers cannot be ~~shipped to~~ received at WIPP  
21 unless they are treated to remove the incompatibility. Each waste container shall be vented  
22 through filters, allowing any gases that are generated by radiolytic and microbial processes to  
23 escape, thereby preventing over pressurization. Only ~~those~~ waste containers from waste streams  
24 that are vented and compatible or have been treated to remove incompatibilities will be ~~shipped~~  
25 ~~to~~ received at WIPP.

#### 26 27 B-1d Control of Waste Acceptance

28 Every waste stream ~~shipped to~~ received at WIPP shall be preceded by a WSPF (Figure B-12) and  
29 a CIS. The required WSPF information and the CIS elements are found in Renewal Application  
30 Appendix B3, Section B3-12b(1) and Section B3-12b(2).

31  
32 ~~Generator/storage sites~~ Certified characterization programs will provide the WSPF and the CIS to  
33 the Permittees for each waste stream from a TRU waste site prior to its acceptance for disposal at  
34 WIPP. ~~The WSPF and the CIS will be transmitted to the Permittees for each waste stream from~~  
35 ~~a generator/storage site.~~ If continued waste characterization reveals discrepancies that identify  
36 different EPA hazardous waste numbers or indicates that the waste belongs to a different waste  
37 stream, a revised WSPF will be submitted, or alternatively, the waste will be redefined to a  
38 separate waste stream and a new WSPF submitted.

39  
40 The Permittees are responsible for the review of WSPFs and CISs to verify compliance with the  
41 restrictions on TRU mixed wastes for WIPP disposal. The Permittees will submit completed  
42 WSPFs to NMED prior to waste stream receipt at the WIPP shipment. The Permittees will also  
43 be responsible for the review of shipping records (Section B-5) to confirm that each waste

1 container has been prepared and characterized in accordance with applicable provisions of this  
2 WAP. Waste characterization data shall ensure the absence of waste prohibited at the WIPP  
3 facility as items specified in Section B-1c.

4  
5 As stated in the Introduction of this WAP, any time the Permittees request additional information  
6 concerning a waste stream, the ~~generator/storage site~~ certified characterization program will  
7 provide a the requested Waste Sstream Characterization information Package (Renewal  
8 Application Appendix B3, Section B3-12b(23)). The option for the Permittees to request  
9 additional information ensures that the waste being offered for disposal is adequately  
10 characterized and accurately described on the WSPF.

#### 11 12 B-1e Waste Generating Processes at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant WIPP Facility

13 Waste generated as a result of the waste containers handling and processing activities at the  
14 WIPP facility is termed “derived” waste. Because derived wastes can contain only those  
15 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulated materials present in the waste from  
16 which they were derived, no additional characterization of the derived waste is required for  
17 disposal purposes. In other words, the ~~generator/storage site’s~~ certified characterization  
18 program’s characterization data and knowledge of the processes at the WIPP facility will be used  
19 to identify and characterize hazardous waste and hazardous constituents in derived waste. The  
20 management of derived waste is addressed in Renewal Application Appendix M1.

#### 21 22 B-2 Waste Characterization Program Requirements and Waste Characterization Parameters

23 The Permittees shall require the sites certified characterization program to develop the  
24 procedure(s) ~~which that~~ specify their programmatic waste characterization requirements. The  
25 Permittees will evaluate the procedures during audits conducted under the Permittees’ Audit and  
26 Surveillance Program (Section B-5a(3)) and may also evaluate the procedures as part of the  
27 review and approval of the WSPF. ~~Sites~~ Certified characterization programs must notify the  
28 Permittees and obtain approval prior to making data-affecting modifications to procedures  
29 (Renewal Application Appendix B3, Section B3-15). Program procedures shall address the  
30 following minimum elements:

- 31
- 32 • Waste characterization and certification procedures for TRU mixed ~~retrievably stored and~~  
33 ~~newly generated~~ wastes to be sent to the WIPP facility.
  - 34 • Methods used to ensure prohibited items are documented and managed. These will  
35 include procedures for performing radiography, VE, or treatment, if these methods are  
36 used to ensure prohibited items are not present in the waste prior to ~~shipment of~~ offering  
37 the waste to for disposal at WIPP.
  - 38 • Procedures used to verify packaging configurations to determine the correct drum age  
39 criteria (DAC) if ~~headsapce gas~~ HSG sampling and analysis is used to collect waste  
40 characterization information per Renewal Application Appendix B1, Section B1-1a(1) ~~of~~  
41 ~~the WAP.~~

- 1 • Identify the organization(s) responsible responsibilities for compliance with waste  
2 characterization and certification procedures.
- 3 • Identify the oversight procedures and frequency of actions to verify compliance with  
4 waste characterization and certification procedures.
- 5 • Develop training specific to waste characterization and certification procedures.
- 6 • Ensure that personnel may stop work if noncompliance with waste characterization or  
7 certification procedures is identified.
- 8 • Develop a nonconformance process that complies with the requirements in Renewal  
9 Application Appendix B3 of the WAP to document and establish corrective actions.
- 10 • As part of the corrective action process, assess the potential time frame of the  
11 noncompliance, the potentially affected waste population(s), and the reassessment and  
12 recertification of those wastes.
- 13 • A listing of all approved EPA hazardous waste numbers which are acceptable at WIPP  
14 are included in Table B-91.

15 ~~For those waste streams or containers that are not amenable to radiography (e.g., RH TRU mixed~~  
16 ~~waste, direct loaded ten-drum overpacks (TDOPs)) for waste confirmation by the Permittees as~~  
17 ~~described in Renewal Application Appendix B7, generator/storage site VE data may be used for~~  
18 ~~waste acceptance. In those cases, the Permittees will review the generator/storage site VE~~  
19 ~~procedures to ensure that data sufficient for the Permittees' waste acceptance activities as~~  
20 ~~described in Renewal Application Appendix B7 will be obtained and the procedures meet the~~  
21 ~~minimum requirements for visual examination specified in Renewal Application Appendix B1,~~  
22 ~~Section B1-3.~~

23  
24 The following waste characterization parameters shall be obtained from the generator/storage  
25 sites certified characterization programs:

- 26  
27 • Determination whether TRU mixed waste streams comply with the applicable provisions  
28 of the TSDF-WAC
- 29 • Determination whether TRU mixed wastes exhibit a hazardous characteristic (20.4.1.200  
30 NMAC, incorporating 40 CFR §261 Subpart C)
- 31 • Determination whether TRU mixed wastes are listed (20.4.1.200 NMAC, incorporating  
32 40 CFR §261 Subpart D)
- 33 • Estimation of waste material parameter weights per container through the performance of  
34 radiography or VE, or estimates for the waste stream in the AK for the waste with  
35 approved Scenario 1 or Scenario 2 AKSD.

1 Tables B-1<sup>3</sup>, B-2<sup>4</sup>, B-3<sup>5</sup> and B-4<sup>6</sup> provide the parameters of interest for the various constituent  
2 groupings and analytical methodologies. The following sections provide a description of the  
3 acceptable methods to evaluate these parameters for each waste Summary Category Group.  
4

### 5 B-3 Generator Waste Characterization Methods

6 ~~The characterization techniques used by generator/storage sites includes acceptable knowledge  
7 and may also include, as necessary, headspace gas sampling and analysis, radiography, visual  
8 examination, and homogeneous waste sampling and analysis. All characterization activities are  
9 performed in accordance with the WAP. Table B-5 provides a summary of the characterization  
10 requirements for TRU mixed waste.~~

#### 11 ~~B-3a Sampling and Analytical Methods~~

##### 12 ~~B-3a(1) Headspace Gas Sampling and Analysis~~

13  
14 ~~Representative headspace gas sampling and analysis shall be used by generator/storage sites to  
15 determine the types and concentrations of VOCs in the void volume of randomly selected waste  
16 containers in order to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers for those debris  
17 waste streams for which an AK Sufficiency Determination Request has not been approved by the  
18 Permittees. In addition, VOC constituents will be compared to those assigned by acceptable  
19 knowledge, which may include an analysis of radiolytically derived VOCs. The  
20 generator/storage sites may also consider radiolysis and packaging materials when assessing the  
21 presence of hazardous constituents in the headspace gas results, and whether radiolysis would  
22 generate wastes which exhibit the toxicity characteristic. Refer to Renewal Application  
23 Appendix B4 for additional clarification regarding hazardous waste number assignment and  
24 headspace gas results. The methods for random selection of containers for headspace gas  
25 sampling and analysis are specified in Renewal Application Appendix B2. Headspace gas  
26 sampling and analysis shall be subject to the Permittees' Audit and Surveillance Program (Permit  
27 Attachment B6).~~

28  
29 ~~In accordance with EPA convention, identification of hazardous constituents detected by gas  
30 chromatography/mass spectrometry methods that are not on the list of target analytes shall be  
31 reported. These compounds are reported as tentatively identified compounds (TICs) in the  
32 analytical BDR and shall be added to the target analyte list if detected in a given waste stream, if  
33 they appear in the 20.4.1.200 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §261) Appendix VIII, and if they  
34 are reported in 25% of the waste containers sampled from a given waste stream. The headspace  
35 gas analysis method Quality Assurance Objectives (QAOs) are specified in Renewal Application  
36 Appendix B3.~~

##### 37 ~~B-3a(2) Homogeneous and Soil/Gravel Waste Sampling and Analysis~~

38  
39 ~~Representative homogeneous and soil/gravel waste sampling and analysis shall be used by  
40 generator/storage sites to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers for  
41 homogeneous and soil/gravel waste streams for which an AK Sufficiency Determination Request  
42 has not been approved by the Permittees. Sampling of homogeneous and soil/gravel wastes shall~~

1 result in the collection of a sample that is used to resolve the assignment of hazardous waste  
2 numbers. Sampling is accomplished through coring or other EPA approved sampling, which is  
3 described in Renewal Application Appendix B1. For those waste streams defined as Summary  
4 Category Groups S3000 or S4000 on page B-3, debris that may also be present within these  
5 wastes need not be sampled. The waste containers for sampling and analysis are to be selected  
6 randomly from the population of containers for the waste stream. The random selection  
7 methodology is specified in Renewal Application Appendix B2. Homogeneous and soil/gravel  
8 sampling and analysis shall be subject to the Permittees' Audit and Surveillance Program  
9 (Renewal Application Appendix B6).

10  
11 ~~Totals or TCLP analyses for VOCs, and RCRA-regulated metals are used to determine waste~~  
12 ~~parameters in soils/gravels and solids that may be important to the performance within the~~  
13 ~~disposal system (Tables B-3 and B-4). To determine if a waste exhibits a toxicity characteristic~~  
14 ~~for compounds specified in 20.4.1.200 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §261, Subpart C), TCLP~~  
15 ~~may be used instead of total analyses. The generator will use the results from these analyses to~~  
16 ~~determine if a waste exhibits a toxicity characteristic. The mean concentration of toxicity~~  
17 ~~characteristic contaminants are calculated for each waste stream such that it can be reported with~~  
18 ~~an upper 90 percent confidence limit (UCL<sub>90</sub>). The UCL<sub>90</sub> values for the mean measured~~  
19 ~~contaminant concentrations in a waste stream will be compared to the specified regulatory levels~~  
20 ~~in 20.4.1.200 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §261 Subpart C), expressed as total/TCLP values,~~  
21 ~~to determine if the waste stream exhibits a toxicity characteristic. A comparison of total analyses~~  
22 ~~and TCLP analyses is presented in Appendix C3 of the WIPP RCRA Part B Permit Application~~  
23 ~~(DOE, 1997), and a discussion of the UCL<sub>90</sub> is included in Renewal Application Appendix B2.~~  
24 ~~If toxicity characteristic (TC) wastes are identified, these will be compared to those determined~~  
25 ~~by acceptable knowledge and TC waste numbers will be revised, as warranted. Refer to~~  
26 ~~Renewal Application Appendix B4 for additional clarification regarding hazardous waste~~  
27 ~~number assignment and homogeneous solid and soil/gravel analytical results.~~

### 28 29 ~~B-3a(3) Laboratory Qualification~~

30 The Permittees will ensure that generator/storage sites conduct analyses using laboratories that  
31 are qualified through participation in the Performance Demonstration Program (PDP) (DOE,  
32 2003, 2005). Required QAOs are specified in Renewal Application Appendix B3. In addition,  
33 methods and supporting performance data demonstrating QAO compliance shall be ensured by  
34 the Permittees during the annual certification audit of the laboratories.

35  
36 ~~Analytical methods used by the laboratories shall: 1) satisfy all of the appropriate QAOs, and 2)~~  
37 ~~be implemented through laboratory documented SOPs standard operating procedures. These~~  
38 ~~analytical QAOs are discussed in detail in Renewal Application Appendix B3.~~

### 39 40 ~~B-3b Acceptable Knowledge~~

41 Acceptable knowledge (AK) is used in TRU mixed waste characterization activities in five  
42 ways:  
43

- 1       • ~~To delineate TRU mixed waste streams~~
- 2       • ~~To assess whether TRU mixed wastes comply with the TSDF WAC~~
- 3       • ~~To assess whether TRU mixed wastes exhibit a hazardous characteristic (20.4.1.200~~  
4       ~~NMAC, incorporating 40 CFR §261 Subpart C)~~
- 5       • ~~To assess whether TRU mixed wastes are listed (20.4.1.200 NMAC, incorporating 40~~  
6       ~~CFR §261 Subpart D)~~
- 7       • ~~To estimate waste material parameter weights~~

8       ~~Acceptable knowledge is discussed in detail in Renewal Application Appendix B4, which~~  
9       ~~outlines the minimum set of requirements and DQOs which shall be met by the generator/storage~~  
10       ~~sites in order to use acceptable knowledge. In addition, Section B-5a(3) of this Renewal~~  
11       ~~Application Appendix describes the assessment of acceptable knowledge through the Permittees'~~  
12       ~~Audit and Surveillance Program.~~

#### 14       ~~B-3c Radiography and Visual Examination~~

15       ~~Radiography is a nondestructive qualitative and quantitative technique that involves X ray~~  
16       ~~scanning of waste containers to identify and verify waste container contents. Visual examination~~  
17       ~~(VE) constitutes opening a container and physically examining its contents. Generator/storage~~  
18       ~~sites shall perform radiography or VE of 100 percent of CH TRU mixed waste containers in~~  
19       ~~waste streams except for those waste streams for which the Permittees approve a Scenario 1 or~~  
20       ~~Scenario 2 Determination Request. No RH TRU mixed waste will be shipped to WIPP for~~  
21       ~~storage or disposal without documentation of radiography or VE of 100 percent of the containers~~  
22       ~~as specified in Renewal Application Appendix B1.~~

23  
24       ~~Radiography and/or visual examination will be used, when necessary, to examine a waste~~  
25       ~~container to verify its physical form. These techniques can detect liquid wastes and~~  
26       ~~containerized gases, which are prohibited for WIPP disposal. The prohibition of liquids and~~  
27       ~~containerized gases prevents the shipment of corrosive, ignitable, or reactive wastes.~~  
28       ~~Radiography and/or VE are also able to confirm that the physical form of the waste matches its~~  
29       ~~waste stream description (i.e. Homogeneous Solids, Soil/Gravel, or Debris Waste [including~~  
30       ~~uncategorized metals]). If the physical form does not match the waste stream description, the~~  
31       ~~waste will be designated as another waste stream and assigned the preliminary hazardous waste~~  
32       ~~numbers associated with that new waste stream assignment. That is, if radiography and/or VE~~  
33       ~~indicates that the waste does not match the waste stream description arrived at by acceptable~~  
34       ~~knowledge characterization, a non-conformance report will be completed and the inconsistency~~  
35       ~~will be resolved as specified in Renewal Application Appendix B4. The proper waste stream~~  
36       ~~assignment will be determined (including preparation of a new WSPF), the correct hazardous~~  
37       ~~waste codes will be assigned, and the resolution will be documented. Refer to Renewal~~  
38       ~~Application Appendix B4 for a discussion of acceptable knowledge and its verification process.~~  
39

1 ~~Generator/storage sites may conduct visual examination of waste containers in lieu of~~  
2 ~~radiography. For generator/storage sites that choose to use visual examination in lieu of~~  
3 ~~radiography, the detection of any liquid waste in non-transparent inner containers, detected from~~  
4 ~~shaking the container, will be handled by assuming that the container is filled with liquid and~~  
5 ~~adding this volume to the total liquid in the payload container (e.g., 55-gallon drum or SWB).~~  
6 ~~The payload container would be rejected and/or repackaged to exclude the container if it is over~~  
7 ~~the TSDF WAC limits. When radiography is used, or visual examination of transparent~~  
8 ~~containers is performed, if any liquid in inner containers is detected, the volume of liquid shall be~~  
9 ~~added to the total for the payload container. Radiography, or the equivalent, will be used as~~  
10 ~~necessary on the existing/stored waste containers to verify the physical characteristics of the~~  
11 ~~TRU mixed waste correspond with its waste stream identification/waste stream Waste Matrix~~  
12 ~~Code and to identify prohibited items. Radiographic examination protocols and QA/QC methods~~  
13 ~~are provided in Permit Appendix B1. Radiography and VE shall be subject to the Permittees'~~  
14 ~~Audit and Surveillance Program (Permit Attachment B6).~~

15  
16 B-3d Characterization Techniques and Frequency for Newly Generated and Retrievably Stored  
17 Waste

18 ~~Generator/storage sites will use acceptable knowledge to delineate all TRU mixed waste~~  
19 ~~containers into waste streams for the purposes of grouping waste for further characterization.~~  
20 ~~The analyses performed may differ based on the waste stream and the physical form of the waste~~  
21 ~~(i.e., heterogeneous debris waste cannot be sampled for totals analyses). Both retrievably stored~~  
22 ~~and newly generated wastes will be delineated in this fashion, though the types of acceptable~~  
23 ~~knowledge used may differ. Section B-3b discusses the use of acceptable knowledge, sampling,~~  
24 ~~and analysis in more detail. Acceptable knowledge is discussed more completely in Renewal~~  
25 ~~Application Appendix B4. Every TRU mixed waste stream will be assigned hazardous waste~~  
26 ~~numbers based upon acceptable knowledge, and the generator/storage sites may resolve the~~  
27 ~~assignment of hazardous waste numbers using headspace gas (Summary Category Group S5000~~  
28 ~~only) and solid sampling and analysis (Summary Category Groups S3000 and S4000 only).~~  
29 ~~In the CIS for each waste stream, the generator/storage site will be required to document their~~  
30 ~~methods, and the findings from those methods, for determining the physical form of the waste~~  
31 ~~and the presence or absence of prohibited items for both retrievably stored and newly generated~~  
32 ~~waste. Radiography and/or VE may be used to verify the physical form of retrievably stored~~  
33 ~~TRU mixed waste. For newly generated waste, physical form and prohibited items may either be~~  
34 ~~documented during packaging (using the VE technique) or verified after packaging using~~  
35 ~~radiography (or VE in lieu of radiography).~~

36  
37 ~~For debris waste streams that do not have an AK Sufficiency Determination approved by the~~  
38 ~~Permittees, containers selected in accordance with Renewal Application Appendix B2 from those~~  
39 ~~waste streams must be sampled and analyzed for VOCs in the headspace gas. Likewise, a~~  
40 ~~statistically selected portion of homogeneous solids and soil/gravel waste streams must be~~  
41 ~~sampled and analyzed for RCRA-regulated total VOCs, SVOCs, and metals when those waste~~  
42 ~~streams do not have an AK Sufficiency Determination approved by the Permittees. Sampling~~  
43 ~~and analysis methods used for waste characterization are discussed in Section B-3a.~~

1 In the process of performing organic headspace and solid sample analyses, nontarget compounds  
2 may be identified. These compounds will be reported as TICs. TICs reported in 25% of the  
3 samples and listed in 20.4.1.200 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §261) Appendix VIII, will be  
4 compared with acceptable knowledge data to determine if the TIC is in a listed hazardous waste  
5 in the waste stream. TICs identified through headspace gas analyses that meet the Appendix  
6 VIII list criteria and the 25 percent reporting criteria for a waste stream will be added to the  
7 headspace gas waste stream target list, regardless of the hazardous waste listing associated with  
8 the waste stream. TICs subject to inclusion on the target analyte list that are toxicity  
9 characteristic parameters shall be added to the target analyte list regardless of origin because the  
10 hazardous waste designation for these numbers is not based on source. However, for toxicity  
11 characteristic and non-toxic F003 constituents, the site may take concentration into account when  
12 assessing whether to add a hazardous waste number. TICs reported from the Totals VOC or  
13 SVOC analyses may be excluded from the target analyte list for a waste stream if the TIC is a  
14 constituent in an F-listed waste whose presence is attributable to waste packaging materials or  
15 radiolytic degradation from acceptable knowledge documentation. If the TIC associated with a  
16 total VOC or SVOC analysis cannot be identified as a component of waste packaging materials  
17 or as a product of radiolysis, the generator/storage site will add these TICs to the list of  
18 hazardous constituents for the waste stream (and assign additional EPA listed hazardous waste  
19 numbers, if appropriate). A permit modification will be submitted to NMED for their approval  
20 to add these constituents (and waste numbers), if necessary. For toxicity characteristic  
21 compounds and non-toxic F003 constituents, the generator/storage site may consider waste  
22 concentration when determining whether to change a hazardous waste number. Refer to  
23 Renewal Application Appendix B3 for additional information on TIC identification.

24  
25 Waste characterization solid sampling and analysis activities may differ for retrievably stored  
26 waste and newly generated waste. The waste characterization processes used by the  
27 generator/storage sites for both retrievably stored and newly generated waste streams will be  
28 evaluated during the Permittees' audit of the site. The typical waste characterization data  
29 collection design used by the generator/storage sites for each type of waste is described in the  
30 following sections. Table B-1 provides a summary of headspace gas and solids sample analyses  
31 hazardous waste characterization requirements for all TRU mixed waste by waste  
32 characterization parameters.

33  
34 Table B-5 summarizes the parameters, methods, and rationales for stored and newly generated  
35 CH-TRU mixed wastes according to their waste forms.

36  
37 WIPP may accept TRU mixed waste that has been repackaged or treated. Treated waste shall  
38 retain the original waste stream's listed hazardous waste number designation.

#### 39 40 B-3d(1) Newly Generated Waste

41 The RCRA regulated constituents in newly generated wastes will typically be documented at the  
42 time of generation based on acceptable knowledge for the waste stream. Newly generated TRU  
43 mixed waste characterization typically begins with verification that processes generating the  
44 waste have operated within established written procedures. Waste containers are delineated into

1 ~~waste streams using acceptable knowledge. The Permittees will require that the~~  
2 ~~generator/storage sites document the methods used to delineate waste streams in the acceptable~~  
3 ~~knowledge record and Acceptable Knowledge Summary Report. Determination that the physical~~  
4 ~~form of the waste (Summary Category Group) corresponds to the physical form of the assigned~~  
5 ~~waste stream may be accomplished either during packaging or by performing radiography as~~  
6 ~~specified in Permit Appendix B1, Section B1-3 for retrievably stored waste. Instead of using a~~  
7 ~~video/audio tape as required with VE in lieu of radiography, the VE method for newly generated~~  
8 ~~waste (or repackaged retrievably stored waste) uses a second operator, who is equally trained to~~  
9 ~~the requirements stipulated in Permit Appendix B1, to provide additional verification by~~  
10 ~~reviewing the contents of the waste container to ensure correct reporting. If the second operator~~  
11 ~~cannot provide concurrence, corrective actions<sup>\*</sup> will be taken as specified in Permit Appendix~~  
12 ~~B3. The subsequent waste characterization activities depend on the assigned Summary Category~~  
13 ~~Group, since waste within the Homogeneous Solids and Soils/Gravel Summary Category Groups~~  
14 ~~may be characterized using different techniques than the waste in the Debris Waste Summary~~  
15 ~~Category Group. The packaging configuration, type and number of filters, and rigid liner vent~~  
16 ~~hole presence and diameter necessary to determine the appropriate drum age criteria (DAC) in~~  
17 ~~accordance with Permit Appendix B1, Section B1-1, may be documented as part of the~~  
18 ~~characterization information collected during the packaging of newly generated waste or~~  
19 ~~repackaging of retrievably stored waste for those containers of debris waste that will undergo~~  
20 ~~headspace gas sampling and analysis.~~

21  
22 ~~B-3d(1)(a) Sampling of Newly Generated Homogeneous Solids and Soil/Gravel~~

23 ~~When a Determination Request has not been approved by the Permittees, sampling and analysis~~  
24 ~~of newly generated homogeneous solid and soil/gravel waste streams shall be conducted in~~  
25 ~~accordance with the requirements specified in Renewal Application Appendix B1, Section B1-2.~~  
26 ~~The number of newly generated homogeneous solid and soil/gravel waste containers to be~~  
27 ~~sampled will be determined using the procedure specified in Renewal Application Appendix B2,~~  
28 ~~Section B2-1, wherein a statistically selected portion of the waste will be sampled.~~

29  
30 ~~B-3d(2) Retrievably Stored Waste~~

31 ~~All retrievably stored waste containers will first be delineated into waste streams using~~  
32 ~~acceptable knowledge. The Permittees will require that the generator/storage sites document the~~  
33 ~~methods used to delineate waste streams in the acceptable knowledge record and Acceptable~~  
34 ~~Knowledge Summary Report. Retrievably stored waste containers may be examined using~~  
35 ~~radiography or VE to determine the physical waste form (Summary Category Group), the~~  
36 ~~absence of prohibited items, and additional waste characterization techniques that may be used~~  
37 ~~based on the Summary Category Groups (i.e., S3000, S4000, S5000).~~  
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\* "Corrective action" as used in this WAP and its attachments does not mean corrective action as defined under HWA, RCRA, and their implementing regulations.

1 ~~The headspace gas sampling method provided in Permit Appendix B1 will be used, when~~  
2 ~~necessary, to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers to debris waste streams,~~  
3 ~~as specified in Permit Appendix B4.~~  
4

5 ~~A statistically selected portion of retrievably stored homogeneous solids and soil/gravel wastes~~  
6 ~~will be sampled and analyzed for total VOCs, SVOCs, and metals, when necessary. The sample~~  
7 ~~location selection method is described in Permit Appendix B2. The sampling methods for these~~  
8 ~~wastes are provided in Permit Appendix B1.~~  
9

10 ~~The toxicity characteristic of retrievably stored homogeneous solids and soil/gravel wastes will~~  
11 ~~be determined using total analysis of toxicity characteristic parameters or TCLP. To determine if~~  
12 ~~a waste exhibits a toxicity characteristic for compounds specified in 20.4.1.200 NMAC~~  
13 ~~(incorporating 40 CFR §261, Subpart C), TCLP may be used instead of total analyses. Appendix~~  
14 ~~C3 of the WIPP RCRA Part B Permit Application (DOE, 1997) discusses comparability of totals~~  
15 ~~analytical results to those of the TCLP method.~~  
16

17 ~~Representativeness of containers selected for headspace gas sampling and waste subjected to~~  
18 ~~homogeneous solids and soil/gravel sampling and analysis will be validated by the~~  
19 ~~generator/storage site and by the Permittees during an audit (Permit Appendix B6) via~~  
20 ~~examination of documentation that shows that random samples were collected. (Because~~  
21 ~~representativeness is a quality characteristic that expresses the degree to which a sample or group~~  
22 ~~of samples represent the population being studied, the random sampling of waste streams ensures~~  
23 ~~representativeness.)~~  
24

### 25 B-3 Waste Characterization Methods for Certified Characterization Programs

26 The characterization techniques used by certified characterization programs include acceptable  
27 knowledge (AK) and may also include, as necessary, radiography and/or VE, headspace-gas  
28 sampling and analysis, and homogeneous solids and soils/gravel waste sampling and analysis.  
29 These characterization techniques shall be performed, as applicable, in accordance with this  
30 WAP. Table B-7 provides a summary of the characterization requirements for TRU mixed  
31 waste.  
32

#### 33 B-3a Acceptable Knowledge

34 Acceptable knowledge is used in TRU mixed waste characterization activities in five ways:  
35

- 36 • To delineate TRU mixed waste streams
- 37 • To assess whether TRU mixed wastes comply with the TSDF-WAC
- 38 • To assess whether TRU mixed wastes exhibit a hazardous characteristic (20.4.1.200  
39 NMAC, incorporating 40 CFR §261 Subpart C)

1 • To assess whether TRU mixed wastes are listed (20.4.1.200 NMAC, incorporating 40  
2 CFR §261 Subpart D)

3 • To estimate waste material parameter weights when seeking a Scenario 1 or a Scenario 2  
4 AKSD

5 Acceptable knowledge is discussed in detail in Renewal Application Appendix B4, which  
6 outlines the minimum set of requirements which shall be met by the certified characterization  
7 programs in order to use AK. In addition, Section B-5a(3) of this Renewal Application describes  
8 the assessment of AK through the Permittees' Audit and Surveillance Program.

### 9 B-3b Radiography and Visual Examination

10 Radiography is a nondestructive qualitative and quantitative technique that involves X-ray  
11 scanning of waste containers to identify and verify waste container contents. Visual examination  
12 constitutes opening a container and physically examining its contents. Certified characterization  
13 programs shall perform radiography or VE of 100 percent of TRU mixed waste containers in  
14 waste streams except for those waste streams for which the Permittees approve a Scenario 1 or  
15 Scenario 2 AKSD Request.

16  
17 Radiography and/or VE will be used, when necessary, to examine a waste container to verify its  
18 physical form. These techniques can detect liquid wastes and containerized gases, which are  
19 prohibited for receipt at WIPP. The prohibition of liquids and containerized gases prevents the  
20 disposal of corrosive, ignitable, or reactive wastes. Radiography and/or VE are also able to  
21 confirm that the physical form of the waste matches its waste stream description (i.e.,  
22 Homogeneous Solids, Soils/Gravel, or Debris Waste). If the physical form does not match the  
23 waste stream description, the waste will be designated as another waste stream and assigned the  
24 preliminary EPA hazardous waste numbers associated with that new waste stream assignment.  
25 That is, if radiography and/or VE indicate that the waste does not match the waste stream  
26 description arrived at by AK characterization, a non-conformance report will be completed and  
27 the inconsistency will be resolved as specified in Renewal Application Appendix B4. The  
28 proper waste stream assignment will be determined (including preparation of a new WSPF, if  
29 necessary), the correct EPA hazardous waste numbers will be assigned, and the resolution will be  
30 documented. Refer to Renewal Application Appendix B4 for a discussion of AK and its  
31 verification process. Radiographic examination protocols and QA/QC methods are provided in  
32 Renewal Application Appendix B1. Radiography and VE shall be subject to the Permittees'  
33 Audit and Surveillance Program (Renewal Application Appendix B6).

### 34 B-3c Headspace Gas Sampling and Analysis

35 Representative headspace gas sampling and analysis shall be used by certified characterization  
36 programs to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers for debris waste streams  
37 for which a Scenario 1 or Scenario 3 AKSD Request has not been approved by the Permittees.  
38

1 The waste containers for sampling and analysis are to be selected randomly from the population  
2 of containers for the waste stream. The random selection methodology is specified in Renewal  
3 Application Appendix B2. Representativeness of containers selected for waste subjected to  
4 headspace gas sampling and analysis will be validated by the certified characterization program  
5 and by the Permittees during an audit (Renewal Application Appendix B6) via examination of  
6 documentation that shows that random samples were collected.

7  
8 The HSG sampling method provided in Renewal Application Appendix B1 will be used by  
9 certified characterization programs to resolve the assignment of TC EPA hazardous waste  
10 numbers on the VOCs in the void volume of randomly selected waste containers. The certified  
11 characterization programs may consider packaging materials when assessing the presence of  
12 hazardous constituents in the HSG results. Refer to Renewal Application Appendix B4 for  
13 additional clarification regarding hazardous waste number assignment and HSG results.

#### 14 B-3d Homogeneous Solids and Soils/Gravel Waste Sampling and Analysis

15  
16 Representative homogeneous solids and soils/gravel waste sampling and analysis shall be used  
17 by certified characterization programs to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste  
18 numbers for homogeneous solids and soils/gravel waste streams for which a Scenario 1 or  
19 Scenario 3 AKSD Request has not been approved by the Permittees. Sampling is accomplished  
20 through coring or other EPA approved sampling, which is described in Renewal Application  
21 Appendix B1. Debris that may also be present within these wastes need not be sampled.

22  
23 The waste containers for sampling and analysis are to be selected randomly from the population  
24 of containers for the waste stream. The random selection methodology is specified in Renewal  
25 Application Appendix B2. Representativeness of containers selected for waste subjected to  
26 homogeneous solids and soils/gravel sampling and analysis will be validated by the certified  
27 characterization program and by the Permittees during an audit (Renewal Application  
28 Appendix B6) via examination of documentation that shows that random samples were collected.

29  
30 Totals or Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) analyses for VOCs, semi-volatile  
31 organic compounds (SVOCs), and RCRA-related metals are used to resolve the assignment of  
32 TC EPA hazardous waste numbers in homogeneous solids and soils/gravel (Tables B-5 and B-6).  
33 To determine if a waste exhibits a TC for compounds specified in 20.4.1.200 NMAC  
34 (incorporating 40 CFR §261, Subpart C). The certified characterization program will use the  
35 results from these analyses to determine if a waste exhibits a TC. The mean concentration of TC  
36 contaminants is calculated for each waste stream such that it can be reported with an upper 90  
37 percent confidence limit (UCL<sub>90</sub>). The UCL<sub>90</sub> values for the mean measured contaminant  
38 concentrations in a waste stream will be compared to the specified regulatory levels in  
39 20.4.1.200 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §261 Subpart C), expressed as totals/TCLP values, to  
40 determine if the waste stream exhibits a TC. A comparison of total analyses and TCLP analyses  
41 is presented in Renewal Application Addendum B1, and a discussion of the UCL<sub>90</sub> is included in  
42 Renewal Application Appendix B2. If TC wastes are identified, these will be compared to those  
43 determined by AK and TC waste numbers will be revised, as warranted. Refer to Renewal

1 Application Appendix B4 for additional clarification regarding hazardous waste number  
2 assignment and homogeneous solids and soils/gravel analytical results.

3  
4 B-3e Laboratory Qualification

5 The Permittees will ensure that certified characterization programs conduct analyses using  
6 laboratories that are qualified through participation in a written performance demonstration  
7 program (PDP) (e.g., Performance Demonstration Program Plans for Analysis of Solid Waste  
8 Forms). Required Quality Assurance Objectives (QAOs) are specified in Renewal Application  
9 Appendix B3. In addition, methods and supporting performance data demonstrating QAO  
10 compliance shall be ensured by the Permittees during the annual certification audit of the  
11 laboratories.

12  
13 Analytical methods used by the laboratories shall: 1) satisfy all of the applicable QAOs, and  
14 2) be implemented through laboratory-documented SOPs. These analytical QAOs are discussed  
15 in detail in Renewal Application Appendix B3.

16  
17 B-3f Characterization Techniques and Frequency for Transuranic Mixed Waste

18 Certified characterization programs will use AK to delineate TRU mixed waste containers into  
19 waste streams for the purposes of grouping waste for further characterization. The analyses  
20 performed may differ based on the waste stream and the physical form of the waste (i.e.,  
21 heterogeneous debris waste cannot be sampled for totals or TCLP analyses). Section B-3a  
22 discusses the use of AK in more detail. Acceptable knowledge is discussed more completely in  
23 Renewal Application Appendix B4. Waste streams will be assigned EPA hazardous waste  
24 numbers based upon AK and the certified characterization programs may resolve the assignment  
25 of EPA hazardous waste numbers using HSG (Summary Category Group S5000 only) or solid  
26 sampling and analysis (Summary Category Groups S3000 and S4000 only).

27  
28 For debris waste streams that do not have a Scenario 1 or Scenario 3 AKSD approved by the  
29 Permittees, containers selected in accordance with Renewal Application Appendix B2 from those  
30 waste streams must be sampled and analyzed for VOCs in the HSG. A statistically selected  
31 portion of homogeneous solids and soils/gravel waste streams must be sampled and analyzed for  
32 RCRA-regulated total VOCs, SVOCs, and metals when those waste streams do not have a  
33 Scenario 1 or Scenario 3 AKSD approved by the Permittees. Sampling and analysis methods  
34 used for waste characterization are discussed in Section B-3c and Section B-3d.

35  
36 The typical waste characterization data collection design used by the certified characterization  
37 programs for TRU mixed waste is described in the following sections. Table B-3 provides a  
38 summary of HSG and homogeneous solids and soils/gravel sample analyses requirements for  
39 TRU mixed waste by waste Summary Category Group. Table B-7 summarizes the parameters,  
40 methods, and rationales for CH TRU mixed wastes according to their waste forms.

41  
42 For TC constituents, the certified characterization program may take concentration into account  
43 when assessing whether to add a hazardous waste number. Some listed hazardous wastes are

1 listed solely because they exhibit the characteristic of ignitability, corrosivity, and/or reactivity.  
2 These F, K, P, and U wastes do not retain the associated listed hazardous waste number if the  
3 wastes no longer exhibit the characteristics of ignitability, corrosivity, and/or reactivity. The  
4 WIPP may accept TRU mixed waste that has been treated as long as the assigned EPA hazardous  
5 waste numbers are approved for disposal at WIPP (Table B-1).

6  
7 B-3g Transuranic Mixed Waste

8 Waste containers are delineated into waste streams using AK. The Permittees will require that  
9 the certified characterization programs document the methods used to delineate waste streams in  
10 the AK record and Acceptable Knowledge Summary Report.

11  
12 Radiography and/or VE will be performed as specified in Renewal Application Appendix B1,  
13 Sections B1-3 and/or B1-4 to determine that the physical form of the waste (Summary Category  
14 Group) corresponds to the physical form of the assigned waste stream, Waste Matrix Code,  
15 waste material parameters, and the absence of prohibited items. The data are then used to  
16 identify additional waste characterization techniques that may be used based on the Summary  
17 Category Groups since waste within the Homogeneous Solids and Soils/Gravel Summary  
18 Category Groups are characterized using different techniques than the waste in the Debris Waste  
19 Summary Category Group. The packaging configuration, type and number of filters, and rigid  
20 liner vent hole presence and diameter necessary to determine the appropriate DAC in accordance  
21 with Renewal Application Appendix B1, Section B1-1, may be documented as part of the  
22 characterization information collected during packaging, radiography, and/or VE for those  
23 containers of debris waste that will undergo HSG sampling and analysis.

24  
25 Visual examination activities shall be documented on video/audio media or by using a second  
26 operator, who is equally trained to the requirements stipulated in Renewal Application Appendix  
27 B1, to provide additional verification by reviewing the contents of the waste container to ensure  
28 correct reporting. If the second operator cannot provide concurrence, corrective actions\* will be  
29 taken as specified in Renewal Application Appendix B3.

30  
31 B-3g(1) Sampling of Homogeneous Solids and Soils/Gravel

32 When a Scenario 1 or Scenario 3 AKSD Request has not been approved by the Permittees,  
33 sampling and analysis of homogeneous solids and soils/gravel waste streams shall be conducted  
34 in accordance with the requirements specified in Renewal Application Appendix B1, Section  
35 B1-2. The number of homogeneous solids and soils/gravel waste containers to be sampled will  
36 be determined using the procedure specified in Section B2-1, wherein a statistically selected  
37 portion of the waste will be sampled.

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38  
\* "Corrective action" as used in this WAP and its appendices does not mean corrective action as defined under  
Hazardous Waste Act, RCRA, and their implementing regulations.

1 B-4 Data Verification and Quality Assurance

2 The Permittees will ensure that applicable waste characterization processes performed by  
3 generator/storage sites certified characterization programs sending TRU mixed waste to the  
4 WIPP for disposal meets WAP requirements through data validation, usability and reporting  
5 controls. Verification occurs at three levels: 1) the data generation level, 2) the project level, and  
6 3) the Permittee level. The validation and verification process and requirements at each level are  
7 described in Renewal Application Appendix B3, Section B3-10. The validation and verification  
8 process at the Permittee Level is also described in Section B-5.  
9

10 B-4a Data Generation and Project Level Verification Requirements

11 B-4a(1) Data Quality Objectives

12 The waste characterization data obtained through WAP implementation will be used to ensure  
13 that the Permittees meet regulatory requirements with regard to both regulatory compliance and  
14 to ensure that all TRU mixed wastes are properly managed during the Disposal Phase. To satisfy  
15 the RCRA regulatory compliance requirements, the following DQOs are established by this  
16 WAP:  
17

- 18 • Acceptable Knowledge
  - 19 – To delineate TRU mixed waste streams.
  - 20 – To assess whether TRU mixed wastes comply with the applicable requirements of  
21 the TSDF-WAC.
  - 22 – To assess whether TRU mixed wastes exhibit a hazardous characteristic  
23 (20.4.1.200 NMAC, incorporating 40 CFR §261 Subpart C).
  - 24 – To assess whether TRU mixed wastes are listed (20.4.1.200 NMAC,  
25 incorporating 40 CFR §261, Subpart D).
  - 26 – To estimate waste material parameter weights when seeking a Scenario 1 or a  
27 Scenario 2 AKSD.
- 28 • Headspace-Gas Sampling and Analysis
  - 29 – To identify VOCs and quantify the concentrations of VOC constituents in debris  
30 waste containers to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers
- 31 • Homogeneous Solids and Soils/Gravel Waste Sampling and Analysis
  - 32 – To compare UCL<sub>90</sub> UCL<sub>90</sub> values for the mean measured contaminant  
33 concentrations in a homogeneous solids or soils/gravel waste stream with  
34 specified TC toxicity characteristic levels in 20.4.1.200 NMAC (incorporating 40

1 CFR §261), to determine if the waste is hazardous, and to resolve the assignment  
2 of TC EPA hazardous waste numbers.

3 • Radiography

4 – To determine the physical waste form, the absence of prohibited items, and  
5 additional waste characterization techniques that may be used based on the  
6 Summary Category Groups (i.e., S3000, S4000, S5000).

7 • Visual Examination

8 – To determine the physical waste form, the absence of prohibited items, and  
9 additional waste characterization techniques that may be used based on the  
10 Summary Category Groups (i.e., S3000, S4000, S5000).

11 Reconciliation of these DQOs by the Generator/Storage certified characterization program Site  
12 Project Manager or the Permittee approved laboratories, as applicable, is addressed in Renewal  
13 Application Appendix B3. Reconciliation requires determining whether sufficient type, quality,  
14 and quantity of data have been collected to ensure the DQO's DQOs cited above can be  
15 achieved.

16  
17 B-4a(2) Quality Assurance Objectives

18 The generator/storage site certified characterization programs or the Permittee approved  
19 laboratories, as applicable, shall demonstrate compliance with each QAO associated with the  
20 various characterization methods as presented in Renewal Application Appendix B3.  
21 ~~Generator/Storage Site Project Managers or the Permittee approved laboratories, as applicable,~~  
22 ~~are further required to perform a reconciliation of the data with the DQOs established in this~~  
23 ~~WAP. The Generator/Storage Site Project Manager or the Permittee approved laboratories, as~~  
24 ~~applicable, shall conclude that all of the DQOs have been met for the characterization of the~~  
25 ~~waste stream prior to submitting a WSPF to the Permittees for approval (Renewal Application~~  
26 ~~Appendix B3).~~ The following QAO elements shall be considered for each technique, as a  
27 minimum:  
28

29 • Precision

30 – Precision is a measure of the mutual agreement among multiple measurements.

31 • Accuracy

32 – Accuracy is the degree of agreement between a measurement result and the true  
33 or known value.

34 • Completeness

- 1           – Completeness is a measure of the amount of valid data obtained from a method  
2            compared to the total amount of data obtained that is expressed as a percentage.
- 3       • Comparability
- 4           – Comparability is the degree to which one data set can be compared to another.
- 5       • Representativeness
- 6           – Representativeness expresses the degree to which data represent characteristics of  
7            a population.

8 A more detailed discussion of the QAOs, including ~~a mathematical representation~~ qualitative or  
9 quantitative acceptance criteria, where appropriate, can be found in Renewal Application  
10 Appendix B3, which describes the QAOs associated with each characterization method of  
11 ~~sampling and analysis~~.

12  
13 B-4a(3) Sample Control

14 The ~~generator/storage sites~~ certified characterization programs and Permittee approved  
15 laboratories, as applicable, will implement a sample handling and control program that will  
16 include the maintenance of field documentation records, proper labeling, and a chain-of-custody  
17 (COC) record. The ~~generator/storage sites~~ certified characterization programs and Permittee  
18 approved laboratories, as applicable, Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPjP) or procedures  
19 referenced in the QAPjP will document this program and include COC forms to control the  
20 sample from the point of origin to the final analysis result reporting. The Permittees will review  
21 and approve the QAPjP, including their determination that the sample control program is  
22 adequate. The ~~approved~~ QAPjP and subsequent revisions will be provided to NMED upon  
23 approval by the Permittees ~~prior to shipment of TRU mixed waste and before the~~  
24 ~~generator/storage sites audit~~, as specified in Renewal Application Appendix B5 (Quality  
25 Assurance Project Plan Requirements). Details of this sample control program are provided in  
26 Renewal Application Appendix B1 and are summarized below to include:

- 27
- 28       • Field Documentation of samples including: point of origin, date of sample, container  
29        identification (ID), sample type, analysis requested, and COC number.
- 30       • Labeling and/or tagging including: sample numbering, sample ID, sample date, sampling  
31        conditions, and analysis requested.
- 32       • A COC control including: name of sample relinquisher, sample receiver, and the date and  
33        time of the sample transfer.
- 34       • Proper sample handling and preservation.

1 B-4a(4) Data Generation

2 The BDRs, in a format approved by the Permittees, will be used by each generator/storage  
3 site certified characterization program and Permittee approved laboratory laboratories, as  
4 applicable, for reporting waste characterization data. This format will be included in the  
5 generator/storage site certified characterization program and Permittee approved laboratories, as  
6 applicable, QAPjP, controlled electronic databases, or procedures referenced in the QAPjP  
7 (Renewal Application Appendix B5) and will include all of the elements required by this WAP  
8 for BDRs (Renewal Application Appendix B3).

9  
10 The Permittees shall perform audits of the generator/storage site waste certified characterization  
11 programs and Permittee approved laboratories, as implemented by the generator/storage site in  
12 accordance with the certified characterization program or laboratory QAPjP, to verify  
13 compliance with the WAP and the DQOs in this WAP (See Renewal Application Appendix B6  
14 for a discussion of the content of the audit program). ~~The primary functions of these audits are~~  
15 ~~to review generator/storage sites' adherence to the requirements of this WAP and ensure~~  
16 ~~adherence to the WAP characterization program. The Permittees shall provide the results of~~  
17 ~~each audit to NMED. If audit results indicate that a generator/storage site is not in compliance~~  
18 ~~with the requirements of this WAP, the Permittees will take appropriate action as specified in~~  
19 ~~Renewal Application Appendix B6.~~

20  
21 ~~The Permittees shall perform audits of the Permittee approved laboratory's programs, as~~  
22 ~~implemented by the laboratory's QAPjP (See Renewal Application Appendix B6 for a discussion~~  
23 ~~of the content of the audit program). The primary functions of these audits are to review the~~  
24 ~~Permittee approved laboratory's adherence to the requirements of this WAP. The Permittees~~  
25 ~~shall provide the results of each audit to NMED. If audit results indicate that a Permittee~~  
26 ~~approved laboratory is not in compliance with the requirements of this WAP, the Permittees will~~  
27 ~~take appropriate action as specified in Renewal Application Appendix B6.~~

28  
29 The Permittees shall further require all Permittee approved laboratories or certified  
30 characterization program laboratories analyzing WIPP waste samples for the generator/storage  
31 sites to have established, documented QA/QC programs. The Permittees annually evaluate these  
32 laboratories and their QA/QC programs as part of their participation in the Permittees' PDP  
33 laboratory performance program. The Permittees' audits cover the requirements of the lab's  
34 QA/QC program, as well as compliance with this WAP. Continued compliance with these  
35 parameters will be verified by ongoing audits by the Permittees at the generator/storage sites of  
36 the certified characterization programs and these laboratories as specified in Renewal  
37 Application Appendix B6. The Permittees' audits of the generator/storage sites certified  
38 characterization programs will verify that the laboratories analyzing the sites' wastes s have been  
39 properly audited by the generator/storage sites certified characterization programs. The  
40 laboratory's QA/QC program shall include the following:

- 41  
42
- 43 • Facility organization
  - 44 • A list of equipment/instrumentation
  - Operating procedures

- 1 • Laboratory QA/QC procedures
- 2 • Quality assurance review
- 3 • Laboratory records management

#### 4 B-4a(5) Data Verification

5 The BDRs will document the testing, sampling, and analytical results from the required  
6 characterization activities, and document required QA/QC activities. Data validation and  
7 verification at both the data-generation level and the project level will be performed as required  
8 by ~~this~~ the Permit before the required data are transmitted to the Permittees (Renewal  
9 Application Appendix B3). The NMED may request, through the Permittees, copies of any  
10 BDR, and/or the raw data validated by the ~~generator/storage sites~~ certified characterization  
11 programs, to check the Permittees' audit of the validation process.

#### 12 13 B-4a(6) Data Transmittal

14 Batch Data Reports BDRs will include the information required by Renewal Application  
15 Appendix B3, Section B3-10 and will be transmitted by hard copy or electronically (provided a  
16 hard copy is available on demand) from the data generation level to the project level.

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18 The ~~generator/storage site~~ certified characterization program will transmit waste container  
19 information electronically via the WIPP Waste Information System (WWIS). Data will be  
20 entered into the WWIS in the exact format required by the database. Refer to Section B-5a(1)  
21 for WWIS reporting requirements and Table B-8 ~~the WIPP Waste Information System User's~~  
22 ~~Manual for Use by Shippers/Generators~~ (DOE, 2001) for the WWIS data fields and format  
23 requirements.

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25 Once a waste stream is characterized, the certified characterization program Site Project  
26 Manager will also submit to the Permittees a WSPF (Figure B-4~~2~~) accompanied by the CIS for  
27 that waste stream which includes reconciliation with DQOs (Renewal Application Appendix B3,  
28 Sections B3-12b(1) and B3-12b(2)). The WSPF, the CIS, and information from the WWIS will  
29 be used as the basis for acceptance of waste characterization information on TRU mixed wastes  
30 to be disposed of at the WIPP.

#### 31 ~~B-4a(7) Records Management~~

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33 ~~Records related to waste characterization activities performed by the generator/storage sites will~~  
34 ~~be maintained in the testing, sampling, or analytical facility files or generator/storage site project~~  
35 ~~files, or at the the WIPP Records Archive facility. Permittee approved laboratories will forward~~  
36 ~~testing, sampling, and analytical records along with BDRs, to the generator/storage site project~~  
37 ~~office for inclusion in the generator/storage site's project files and to the Permittees for inclusion~~  
38 ~~in the WIPP facility operating record. Raw data obtained by testing, sampling, and analyzing~~  
39 ~~TRU mixed waste in support of this WAP will be identifiable, legible, and provide documentary~~  
40 ~~evidence of quality. TRU mixed waste characterization records submitted to the Permittees shall~~  
41 ~~be maintained in the WIPP facility operating record and be available for inspection by NMED.~~

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2 ~~Records inventory and disposition schedule (RIDS) or an equivalent system shall be prepared~~  
3 ~~and approved by generator/storage site personnel. All records relevant to an enforcement action~~  
4 ~~under this Permit, regardless of disposition, shall be maintained at the generator/storage site until~~  
5 ~~NMED determines they are no longer needed for enforcement action, and then dispositioned as~~  
6 ~~specified in the approved RIDS. All waste characterization data and related QA/QC records for~~  
7 ~~TRU mixed waste to be shipped to the WIPP facility are designated as either Lifetime Records or~~  
8 ~~Non-Permanent Records.~~  
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10 ~~Records that are designated as Lifetime Records shall be maintained for the life of the waste~~  
11 ~~characterization program at a participating generator/storage the TRU waste site plus six years or~~  
12 ~~transferred for permanent archival storage to the WIPP Records Archive facility.~~  
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14 ~~Waste characterization records designated as Non-Permanent Records shall be maintained for ten~~  
15 ~~years from the date of (record) generation at the participating generator/storage TRU waste site~~  
16 ~~or at the WIPP Records Archive facility and then dispositioned according to their approved~~  
17 ~~RIDS. If a generator/storage site ceases to operate, all records shall be transferred before~~  
18 ~~closeout to the Permittees for management at the WIPP Records Archive facility. Table B-6 is a~~  
19 ~~listing of records designated as Lifetime Records and Non-Permanent Records. Classified~~  
20 ~~information will not be transferred to WIPP. Notations will be provided to the Permittees~~  
21 ~~indicating the absence of classified information. The approved generator/storage site RIDS will~~  
22 ~~identify appropriate disposition of classified information. Nothing in this Permit is intended to,~~  
23 ~~nor should it be interpreted to, require the disclosure of any U.S. Department of Energy~~  
24 ~~classified information to persons without appropriate clearance to view such information.~~  
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#### 26 B-5 Permittee Level Waste Screening and Verification of **Transuranic** TRU Mixed Waste

27 Permittee waste screening is a two-phased process. Phase I will occur prior to **certification of**  
28 **TRU mixed waste for disposal at WIPP** configuring shipments of TRU mixed waste. Phase II  
29 will occur after **certification of TRU mixed waste for disposal** configuration of shipments of  
30 TRU mixed waste but before it is disposed at the WIPP facility. Figure B-3 presents Phase I and  
31 a portion of Phase II of the TRU mixed waste screening process. Renewal Application  
32 Appendix B7 presents the Permittees' TRU mixed waste confirmation portion of Phase II  
33 activities.  
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#### 35 B-5a Phase I Waste Stream Screening and Verification

36 ~~The first phase of the waste screening and verification process will occur before TRU mixed~~  
37 ~~waste is shipped to the WIPP facility. Before the Permittees begin the process of accepting TRU~~  
38 ~~mixed waste from a generator/storage site **TRU waste site**, an initial audit of that **the**~~  
39 ~~generator/storage site **characterization program at that site** will be conducted as part of the~~  
40 ~~Permittees' Audit and Surveillance Program (Renewal Application Appendix B6). The RCRA~~  
41 ~~portion of the generator/storage site **characterization program** audit program will provide on-site~~  
42 ~~verification of characterization procedures; BDR preparation; and recordkeeping to ensure that~~  
43 ~~all applicable provisions of the WAP requirements are met. Another portion of the Phase I~~

1 verification is the WSPF approval process. ~~At the WIPP facility, t~~<sup>T</sup>his process includes  
2 verification that all of the required elements of the WSPF and the CIS are present (Renewal  
3 Application Appendix B3) and that the waste characterization information meet acceptance  
4 criteria required for compliance with the WAP (Renewal Application Appendix B3,  
5 Section B3-12b(1) and Section B3-12b(2)).

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7 A ~~generator/storage site~~ characterization program must first prepare a QAPjP, which includes  
8 applicable WAP requirements, and submit it to the Permittees for review and approval (Renewal  
9 Application Appendix B5). Once approved, a copy of the QAPjP is provided to NMED ~~for~~  
10 ~~examination~~. The ~~generator/storage site~~ characterization program will implement the specific  
11 parameters of the QAPjP after it is approved. An initial audit will be performed after QAPjP  
12 implementation and prior to the ~~generator/storage site~~ characterization program being certified  
13 by CBFO ~~for shipment of waste to WIPP~~. Additional audits, focusing on the results of waste  
14 characterization, will be performed at least annually. The Permittees have the right to conduct  
15 unannounced audits and to examine any records that are related to the scope of the audit. See  
16 Section B-5a(3) and Renewal Application Appendix B6 for further information regarding audits.

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18 When the required waste stream characterization data have been collected by a ~~generator/storage~~  
19 ~~site~~ characterization program and the initial ~~generator/storage site~~ characterization program  
20 certification audit has been successfully completed and certification granted by CBFO, the  
21 ~~generator/storage~~ Site Project Manager will verify that waste stream characterization meets the  
22 applicable WAP requirements as a part of the project level reconciliation verification (Renewal  
23 Application B3, Section B3-~~11~~10b). ~~If the waste characterization does not meet the applicable~~  
24 ~~requirements of the WAP, the mixed waste stream cannot be managed, stored, or disposed at~~  
25 ~~WIPP until those requirements are met~~. The certified characterization program Site Project  
26 Manager will then complete a WSPF and submit it to the Permittees, along with the  
27 accompanying CIS for that waste stream (Renewal Application B3, Section B3-12b(1) and  
28 Section B3-12b(2)). All data necessary to check the accuracy of the WSPF will be transmitted to  
29 the Permittees for verification. This provides notification that the ~~generator/storage site~~ certified  
30 characterization program considers that the waste stream (~~identified by the waste stream~~  
31 ~~identification number~~) has been adequately characterized for disposal ~~prior to shipment to at~~  
32 WIPP. The Permittees will compare ~~headspace gas~~ HSG, ~~radiographic~~ radiography, ~~visual~~  
33 ~~examination~~ VE and solid sampling/analysis data obtained ~~subsequent to submittal~~ prior to  
34 approval of the WSPF (~~and prior to submittal~~) with characterization information presented on  
35 ~~this~~ the WSPF form. If the Permittees determine (through the data comparison) that the  
36 characterization information is adequate, the WSPF will be approved. Prior to the first ~~shipment~~  
37 receipt of containers from the approved waste stream, the approved WSPF and accompanying  
38 CIS will be provided to NMED. If the data comparison indicates that analyzed containers have  
39 hazardous wastes not present on the WSPF, or a different Waste Matrix Code applies, the WSPF  
40 is in error and shall be resubmitted. Ongoing WSPF examination is discussed in detail in Section  
41 B-5a(2).

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43 Audits of ~~generator/storage sites~~ certified characterization programs will be conducted as part of  
44 the Permittees' Audit and Surveillance Program (Renewal Application Appendix B6). The  
45 ~~RCRA portion of the generator/storage site~~ certified characterization program audit program will

1 provide on-site verification of waste characterization procedures; BDR preparation; and record  
2 keeping to ensure that all applicable provisions of the WAP requirements are met. As part of the  
3 waste characterization data submittal, the generator/storage site certified characterization  
4 program will also transmit the data on a container basis via the WWIS. This data submittal can  
5 occur at any time as the data are being collected, but will be complete for each container prior to  
6 shipment of certifying the waste for disposal in the WWIS that container. The WWIS will  
7 conduct internal edit/limit checks as the data are entered, and the data will be available to the  
8 Permittees as supporting information for WSPF review. ~~NMED will have read-only access to~~  
9 ~~the WWIS as necessary to determine compliance with the WAP.~~ The initial WSPF check  
10 performed by the Permittees will include WWIS data submitted by the generator/storage site  
11 certified characterization program for each waste container and the CIS. The Permittees will  
12 compare ongoing sampling/analysis characterization data obtained and submitted via the WWIS  
13 to the approved WSPF. If this comparison shows that containers have hazardous wastes not  
14 reported on the WSPF, or a different Waste Matrix Code applies, the data are rejected, ~~and the~~  
15 ~~waste containers are not accepted for shipment until~~ The data shall be corrected and a new or  
16 revised WSPF is will be submitted to and approved for review by the Permittees.

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18 If discrepancies regarding hazardous waste number assignment or Waste Matrix Code  
19 designation arise as a result of the Phase I review, the generator/storage sites certified  
20 characterization programs will be contacted by the Permittees and required to provide the  
21 necessary additional information to resolve the discrepancy before that waste stream is approved  
22 for disposal at the WIPP facility. If the discrepancy is not resolved, the waste stream will not be  
23 approved. ~~The Permittees will notify NMED in writing of any discrepancies identified during~~  
24 ~~WSPF review and the resulting discrepancy resolution prior to waste shipment.~~ The Permittees  
25 will not manage, store, or dispose the waste stream until this discrepancy is resolved in  
26 accordance with this WAP.

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28 B-5a(1) Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Waste Information System WWIS Description

29 All generator/storage sites certified characterization programs ~~planning to ship TRU mixed waste~~  
30 ~~to WIPP~~ will supply the required data to the WWIS. The WWIS Data Dictionary includes all of  
31 the data fields, the field format and the limits associated with the data as established by this  
32 WAP. These data will be subjected to edit and limit checks that are performed automatically by  
33 the database, ~~as defined in the WIPP Waste Information System User's Manual for Use by~~  
34 ~~Shippers/Generators (DOE, 2001).~~

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36 The Permittees will coordinate the data transmission with each generator/storage site certified  
37 characterization program. Actual data transmission will use appropriate technology to ensure the  
38 integrity of the data transmissions. The Permittees will require sites certified characterization  
39 programs with large waste inventories and large databases to populate a data structure provided  
40 by the Permittees that contains the required data dictionary fields that are appropriate for the  
41 waste stream (or waste streams) at that TRU waste site. For example, totals analysis data will  
42 not be requested from sites certified characterization programs that do not have homogeneous  
43 solids or soils/gravel waste. The Permittees will access these data via the Internet to ensure an  
44 efficient transfer of this these data. ~~Small quantity sites will be given a similar data structure by~~

1 ~~the Permittees that is tailored to their types of waste. Sites with very small quantities of waste~~  
2 ~~will be provided with the ability to assemble the data interactively to this data structure on the~~  
3 ~~WWIS.~~

4 The Permittees will use the WWIS to verify that all of the supplied data meet the edit and limit  
5 checks prior to the shipment of any TRU mixed waste to WIPP. The WWIS automatically will  
6 notify the generator/storage site certified characterization program if any of the supplied data  
7 fails to meet the requirements of the edit and limit checks via an appropriate error message. The  
8 generator/storage site certified characterization program will be required to correct the  
9 discrepancy with the waste or the waste data and re-transmit the corrected data prior to  
10 acceptance of the data by the WWIS. ~~The Permittees will review data reported for each~~  
11 ~~container of each shipment prior to providing notification to the shipping generator/storage site~~  
12 ~~that the shipment is acceptable. Read-only access to the WWIS will be provided to NMED.~~  
13 Table B-7~~8~~ contains a listing of the data fields contained in the WWIS that are required relevant  
14 as part of to this Renewal Application.

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16 The WWIS will generate the following:

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18 • Waste Emplacement Report

19 This report will be added to the operating record to track the quantities of waste, date of  
20 emplacement, and location of authorized containers or container assemblies in the  
21 repository. The Permittees will document the specific panel room or drift that an  
22 individual waste container is placed in as well as the row/column/height coordinates  
23 location of the container or containers assembly. This report will be generated on a  
24 weekly basis. Locations of containers or container assemblies will also be placed on a  
25 map separate from the WWIS. Reports and maps that are included as part of the  
26 operating record will be retained at the WIPP site, for the life of the facility.

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28 • Shipment Summary Report

29 This report will contain the container ~~identification numbers (IDs)~~ of every container in  
30 the shipment, listed by Shipping Package number and by assembly number when  
31 applicable ~~(for seven packs, four packs, and three packs)~~, for every assembly in the  
32 Shipping Package. This report is used by the Permittees to verify containers in a  
33 shipment and will be generated on a shipment basis.

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35 • Waste Container Data Report

36 This report will be generated on a waste stream basis and will be used by the Permittees  
37 during the WSPF review and approval process. This report will include contain the  
38 applicable container specific information ~~the data~~ from Table B-8 ~~listed in the~~  
39 ~~Characterization Module on Table B-7~~. This report will be generated and attached to the  
40 WSPF for inclusion in the facility operating record and will be kept for the life of the  
41 facility.

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- Reports of Change Log

This will consist of a short report that lists the user ID and the fields changed. The report will also include a reason for the change. A longer report will list the information provided on the short report and include a before and after ~~image of the~~ record for each change, a before-record for each deletion, and the new information for added records. These reports will provide an auditable trail for the data in the database.

Access to the WWIS will be controlled by the Permittees' Data Administrator (DA) who will control the WWIS users based on approval from management personnel.

The TRU mixed waste generator/storage sites certified characterization programs will only have access to data that they have supplied, and only until the data have been formally accepted by the Permittees. After the data have been accepted, ~~the~~ these data will be protected from indiscriminate change and can only be changed by ~~a~~ an authorized DA.

The WWIS has a Change Log that requires a reason for the change from the DA prior to accepting the change. The data change information, the user ID of the authorized DA making the change, and the date of the change will be recorded in the data change log automatically. The data change log cannot be revised by any user, including the DA. The data change log will be subject to internal and external audits and will provide an auditable trail for all changes made to previously approved data.

The Permittees will provide NMED direct access via the internet to permit required information in the WWIS.

#### B-5a(2) Examination of the Waste Stream Profile Form and Container Data Checks

The Permittees will be responsible for the verification of completeness and accuracy of the WSPF ~~Waste Stream Profile Form~~ (Renewal Application B3, Section B3-12b(1)). Figure B-21 includes the waste characterization and Permittees' waste stream approval process. The assignment of the waste stream description, ~~Waste Matrix Code Group~~, and Summary Category Groups; the results of waste analyses, as applicable; the ~~acceptable knowledge~~ AK summation summary documentation; the methods used for characterization; the ~~Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO)~~ certification, and appropriate designation of EPA hazardous waste number(s) will be examined. If the WSPF is inaccurate, ~~efforts will be made to resolve~~ discrepancies will be resolved before approval by contacting the generator/storage site certified characterization program in order for the waste stream to be eligible for ~~shipment to~~ receipt at the WIPP facility. If discrepancies in the waste stream are detected by the certified characterization program after the approval of the WSPF at the generator/storage site, the generator/storage site certified characterization program will ~~implement~~ utilize the a non-conformance program to identify, document, and report discrepancies (Renewal Application Appendix B3).

1 The WSPF shall pass all verification checks by the Permittees in order for the waste stream to be  
2 approved for ~~shipment to~~ receipt at the WIPP facility. The WSPF check against waste container  
3 data will occur during the initial WSPF approval process (Section B-5a).  
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5 The EPA hazardous waste numbers for the wastes that appear on the WSPF Waste Stream  
6 Profile Form will be compared to those in Table B-91 to ensure that only approved wastes are  
7 accepted for management, storage, or disposal at WIPP. Some of the waste may also be  
8 identified by unique state hazardous waste codes or numbers. These wastes are acceptable at  
9 WIPP as long as the TSDf-WAC are met. The CIS will be reviewed by the Permittees to verify  
10 that the waste has been classified correctly with respect to the assigned EPA hazardous waste  
11 numbers. Any analytical method used will be compared to those listed in Tables B-24, B-35,  
12 and B-46 to ensure that only approved analytical methods were used for analysis of the waste.  
13 The Permittees will verify that the applicable requirements of the TSDf-WAC have been met by  
14 the ~~generator/storage site~~ certified characterization program.  
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16 Waste data transferred via the WWIS after WSPF approval will be compared with the approved  
17 WSPF. Any container from an approved hazardous waste stream with a description different  
18 from its WSPF will not be managed, stored, or disposed at WIPP.  
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20 The Permittees will also verify that three different types of data specified below are available for  
21 every container holding TRU mixed waste before that waste is managed, stored, or disposed at  
22 WIPP: 1) an assignment of the waste stream's waste description (by Waste Matrix Codes) ~~and~~  
23 ~~Waste Matrix Code Group~~; 2) a determination of ignitability, reactivity, and corrosivity; and 3) a  
24 determination of compatibility. The verification of waste stream description will be performed  
25 by reviewing the WWIS for consistency in the waste stream description and WSPF. The CIS  
26 will indicate if the waste has been checked for the characteristics of ignitability, corrosivity, and  
27 reactivity. The final verification of waste compatibility will be performed using Addendum B2  
28 Appendix C1 of the WIPP RCRA Part B Permit Application (DOE, 1997), the compatibility  
29 study.  
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31 Any container with unresolved discrepancies associated with hazardous waste characterization  
32 will not be managed, stored, or disposed at the WIPP facility until the discrepancies are resolved.  
33 If the discrepancies cannot be resolved, the Permittees will revoke the approval status of the  
34 waste stream, suspend shipments of the waste stream, and notify NMED. Waste stream approval  
35 will not be reinstated until the ~~generator/storage site~~ certified characterization program  
36 demonstrates all corrective actions have been implemented and the ~~generator/storage site~~ waste  
37 certified characterization program is reassessed by the Permittees.  
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### 39 B-5a(3) Permittees' Audit and Surveillance Program

40 An important part of the Permittees' verification process is the Permittees' Audit and  
41 Surveillance Program. The focus of this audit program is compliance with ~~this~~ the WAP ~~and the~~  
42 ~~Permit~~. This audit program addresses all AK implementation and waste sampling and analysis  
43 activities, from waste stream classification assignment through waste container certification, and  
44 ensures compliance with SOPs and the WAP. Audits will ensure that containers and their

1 associated documentation are adequately tracked throughout the waste handling process.  
2 Operator qualifications will be verified, and implementation of QA/QC procedures will be  
3 surveyed. A final report that includes generator/storage site certified characterization program or  
4 Permittee approved laboratory audit results and applicable WAP-related corrective action report  
5 (~~CAR~~) resolution will be provided to NMED for approval, and will be kept in the WIPP facility  
6 operating record until closure of the WIPP facility.

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8 An initial audit will be performed at of each generator/storage site characterization program  
9 performing waste characterization activities prior to the formal acceptance of the WSPFs and/or  
10 any waste characterization data supplied by the generator/storage sites characterization program.  
11 Audits will be performed at least annually thereafter, including the possibility of unannounced  
12 audits (i.e., not a regularly scheduled audit). These audits will allow NMED to verify that the  
13 Permittees have implemented the WAP and that generator/storage sites certified characterization  
14 programs have implemented a QA program for the characterization of waste and meet applicable  
15 WAP requirements. The Permittees will also audit annually the Permittee approved laboratories  
16 performing waste sampling and/or analysis. The accuracy of physical waste description and  
17 waste stream assignment provided by the generator/storage site certified characterization  
18 program will be verified by review of the radiography results, and ~~visual examination~~ VE of data  
19 records and radiography images (as necessary) during audits conducted by the Permittees. More  
20 detail on this audit process is provided in Renewal Application Appendix B6.

#### 21 22 B-5b Phase II Waste Shipment Screening and Verification

23 As presented in Figure B-3, Phase II of the waste shipment screening and verification process  
24 begins with confirmation of the waste as required by Renewal Application Appendix B7 after  
25 waste shipments are configured. After the waste shipment has arrived, the Permittees will screen  
26 the shipments to determine the completeness and accuracy of the EPA Hazardous Waste  
27 Manifest and the land disposal restriction notice completeness. The Permittees will verify there  
28 are no waste shipment irregularities and the waste containers are in good condition. Only those  
29 waste containers that are from shipments that have been confirmed as required by Renewal  
30 Application Appendix B7 and that pass all Phase II waste screening and verification  
31 determinations will be emplaced at WIPP. For each container received shipped, the Permittees  
32 shall ensure that the generator/storage sites certified characterization programs have provided d the  
33 following information:

#### 34 35 Hazardous Waste Manifest Information:

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- 38 • ~~Generator/storage site name and EPA~~ Item 1, Generator's U.S. EPA ID Number
  - 39 • Generator/storage Item 5, Generator's name and mailing address, site contact  
40 name and phone number
  - 41 • Item 9b, Listing of each Shipping Package ID number
  - Item 11, Total Quantity of waste

- 1 • Item 13, List of up to six state and/or federal EPA hazardous waste numbers in  
2 each line item
- 3 • Listing of all shipping container IDs (Shipping Package serial number)
- 4 • Item 15, Signature of authorized generator (i.e., TRU waste site) representative

5 Specific Waste Container information:

- 6
- 7 • Waste Stream Identification Number
- 8 • List of EPA Hazardous Waste Numbers per Container
- 9 • Certification Data
- 10 • Shipping Data (~~Assembly numbers, ship date, shipping category, etc.~~)

11 This information shall also be supplied electronically to the WWIS. The container-specific  
12 information will be supplied electronically as described in Section B-5a(1), and shall be supplied  
13 prior to the Permittees' management, storage, or disposal of the waste.

14  
15 The Permittees will verify each approved shipment upon receipt at WIPP against the data on the  
16 WWIS shipment summary report to ensure containers have the required information. A Waste  
17 Receipt Checklist will be used to document the verification.

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19 B-5b(1) Examination of the Environmental Protection Agency EPA Uniform Hazardous Waste  
20 Manifest and Associated Waste Tracking Information

21 Upon receipt of a TRU mixed waste shipment, the Permittees will make a determination of EPA  
22 Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest completeness and sign the manifest to allow the driver to  
23 depart. For CH TRU mixed waste, the Permittees will then make a determination of waste  
24 shipment completeness by checking the unique, bar-coded identification number found on each  
25 container holding TRU mixed waste against the WWIS database after opening the Shipping  
26 Package.

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28 The WWIS links the bar-coded identification numbers of all containers in a specific waste  
29 shipment to the waste assembly (~~for 7 packs, 4 packs, 3 packs and 5 drum carriages~~) and to the  
30 shipment identification number, which is also written on the EPA Uniform Hazardous Waste  
31 Manifest.

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33 Certified characterization programs electronically transmit the waste shipment information to the  
34 WWIS before the TRU mixed waste shipment is transported. Once a TRU mixed waste  
35 shipment arrives, the Permittees verify the identity of each shipping package or cask. The  
36 Permittees will verify the identity of each container (or one container in an assembly) after the  
37 package is unloaded using the data in the WWIS.

38 ~~For shipments in the RH TRU 72B cask, the identification number of the single payload~~  
39 ~~container is read during cask to cask transfer in the Transfer Cell and then checked against the~~

1 ~~WWIS database. For shipments in the CNS 10-160B cask, the Permittees will make a~~  
2 ~~determination of waste shipment completeness by checking the unique identification number~~  
3 ~~found on each container holding TRU mixed waste in the Hot Cell against the WWIS database~~  
4 ~~after unloading the cask.~~

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6 ~~Generators electronically transmit the waste shipment information to the WWIS before the TRU~~  
7 ~~mixed waste shipment is transported. Once a TRU mixed waste shipment arrives, the Permittees~~  
8 ~~verify the identity of each cask or container (or one container in a bound 7 pack, 4 pack, or 3-~~  
9 ~~pack) using the data already in the WWIS.~~

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11 The WWIS will maintain waste container receipt and emplacement information provided by the  
12 Permittees. It will include, among other items, the following information associated with each  
13 container of TRU mixed waste:

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- 15 • Package inner containment vessel or shipping cask closure date
  - 16 • Overpack identification number (if appropriate)
  - 17 • ~~Package (container or canister)~~ Container emplacement date
  - 18 • ~~Package (container or canister)~~ Container emplacement location
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20 Manifest discrepancies will be identified during manifest examination and container bar-code  
21 WWIS data comparison. A manifest discrepancy is a difference between the quantity or type of  
22 hazardous waste designated on the manifest and the quantity or type of hazardous waste the  
23 WIPP facility actually receives. The ~~generator/storage site technical contact~~ generator site (as  
24 listed on ~~the~~ manifest Item 5) will be contacted to resolve the discrepancy. If the discrepancy is  
25 identified prior to the containers being removed from the package or shipping cask, the waste  
26 will be retained in the parking area. If the discrepancy is identified after the waste containers are  
27 removed from the package or cask, the waste will be retained in the Waste Handling Building  
28 (WHB) until the discrepancy is resolved. Errors on the manifest can be corrected by the WIPP  
29 facility with a verbal (followed by a mandatory written) concurrence by the ~~generator/storage~~  
30 ~~site technical contact~~ generator site (as listed on manifest Item 5). All discrepancies that are  
31 unresolved within ~~fifteen (15)~~ days of receiving the waste will be immediately reported to  
32 NMED in writing. Notifications to NMED will consist of a letter describing the discrepancies,  
33 discrepancy resolution, and a copy of the manifest. If the manifest discrepancies have not been  
34 resolved within ~~thirty (30)~~ days of waste receipt, the shipment will be returned to the  
35 ~~generator/storage facility~~ TRU waste site. If it becomes necessary to return waste containers to  
36 the ~~generator/storage~~ TRU waste site, a new EPA Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest may be  
37 prepared by the Permittees.

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39 Documentation of the returned containers will be recorded in the WWIS. Changes will be made  
40 to the WWIS data to indicate the current status of the container(s). The reason for the WWIS  
41 data change and the record of the WWIS data change will be maintained in the change log of the  
42 WWIS, which will provide an auditable record of the returned shipment.

1 The Permittees will be responsible for the resolution of discrepancies, notification of NMED, as  
2 well as returning the original copy of the manifest to the generator/storage TRU waste site (as  
3 specified on the manifest).

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5 B-5b(2) Examination of the Land Disposal Restriction (LDR) Notice

6 The TRU mixed waste designated by the Secretary of Energy for disposal at WIPP is exempt  
7 from the Land Disposal Restrictions (LDRs) by the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act Amendment  
8 (Public Law 104-201). This amendment states that WIPP “Waste is exempted from treatment  
9 standards promulgated pursuant to section 3004(m) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S. C.  
10 6924(m)) and shall not be subjected to the Land Disposal prohibitions in section 3004(d), (e), (f),  
11 and (g) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.” Therefore, with the initial shipment of a TRU mixed  
12 waste stream, the generator certified characterization program shall provide the Permittees with a  
13 one time written notice. The notice must include the information listed below:

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15 Land Disposal Restriction Notice Information:

- 16  
17 • EPA Hazardous Waste Number(s) and Manifest Numbers of first shipment of a  
18 mixed waste stream
- 19 • Statement: this waste is not prohibited from land disposal
- 20 • Date the waste is subject to prohibition

21 This information is the applicable information taken from column “268.7(a)(4)” of the  
22 “Generator Paperwork Requirements Table” in 20.4.1.800 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR  
23 §268.7(a)(4)). Note that item “5” from the “Generator Paperwork Requirements Table” is not  
24 applicable since waste analysis data are provided electronically via the WWIS and item “7” is  
25 not applicable since waste designated by the Secretary of Energy for disposal at WIPP is  
26 exempted from the treatment standards.

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28 The Permittees will review the LDR notice for accuracy and completeness. The generator  
29 certified characterization program will prepare this notice in accordance with the applicable  
30 requirements of 20.4.1.800 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §268.7(a)(4)).

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32 B-5b(3) Verification

33 The Permittees will make a determination of TRU mixed waste shipment irregularities. The  
34 following items will be inspected for each TRU mixed waste shipment arriving at the WIPP  
35 facility:

- 36  
37 • Whether the number and type of containers holding TRU mixed waste match the  
38 information in the WWIS
- 39 • Whether the containers are in good condition

1 The Permittees will verify that the containers (as identified by their container ID numbers) are  
2 the containers for which accepted data already exists in the WWIS. A check will be performed  
3 by the Permittees comparing the data on the WWIS Shipment Summary Report for the shipment  
4 to the actual shipping papers (including the EPA Hazardous Waste Manifest). ~~This check also~~  
5 ~~verifies that the containers included in the shipment are those for which approved shipping data~~  
6 ~~already exist in the WWIS Transportation Data Module (Table B-7).~~ For standard waste boxes  
7 (SWBs) SWBs and ten drum overpacks (TDOPs), this check will include comparing the barcode  
8 on the container with the container number on the shipping papers and the data on the WWIS  
9 Shipment Summary Report. For 7-pack assemblies, one of the ~~seven~~ container barcodes will be  
10 read by the barcode reader Permittees and compared to the assembly information for this  
11 container on the WWIS Shipment Summary Report. This will automatically identify the  
12 remaining ~~six~~ containers in the assembly. For shipments in the RH-TRU 72B cask, the  
13 identification number of the single payload container is read during cask-to-cask transfer in the  
14 Transfer Cell and then checked against the WWIS database. For shipments in the CNS 10-160B  
15 cask, the Permittees will make a determination of waste shipment completeness by checking the  
16 unique identification number found on each container holding TRU mixed waste in the Hot Cell  
17 against the WWIS database after unloading the cask.  
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19 This process enables the Permittees to identify all of the containers in the assembly with  
20 minimum radiological exposure. If all of the container IDs and the information on the shipping  
21 papers agree with the WWIS Shipment Summary Report, and the shipment was subject to waste  
22 confirmation by the Permittees prior to ~~shipment to~~ receipt at WIPP as specified in Renewal  
23 Application Appendix B7, the containers will be approved for storage and disposal at the WIPP  
24 facility.  
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#### 26 B-6 Permittees' Waste Shipment Screening Quality Assurance/Quality Control QA/QC

27 Waste shipment screening QA/QC ensures that TRU mixed waste received is that which has  
28 been approved for shipment during the Phase I and Phase II screening. This is accomplished by  
29 maintaining QA/QC control of the waste shipment screening process. The screening process will  
30 be controlled by administrative processes which will generate records documenting waste receipt  
31 that will become part of the waste receipt record. The waste receipt record documents that  
32 container identifications correspond to shipping information and approved TRU mixed waste  
33 streams. The Permittees will extend QA/QC practices to the management of ~~all~~ records  
34 associated with waste shipment screening determinations.  
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#### 36 B-7 Records Management and Reporting

37 Waste characterization records will be maintained in the certified characterization program site  
38 project files or the WIPP Records Archive facility until the closure of the WIPP facility. This  
39 includes testing, sampling, and analytical records along with BDRs, obtained from Permittee  
40 approved laboratories. This also includes those records identified as Lifetime Records in Table  
41 B-9. Raw data obtained by testing, sampling, and analyzing TRU mixed waste in support of this  
42 WAP will be identifiable, legible, and provide documentary evidence of quality.  
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1 The following records will be maintained for waste characterization and waste confirmation  
2 purposes as part of the WIPP facility operating record in accordance with 20.4.1.501 NMAC  
3 (incorporating 40 CFR § 264.73):  
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- 5 • Completed WIPP WSPFs and accompanying CIS, including individual container data as  
6 transferred on the WWIS (or received as hard-copy) and any discrepancy-related  
7 documentation as specified in Section B-5a
- 8 • Radiography and ~~visual examination~~ VE records (data sheets, packaging logs, and video  
9 and audio recordings) of waste confirmation activities
- 10 • Completed Waste Receipt Checklists and discrepancy-related documentation as specified  
11 in Section B-5b
- 12 • WIPP WWIS Waste Emplacement Report as specified in Section B-5a(1)
- 13 • Audit reports and corrective action reports from the Permittees' Audit and Surveillance  
14 Program audits as specified in Section B-5a(3) and Renewal Application Appendix B6
- 15 • CARs and closure information for corrective actions taken due to nonconforming waste  
16 being identified during waste confirmation by the Permittees

17 These records will be maintained for all TRU mixed waste managed at the WIPP facility.  
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19 Records containing classified information will not be transferred to WIPP. Notations will be  
20 provided to the Permittees indicating instances when the classified information has been  
21 excluded from the records. The Permittees will identify the appropriate disposition of classified  
22 information. Nothing in this Renewal Application is intended to, nor should it be interpreted to,  
23 require the disclosure of any DOE classified information to persons without appropriate  
24 clearance to view such information.  
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26 Waste characterization and waste confirmation data and documents related to waste  
27 characterization that are part of the WIPP facility operating record are managed in accordance  
28 with the following guidelines:  
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30 B-7a General Requirements

- 31 • Records shall be legible
- 32 • Corrections shall be made with a single line through the incorrect information, and the  
33 date and initial of the person making the correction shall be added
- 34 • Black ink is encouraged, unless a copy test has been conducted to ensure the other color  
35 ink will copy
- 36 • Use of highlighters on records is discouraged

- 1       • Records shall be reviewed for completeness
- 2       • Records shall be validated ~~by the cognizant manager or designee~~

3    B-7b Records Storage

- 4       • Active records shall be stored when not in use
- 5       • Validated ~~Q~~ quality records shall be kept in a one-hour (certified) fire-rated container or a  
6       copy of a record shall be stored separately (sufficiently remote from the original) in order  
7       to prevent destruction of both copies as a result of a single event such as fire or natural  
8       disaster
- 9       • Unauthorized access to the validated records is controlled by locking the storage  
10      container or controlling personnel access to the storage area

11   B-8 Reporting

12   The Permittees will provide a biennial report in accordance with 20.4.1.500 NMAC  
13   (incorporating 40 CFR §264.75) to NMED that includes information on actual volume and waste  
14   descriptions received for disposal during the time period covered by the report.  
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36 96/010b)

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38 WIPP Land Withdrawal Act Amendment (Public Law 104-201)

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**TABLE B-91**  
**LISTING OF PERMITTED EPA HAZARDOUS WASTE NUMBERS**

<b>EPA Hazardous Waste Numbers</b>			
F001	D019	D043	U079
F002	D021	P015	U103
F003	D022	P030	U105
F004	D026	P098	U108
F005	D027	P099	U122
F006	D028	P106	U133*
F007	D029	P120	U134*
F009	D030	U002*	U151
D004	D032	U003*	U154*
D005	D033	U019*	U159*
D006	D034	U037	U196
D007	D035	U043	U209
D008	D036	U044	U210
D009	D037	U052	U220
D010	D038	U070	U226
D011	D039	U072	U228
D018	D040	U078	U239*

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**\* Acceptance of U-numbered wastes listed for reactivity, ignitability, or corrosivity characteristics is contingent upon a demonstration that the wastes no longer exhibit the characteristic of reactivity, ignitability, or corrosivity.**

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**TABLE B-82**  
**WASTE TANKS SUBJECT TO EXCLUSION**

Hanford Site - 177 <del>5</del> Tanks	
A-101 through A-106	C-201 through C-204
AN-101 through AN-107	S-101 through S-112
AP-101 through AP-108	SX-101 through SX-115
AW-101 through AW-106	SY-101 through SY-103
AX-101 through AX-104	T-101 through T-112
AY-101 through AY-102	T-201 through T-204
B-101 through B-112	TX-101 through TX-118
B-201 through B-204	TY-101 through TY-106
BX-101 through BX-112	U-101 through U-112
BY-101 through BY-112	U-201 through U-204
C-101 through C-112	
Savannah River Site - 51 Tanks	
Tank 1 through 51	
Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory - 15 Tanks	
WM-103 through WM-106	WM-180 through 190

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**TABLE B-13**  
**SUMMARY OF HEADSPACE GAS AND SOLIDS SAMPLE HAZARDOUS WASTE CHARACTERIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSURANIC MIXED WASTE <sup>a</sup>**

Parameter	Techniques and Procedure
<p><b><u>Total Semivolatile Organic Compounds</u></b></p> <p><del>Mixed</del> Cresols            1,4-Dichlorobenzene<sup>e</sup>            1,2-Dichlorobenzene<sup>e</sup>            2,4-Dinitrophenol            2,4-Dinitrotoluene            Hexachlorobenzene  <del>Hexachlorobutadiene</del>            Hexachloroethane            Nitrobenzene            Pentachlorophenol            Pyridine<sup>e</sup></p>	<p><b><u>Total Semivolatile Organic Compound Analysis</u></b> <sup>§b</sup></p> <p>TCLP, SW-846 1311            GC/MS, SW-846 8270            (Permit Attachment B3)</p> <p>Acceptable Knowledge for Summary Category S5000            (Debris Wastes)</p>
<p><b><u>Total Metals</u></b></p> <p><del>Antimony</del> Mercury            Arsenic Nickel            Barium Selenium  <del>Beryllium</del> Silver            Cadmium Thallium            Chromium Vanadium            Lead Zinc</p>	<p><b><u>Total Metals Analysis</u></b> <sup>§b</sup></p> <p>TCLP, SW-846 1311  <del>Inductively Coupled Plasma – Mass Spectroscopy (ICP- MS)</del>, SW-846 6020 ,            ICP Emission Spectroscopy, SW-846 6010            Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy , SW-846 7000            (Permit Attachment B3)</p> <p>Acceptable Knowledge for Summary Category S5000            (Debris Wastes)</p>

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- 2 a-Permit Chapter B
- 3 b-Required only for homogeneous solids and soil/gravel waste from Savannah River Site to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers.
- 4 c-Required only for homogeneous solids and soil/gravel waste from Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Savannah River Site to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers.
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- 6 d Can also be analyzed as a semi-volatile organic compound.
- 7 e Can also be analyzed as a volatile organic compound.
- 8 §b Required only to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers to debris waste streams.
- 9 §b Required only to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers to homogeneous solids and soil/gravel waste streams.

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**TABLE B-24**  
**HEADSPACE GAS TARGET ANALYTE LIST AND METHODS <sup>ba</sup>**

Parameter	EPA Specified Analytical Method
Benzene <del>Bromoform</del> Carbon tetrachloride Chlorobenzene Chloroform 1,1-Dichloroethane 1,2-Dichloroethane 1,1-Dichloroethylene (cis)-1,2-Dichloroethylene (trans)-1,2-Dichloroethylene Ethyl benzene Ethyl ether Methylene chloride 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane Tetrachloroethylene Toluene 1,1,1-Trichloroethane Trichloroethylene 1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane Xylenes	EPA: Modified TO-14A, TO-15 <sup>ab</sup> ; Modified 8260  EPA - Approved FTIRS
Acetone Butanol Methanol Methyl ethyl ketone Methyl isobutyl ketone	EPA: Modified TO-14A, TO-15 <sup>ab</sup> ; Modified 8260 Method 8015  EPA - Approved FTIRS

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b Required only for debris waste when required to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 1999, Compendium of Methods for the Determination of Toxic Organic Compounds in Ambient Air—Second Edition (EPA/625/R-96/010b).

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**TABLE B-3<sup>5</sup>**  
**REQUIRED ORGANIC ANALYSES AND TEST METHODS**  
**ORGANIZED BY ORGANIC ANALYTICAL GROUPS<sup>ea</sup>**

Organic Analytical Group	Required Organic Analyses	EPA Specified Analytical Method <sup>a,d,b,c</sup>
Nonhalogenated Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	Acetone Benzene <del>n-Butanol</del> Carbon disulfide Ethyl benzene Ethyl ether Formaldehyde Hydrazine <sup>b</sup> Isobutanol Methanol Methyl ethyl ketone Toluene Xylenes	8015 8260 8315A
Halogenated VOCs	Bromoform Carbon tetrachloride Chlorobenzene Chloroform 1,2-Dichloroethane 1,1-Dichloroethylene (trans)-1,2-Dichloroethylene Methylene chloride 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane Tetrachloroethylene 1,1,2-Trichloroethane 1,1,1-Trichloroethane Trichloroethylene Trichlorofluoromethane 1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane Vinyl Chloride	8015 8260
Semivolatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs)	<del>Mixed</del> Cresols (o, m, p) 1,2-Dichlorobenzene <sup>e</sup> 1,4-Dichlorobenzene <sup>e</sup> 2,4-Dinitrophenol 2,4-Dinitrotoluene Hexachlorobenzene <del>Hexachlorobutadiene</del> Hexachloroethane Nitrobenzene Pentachlorophenol Pyridine <sup>e</sup>	8270

1 **TABLE B-3 (CONTINUED)**  
2 **REQUIRED ORGANIC ANALYSES AND TEST METHODS**  
3 **ORGANIZED BY ORGANIC ANALYTICAL GROUPS**  
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5 a Required only to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers.

6 ~~a~~ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 1996, "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods," SW-846, Third Edition.

7 ~~b~~ Generator/Storage Sites will have to develop an analytical method for hydrazine. This method will be submitted to the Permittees for approval.

8 ~~e~~ These compounds may also be analyzed as VOCs by SW-846 Method 8260.

9 ~~d~~ TCLP (SW-846 1311) may be used to determine if compounds in 20.4.1.200 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §261, Subpart C) exhibit a toxicity characteristic.

10 ~~e~~ Required only to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers.

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**TABLE B-46**  
**SUMMARY OF SAMPLE PREPARATION AND**  
**ANALYTICAL METHODS FOR METALS**

Parameters	EPA-Specified Analytical Methods <sup>a,b,c</sup>
Sample Preparation	3051, or equivalent, as appropriate for analytical method
Total Antimony	<del>6010, 6020, 7000, 7010, 7062</del>
Total Arsenic	6010, 6020, 7010, 7061, 7062
Total Barium	6010, 6020, 7000, 7010
Total Beryllium	<del>6010, 6020, 7000, 7010</del>
Total Cadmium	6010, 6020, 7000, 7010
Total Chromium	6010, 6020, 7000, 7010
Total Lead	6010, 6020, 7000, 7010
Total Mercury	7471
Total Nickel	<del>6010, 6020, 7000, 7010</del>
Total Selenium	6010, 7010, 7741, 7742
Total Silver	6010, 6020, 7000, 7010
Total Thallium	<del>6010, 6020, 7000, 7010</del>
Total Vanadium	<del>6010, 7000, 7010</del>
Total Zinc	<del>6010, 6020, 7000, 7010</del>

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b TCLP (SW-846 1311) may be used to determine if compounds in 20.4.1.200 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §261, Subpart C) exhibit a toxicity characteristic.

c Required only for homogeneous solids and soil/gravel to resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers.

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**TABLE B-57**  
**SUMMARY OF PARAMETERS, CHARACTERIZATION METHODS, AND RATIONALE**  
**FOR TRANSURANIC MIXED WASTE WITHOUT ACCEPTABLE KNOWLEDGE SUFFICIENCY DETERMINATION**  
**(STORED WASTE)**

Waste Matrix Code Summary Categories	Waste Matrix Code Groups	Characterization Parameter	Method	Rationale
S3000-Homogeneous Solids  S4000-Soil/Gravel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Solidified inorganics</li> <li>· Salt waste</li> <li>· Solidified organics</li>   <li>· Contaminated soil/debris</li> </ul>	Physical waste form	Acceptable knowledge, radiography, and/or visual examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Determine waste matrix</li> <li>· Demonstrate compliance with waste acceptance criteria (e.g., no <del>free</del> liquids <del>waste</del>, no incompatible wastes, no compressed gases)</li> </ul>
		Hazardous constituents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Listed</li> <li>· Characteristic</li> </ul>	Acceptable knowledge <del>of</del> <u>radiography, visual examination, and/or statistical sampling*</u> (see Tables B-3 and B-4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Determine characteristic metals and organics</li> <li>· Resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers</li> </ul>
S5000-Debris Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Uncategorized metal (metal waste other than lead/cadmium)</li> <li>· Lead/cadmium waste</li> <li>· Inorganic nonmetal waste</li> <li>· Combustible waste</li> <li>· Graphite waste</li> <li>· Heterogeneous debris waste</li> <li>· Composite filter waste</li> </ul>	Physical waste form	Acceptable knowledge, radiography, and/or visual examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Determine waste matrix</li> <li>· Demonstrate compliance with waste acceptance (e.g., no <del>free</del> liquids <del>waste</del>, no incompatible wastes, no compressed gases)</li> </ul>
		Hazardous constituents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <del>Characteristic</del></li> <li>· Listed</li> <li>· Characteristic</li> </ul>	<u>Acceptable knowledge.</u> Statistical gas sampling and analysis* (see Table B- <del>24</del> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <u>Determine listed and characteristic metals and organics</u></li> <li>· Resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers</li> </ul>
		Hazardous constituents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <del>Characteristic</del></li> </ul>	Acceptable knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <del>Determine characteristic metals and organics</del></li> </ul>

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**TABLE B-5 (CONTINUED)**  
**SUMMARY OF PARAMETERS, CHARACTERIZATION METHODS, AND RATIONALE**  
**FOR TRANSURANIC MIXED WASTE (NEWLY GENERATED WASTE)**

Waste Matrix Code Summary Categories	Waste Matrix Code Groups	Characterization Parameter	Method	Rationale
S3000-Homogeneous Solids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Solidified inorganics</li> <li>— Salt waste</li> <li>— Solidified organics</li> </ul>	Physical waste form	Acceptable knowledge, radiography, and/or visual examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Determine waste matrix</li> <li>— Demonstrate compliance with waste acceptance criteria (e.g., no free liquids, no incompatible wastes, no compressed gases)</li> </ul>
		Hazardous constituents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Listed</li> <li>— Characteristic</li> </ul>	Statistical sampling <sup>a</sup> (see Tables B-3 and B-4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Determine characteristic metals and organics</li> <li>— Resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers</li> </ul>
S4000-Soil/Gravel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Contaminated soil/debris</li> </ul>	Physical waste form	Acceptable knowledge, radiography, and/or visual examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Determine waste matrix</li> <li>— Demonstrate compliance with waste acceptance (e.g., no free liquids, no incompatible wastes, no compressed gases)</li> </ul>
		Hazardous constituents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Characteristic</li> <li>— Listed</li> </ul>	Statistical gas sampling and analysis <sup>a</sup> (see Table B-2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers</li> </ul>
		Hazardous constituents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Characteristic</li> </ul>	Acceptable knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Determine characteristic metals and organics</li> </ul>
S5000-Debris Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Uncategorized metal (metal waste other than lead/cadmium)</li> <li>— Lead/cadmium waste</li> <li>— Inorganic nonmetal waste</li> <li>— Combustible waste</li> <li>— Graphite waste</li> <li>— Heterogeneous debris waste</li> <li>— Composite filter waste</li> </ul>	Physical waste form	Acceptable knowledge, radiography, and/or visual examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Determine waste matrix</li> <li>— Demonstrate compliance with waste acceptance (e.g., no free liquids, no incompatible wastes, no compressed gases)</li> </ul>
		Hazardous constituents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Characteristic</li> <li>— Listed</li> </ul>	Statistical gas sampling and analysis <sup>a</sup> (see Table B-2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Resolve the assignment of EPA hazardous waste numbers</li> </ul>
		Hazardous constituents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Characteristic</li> </ul>	Acceptable knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Determine characteristic metals and organics</li> </ul>

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<sup>a</sup> Applies to waste streams that require sampling.

**TABLE B-78**  
**WIPP WASTE INFORMATION SYSTEM DATA FIELDS<sup>a</sup>**

Characterization Module Data Fields <sup>b</sup>	
<u>Assembly Number</u>	<u>Package Number</u>
<u>Characterization Method (NDE or VE)</u>	Total VOC Sample Date
Container ID <sup>e</sup>	Total VOC Analysis Date
<u>Container type</u>	Total VOC Analyte Name <sup>d</sup>
<u>Container Weight</u>	Total VOC Analyte Concentration <sup>d</sup>
<u>Contact Dose Rate</u>	Total Metal Sample Date
<u>Container Certification date</u>	Total Metal Analysis Date
<u>Container Closure Date</u>	Total Metal Analyte Name <sup>d</sup>
<u>Disposal Date</u>	Total Metal Analyte Concentration <sup>d</sup>
<u>Disposal Location</u>	<u>Receive Date</u>
Generator EPA ID	Semi-VOC Sample Date
Generator Address	Semi-VOC Analysis Date
Generator Name	Semi-VOC Analyte Name <sup>d</sup>
Generator Contact	Semi-VOC Concentration <sup>d</sup>
<u>Handling Code</u>	<u>Ship Date</u>
Hazardous Code	Transporter EPA ID
Headspace Gas Sample Date	Transporter Name
Headspace Gas Analysis Date	<del>Visual Exam Container<sup>e</sup></del>
<u>ICV Closure Date</u>	Waste Material Parameter <sup>d</sup>
Layers of Packaging	Waste Material Weight <sup>d</sup>
Liner Exists	Waste Matrix Code
Liner Hole Size	<del>Waste Matrix Code Group</del>
Filter Model	Waste Stream Profile Number
Number of Filters Installed	
Headspace Gas Analyte <sup>d</sup>	
Headspace Gas Concentration <sup>d</sup>	
Headspace Gas Char. Method <sup>d</sup>	
Total VOC Char. Method <sup>d</sup>	
Total Metals Char. Method <sup>d</sup>	
Total Semi-VOC Char. Method <sup>d</sup>	
<del>Item Description Code</del>	
Haz. Manifest Number	
<del>NDE Complete<sup>e</sup></del>	
Certification Module Data Fields	
<del>Container ID<sup>e</sup></del>	<del>Handling Code</del>
<del>Container type</del>	
<del>Container Weight</del>	
<del>Contact Dose Rate</del>	
<del>Container Certification date</del>	
<del>Container Closure Date</del>	

**TABLE B-78**  
**WIPP WASTE INFORMATION SYSTEM DATA FIELDS<sup>a</sup>**

<b>Transportation Data Module</b>	
<del>Contact Handled Package Number</del>	<del>Ship Date</del>
<del>Assembly Number<sup>f</sup></del>	<del>Receive Date</del>
<del>Container IDs<sup>e,d</sup></del>	
<del>ICV Closure Date</del>	
<b>Disposal Module Data</b>	
<del>Container ID<sup>e</sup></del>	
<del>Disposal Date</del>	
<del>Disposal Location</del>	

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a This is not a complete list of the WWIS data fields.

b Some of the fields required for characterization are also required for certification and/or transportation.

c Container ID is the main relational field in the WWIS Database.

d This is a multiple-occurring field for each analyte, nuclide, etc.

e These are logical fields requiring only a yes/no.

f Required for 7-packs of 55-gal drums, 4-packs of 85-gal drums, or 3-packs of 100-gal drums to tie all of the drums in that assembly together. This facilitates the identification of waste containers in a shipment without need to breakup the assembly.

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**TABLE B-69**  
**REQUIRED PROGRAM RECORDS MAINTAINED IN GENERATOR/STORAGE SITE**  
**CERTIFIED CHARACTERIZATION PROGRAM SITE-SPECIFIC PROJECT FILES**

<p><u>Lifetime Records</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Field sampling data forms</li><li>• Field and laboratory chain-of-custody forms</li><li>• Test facility and laboratory batch data reports</li><li>• <del>Waste Stream Characterization Package</del></li><li>• Sampling Plans</li><li>• Data reduction, validation, and reporting documentation</li><li>• Acceptable knowledge documentation</li><li>• Waste Stream Profile Form and Characterization Information Summary</li></ul>
<p><u>Non-Permanent Records</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nonconformance documentation</li><li>• <del>Variance documentation</del></li><li>• Assessment documentation</li><li>• Gas canister tags</li><li>• Methods performance documentation</li><li>• Performance Demonstration Program documentation</li><li>• Sampling equipment certifications</li><li>• Calculations and related software documentation</li><li>• Training/qualification documentation</li><li>• QAPjPs (<del>generator/storage sites</del> <u>certified characterization program</u>) documentation (all revisions)</li><li>• Calibration documentation</li><li>• Analytical raw data</li><li>• Procurement documentation</li><li>• QA procedures (all revisions)</li><li>• Technical implementing procedures (all revisions)</li><li>• Audio/video recording (radiography, visual, etc.)</li></ul>

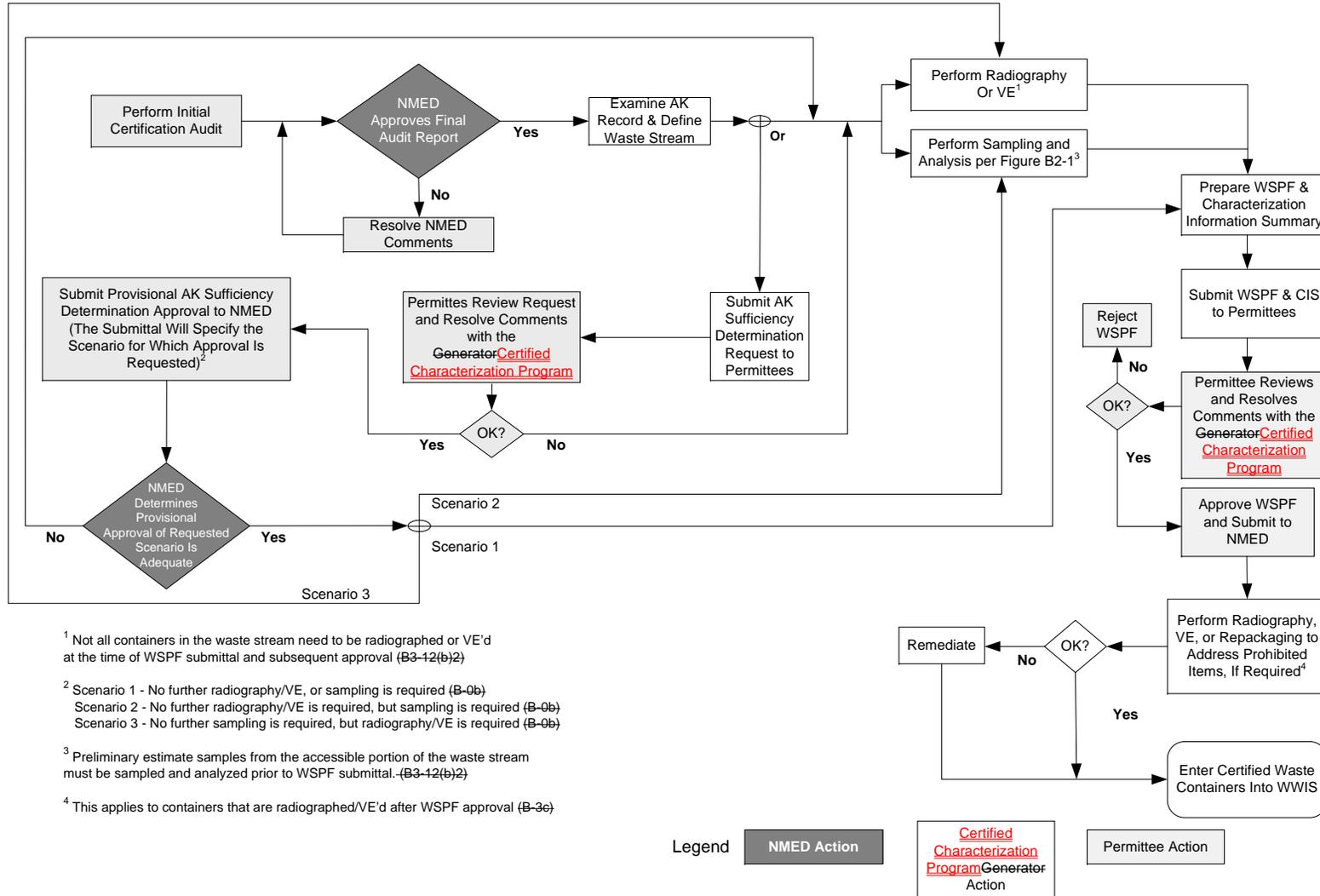
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<sup>1</sup> Not all containers in the waste stream need to be radiographed or VE'd at the time of WSPF submittal and subsequent approval (B3-12(b)2)

<sup>2</sup> Scenario 1 - No further radiography/VE, or sampling is required (B-0b)  
 Scenario 2 - No further radiography/VE is required, but sampling is required (B-0b)  
 Scenario 3 - No further sampling is required, but radiography/VE is required (B-0b)

<sup>3</sup> Preliminary estimate samples from the accessible portion of the waste stream must be sampled and analyzed prior to WSPF submittal. (B3-12(b)2)

<sup>4</sup> This applies to containers that are radiographed/VE'd after WSPF approval (B-3e)

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Figure B-21  
 Waste Characterization Process

WASTE STREAM PROFILE FORM

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Waste Stream **WIPP ID** Profile Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Generator **TRU Waste** Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Technical Contract: \_\_\_\_\_  
Generator **TRU Waste** Site EPA ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Technical Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of audit report approval by NMED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title, version number and date of documents used for WAP Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Did your facility generate this waste? ( )Yes ( )No  
If no, provide the name and EPA ID of the original generator: \_\_\_\_\_

**WIPP ID**: \_\_\_\_\_ Summary Category Group: \_\_\_\_\_  
Waste Stream Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Waste Stream** Description from the WTWBIR: \_\_\_\_\_

Defense Waste: ( )Yes ( )No Check one: ( )CH ( )RH  
Number of SWBs \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Drums \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Canisters \_\_\_\_\_  
Batch Data Report numbers supporting this waste stream characterization: \_\_\_\_\_  
List applicable EPA Hazardous Waste Numbers <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicable TRUCON Content **Codes** Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acceptable Knowledge Information** <sup>(1)</sup>  
(For the following, enter supporting documentation used (i.e., references and dates))

**AK Summary Report Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Program Information**

- Map of site: \_\_\_\_\_
- Facility mission description: \_\_\_\_\_
- Description of operations that generate waste: \_\_\_\_\_
- Waste identification/categorization schemes: \_\_\_\_\_
- Types and quantities of waste generated: \_\_\_\_\_
- Correlation of waste streams generated from the same building and process, as applicable: \_\_\_\_\_
- Waste certification procedures: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Waste Stream Information**

- Area(s) and building(s) from which waste stream was generated: \_\_\_\_\_
- Waste stream volume and time period of generation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Waste generating process description for each building: \_\_\_\_\_
- Waste process flow diagrams: \_\_\_\_\_
- Material inputs or other information identifying chemical/radionuclide content and physical waste form: \_\_\_\_\_
- Waste material parameter estimates per unit of waste: \_\_\_\_\_
- Which Defense Activity generated the waste: (check one)
  - ( ) Weapons activities including defense inertial confinement fusion
  - ( ) Naval reactors development
  - ( ) Verification and control technology
  - ( ) Defense research and development
  - ( ) Defense nuclear waste and material by products management
  - ( ) Defense nuclear material production
  - ( ) Defense nuclear waste and materials security and safeguards and security investigations

WASTE STREAM PROFILE FORM **Figure B-2**  
**WIPP Waste Stream Profile Form (Example Only)**

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- 2 Supplemental Documentation
- 3 Process design documents: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Standard operating procedures: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Safety Analysis Reports: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Waste packaging logs: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Test plans/research project reports: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Site data bases: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Information from site personnel: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Standard industry documents: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Previous analytical data: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 Material safety data sheets: \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Sampling and analysis data from comparable/surrogate waste: \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Laboratory notebooks: \_\_\_\_\_
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16 **Confirmation Information<sup>(2)</sup>** Waste characterization procedure(s) used and reference and date of the  
17 procedures(s): (For the following, when applicable, enter procedure title(s), number(s), and date(s))

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- 20 Radiography: \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 Visual Examination: \_\_\_\_\_
- 22 Headspace Gas:
- 23 Homogeneous Solids or Soils/Gravel Waste Sampling:
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25 **Waste Stream Profile Form Certification** Signature

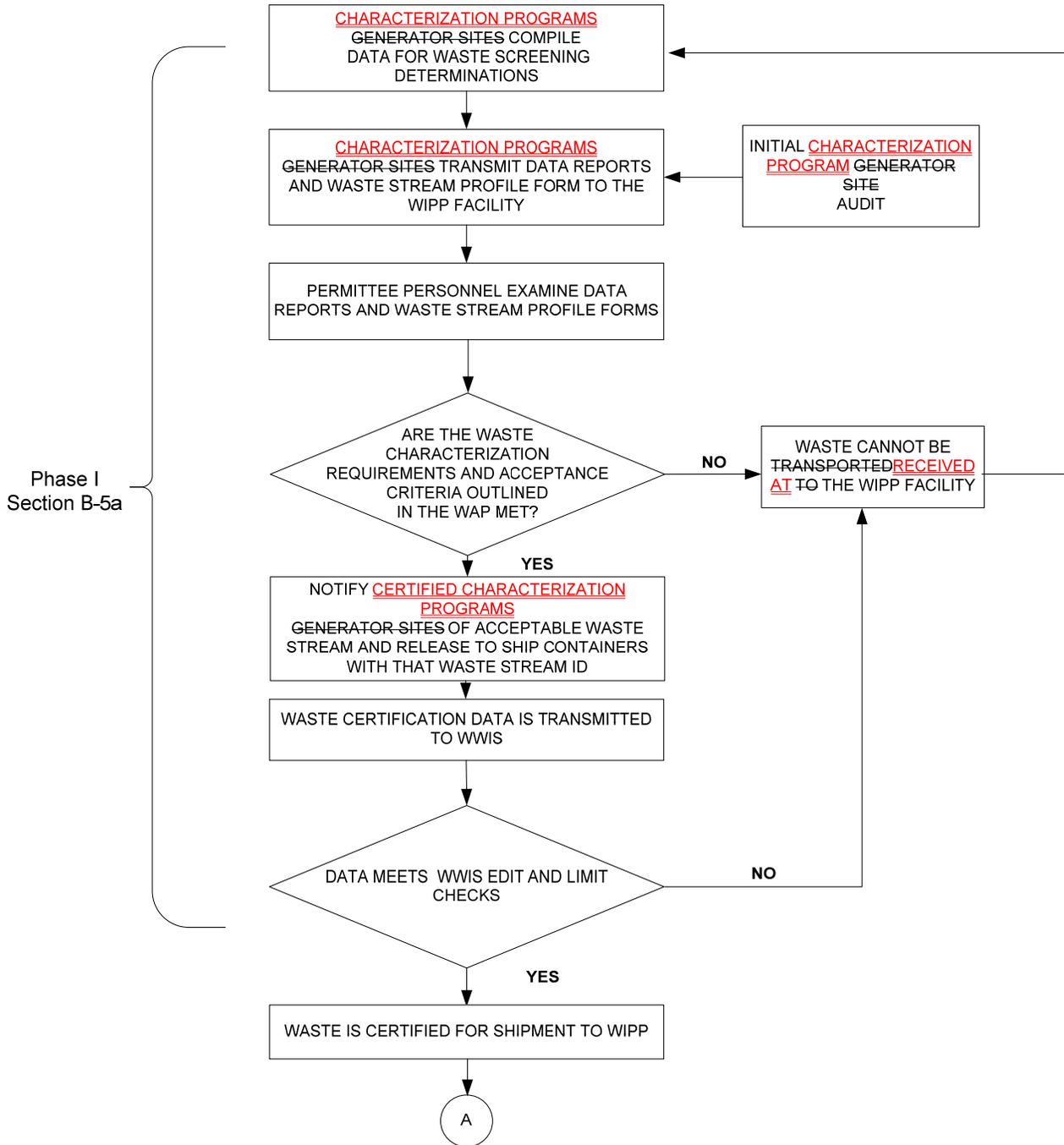
26 I hereby certify that I have reviewed the information in this Waste Stream Profile Form, and it is complete and  
27 accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this information will be made available to regulatory  
28 agencies and that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines  
29 and imprisonment for knowing violations.

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33 Signature of Site Project Manager                      Printed Name and Title                      Date

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- 35 **NOTE:**
- 36 (1) Use back of sheet or continuation sheets, if required.
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  - 38 (2) If, radiography, visual examination were used to confirm EPA Hazardous Waste Numbers,
  - 39 attach signed Characterization Information Summary documenting this determination.
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41 Figure B-12  
42 WIPP Waste Stream Profile Form (Example Only - Continued)

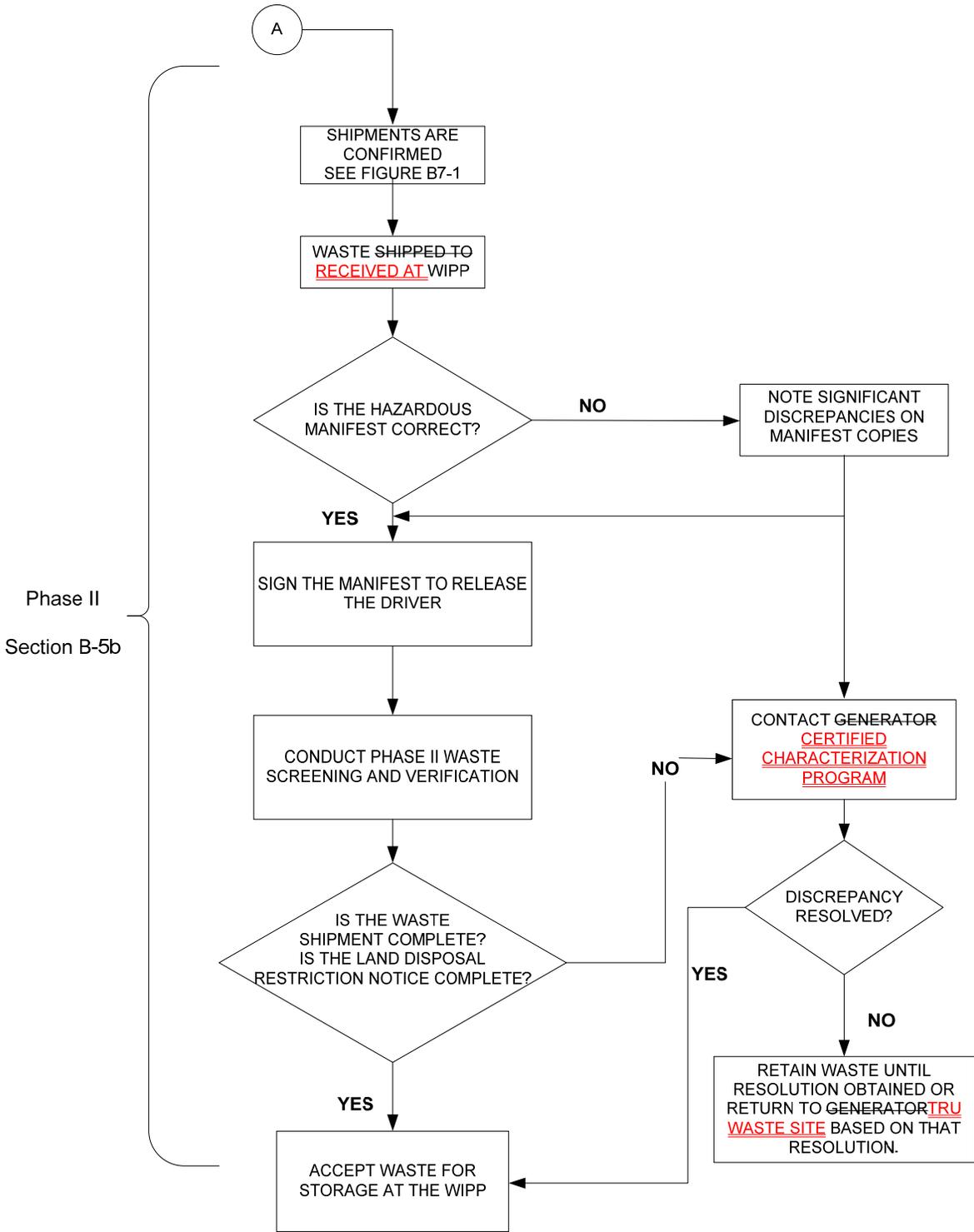
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Figure B-3  
 TRU Mixed Waste Screening and Verification Flow Diagram

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Figure B-3  
 TRU Mixed Waste Screening and Verification Flow Diagram (continued)