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**ABSTRACT**

This volume documents the data available as of August 1991, which were used by the Performance Assessment Division of Sandia National Laboratories in its 1991 preliminary performance assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). Ranges and distributions for about 300 modeling parameters, several of which are spatially varying parameters with between 15 and 80 point values, and about 500 well locations and corresponding stratigraphic elevations are presented in both tables and graphics for the geologic and engineered barriers, global materials (e.g., fluid properties), and agents that act upon the WIPP disposal system such as climate variability and human-intrusion boreholes. Sources for the data and a brief discussion of each parameter are also provided.

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Besides the DOE project office in Carlsbad, New Mexico, which oversees the project, the WIPP currently has two major participants: Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which functions as scientific investigator; and Westinghouse Electric Company, which is responsible for the management of WIPP operations. The specific tasks of Sandia are (1) characterizing the disposal system and surrounding region and responding to specific concerns of the State of New Mexico, (2) assessing the performance of the WIPP (i.e., assessing regulatory compliance with *40 CFR 191*, except the Assurance Requirements), (3) performing analytic, laboratory, field experiments, and applied research to nuclear waste disposal in salt, relevant to support tasks 1 and 2 (disposal system characterization and performance assessment), and (4) providing ad hoc scientific and engineering support (e.g., supporting environmental assessments such as Resource, Conservation, and Reentry Act (1976) and the National Environmental Policy Act (1969)). This volume helps fulfill the performance assessment task.

For the performance assessment, the PA Division at Sandia maintains a data base, the secondary data base, which contains interpreted data from many primary sources. The data are used to form a conceptual model of the WIPP disposal system. The secondary data base provides a set of parameter values (median, range, and distribution type where appropriate) and the source of these values. As better information becomes available, the parameter values reported herein will be updated. Thus, this volume is only a snapshot of the data in the secondary data base compiled as of August 1991. At a minimum, updated data reports will be issued annually as a separate volume of the *Preliminary Comparison with 40 CFR Part 191, Subpart B for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant*. A previous data report was published in December 1990 (Rechard et al., 1990a).

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Purpose and Organization of Report

The purpose of this volume is to present data and information compiled and available in August 1991 for use by the Performance Assessment (PA) Division of Sandia National Laboratories in its 1991 evaluation of the long-term performance ("performance assessment") of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The data are critical for generating a well-founded and defensible analysis. In this volume, performance assessment refers to the prediction of all long-term performance. For example, the data compiled can be used to compare WIPP performance with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) *Environmental Standards for the Management and Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel, High-Level, and Transuranic Radioactive Wastes (40 CFR 191)*, with long-term safety goals for individual exposure (doses) which may be necessary for environmental impact statements (National Environmental Policy Act [NEPA, 1969]), and with hazardous waste regulations (Resource, Conservation, Recovery Act of 1976 [RCRA, 1976]).

About 300 distinct parameters are listed in this report for use in the consequence and probability models used in simulations of the WIPP. Most of these parameters specify the physical, chemical, or hydrologic properties of the rock formations (geologic barriers) in which the WIPP is placed; a substantial number of the parameters specify physical, chemical, or hydrologic properties of the seals, backfill, and waste form (engineered barriers); and some pertain to future climatic variability or future episodes of exploratory drilling at the WIPP. Dimensions of selected engineered features of the WIPP underground facility are also listed, although these dimensions are not counted as part of the 300 parameters.

The EPA Standard, *40 CFR 191*, explicitly acknowledges the uncertainties associated with scientific predictions, especially when predictions cover thousands of years, and mandates that this uncertainty be reported when making comparisons with *40 CFR 191*. One of several sources of uncertainty in scientific predictions is uncertainty in the data; consequently, this report not only tabulates median values and sources for these values but also lists estimates of the range and distribution (uncertainty) of the parameters. A brief discussion accompanies each parameter description.

The organization of this volume is as follows:

- The remainder of Chapter 1 presents conventions used in the data tables, and background information on the selection of distributions, performance assessments, and the WIPP. Chapter 1 is arranged so that information specific to the data is presented first, followed by more general information (e.g., background on the WIPP)
- Chapter 2 provides consequence-model parameters for geologic barriers

- 1 • Chapter 3 provides consequence-model parameters for the engineered barriers
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- 3 • Chapter 4 provides consequence-model parameters for global materials such as fluid
- 4 properties (e.g., Salado Formation brine compressibility) and properties of agents that
- 5 act upon the WIPP disposal system such as climate variability and human-intrusion
- 6 boreholes
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- 8 • Chapter 5 provides probability model parameters for scenario-probability estimation
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- 10 • Chapter 6 lists the specific parameters that were varied for the December 1991
- 11 preliminary comparison of the WIPP with *40 CFR 191*
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- 13 • Appendices A and B provide endorsements of the data currently in use and tabulated
- 14 data from numerous wells near the disposal system
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- 16 • Following the cited references is a table of conversion factors between SI and common
- 17 English units; a glossary of terms; and a list of variables, acronyms, and initialisms.
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## 19 20 **1.2 Conventions**

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23 Chapters 2 through 5 provide the data that make up the 1991 conceptual model of the WIPP.  
24 The tables in these chapters list modeling parameters by their median ( $x_{50}$ ), range (a,b), units,  
25 distribution type, and data source. Plots of both probability and cumulative distribution  
26 functions (pdfs and cdfs) of these parameters depict the mean ( $\bar{x}$ ) and median ( $x_{50}$ ). These  
27 terms are defined below.  
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### 29 30 **1.2.1 Median**

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33 The median ( $x_{50}$ ), a measure of the central tendency of the distribution, represents the value  
34 in the cumulative distribution function (cdf) of the parameter that occupies the position at  
35 which 50% of the data lie above and below it (i.e., 0.5 quantile).  
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### 37 38 **1.2.2 Mean**

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41 The mean ( $\bar{x}$ ), another measure of the central tendency of the distribution, is the expected  
42 value (E) (first moment about the origin) of the x-variable with respect to a continuous or  
43 discrete probability distribution function (pdf).  
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$$45 \bar{x} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx \sim \sum_{\text{all } x} x_i f(x)_i = E(x) \quad (1.2-1)$$

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48 Because the mean is strongly influenced by the tails of the distribution, it is not tabulated;  
49 however, it is shown on plots of cdfs.  
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52 The sample mean, also denoted by  $\bar{x}$ , is the arithmetic average of sample data pertaining to a  
53 modeling parameter.  
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2 **1.2.3 Range**

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4 The range of a distribution, (a,b), is the pair of numbers in which a and b are respectively  
5 the minimum and the maximum values that are taken by the random variable x.

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7 **Continuous Distribution**

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9 For PA work, continuous distributions with range  $(-\infty, +\infty)$  (e.g., the normal distribution) are  
10 truncated at the 0.01 and 0.99 quantiles.

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12 **Constructed Distribution (Empirical)**

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14 Empirical distributions, cdfs and pdfs, are constructed from sets of measurements of a  
15 variable. Empirical cdfs are represented by histograms, which are piecewise constant  
16 functions based on the empirical percentiles derived from a set of measurements; an empirical  
17 cdf constructed in this way is an unbiased estimator of the unknown cdf associated with the  
18 variable (Blom, 1989, p. 216). The PA Division may modify empirical distributions in one or  
19 more of the four ways described below.

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21 (1) Since the range of measurements in a data set may not reflect the true range of the  
22 random variable underlying the measurements, the PA Division may estimate the range  
23 by  $\bar{x} + 2.33s$ , where  $\bar{x}$  is the *sample* mean and  $s$  is the *sample* standard deviation.  
24 (The lower limit of this estimate is not allowed to be less than zero for an intrinsically  
25 positive variable: both the upper and lower limit are not allowed to exceed physical  
26 limits.) This estimate of range is justified by the fact that the indicated end-points are  
27 estimates of the 0.01 and 0.99 quantiles if the variable is normally distributed. If the  
28 variable is not normally distributed, the quantiles will differ in inessential ways (Table  
29 1.2-1). For any distribution with finite mean and variance, Chebyshev's inequality states  
30 that the probability that the random variable  $x$  lies outside the interval  $(\bar{x} - hs, \bar{x} + hs)$ ,  $h$   
31  $> 0$ , is a quantity less than  $1/h^2$  (Blom, 1989, p. 121); i.e.,

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$$P(|x - \bar{x}| \geq hs) \leq \frac{1}{h^2} \tag{1.2-2}$$

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If the pdf of the unknown distribution is known to be unimodal and symmetric about  
the mean value, then the right-hand side of Eq. 1.2-2 can be replaced with  $4/(9h^2)$   
(Gauss' inequality); i.e.,

$$P(|x - \bar{x}| \geq hs) \leq \frac{4}{9h^2} \tag{1.2-3}$$

(2) If only two data points are available, the PA Division may estimate the range by  
 $(\bar{x} \pm \sqrt{3}s)$  (see uniform distribution, Table 1.2-2).

2 Table 1.2-1. Probability of Parameters Lying within Range Defined by  $\bar{x} \pm hs$  (after Harr, 1987,  
3 Table 1.8.2)

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68 (3) Empirical cdfs for intrinsically continuous variables are always converted to piecewise  
69 linear cdfs by joining the empirical percentile points (including extrapolated end points)  
70 with straight lines in linear space (Tierney, 1990a, p. II-5). (Cumulative distribution  
71 functions in log space will be piecewise exponential.)

72 **Constructed Distribution (Subjective)**

73 Subjective distributions are histograms constructed from subjective estimates of range (the 0  
74 and 1.0 quartiles) and at least one interior quartile (usually the 0.5 quartile) provided by  
75 experts in the subject matter of the variable of concern. The subjective cdf of an  
76 intrinsically continuous variable is always converted to a piecewise linear cdf by joining the  
77 subjective quartile points with straight lines in linear space (not log space). (Cumulative  
78 distribution functions in log space will be piecewise exponential.)

79 **Variance and Coefficient of Variation**

80 The variance,  $s^2$ , a measure of the width of a distribution, is the expected value of the square  
81 of the difference of the variable and its mean value (i.e., the second moment about the  
82 mean):

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$$84 \quad s^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \bar{x})^2 f(x) dx, \text{ or } s^2 = \sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2 f(x_i) \quad (1.2-4)$$

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86 The standard deviation,  $s$ , is the positive square root of the variance. The coefficient of  
87 variation,  $s/\bar{x}$ , is the ratio of the standard deviation to the mean value. The sample variance  
88 of a set of measurements of the  $x$ -variable, say  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ , is the sum

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$$90 \quad \frac{1}{(N - 1)} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - [\text{sample mean}])^2$$

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92 The sample variance is an unbiased estimator of the variance (Blom, 1989, p. 197).

Table 1.2-2 Description of Several Probability Distributions

Probability Density Function f(x)	Cumulative Distribution Function F(x)	Expected Value $\mu$	Variance $\sigma^2$
<p>1. Beta</p> $\frac{1}{B(\alpha, \lambda)} \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha-1} (b-x)^{\lambda-1}}{(b-a)^{\alpha+\lambda-2}}$ <p><math>a &lt; x &lt; b, \alpha &gt; 0, \lambda &gt; 0</math></p> <p>where</p> $B(\alpha, \lambda) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\lambda)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\lambda)} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma(\gamma) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{\gamma-1} e^{-x} dx$ $= \frac{\alpha! \lambda!}{(\alpha+\lambda-1)!} \quad \text{if } \alpha \text{ and } \lambda \text{ are integers}$	$\int_a^x f(x) dx$	$a = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\lambda}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2 \alpha \lambda}{(\alpha+\lambda)^2 (\alpha+\lambda+1)}$
<p>2. Gamma</p> $\frac{\lambda^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$	$\int_0^x f(x) dx$	$\frac{\alpha}{\lambda}$	$\frac{\alpha}{\lambda^2}$
<p>3. Exponential</p> $\lambda e^{-\lambda x} \quad x \geq 0$	$1 - e^{-\lambda x}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$

Table 1.2-2 Description of Several Probability Distributions (Continued)

Probability Density Function $f(x)$	Cumulative Distribution Function $F(x)$	Expected Value $\mu$	Variance $\sigma^2$
<p>4. Normal <math>N(\mu, \sigma^2)</math></p> $\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$ <p><math>-\infty \leq x \leq \infty</math></p> <p>but for WIPP PA</p> <p><math>a \leq x \leq b</math> where <math>P(x&gt;a) = 0.99</math> and <math>P(x&gt;b) = 0.01</math></p>	$\int_{-\infty}^x f(x)dx$	$\mu$	$\sigma^2$
		$\mu = \frac{a+b}{2}$	$\left(\frac{b-a}{4.66}\right)^2$
<p>5. Lognormal</p> $\frac{1}{\sigma x \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\ln x - \mu)^2\right]$ <p><math>x \geq 0</math></p> <p><math>x = e^y</math> where <math>y = N(\mu, \sigma^2)</math></p> <p>but for WIPP PA</p> <p><math>P(y&gt;a) = 0.99</math> and</p> <p><math>P(y&gt;b) = 0.01</math></p>	$\int_0^x f(x)dx$	$\exp\left[\mu(y) + \frac{\sigma^2(y)}{2}\right]$ <p>Median = <math>e^{\mu(y)}</math></p>	$e^{2\mu(y) + \sigma^2(y)} \left(e^{\sigma^2(y)} - 1\right)$
		$\mu(y) = \frac{a+b}{2}$	$\sigma^2(y) = \left(\frac{b-a}{4.66}\right)^2$

Table 1.2-2 Description of Several Probability Distributions (Concluded)

Probability Density Function $f(x)$	Cumulative Distribution Function $F(x)$	Expected Value $\mu$	Variance $\sigma^2$
6. Uniform  $\frac{1}{b-a} \quad a \leq x \leq b$	  $\frac{x-a}{b-a}$	  $\frac{a+b}{2} = \mu$  $a = \mu - \sqrt{3}\sigma$  $b = \mu + \sqrt{3}\sigma$	  $\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$
7. Loguniform  $\frac{1}{x(\ln b - \ln a)} \quad a < x < b$	  $\frac{\ln x - \ln a}{\ln b - \ln a}$	  $\frac{b-a}{\ln b - \ln a}$  Median = $\sqrt{ab}$	  $(b-a) \left[ \frac{(\ln b - \ln a)(b+a) - 2(b-a)}{2(\ln b - \ln a)^2} \right]$
8. Binomial (discrete)  $\frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \rho^x (1-\rho)^{n-x}$  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N;$	  $\sum_{\chi=0}^x f(\chi)$  $\chi=0$	  $np$	  $np(1-p)$
9. Poisson (discrete)  $\frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!} \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$	  $\sum_{\chi} f(\chi)$  $\chi=0$	  $\mu$	  $\mu$

## 1.2.4 Units

The units indicate how the parameter is expressed quantitatively. Only SI units are used in the tables and the PA secondary data base (except for radionuclide inventory activity, which is expressed in curies since EPA release limits for 40 CFR 191 are expressed in curies). However equivalent values in English units are given in the text. In addition, conversion factors for SI and English units are listed at the end of the report.

## 1.2.5 Distribution Type

The distribution types listed in the tables are grouped into four major categories (Table 1.2-2):

1. Continuous pdf: beta, normal, lognormal, uniform, or loguniform (Figure 1.2-1a)
2. Discrete pdf: Poisson (Figure 1.2-1b)
3. Constructed distributions: a piecewise linear cdf designated as "cumulative" (subjective); a piecewise uniform pdf designated as "data" or a piecewise uniform cdf designated as "delta" (Figure 1.2-1b)
4. Miscellaneous categories (null distributions): constant, spatial, and table.

The figures in the text emphasize the cdf of the distribution--the form of the distribution from which samples are taken; however, the pdf of the distribution is also shown.

### Continuous Probability Density Functions

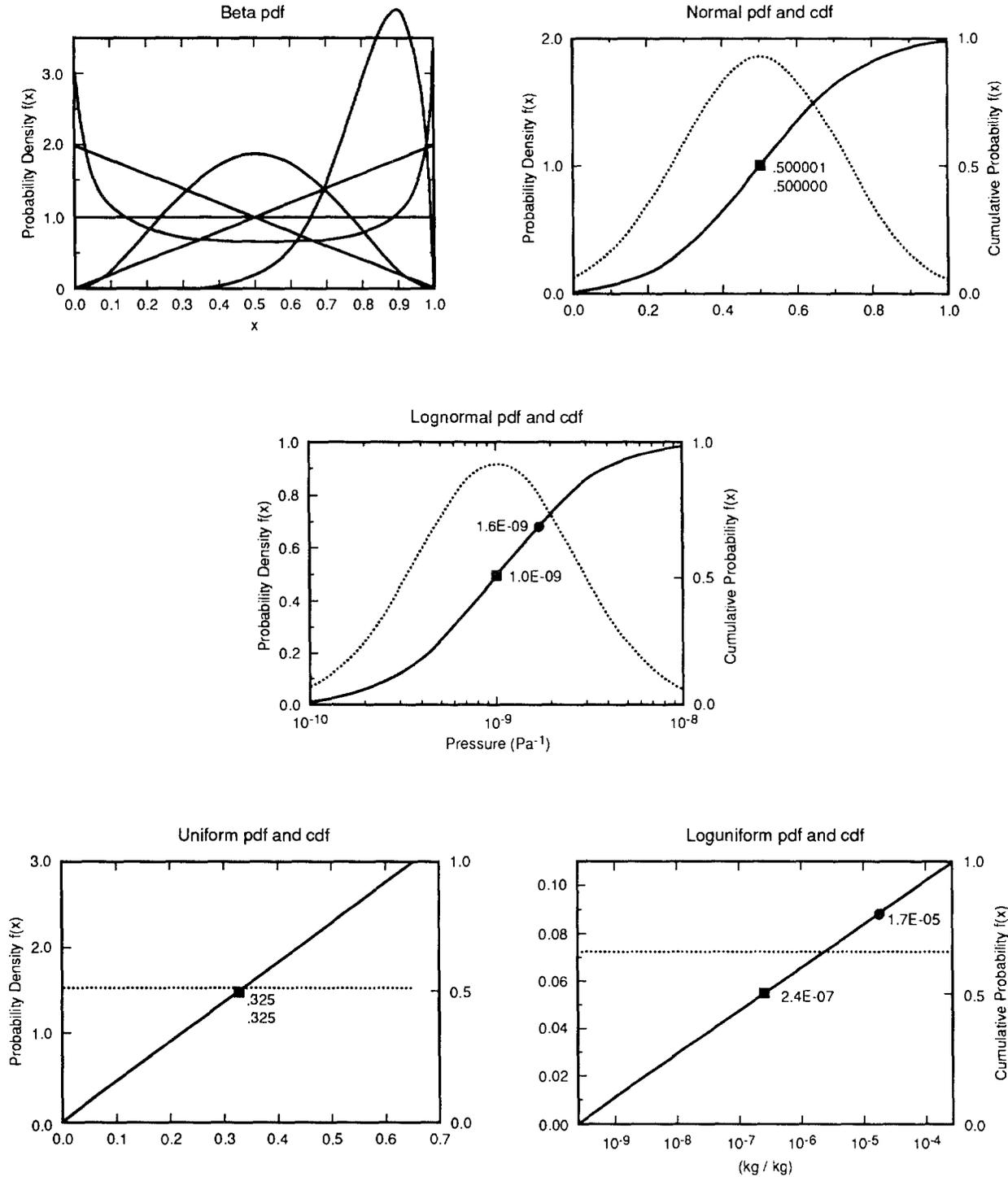
Five continuous pdfs are described below:

**Beta.** Beta designates the beta pdf, which is a versatile density function specified by two parameters ( $\alpha$ ,  $\lambda$ ) that can assume numerous shapes in a specified range (a,b) (Harr, 1987, p. 79; Johnson and Kotz, 1970b, p. 37; Miller and Freund, 1977, p. 119).

**Normal.** Normal designates the normal pdf, a good approximation of many physical parameters. Most arguments for the use of the normal distribution are based on the central limit theorem (Miller and Freund, 1977, p. 104; Johnson and Kotz, 1970a, p. 40). The distribution is truncated at the 0.01 and 0.99 quantiles (i.e., the probability that the parameter will be smaller or larger is 1%), which corresponds to  $\bar{x} \pm 2.33s$ .

**Lognormal.** Lognormal designates a lognormal pdf, a distribution of a variable whose logarithm follows a normal distribution. The distribution is truncated at the 0.01 and 0.99 quantiles.

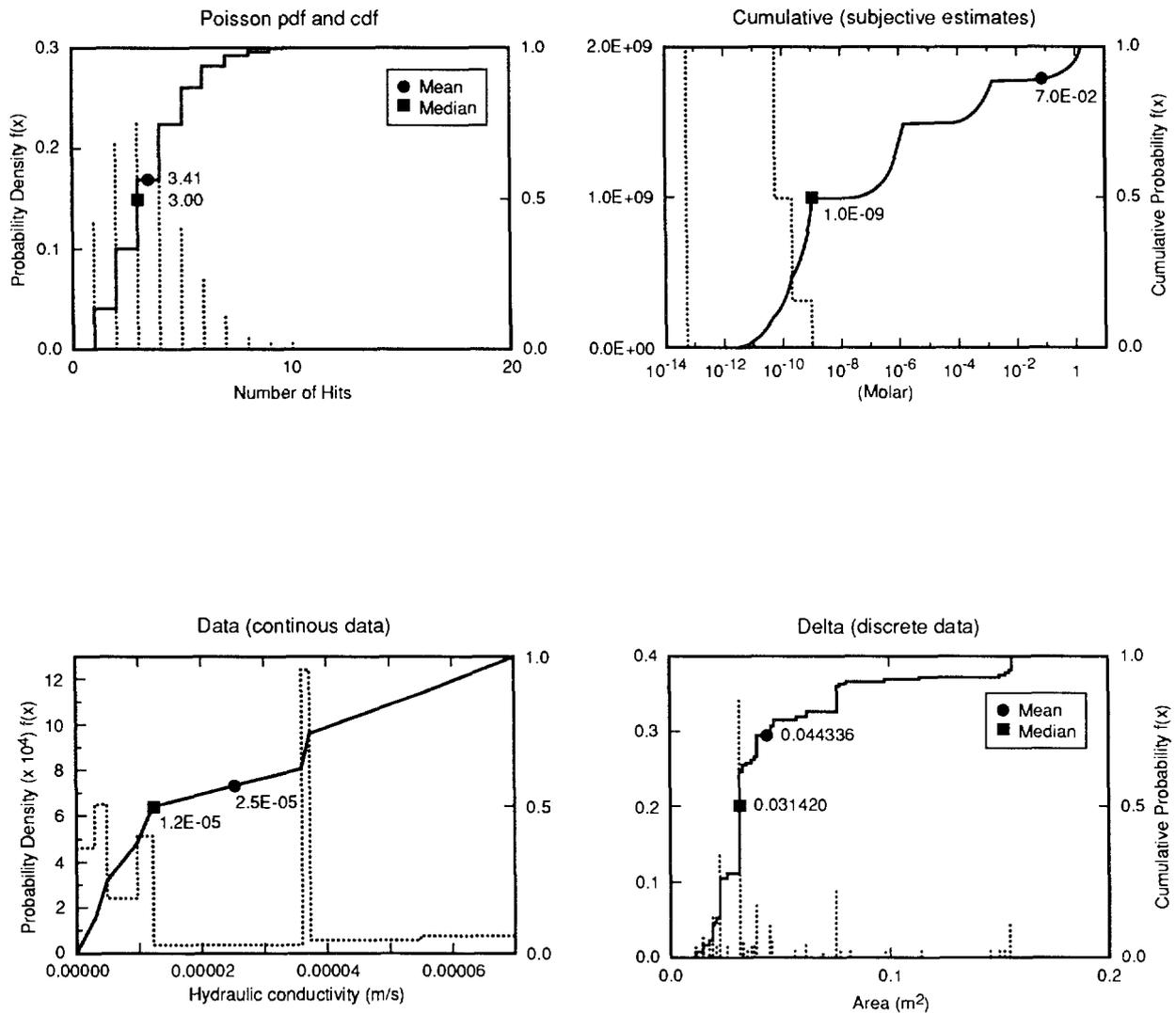
**Uniform.** Uniform designates a pdf that is constant in the interval (a,b) and zero outside of that interval.



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(a) Continuous Distribution Plots

Figure 1.2-1. Examples of Distribution Plots



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(b) Discrete and Constructed Distribution Plots

Figure 1.2-1. Examples of Distribution Plots (Concluded)

1 **Loguniform.** Loguniform designates a loguniform pdf, a distribution of a variable whose  
2 logarithm follows a uniform distribution.

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4 **Discrete Probability Density Function**

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6 One discrete probability density function, the Poisson, was used.

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8 **Poisson.** Poisson designates a discrete Poisson pdf. The Poisson pdf is often used to model  
9 processes taking place over continuous intervals of time such as the arrival of telephone calls  
10 at a switch station (queuing problem) or the number of imperfections continuously produced  
11 in a bolt of cloth. The Poisson pdf is used in the probability model for human intrusion by  
12 exploratory drilling.

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14 **Constructed Distributions**

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16 The cumulative, data, and delta distributions are described below:

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18 **Cumulative.** The cumulative distribution type refers to the piecewise linear cdf constructed  
19 by linearly connecting subjective point estimates of the distribution percentiles supplied by  
20 experts (Tierney, 1990a, Section 3.1). Distributions are stored in the secondary data base as a  
21 cdf when the distribution is subjectively estimated from sparse or no data. Plots of the  
22 subjectively estimated distributions show a corresponding piecewise uniform pdf, but the pdf  
23 is not used for calculations.

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25 **Data.** The data distribution type indicates an empirical distribution (i.e., measured data  
26 points are stored in the data base and used to form the distribution). The pdf is piecewise  
27 uniform; the cdf, which is constructed from this data for purposes of Monte Carlo sampling,  
28 is piecewise linear (see Cumulative). However, the name indicates that the distribution is  
29 based on empirical information rather than subjective estimates.

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31 **Delta.** The delta distribution type refers to a pdf where parameters must be assigned discrete  
32 values (i.e., the pdf is a series of dirac delta functions ( $\sum \delta(x_i - x)$ ); the cdf is a series of step  
33 functions). As an example, in the 1990 preliminary comparison (Bertram-Howery et al.,  
34 1990) the drill-bit diameters used for the human-intrusion borehole were not assumed to vary  
35 continuously between the minimum and maximum drill bit sizes, but were fixed at diameters  
36 of bits that are actually available.

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38 **Miscellaneous Categories**

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40 The constant, spatial, and table distributions are described below:

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42 **Constant.** When a distribution type is listed as constant, a distribution has not been assigned  
43 and a constant value is used in all PA calculations.

1 **Spatial.** The spatial category of data indicates that the parameter varies spatially. This  
2 spatial variation is shown on an accompanying figure. The median value recorded is a typical  
3 value for simulations that use the parameter as a lumped parameter in a model; however, the  
4 value varies depending upon the scale of the model. The range of a spatially varying  
5 parameter is also scale dependent.

6  
7 **Table.** The table category of data indicates that the parameter varies with another property  
8 and the result is a tabulated value. For example, relative permeability varies with saturation;  
9 its distribution type is listed as table (also, the median value is not meaningful and is  
10 therefore omitted in the table).

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12 **Note on Correlations.** Most of the uncertain variables studied during the 1991 PA  
13 calculations were assumed to be independent random variables, although it was known some  
14 were interdependent, i.e., correlated in some way. Correlations of the model variables may  
15 arise from the fact that there are natural correlations between the local quantities used to  
16 determine the form of the model variable (e.g., local porosity could be strongly correlated  
17 with local permeability); or correlations of model variables may be implicit in the form of the  
18 mathematical model in which they are used.

## 19 20 **1.2.6 Sources**

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23 The source indicates the document in which the parameter value is cited. Several sources are  
24 cited when one source cannot supply all the data or information (e.g., median, range,  
25 distribution type, or explanatory information).

## 26 27 28 **1.2.7 Note on Unnecessary Conservatism of Material-Property Parameters**

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31 The following arguments attempt to show why some of the current assignments of probability  
32 distributions to material-property parameters of WIPP performance models are unnecessarily  
33 conservative, given the present level of detail and spatial resolution of the models. Current  
34 methods of assigning uncertainty to some of the material-property parameters (e.g., including  
35 small-scale spatial variability as a source of uncertainty) may distort results of sensitivity  
36 analyses performed to identify those important model variables that are material-property  
37 parameters and result in unnecessary expense, but will probably not affect validity of results  
38 of the uncertainty analyses that are used to make preliminary comparisons with EPA  
39 standards.

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42 WIPP performance models described in Volume 2 of this report are based on the numerical  
43 solution of one or more of three types of equations:

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45 (a) Partial differential equations - which are reduced to a set of algebraic equations or  
46 ordinary differential equations in order to effect a solution by finite-difference or  
47 finite-element methods. Examples: the equations of groundwater and brine flow,  
48 solute transport, gas flow, and salt creep.

1 (b) Ordinary differential equations - which may be the result of a reduction of a partial  
2 differential equation or may directly model the dynamics of a lumped-parameter  
3 system, e.g., punctured brine reservoirs, leaching and decay of radioactive waste  
4 stored in a panel.

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6 (c) Algebraic equations of the form

$$7 \quad F(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n; y) = 0$$

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10 which may arise indirectly from equilibrium solutions of ordinary differential  
11 equations (i.e., solutions for time  $\rightarrow \infty$ ) or may directly express a model of some  
12 physical relationship between WIPP performance-model variables ( $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ )  
13 and  $y$ .

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15 In addition to dependent variables and independent variables of position and time, certain  
16 constants, or free parameters, will appear in each of the three types of equations. In most  
17 cases, these free parameters are intended to represent physical and chemical properties of real  
18 materials of the WIPP system: e.g., the hydraulic conductivity, porosity, and specific storage  
19 in models of fluid flow in the Salado Fm.; the fracture spacing, dispersivity, diffusivity, and  
20 chemical distribution coefficients in models of solute transport in the Culebra Fm.; the  
21 porosity, permeability and solubility of waste forms emplaced in a typical WIPP panel. This  
22 kind of free parameter will be called a material-property parameter in the remainder of this  
23 note.

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25 Many of the material-property parameters of WIPP performance models were included in the  
26 set of uncertain variables that was sampled in a recent study of variable sensitivity of  
27 performance models (Helton et al., 1991) and in a recent preliminary assessment of WIPP  
28 system performance (Rechard et al., 1990a). (Note: In these two reports, all uncertain model  
29 parameters were usually called "variables" or "independent variables.") In these studies,  
30 uncertainty associated with a sampled variable was quantified by assigning an empirical or  
31 subjective probability distribution to the values taken on by that variable within a  
32 predetermined range of values. Current procedures for the assignment of probability  
33 distributions are described in Section 3.1 of Tierney (1990a); these procedures include  
34 construction of empirical cumulative distribution functions (cdfs) from data sets or, if there is  
35 little or no data, construction of cdfs from subjective quantiles obtained by elicitation of  
36 expert opinion. Tierney (1990a; Chapter III) also briefly noted the problems involved in  
37 scaling uncertainty from measured data to model parameters and he suggested some rules for  
38 estimating the mean and variance of a material-property parameter using the sample mean  
39 and variance of a set of measurements of the material property.

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41 The distribution of a material-property parameter needs to reflect spatial variability of the  
42 material property and also the scale of the model. The zones or cells of numerical models  
43 (finite-element, finite-difference, or lumped-parameter models) must be few in number in  
44 order to minimize computational time and expense; in a typical problem involving geologic  
45 media, these cells will have dimensions of tens of meters or more and volumes of thousands

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1 of cubic meters. Material-property parameters must therefore represent the effects of a  
2 physical or chemical property of matter in these relatively large, arbitrarily defined volumes  
3 of space. It follows that material-property parameters are model dependent and usually not  
4 observable quantities, i.e., quantities that can be measured in the field or in the laboratory.  
5 On the other hand, with few exceptions (e.g., formation transmissivity measured by pumping  
6 tests) most physical and chemical properties of geologic or anthropogenic materials are  
7 actually measured on spatial scales typical of the laboratory or an exploratory borehole, a  
8 matter of at most a few tens of centimeters. In addition, natural materials and many man-  
9 made materials (e.g., defense waste) tend to be inhomogeneous on spatial scales characteristic  
10 of model cell sizes; accordingly, a set of measurements of a material property taken randomly  
11 from large volumes of real material may show wide variability. The question is: How to  
12 assign values to material-property parameters in a way that correctly reflects both cell size  
13 and the small-scale variability that may appear in measurements of the corresponding material  
14 property?

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16 To begin to answer this question, assume that the material property can be represented as a  
17 scalar field in space, say  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ , where  $\mathbf{x} = (x,y,z)$  denotes position in space. (The assumptions  
18 of a scalar quantity in three dimensions are for the sake of simplicity of argument and  
19 involve no loss of generality; the property could be a vector or tensor.) It is argued in some  
20 modern textbooks that the material-property parameter, say  $\Phi$ , to be used in type (a)  
21 equations (above) should be taken as a spatial average of  $\phi$  over the cell or zone; for instance,  
22 in a cell or zone of volume  $V$ ,

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$$\Phi(V) = \frac{1}{V} \int_V \phi(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \quad (1.2-5)$$

30 where  $d\mathbf{x}$  is the volume element  $dx dy dz$ . (Again, no loss of generality is involved; a line or  
31 surface average could replace the volume average.) The arguments for this choice of  
32 material-property parameter are highly technical and limitations of time and space preclude  
33 their inclusion in this note; however, see the discussion in de Marsily (1986, Chapter 3 and  
34 Section 4.4).

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36 To account for spatial variability of  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ , it can be assumed that  $\phi$  is a *stationary, random*  
37 *scalar field* within a cell volume  $V$ , with realizations  $\phi(\mathbf{x},\mu)$  and the following statistical  
38 properties:

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$$\text{Expectation of } \phi(\mathbf{x},\mu) = E[\phi(\mathbf{x})] = \bar{\phi}, \text{ a constant,} \quad (1.2-6)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Covariance of } \phi(\mathbf{x},\mu) &= E\{[\phi(\mathbf{x}) - \bar{\phi}][\phi(\mathbf{y}) - \bar{\phi}]\} \\ &= \sigma^2 \rho(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|), \end{aligned} \quad (1.2-7)$$

1 where  $\sigma^2$  is a constant (called the variance of  $\phi$ ), and  $\rho(\bullet)$  is a function of  $r = |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|$  with the  
2 properties

$$\begin{aligned} 3 & \\ 4 & \rho(r) \geq 0 \text{ for } r \in (0, \infty), \\ 5 & \rho(r) \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } r \rightarrow 0 \\ 6 & \rho(r) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{1.2-8}$$

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8 The function  $\rho(\bullet)$  is called the autocorrelation function (Yaglom, 1962); it is a measure of the  
9 statistical dependence of the values of  $\phi$  measured at two different points  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ . The  
10 assumptions of constant mean value  $\bar{\phi}$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  can be slightly weakened by allowing  
11 these quantities to depend on the coordinates of the center of the volume  $V$ ; i.e.,  $\bar{\phi}$  and  $\sigma^2$   
12 may vary from cell to cell.

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14 Treating  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  as a stationary random field with statistical properties 1.2-6 through 1.2-8  
15 allows estimates of the mean value and variance of the volume average of  $\phi$ ,  $\Phi(V)$ , to be  
16 made. It is shown in many textbooks (see for instance Yaglom, 1962, pgs. 23-24) that

$$17 \quad \text{Expectation of } \Phi(V) = E[\Phi(V)] = \bar{\phi}, \tag{1.2-9}$$

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21 and

$$22 \quad \text{Variance of } \Phi(V) = \frac{\sigma^2}{V^2} \int_V \int_V \rho(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|) \, d\mathbf{x} \, d\mathbf{y}. \tag{1.2-10}$$

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33 If  $\bar{\phi}$ ,  $\sigma^2$  and  $\rho(r)$  were known, the problem would be essentially solved in that the distribution  
34 of the material-property parameter,  $\Phi(V)$ , could be approximated by a normal distribution  
35 with mean and variance given respectively by Eqs. 1.2-9 and 1.2-10. In general,  $\bar{\phi}$ ,  $\sigma^2$  and  
36 the function  $\rho(r)$  must be estimated using sets of measurements of the material property  $\phi$ ,  
37 say  $(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_N)$ . The estimators of  $\bar{\phi}$  and  $\sigma^2$  are the usual unbiased estimators of mean  
38 and variance (see Tierney, 1990a, pp. II-4,5) and, given a sufficiently large set of spatially  
39 coordinated measurements of  $\phi$ , approximations to the autocorrelation function could be  
40 constructed and used in the numerical evaluation of the volume integrals in Eq. 1.2-10. This  
41 ideal solution to the problem cannot be implemented, however, since there are few  
42 measurements of the material properties appearing in WIPP performance models (and most are  
43 not spatially indexed; measured transmissivity, grain density, porosity, and tortuosity of the  
44 Culebra Formation are exceptions). Thus, one must try to use available measurements and  
45 insight to infer the statistical properties, given by Eqs. 1.2-9 and 1.2-10, of material-property  
46 parameters  $\Phi(V)$ . The following observations may be useful in inferring statistical properties  
47 of material-property parameters.

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1 (1) The variance of a material-property parameter is less than or equal to the apparent  
2 variance of the material property. Note that because of the properties of  $\rho(r)$  (Eq. 1.2-8), the  
3 integrand in the double volume integral of Eq. 1.2-10 is always less than one so that

4  
5 Variance of  $\Phi(V) \leq \sigma^2$ .

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7 In particular, if we take the special form of autocorrelation function ("cookie cutter"),

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$$\rho(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|) = 1 \text{ if } |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| \leq a,$$
  
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$$= 0 \text{ otherwise,} \tag{1.2-11}$$

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12 then

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14 Variance of  $\Phi(V) \approx \frac{v}{V} \sigma^2$  (1.2-12)  
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19 where  $v = \frac{4\pi}{3} a^3$  can be called the *volume of correlation*. Equation 1.2-12  
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23 suggests that if the volume of correlation is  $\ll V$ , then the distribution of  $\Phi(V)$  is peaked  
24 about the mean value of the material property,  $\bar{\phi}$ . If the coefficient of variation of the  
25 material property,  $\sigma/\bar{\phi}$ , is not large (say, of the order of one), the distribution of  $\Phi(V)$  is more  
26 sharply peaked about the mean value,  $\bar{\phi}$ , than is the distribution of the material property,  
27  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ . If this tendency is strong enough, then  $\Phi(V)$  can simply be assigned the mean value,

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$$\Phi(V) \approx \bar{\phi}$$
  
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33 This is what is usually done in studies with numerical models that are not probabilistic; that  
34 is, not directed explicitly towards sensitivity and uncertainty analyses.

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36 (2) If, as suggested above,  $\Phi(V) \approx \bar{\phi}$ , then one must consider the uncertainty inherent in  
37 estimating the mean value  $\bar{\phi}$ , that arises from (a) a limited number of measurements of the  
38 material property, and (b) relationships between  $\bar{\phi}$  and other uncertain problem parameters.  
39 Uncertainty of type (a) can be handled by fitting available data to a "t-distribution" (Blom,  
40 1989) which, in a Bayesian approach, gives the distribution of the true mean of the material  
41 property about the sample mean of measurements. However, this was not done in assigning  
42 ranges to parameters and thus introduces conservatism. Uncertainty of type (b) is model  
43 dependent and must be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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45 The standard techniques of statistical estimation cannot be directly applied when the  
46 distribution of the material property,  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ , must be gained by subjective means, i.e., the  
47 elicitation of expert judgment. In such cases, the PA Division must make the unnecessarily  
48 conservative assumption that the distribution of the material property,  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ , is also the  
49 distribution of the material-property parameter,  $\Phi(V)$ .

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## 1.3 Background on Selecting Parameter Distribution

### 1.3.1 Requests for Data from Sandia Investigators and Analysts

When evaluating long-term performance, the PA Division follows a fairly well-defined procedure for acquiring and controlling the data used in consequence and probability models. A data base, called the secondary data base, contains the interpreted data and in essence embodies the conceptual model(s) of the disposal system. The data provided in this report are from the secondary data base as of July 1991 and are used in the 1991 preliminary performance assessment of the WIPP (Volume 1 of this report).

The major sources of the data are the task leaders and investigators at Sandia and from Westinghouse.

#### Identify Necessary Data

Each year, the PA Division identifies data that are necessary to perform the calculations for the preliminary performance assessment. Members of the PA Division informally compile data from published reports, personal communications with investigators, and other sources.

#### Request Median Value and Distribution

The PA Division then requests that the investigators provide a median value and distribution for each parameter in a large subset of the parameters. Some model parameters are specific to the PA calculations and so individuals in the PA Division are considered the experts for these parameters (e.g., probability model parameters).

Initially, the investigator is responsible for providing the median value and distribution for all parameters. As this procedure for acquiring data is repeated, a few parameters are evaluated through formal elicitation.

#### Update Secondary Data Base

The PA Division enters the endorsed or elicited data into the secondary data base. The PA Division then selects a subset of the data to sample, keeping all other values constant at the median or mean value, unless specifically noted.

#### Perform Consequence Simulations and Sensitivity Analyses

The PA Division runs consequence simulations and sensitivity analyses with the selected subsets of data from the updated secondary data base. The sensitivity analysis may evaluate either or both the sensitivity and the importance of a parameter in determining variation of the result (i.e., CCDF). During this time, the PA Division prepares a report that lists the data in the secondary data base at the time of these calculations (i.e., this data report).

1 **Determine Whether Parameter Is Important in Analysis**

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3 By means of the sensitivity analyses, the PA Division can determine whether the parameter is  
4 significant in the calculations. If the parameter does not appear to be significant in the  
5 sensitivity analyses, and the review process of the Data Report does not question the  
6 parameter value, then the parameter is flagged as not likely to change or be sampled.

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8 **1.3.2 Construction of Distributions**

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12 The steps below describe the procedure developed by the PA Division to construct probability  
13 distributions (cdfs or pdfs) for the uncertain independent variables in consequence and  
14 probability models (Figure 1.3-1) (modified from Tierney, 1990a).

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16 **Step 1**

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18 Determine whether site-specific data for the variable in question exists, i.e., find a set of  
19 site-specific sample values of the variable. Data are usually either documented in a formal  
20 report or are described in an internal memorandum (see Appendix A). If data sets exist, go  
21 to Step 3; if no data sets are found, go to Step 2.

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23 **Step 2**

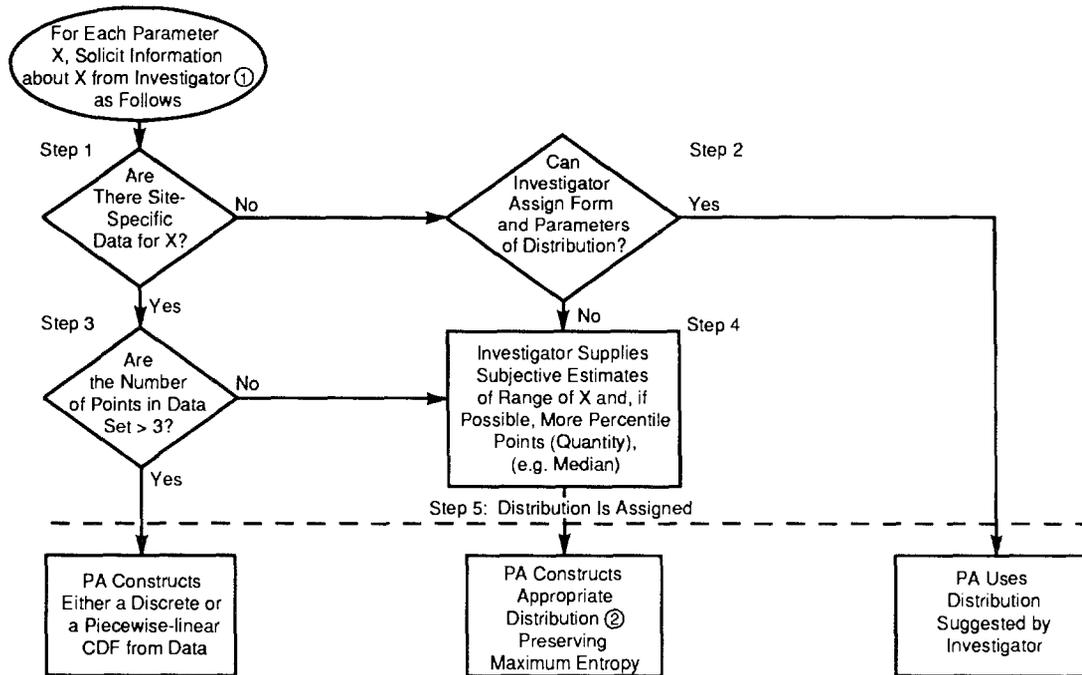
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25 Request that the investigator supply a specific shape (e.g., normal, lognormal) and associated  
26 numerical parameters for the distribution of the variable. If the investigator assigns a  
27 specific shape and numerical parameters, go to Step 5; if the investigator cannot assign a  
28 specific shape and appropriate parameters, go to Step 4. In responding to this request, the  
29 investigator may use his or her knowledge of global data to form an answer.

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31 **Step 3**

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33 Determine the size of the combined data sets. If the number of values in the combined data  
34 set is  $>3$ , use the combined data to evaluate the data range as  $\bar{x} \pm 2.33s$  and construct  
35 a piecewise-linear cumulative distribution function or, alternatively, a discrete  
36 cumulative distribution function, and then go to Step 5. If the number of variables in the  
37 combined data set is  $\leq 3$ , evaluate the data range as  $\bar{x} \pm \sqrt{3}s$  and go to Step 4.

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40 **Step 4**

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42 Request that the investigator provide subjective estimates of (a) the range of the variable  
43 (i.e., the minimum and maximum values taken by the variable with at least 99% confidence  
44 and preferably 100% confidence) and (b) if possible, one of the following (in decreasing  
45 order of preference): (1) percentile points for the distribution of the variable (e.g., the 25th,  
46 50th [median], and 75th percentiles), (2) the mean value and standard deviation of the  
47 distribution, or (3) the mean value. Again, in responding to this request, the investigator may  
48 use his or her knowledge of global data to form an answer. Then, using the maximum  
49 entropy formalism (MEF), construct one of the following distributions depending upon the  
50 kind of subjective estimate that has been provided (Tierney, 1990a; Harr, 1987):  
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Figure 1.3-1. Five-Step Procedure Used to Construct Cumulative Distribution Functions (cdf) for the 1991 Performance Simulations. Investigator refers to expert in subject matter; MEF refers to maximum entropy formalism (after Tierney, 1990a).

- Uniform pdf over the range of the variable
- Piecewise-linear cdf based on the subjective percentiles
- Exponential pdf (truncated) based on the subjective range and mean value
- Normal pdf based on subjective mean value and standard deviation
- Beta pdf based on the subjective range, mean value, and standard deviation. (The beta distribution is not a maximum-entropy distribution under these constraints.)

Then go to Step 5.

**Step 5**

End of procedure; distribution is assigned. Computational restrictions may require later modification to some distributions and are discussed with each parameter.

### 2 1.3.3 Selection of Parameters for Sampling

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4 For the 1991 preliminary performance assessment of the WIPP, the 45 parameters that were  
5 selected for variation (sampling) together with a brief description of why they were selected  
6 are discussed in Chapter 6. Other studies on subsystems of the WIPP disposal system (e.g.,  
7 sensitivity of the repository to gas generation) may use different subsets of the approximately  
8 300 parameters for which distributions are reported herein.  
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### 10 11 1.3.4 Elicitation of Distributions from Experts

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14 This section discusses formal elicitation of probability distributions for model parameters that  
15 are uncertain and are considered significant in the performance assessment (e.g., estimate of  
16 radionuclide concentration in the disposal region [Trauth et al., 1991]). Formal elicitation is  
17 also being used in the performance assessment of the WIPP to hypothesize about possible  
18 futures of society and the effects of appropriate markers to warn future societies about the  
19 WIPP; these elicitation efforts are discussed elsewhere (Hora et al., 1991).  
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22 In all aspects of data gathering, professional judgment (i.e., opinion) must bridge the gaps in  
23 knowledge that invariably exist in scientific explanations. For example, the selection of  
24 methods to collect data (characterizing a site), interpretation of data, development of  
25 conceptual models, and selection of model parameters all require professional judgment by  
26 the investigator. This volume summarizes these judgments.  
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28 When data are lacking, either because of the complexity of processes or the time and  
29 resources it would take to collect data or when data have a major impact on the performance  
30 assessment, a formal elicitation of expert judgment is pursued. The procedure has the  
31 following advantages. First, formal elicitation offers a structured procedure for gathering  
32 opinions. Second, it encourages diversity in opinions and thus guards against understating the  
33 uncertainty. Finally, it promotes clear and thorough documentation of how the results were  
34 achieved (Hora and Iman, 1989).  
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36 The judgments that result from formal elicitation are a snapshot of the current state of  
37 knowledge. As new observations are made, the state of knowledge is refined. Even though  
38 the compilation of information through formal elicitation is often enlightening and helps to  
39 prevent bias, it does not create information. An important aspect of the elicitation, which  
40 occurs either during or following the procedure, is to examine how new data collected may  
41 improve understanding.  
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43 A successful formal elicitation of expert opinion includes the following five components  
44 (Hora and Iman, 1989):  
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#### 46 Selection of Issue and Issue Statement

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48 The first component of the formal elicitation process is a clear statement of the issue that  
49 cannot be practically resolved by other means. For example, the issue may not be resolved

1 For example, the issue may not be resolved either because of time (the judgment may be a  
2 temporary solution until laboratory or field data become available) or because the complexity  
3 of the issue prevents a resolution regardless of the resources applied.

#### 4 5 **Selection of Experts**

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7 The second component is the selection of experts with the recognized training and experience  
8 to address the issue. The experts should be free from motivational biases and represent a  
9 diversity of opinions. (Experts in a subject who may be motivationally biased can give  
10 testimony to the selected expert(s) as part of the training described below.) For controversial  
11 issues, the selection may require that an external committee select individuals from a list of  
12 nominees provided by diverse groups such as universities, the government, consulting firms,  
13 and intervenor groups.

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15 Once selected, the experts may be asked to respond to a single question individually, respond  
16 to similar questions as a group, or become part of a team of experts who are expected to  
17 fully analyze a complex problem. The strategy selected is based on the importance of the  
18 issue and the time and resources available.

#### 19 20 **Elicitation Sessions**

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22 The third component consists of the elicitation sessions. Elicitation training includes  
23 informing the experts about the methods that will be used to process and propagate their  
24 subjective beliefs, introducing the assessment tools and practicing with these tools, providing  
25 calibration training using almanac questions, and introducing the psychological aspects of  
26 probability elicitation.

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28 At the session (or a subsequent session), the issues are presented to the analysts. Included in  
29 each presentation is a proposed decomposition of the problem. Problem decomposition  
30 improves the quality of assessments by structuring the analysis so that the expert is required  
31 to make a series of simpler assessments rather than one complex assessment. Decomposition  
32 also provides a form of self-documentation since the expert's thought process is made  
33 explicit. The elicitation sessions are led by a normative analyst (i.e., an expert trained in  
34 decision analysis). The session may include a substantive analyst, who is an expert in the  
35 subject matter under discussion.

#### 36 37 **Recomposition and Aggregation**

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39 The fourth component is the recomposition of an expert's opinions and the aggregation of the  
40 diverse opinions from several experts. The tools employed in recomposing the assessments  
41 vary from issue to issue. In most issues, however, three levels of action are required. The  
42 first level is the modification of the assessed values to obtain cumulative distribution  
43 functions for any continuous quantities. The second level of action is the recomposition of

1 each expert's individual assessments to obtain a recomposed distribution for the specific issue  
2 in question. The final level is the aggregation of the experts' judgments to obtain the  
3 aggregated distribution.

#### 4 5 **Documentation**

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7 The final component is documentation of the elicitation process. Documentation usually  
8 includes a record of problem decomposition, the diversity of opinion, and the recomposition  
9 and aggregation performed.

### 10 11 12 **1.4 Performance-Assessment Methodology**

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15 The Containment Requirements of the Standard state that:

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18 Disposal systems for spent nuclear fuel or high-level or transuranic radioactive  
19 wastes shall be designed to provide a reasonable expectation, based upon  
20 performance assessments, that the cumulative releases of radionuclides to the  
21 accessible environment for 10,000 years after disposal from all significant  
22 processes and events that may affect the disposal system shall:

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24 (1) Have a likelihood of less than one chance in 10 of exceeding the quantities  
25 calculated according to Table 1 (Appendix A); and

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27 (2) Have a likelihood of less than one chance in 1,000 of exceeding ten times the  
28 quantities calculated according to Table 1 (Appendix A). (§ 191.13(a))

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30 As defined by the Standard, the term accessible environment means "(1) the  
31 atmosphere; (2) land surfaces; (3) surface waters; (4) oceans; and (5) all of the  
32 lithosphere that is beyond the controlled area" (191.12(k)). Controlled area is defined to  
33 be "(1) a surface location, to be identified by passive institutional controls, that  
34 encompasses no more than 100 square kilometers and extends horizontally no more than  
35 5 kilometers in any direction from the outer boundary of the original location of the  
36 radioactive wastes in a disposal system; and (2) the subsurface underlying such a  
37 surface location" (191.12(g)). Table 1 of Appendix A of the Standard, which is  
38 referred to in the preceding Containment Requirements, is reproduced here as Table  
39 1.4-1. The complete text of the Standard is reproduced as Appendix A of Volume 1 of  
40 this report.

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42 For releases to the accessible environment that involve a mix of radionuclides, the limits in  
43 Table 1.4-1 are used to define normalized releases for comparison with the release limits.  
44 Specifically, the normalized release for transuranic waste is defined by

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$$R = \sum_{i=1}^{nR} \left( \frac{Q_i}{L_i} \right) \cdot (1 \times 10^6 \text{ Ci/C}) \quad (1.4-1)$$

53 where

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Table 1.4-1. Release Limits for Containment Requirements (40 CFR 191, Appendix A, Table 1)

	Release limits ( $L_i$ ) per 1000 MTHM* or Other Unit of Waste (Ci)
Americium (Am) -241 or -243 .....	100
Carbon (C) -14 .....	100
Cesium (Cs) -135 or -137 .....	1000
Iodine (I) -129.....	100
Neptunium (Np) -237 .....	100
Plutonium (Pu) -238, -239, -240, or -242 .....	100
Radium (Ra) -226.....	100
Strontium (Sr) -90 .....	1000
Technetium (Tc) -99 .....	10000
Thorium (Th) -230 or -232 .....	10
Tin (Sn) -126.....	1000
Uranium (U) -233, -234, -235, -236, or -238 .....	100
Any other $\alpha$ -emitting radionuclide with $t_{1/2} > 20$ yr.....	100
Any other non $\alpha$ -emitting radionuclide with $t_{1/2} > 20$ yr .....	1000

\* Metric tons of heavy metal exposed to a burnup between 25,000 megawatt-days per metric ton of heavy metal (MWd/MTHM) and 40,000 MWd/MTHM.

$nR$  = number of radionuclides included in the analysis,

$C$  = amount of TRU waste with half-lives greater than 20 years ( $1 \times 10^6$  Ci/C is the reciprocal of the waste unit factor  $f_w$  used in Chapter 3) (Ci) emplaced in the repository,

$Q_i$  = cumulative release (Ci) of radionuclide  $i$  to the accessible environment during the 10,000-yr period following closure of the repository,

and

$L_i$  = the release limit (Ci) for radionuclide  $i$  given in Table 1.4-1.

In addition, the EPA suggests that the results of a performance assessment intended to show compliance with the release limits in § 191.13 can be assembled into a single complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF). Specifically, the nonbinding guidance contained in Appendix B of the Standard indicates that

... whenever practicable, the implementing agency will assemble all of the results of the performance assessments to determine compliance with § 191.13 into a "complementary cumulative distribution function" that indicates the probability of exceeding various levels of cumulative release. When the uncertainties in parameters are considered in a performance assessment, the effects of the

1       uncertainties considered can be incorporated into a single such distribution  
2       function for each disposal system considered. The Agency assumes that a disposal  
3       system can be considered to be in compliance with § 191.13 if this single  
4       distribution function meets the requirements of § 191.13(a). (U.S. EPA, 1985, p.  
5       38088).

#### 8   **1.4.1 Conceptual Model for WIPP Performance Assessment**

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10   Construction of a CCDF for comparison to the Standard requires a clear conceptual  
11   representation for a performance assessment. A representation based on a set of ordered  
12   triples provides a suitable way to organize a performance assessment and leads naturally to  
13   the presentation of the outcome of a performance assessment as a CCDF (Kaplan and  
14   Garrick, 1981; Helton et al., 1991; Volume 1, Chapter 3). Specifically, the outcome of a  
15   performance assessment can be represented by a set  $R$  of ordered triples of the form  
16

$$17 \quad R = \{(S_i, pS_i, \mathbf{cS}_i), i = 1, \dots, nS\}, \quad (1.4-2)$$

18  
19   where

- 20  
21        $S_i$    = a set of similar occurrences,  
22        $pS_i$   = probability that an occurrence in set  $S_i$  will take place,  
23        $\mathbf{cS}_i$   = a vector of consequences associated with  $S_i$ ,  
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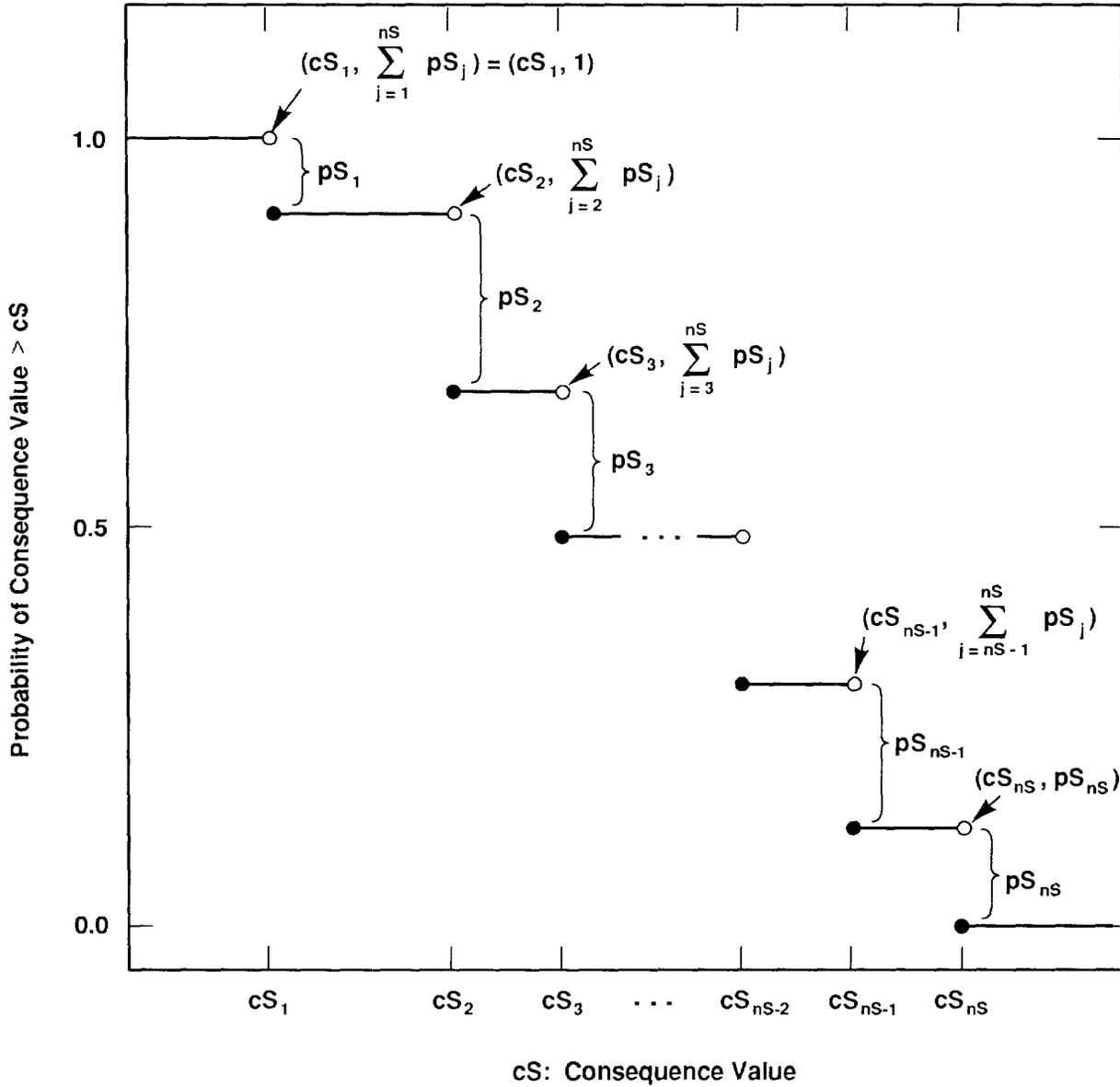
25  
26   and

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28        $nS$    = number of sets selected for consideration.  
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30   In terms of performance assessment, the  $S_i$  are scenarios, the  $pS_i$  are scenario probabilities,  
31   and the  $\mathbf{cS}_i$  are vectors containing results or consequences associated with scenarios.  
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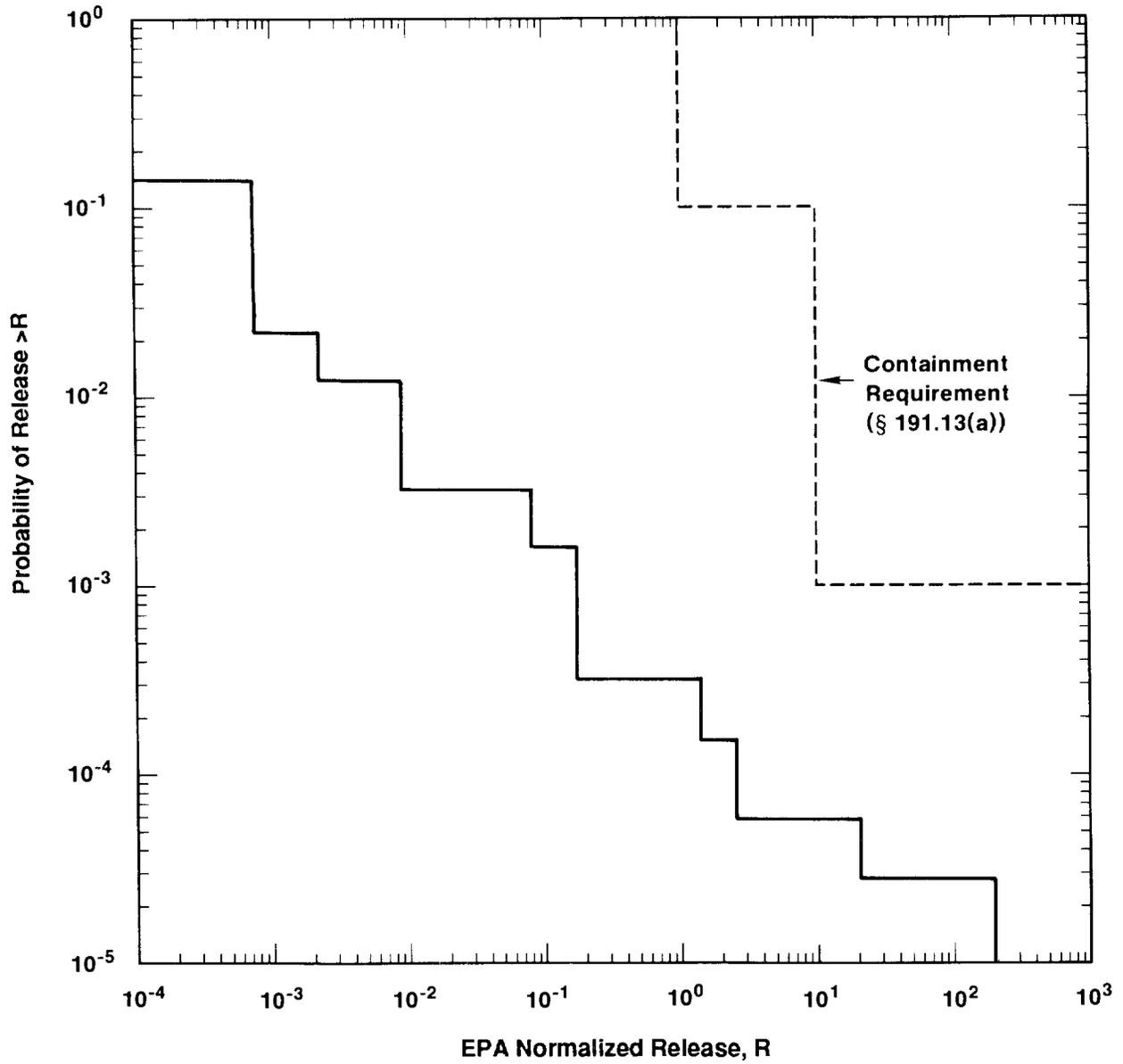
33   The information contained in the  $pS_i$  and  $\mathbf{cS}_i$  shown in Eq. 1.4-2 can be summarized in  
34   CCDFs. With the assumptions that a particular consequence result  $\mathbf{cS}$  (e.g., normalized release  
35   to the accessible environment) is under consideration and that the values for this result have  
36   been ordered so that  $\mathbf{cS}_i$  is less than or equal to  $\mathbf{cS}_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, nS-1$ , the resultant CCDF  
37   is shown in Figure 1.4-1. As illustrated in Figure 1.4-2, the EPA containment requirement  
38   in 191.13 specifies that the CCDF for normalized release to the accessible environment should  
39   fall below a CCDF defined by the points (1, 0.1) and (10, 0.001). The vertical lines in Figure  
40   1.4-2 have been added for visual appeal but are not really part of the CCDF. A waste  
41   disposal site can be considered to be in compliance with the EPA release limits if the CCDF  
42   for normalized release to the accessible environment falls below the bounding curve shown in  
43   Figure 1.4-2.  
44

45   Since the representation for a performance assessment in Eq. 1.4-2 and the resultant CCDFs  
46   in Figures 1.4-1 and 1.4-2 involve probabilities, there must be an underlying sample space.  
47   For performance assessments conducted to provide comparisons with the EPA release limits,  
48   the sample space is the set  $\mathcal{S}$  defined by  
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Figure 1.4-1. Estimated Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for Consequence Result  $cS$ . (Helton et al., 1991, Figure VI-1).



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Figure 1.4-2. Comparison of a CCDF for Normalized Release to the Accessible Environment with the EPA Release Limits.

$$\mathcal{S} = \{x : x \text{ a single 10,000-yr time history beginning at decommissioning of the facility under consideration}\}. \quad (1.4-3)$$

Each 10,000-yr history is complete in the sense that it provides a full specification, including time of occurrence, for everything of importance to performance assessment that happens in this time interval. The  $S_i$  appearing in Eq. 1.4-2 are disjoint subsets of  $\mathcal{S}$  for which

$$\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{nS} S_i. \quad (1.4-4)$$

In the terminology of probability theory, the  $S_i$  are events and the  $pS_i$  are the probabilities for these events. It is the discretization of  $\mathcal{S}$  into the sets  $S_i$  that leads to the steps in the estimated CCDFs in Figures 1.4-1 and 1.4-2. The use of more sets will reduce the step sizes but will not alter the fact that CCDFs are the basic outcome of a performance assessment (Helton et al., 1991, Chapter VI).

Important parts of any performance assessment are the discretization of  $\mathcal{S}$  into the sets  $S_i$ , commonly referred to as scenario development (Hunter, 1989; Ross, 1989; Cranwell et al., 1990; Guzowski, 1990), and the subsequent determination of probabilities for these sets (Mann and Hunter, 1988; Hunter and Mann, 1989; Guzowski, 1991). For radioactive waste disposal in sedimentary basins, many  $S_i$  result from unintended intrusions due to exploratory drilling for natural resources, particularly oil and gas. To construct CCDFs of the form shown in Figures 1.4-1 and 1.4-2, the time histories associated with these drilling intrusions must be sorted into disjoint sets such that (1) each  $S_i$  is sufficiently homogeneous that it is reasonable to use the same consequence result  $CS_i$  for all elements of  $S_i$ , (2) a probability can be determined for each  $S_i$ , and (3) estimation of  $pS_i$  and  $CS_i$  is computationally feasible.

Chapter 2, Volume 2 of this report describes a decomposition of drilling intrusions into computational scenarios on the basis of number of intrusions and their times of occurrence, and derives the necessary formulas to convert from drilling rates to scenario probabilities. Chapter 3, Volume 2 describes a computational procedure that can be used to determine CCDFs for intrusions due to drilling.

### 1.4.2 Uncertainty in Risk

A number of factors affect uncertainty in risk results, including completeness, aggregation, model selection, imprecisely known variables, and stochastic variation. The risk representation in Eq. 1.4-2 provides a convenient structure in which to discuss these uncertainties.

Completeness refers to the extent that a performance assessment includes all possible occurrences for the system under consideration. In terms of the risk representation in Eq. 1.4-2, completeness deals with whether or not all possible occurrences are included in the union of the sets  $S_i$  (i.e., in  $\bigcup_i S_i$ ). Aggregation refers to the division of the possible occurrences into the sets  $S_i$ , and thus relates to the logic used in the construction of the sets  $S_i$ . Resolution is lost if the  $S_i$  are defined too coarsely (e.g.,  $nS$  is too small) or in some other

1 inappropriate manner. Model selection refers to the actual choice of the models for use in a  
2 risk assessment. Appropriate model choice is sometimes unclear and can affect both  $pS_i$  and  
3  $cS_i$ . Similarly, once the models for use have been selected, imprecisely known variables  
4 required by these models can affect both  $pS_i$  and  $cS_i$ . Due to the complex nature of risk  
5 assessment, model selection and imprecisely known variables can also affect the definition of  
6 the  $S_i$ . Stochastic variation is represented by the probabilities  $pS_i$ , which are functions of the  
7 many factors that affect the occurrence of the individual sets  $S_i$ . The CCDFs in Figures 1.4-1  
8 and 1.4-2 display the effects of stochastic uncertainty. Even if the probabilities for the  
9 individual  $S_i$  were known with complete certainty, the ultimate result of a risk assessment  
10 would still be CCDFs of the form shown in Figures 1.4-1 and 1.4-2.

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12 The calculation of risk is driven by the determination of the sets  $S_i$ . Once these sets are  
13 determined, their probabilities of  $pS_i$  and associated consequences  $cS_i$  must be determined. In  
14 practice, development of the  $S_i$  is a complex and iterative process that must take into account  
15 the procedures required to determine the probabilities  $pS_i$  and the consequences  $cS_i$ . Typically,  
16 the overall process is organized so that  $pS_i$  and  $cS_i$  will be calculated by various models whose  
17 exact configuration will depend on the individual  $S_i$ . These models will also require a number  
18 of imprecisely known variables. It is also possible that imprecisely known variables could  
19 affect the definition of the  $S_i$ .

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21 These imprecisely known variables can be represented by a vector

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$$23 \quad \mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{nV}], \quad (1.4-5)$$

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25 where each  $x_j$  is an imprecisely known input required in the analysis and  $nV$  is the total  
26 number of such inputs. In concept, the individual  $x_j$  could be almost anything, including  
27 vectors or functions required by an analysis. However, an overall analysis, including  
28 uncertainty and sensitivity studies, is more likely to be successful if the risk representation in  
29 Eq. 1.4-2 has been developed so that each  $x_j$  is a real-valued quantity for which the overall  
30 analysis requires a single value, but it is not known with preciseness what this value should be.  
31 With the preceding ideas in mind, the representation for risk in Eq. 1.4-2 can be restated as a  
32 function of  $\mathbf{x}$ :

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$$34 \quad R(\mathbf{x}) = \{(S_i(\mathbf{x}), pS_i(\mathbf{x}), cS_i(\mathbf{x})), i=1, \dots, nS(\mathbf{x})\} \quad (1.4-6)$$

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36 As  $\mathbf{x}$  changes, so will  $R(\mathbf{x})$  and all summary measures that can be derived from  $R(\mathbf{x})$ . Thus,  
37 rather than a single CCDF for each consequence value contained in  $cS$ , a distribution of  
38 CCDFs results from the possible values that  $\mathbf{x}$  can take on.

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40 The individual variables  $x_j$  in  $\mathbf{x}$  can relate to different types of uncertainty. Individual  
41 variables might relate to completeness uncertainty (e.g., the value for a cutoff used to drop  
42 low-probability occurrences from the analysis), aggregation uncertainty (e.g., a bound on the

value for  $nS$ ), model uncertainty (e.g., a 0-1 variable that indicates which of two alternative models should be used), stochastic uncertainty (e.g., a variable that helps define the probabilities for the individual  $S_i$ ), or variable uncertainty (e.g., a solubility limit or a retardation for a specific element). Variable uncertainty may include uncertainty resulting from the incompleteness of data and measurement uncertainty resulting from systematic or random errors that may occur in the data. Measurement uncertainty has, in general, received little attention in this report because, as discussed in the following section, values for most variable parameters used in the performance assessment are assessed subjectively, not empirically. Even for those parameters for which values are derived empirically, the conservative use of total variability rather than variability about the mean discussed in Section 1.2 limits the potential to expand parameter uncertainty.

### 1.4.3 Characterization of Uncertainty in Risk

If the inputs to a performance assessment as represented by the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in Eq. 1.4-5 are uncertain, then so are the results of the assessment. Characterization of the uncertainty in the results of a performance assessment requires characterization of the uncertainty in  $\mathbf{x}$ . Once the uncertainty in  $\mathbf{x}$  has been characterized, then Monte Carlo techniques can be used to characterize the uncertainty in the risk results.

The outcome of characterizing the uncertainty in  $\mathbf{x}$  is a sequence of probability distributions

$$D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{nV}, \quad (1.4-7)$$

where  $D_j$  is the distribution developed for the variable  $x_j$ ,  $j=1, 2, \dots, nV$ , contained in  $\mathbf{x}$ . (Elsewhere in this volume these distributions are indicated by  $F(x_j)$ .) The definition of these distributions may also be accompanied by the specification of correlations and various restrictions that further define the possible relations among the  $x_j$ . These distributions and other restrictions probabilistically characterize where the appropriate input to use in the performance assessment might fall given that the analysis is structured so that only one value can be used for each variable under consideration. In most cases, each  $D_j$  will be a subjective distribution that is developed from available information through a suitable review process and serves to assemble information from many sources into a form appropriate for use in an integrated analysis. However, it is possible that the  $D_j$  may be obtained by classical statistical techniques for some variables. Details related to the probability distributions  $D_j$  used by WIPP PA are provided in the previous section.

Once the distributions in Eq. 1.4-7 have been developed, Monte Carlo techniques can be used to determine the uncertainty in  $R(\mathbf{x})$  from the uncertainty in  $\mathbf{x}$ . First, a sample

$$\mathbf{x}_k = [x_{k1}, x_{k2}, \dots, x_{k,nV}], \quad k=1, \dots, nK \quad (1.4-8)$$

is generated according to the specified distributions and restrictions, where  $nK$  is the size of the sample. The performance assessment is then performed for each sample element  $\mathbf{x}_k$ , which yields a sequence of risk results of the form

$$R(\mathbf{x}_k) = \{(S_i(\mathbf{x}_k), pS_i(\mathbf{x}_k), \mathbf{c}S_i(\mathbf{x}_k)), i=1, \dots, nS(\mathbf{x}_k)\} \quad (1.4-9)$$

for  $k=1, \dots, nK$ . Each set  $R(\mathbf{x}_k)$  is the result of one complete performance assessment performed with a set of inputs (i.e.,  $\mathbf{x}_k$ ) that the review process producing the distributions in Eq. 1.4-7 concluded was possible. Further, associated with each risk result  $R(\mathbf{x}_k)$  in Eq. 1.4-9 is a probability or weight\* that can be used in making probabilistic statements about the distribution of  $R(\mathbf{x})$ .

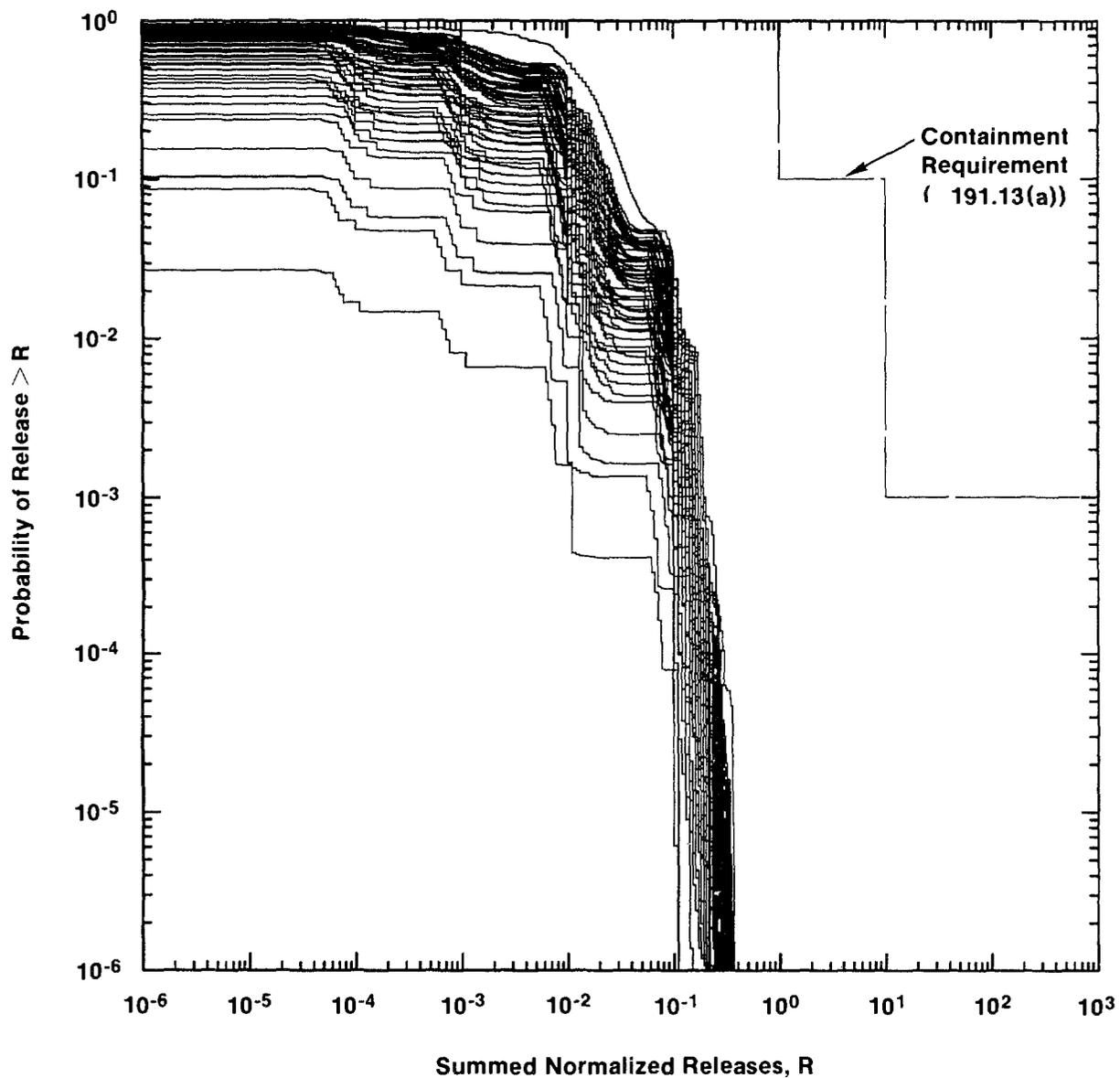
In most performance assessments, CCDFs are the results of greatest interest. For a particular consequence result, a CCDF will be produced for each set  $R(\mathbf{x}_k)$  of results shown in Eq. 1.4-9. This yields a distribution of CCDFs of the form shown in Figure 1.4-3.

Although Figure 1.4-3 provides a complete summary of the distribution of CCDFs obtained for a particular consequence result by propagating the sample shown in Eq. 1.4-8 through a performance assessment, the figure is hard to read. A less crowded summary can be obtained by plotting the mean value and selected percentile values for each consequence value on the abscissa. For example, the mean plus the 5th, 50th (i.e., median) and 95th percentile values might be used. The mean and percentile values can be obtained from the exceedance probabilities associated with the individual consequence values and the weights or "probabilities" associated with the individual sample elements. If the mean and percentile values associated with individual consequence values are connected, a summary plot of the form shown in Figure 1.4-4 is obtained.

A point of possible confusion involving the risk representation in Eq. 1.4-2 is the distinction between the uncertainty that gives rise to a single CCDF and the uncertainty that gives rise to a distribution of CCDFs. A single CCDF arises from the fact that a number of different occurrences have a real possibility of taking place. This type of uncertainty is referred to as stochastic variation in this report. A distribution of CCDFs arises from the fact that fixed, but unknown, quantities are needed in the estimation of a CCDF. The development of distributions that characterize what the values for these fixed quantities might be leads to a distribution of CCDFs. In essence, a performance assessment can be viewed as a very complex function that estimates a CCDF. Since there is uncertainty in the values of some of the independent variables operated on by this function, there will also be uncertainty in the dependent variable produced by this function, where this dependent variable is a CCDF.

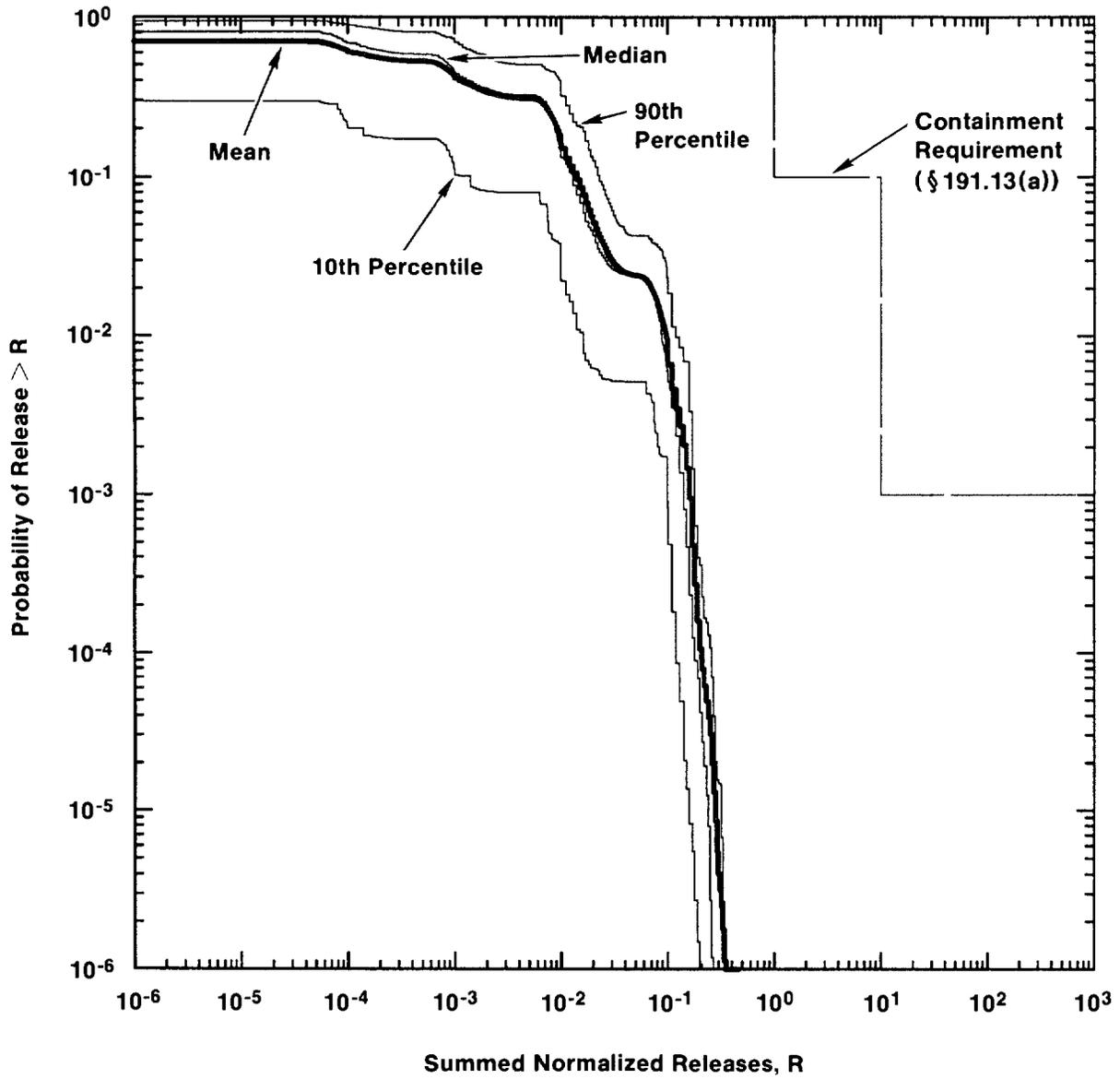
Both Kaplan and Garrick (1981) and a recent report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA, 1989) distinguish between these two types of uncertainty. Specifically, Kaplan and Garrick distinguish between probabilities derived from frequencies and probabilities that

\*In random or Latin hypercube sampling, this weight is the reciprocal of the sample size (i.e.,  $1/nK$ ) and can be used in estimating means, cumulative distribution functions, and other statistical properties. This weight is often referred to as the probability for each observation (i.e., each sample element  $\mathbf{x}_k$ ). However, this is not technically correct. If continuous distributions are involved, the actual probability of each observation is zero.



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Figure 1.4-3. Example of CCDF Distribution Produced for Results Shown in Eq. 1.4-9.



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Figure 1.4-4. CCDF Summary Plot.

1 characterize degrees of belief. Probabilities derived from frequencies correspond to the  
 2 probabilities  $pS_i$  in Eq. 1.4-2 while probabilities that characterize degrees of belief (i.e.,  
 3 subjective probabilities) correspond to the distributions indicated in Eq. 1.4-7. The IAEA  
 4 report distinguished between what it calls Type A uncertainty and Type B uncertainty. The  
 5 IAEA report defines Type A uncertainty to be stochastic variation; as such, this uncertainty  
 6 corresponds to the frequency-based probability of Kaplan and Garrick and the  $pS_i$  of Eq.  
 7 1.4-7. Type B uncertainty is defined to be uncertainty that is due to lack of knowledge about  
 8 fixed quantities; thus, this uncertainty corresponds to the subjective probability of Kaplan and  
 9 Garrick and the distributions indicated in Eq. 1.4-7. This distinction has also been made by  
 10 other authors including Vesely and Rasmuson (1984), Paté-Cornell (1986), and Parry (1988).

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#### 12 **1.4.4 Calculation of Scenario Consequences**

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15 The  $cS_i$  in Eq. 1.4-2 are estimated for each sample element  $x_k$  using computer codes that  
 16 comprise the consequence model. This model is deterministic and predicts an EPA  
 17 normalized release to the accessible environment for each scenario  $S_i$ . The consequence  
 18 model is actually composed of many individual models  $C_\ell$ ,  $\ell = 1, \dots, nM$ . The collective  
 19 operation of these models can be represented by the relationship

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$$21 \quad cS_i = C_{nM}\{\dots; C_2[x_k; C_1(x_k, S_i)]\} \quad (1.4-10)$$

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23 where

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$$25 \quad C_\ell = \text{consequence model } \ell,$$

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$$27 \quad C_\ell(x_k, S_i) = \text{vector containing consequence results predicted by model } \ell \text{ for sample}$$

$$28 \quad \text{element } x_k \text{ and scenario } S_i,$$

29

30 and

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$$32 \quad nM = \text{number of consequence models.}$$

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34 As indicated in the preceding relationship, the individual models predict results that depend  
 35 on the  $x_k$  and  $S_i$  and also generate input to the next model in the computational sequence.

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37 The consequence models  $C_\ell$  are separate computational models (usually computer models) that  
 38 are selected from several categories that represent physical processes and phenomena such as  
 39 groundwater flow, dissolution of radionuclides in repository brine, and groundwater transport.  
 40 As part of the 1991 WIPP performance assessment system, about 75 FORTRAN codes are  
 41 grouped into 10 model categories, which are called modules. CAMCON is the software  
 42 package designed and used by the PA Division to assemble the computational models from  
 43 the various modules into the structure indicated in Eq. 1.4-10 (Rechard, 1989; Rechard et al.,  
 44 1989). Chapter 4 (Volume 2) describes the  $C_\ell$  and their application to undisturbed  
 45 conditions. Chapters 5, 6, and 7 (Volume 2) describe the application of the  $C_\ell$  to disturbed  
 46 conditions for the  $S_i$  defined in Chapter 2 (Volume 2).

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## 1.4.5 Uncertainty and Sensitivity Analyses

In the context of this report, uncertainty analysis involves determining the uncertainty in model predictions that results from imprecisely known input variables, and sensitivity analysis involves determining the contribution of individual input variables to the uncertainty in model predictions. Specifically, uncertainty and sensitivity analyses involve the study of the effects of subjective, or type B, uncertainty. As previously discussed, the effects of stochastic, or type A, uncertainty is incorporated into the WIPP performance assessment through the scenario probabilities  $pS_i$  appearing in Eq. 1.4-2. Sensitivity and uncertainty analyses for the results from the 1991 preliminary performance assessment are reported in Volume 4.

## 1.5 Background on WIPP

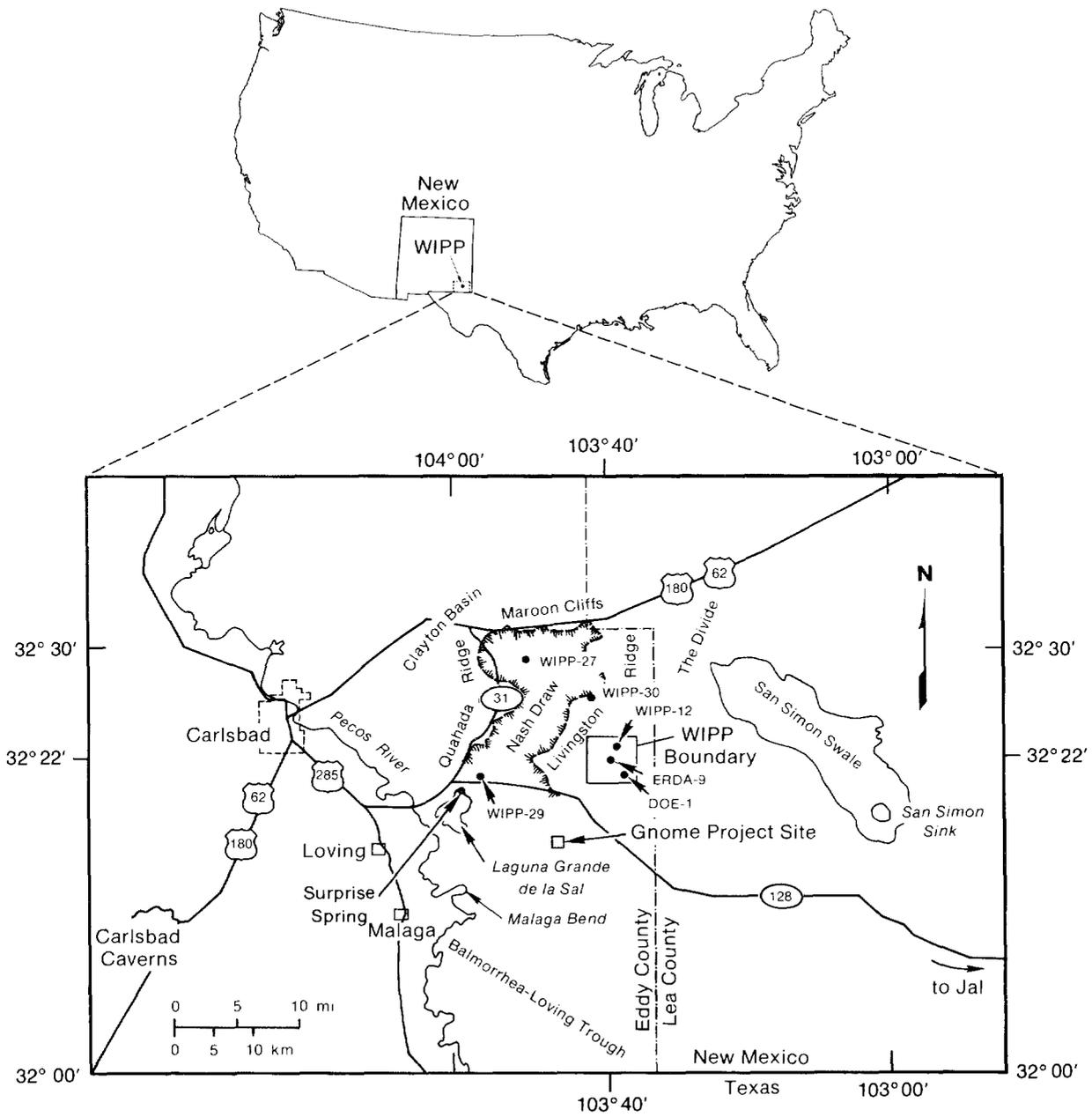
### 1.5.1 Purpose

The DOE was authorized by Congress in 1979 to build the WIPP as a research and development facility to demonstrate the safe management, storage, and eventual disposal of transuranic (TRU) waste generated by DOE defense programs (WIPP Act, 1979). Only after demonstrating compliance with 40 CFR 191 and other laws and regulations (e.g., RCRA [1976] and NEPA [1969]) will the DOE permanently dispose of TRU waste at the WIPP repository.

### 1.5.2 Location

The WIPP is located within a large sedimentary basin, the Delaware Basin, in southeastern New Mexico, an area of low population density approximately 38 km (24 mi) east of Carlsbad (Figure 1.5-1). Topographically, the WIPP is between the high plains of West Texas and the Guadalupe and Sacramento Mountains of southeastern New Mexico.

Four prominent surface features are found in the area--Los Medanos ("The Dunes"), Nash Draw, Laguna Grande de la Sal, and the Pecos River. Los Medanos is a region of gently rolling hills that slopes upward to the northeast from the eastern boundary of Nash Draw to a low ridge called "The Divide." The WIPP is in Los Medanos. Nash Draw, 8 km (5 mi) west of the WIPP, is a broad shallow topographic depression with no external surface drainage. Laguna Grande de la Sal, about 9.5 km (6 mi) west-southwest of the WIPP, is a large playa about 3.2 km (2 mi) wide and 4.8 km (3 mi) long formed by coalesced collapse sinks that were created by dissolution of evaporate deposits. The Pecos River, the principal surface-water feature in southeastern New Mexico, flows southeastward, draining into the Rio Grande in western Texas.



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Figure 1.5-1. WIPP Location in Southeastern New Mexico (after Rechar, 1989, Figure 1.2).

### 2 1.5.3 Geologic History of the Delaware Basin

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5 The Delaware Basin, an elongated, geologically confined depression, extends from just north  
6 of Carlsbad, New Mexico, into Texas west of Fort Stockton (Figure 1.5-2). The basin covers  
7 33,000 km<sup>2</sup> (12,750 mi<sup>2</sup>) and is filled with sedimentary rocks to depths as great as 7,300 m  
8 (24,000 ft) (Hills, 1984). Geologic history of the Delaware Basin began about 450 to 500  
9 million years ago when a broad, low depression formed during the Ordovician Period as  
10 transgressing seas deposited clastic and carbonate sediments (Powers et al., 1978; Cheeseman,  
11 1978; Williamson, 1978; Hiss, 1975; Hills, 1984; Harms and Williamson, 1988; Ward et al.,  
12 1986). After a long period of accumulation and subsidence, the depression separated into the  
13 Delaware and Midland Basins when the area now called the Central Basin Platform uplifted  
14 during the Pennsylvanian Period, about 300 million years ago.

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16 During the Early and Middle Permian Period, the Delaware Basin subsided rapidly, resulting  
17 in a sequence of clastic rocks rimmed by reef limestone. The thickest of the reef deposits,  
18 the Capitan Limestone, is buried north and east of the WIPP but is exposed at the surface in  
19 the Guadalupe Mountains to the west (Figure 1.5-2). Evaporite deposits (marine bedded  
20 salts) of the Castile Formation and the Salado Formation, which hosts the WIPP, filled the  
21 basin during the late Permian Period and extended over the reef margins. Evaporites,  
22 carbonates, and clastic rocks of the Rustler Formation and the Dewey Lake Red Beds were  
23 deposited above the Salado Formation before the end of the Permian Period.

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### 25 1.5.4 Repository

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29 The repository is located in the Delaware Basin because the 600-m (2,000-ft)-thick Salado  
30 Formation of marine bedded salts (Late Permian Period) eventually encapsulates the nuclear  
31 waste through salt creep. The bedded salts, consisting of thick halite and interbeds of  
32 minerals such as clay and anhydrites, do not contain flowing water.

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34 The repository level is located within these bedded salts 655 m (2,150 ft) below the surface  
35 and 384 m (1,260 ft) above sea level. The WIPP repository is composed of a single  
36 underground disposal level connected to the surface by four shafts (Figure 1.5-3). The  
37 repository level consists of an experimental area at the north end and a disposal area at the  
38 south end.

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### 40 1.5.5 WIPP Waste Disposal System

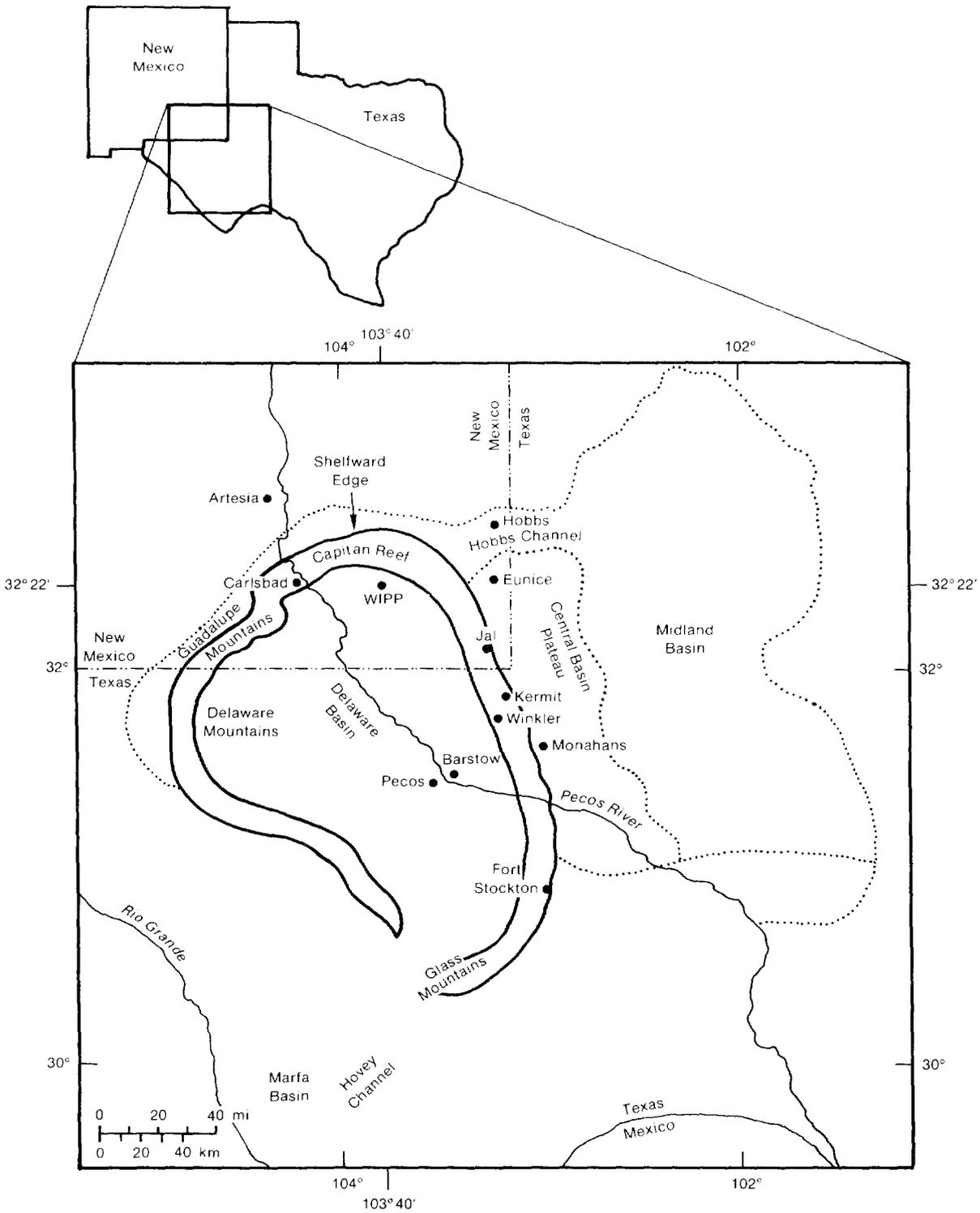
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43 The WIPP relies on three approaches to contain waste: geologic barriers, engineered barriers,  
44 and institutional controls. The third approach, institutional controls, consists of many parts,  
45 e.g., the legal ownership and regulations of the land and resources by the U.S. Government,  
46 the fencing and signs around the property, permanent markers, public records and archives,  
47 and other methods of preserving knowledge about the disposal system.

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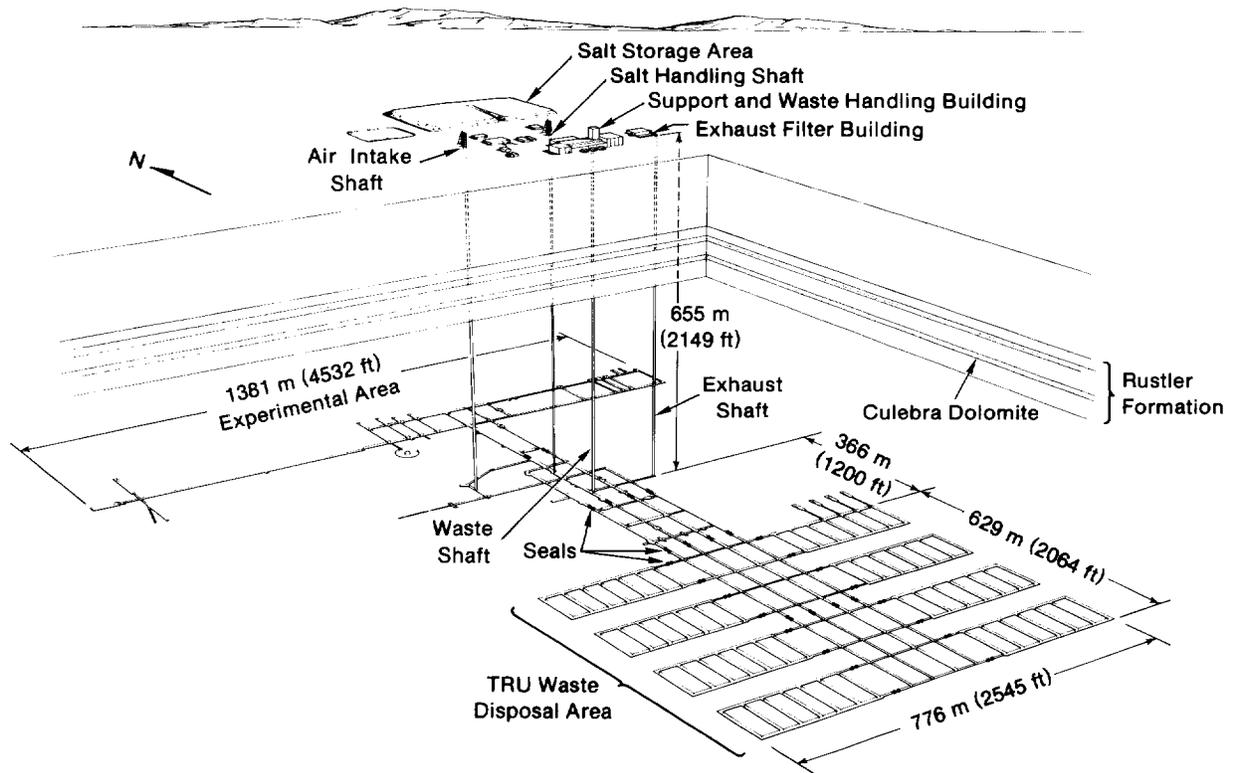
50 The WIPP disposal system, as defined by 40 CFR 191, includes the geologic and engineered  
51 barriers. The physical features of the repository (e.g., stratigraphy, design of repository,  
52 waste form) are components of these barriers.

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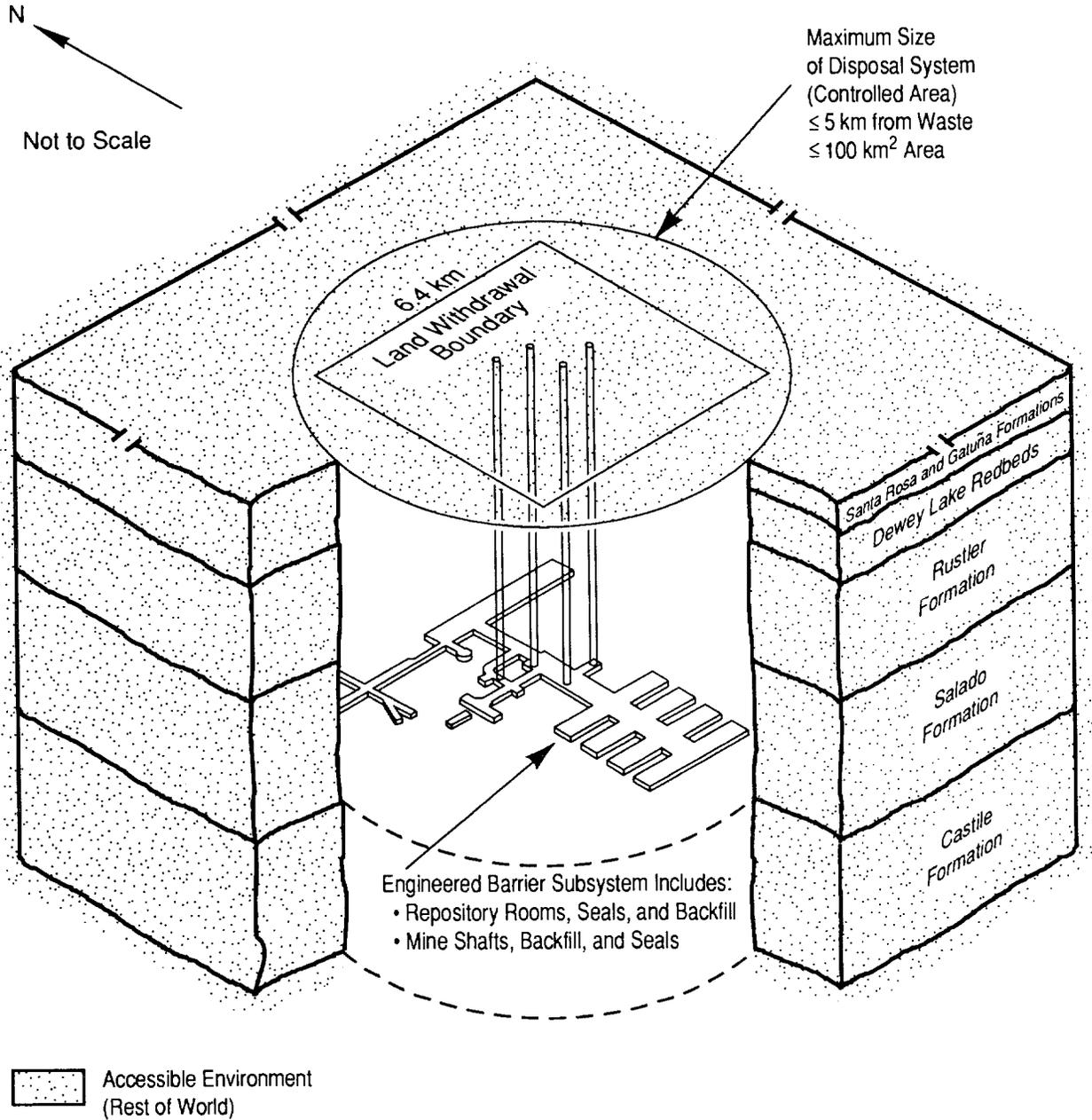
Figure 1.5-2. Location of the WIPP in the Delaware Basin (modified from Richey et al., 1985 and Lappin, 1988, Figure 1.4).



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Figure 1.5-3. WIPP Repository, Showing Surface Facilities, Proposed TRU Disposal Areas, and Experimental Areas (after Nowak et al., 1990, Figure 2).

1 The geologic barriers are limited to the lithosphere up to the surface and no more than 5 km  
2 (3 mi) from the outer boundary of the WIPP waste-emplacment panels (Figure 1.5-4). The  
3 boundary of this maximum-allowable geologic subsystem is greater than the currently  
4 proposed boundary of the WIPP land withdrawal. The extent of the WIPP controlled area  
5 will be defined during performance assessment but will not be less than the area withdrawn,  
6 which will be under U.S. DOE administrative control (Bertram-Howery and Hunter, 1989).  
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8 Data for components of the geologic and engineered barriers are the subject of this volume.  
9 No data on institutional controls are contained in this volume.



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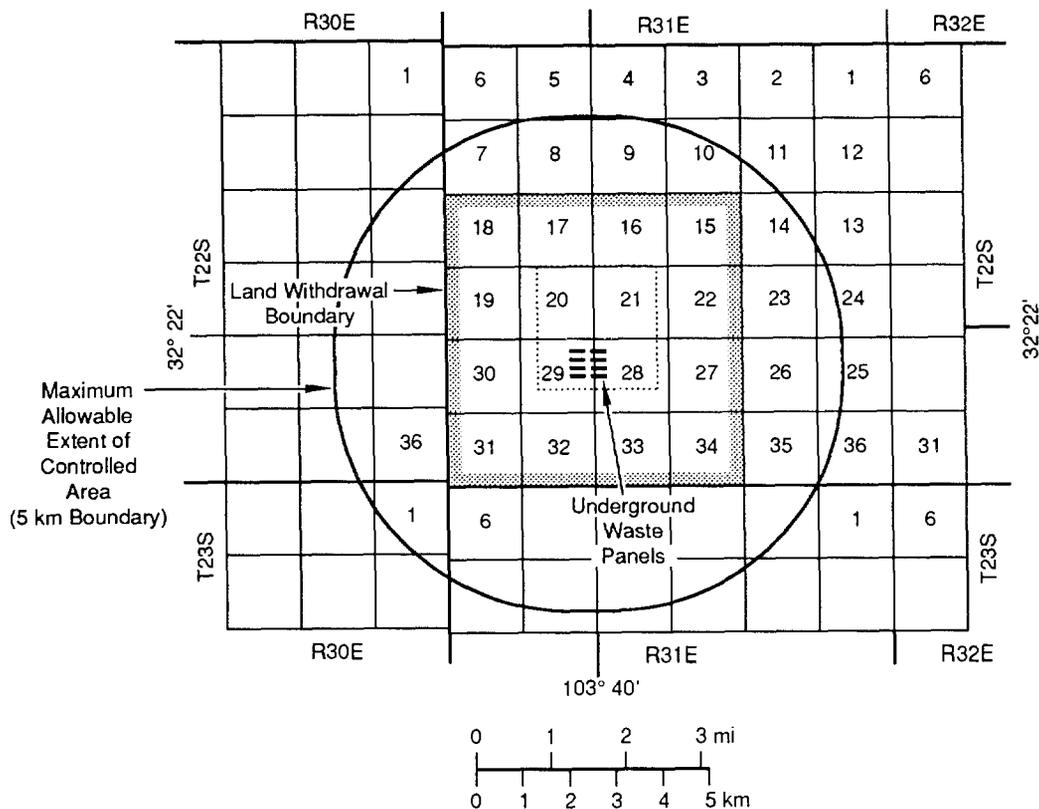
Figure 1.5-4 Geologic and Engineered Barriers of the WIPP Disposal System.

## 2. GEOLOGIC BARRIERS

The geologic barriers consist of the physical features of the repository, such as stratigraphy and geologic components.

### 2.1 Areal Extent of Geologic Barriers

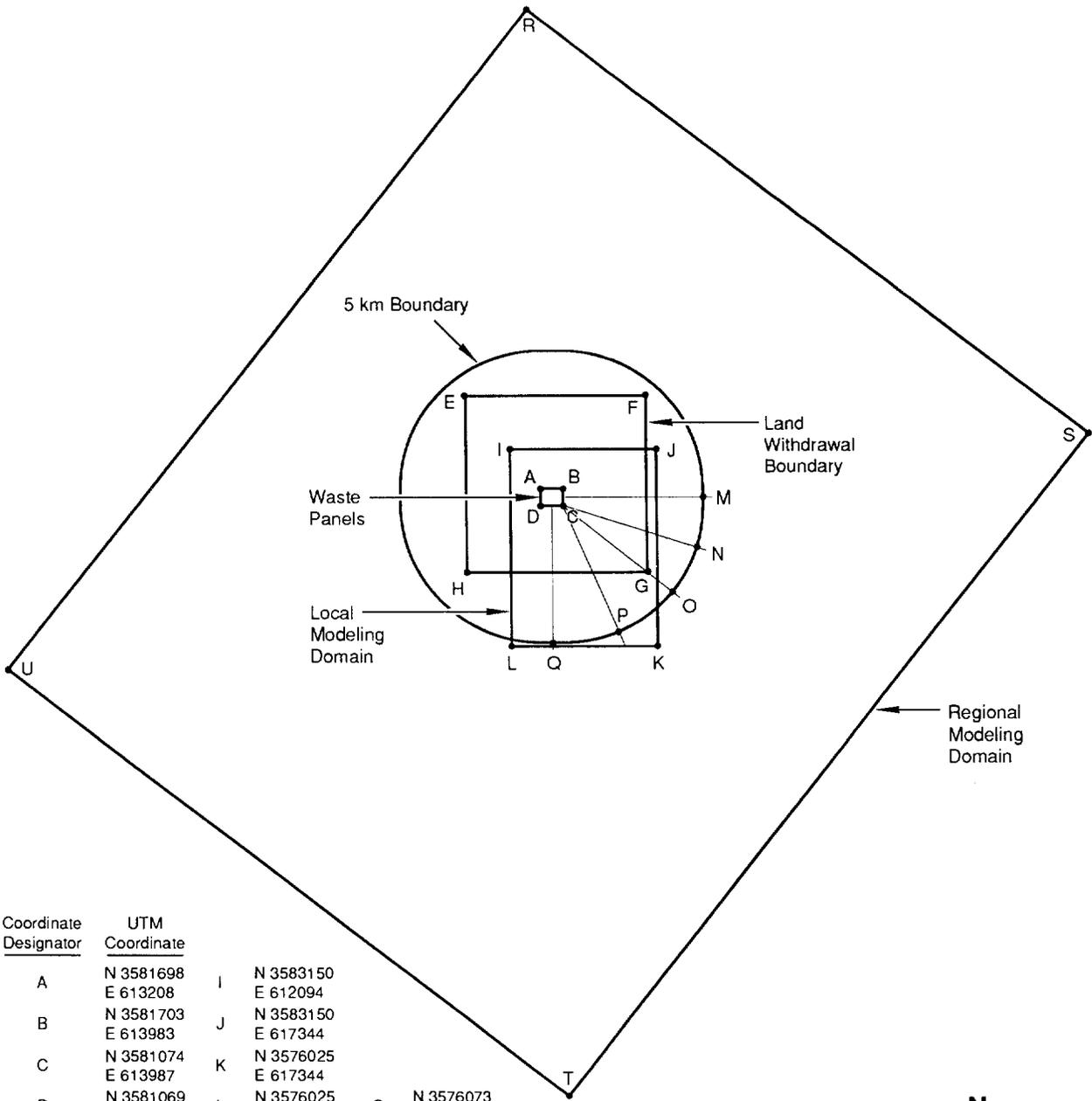
Figure 2.1-1 shows the maximum areal extent of the geologic barriers. Figure 2.1-2 shows the UTM coordinates of the modeling domains. The UTM coordinates for the northeast and southeast corners of the land-withdrawal boundary were derived from values reported in Gonzales (1989). Because the township ranges shift at the land-withdrawal border, the UTM coordinates for the northwest and southwest corners were derived from information on the wells nearest the corners (i.e., Well H-6A for the northwest corner and Well D-15 for the southwest corner).



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Figure 2.1-1. Position of the WIPP Waste Panels Relative to Land Withdrawal Boundary (16 Contiguous Sections), 5-km Boundary (40 CFR 191.12y), and Surveyed Section Lines (after U.S. DOE, 1989a, Figure 2.2).

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 Areal Extent of Geologic Barriers



Coordinate Designator	UTM Coordinate
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B	N 3581703 E 613983
C	N 3581074 E 613987
D	N 3581069 E 613212
E	N 3585057 E 610496
F	N 3585109 E 616941
G	N 3578681 E 617015
H	N 3578612 E 610566
I	N 3583150 E 612094
J	N 3583150 E 617344
K	N 3576025 E 617344
L	N 3576025 E 612094
M	N 3581420 E 618984
N	N 3579579 E 618791
O	N 3577945 E 617856
P	N 3576436 E 615991
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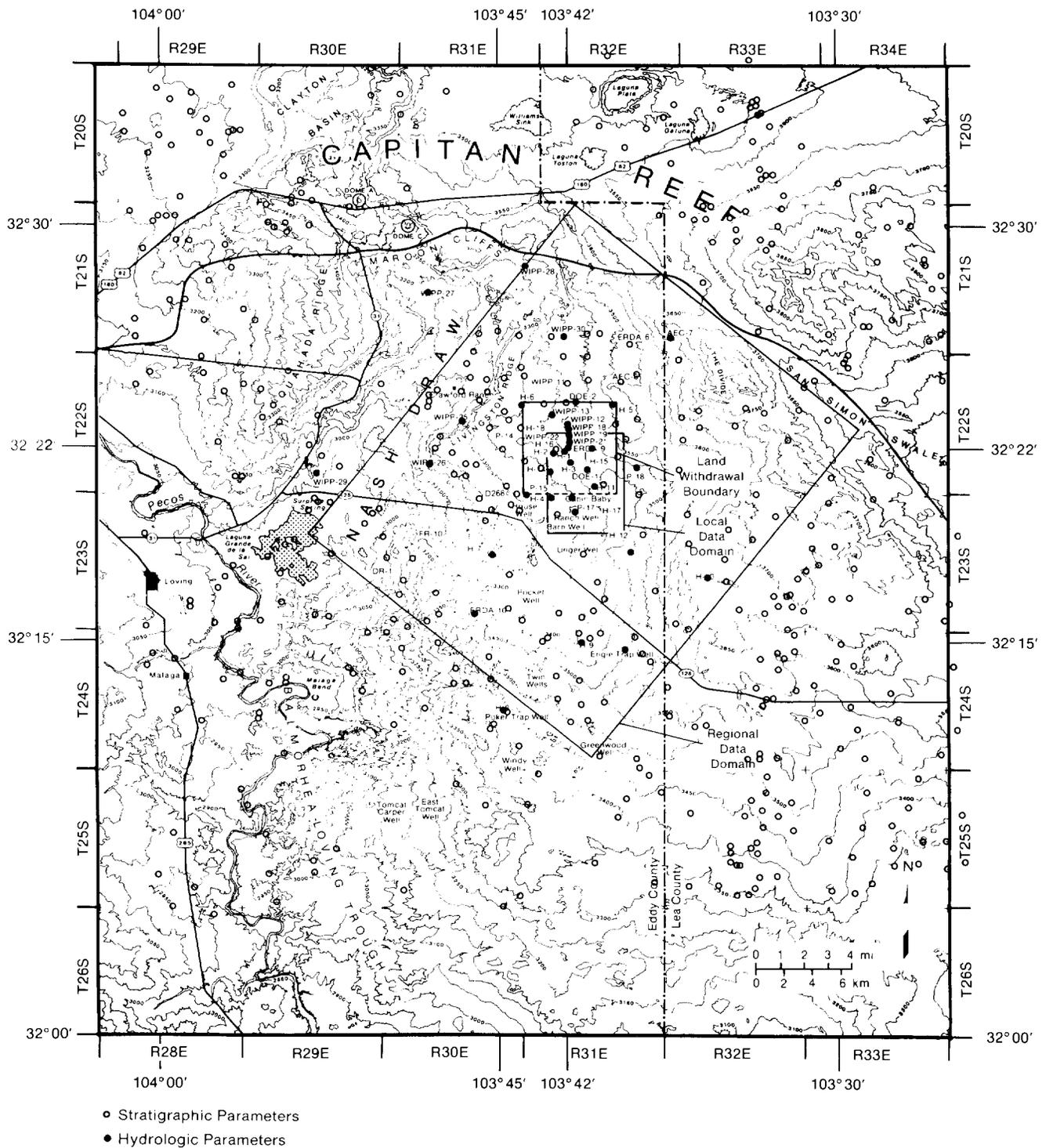
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Figure 2.1-2. UTM Coordinates of the Modeling Domains.

1 Figure 2.1-3 shows the topography, the locations of wells used for defining the general  
2 stratigraphy, and the modeling domains near the WIPP typically plotted in the report. The  
3 well locations by universal transverse mercator (UTM), state plan coordinates, and survey  
4 sections are provided in Table B.1 (Appendix B). The elevations of the stratigraphic layers in  
5 each of the wells are tabulated in Table B.2 (Appendix B).

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**Areal Extent of Geologic Barriers**



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**Figure 2.1-3. Locations of Wells for Defining General Stratigraphy and Regional and Local Data Domains Typically Plotted in Report.**

## 2.2 Stratigraphy at the WIPP

The level of the WIPP repository is located within bedded salts 655 m (2,150 ft) below the surface and 384 m (1,260 ft) above sea level (Figures 2.2-1 and 2.2.2). The bedded salts consist of thick halite and interbeds of minerals such as clay and anhydrites of the late Permian period (Ochoan series) (approximately 255 million yr old)\* (Figure 2.2-3). An interbed that forms a potential transport pathway, Marker Bed 139 (MB139), located about 1 m (3 ft) below the repository interval (Figure 2.2-3), is about 1 m (3 ft) thick, and is one of about 45 siliceous or sulfatic units within the Salado Formation consisting of polyhalitic anhydrite (Figure 2.2-4) (Lappin, 1988; Tyler et al., 1988). Figure 2.2-5 shows the lithostatic and hydrostatic pressure with depth.

<b>Parameter:</b>	Anhydrite III elevation @ ERDA-9
<b>Median:</b>	105
<b>Range:</b>	70
	140
<b>Units:</b>	m
<b>Distribution:</b>	Uniform
<b>Source(s):</b>	See text.

<b>Parameter:</b>	Bell Canyon elevation @ ERDA-9
<b>Median:</b>	-200
<b>Range:</b>	-170
	-230
<b>Units:</b>	m
<b>Distribution:</b>	Uniform
<b>Source(s):</b>	See text.

For most strata above the repository, the elevations (though varying) are well known because of numerous wells; however, the elevations of the Anhydrite III in the Castile Formation and the Bell Canyon directly below the repository can only be inferred from a geologic cross section (Figure 2.2-1). The geologic structure is uncomplicated, thus the uncertainty is likely small on the regional geologic scale. Yet the information is important to evaluating the potential and the corresponding size of any brine reservoirs under the repository. Hence, uncertainty bounds have been placed on these two elevations inferred from the geologic cross section. For the 1991 PA calculations, a uniform distribution with a mean of the elevation of the strata was inferred from using WIPP-12, and Cabin Baby-1, ERDA-10, or DOE-1 for the Anhydrite III strata and DOE, and Cabin Baby-1 or ERDA-10 for the Bell Canyon. The endpoints were estimated at  $\bar{x} \pm \sqrt{3}s$ .

\* This age reflects the revised 1983 geologic timetable (Palmer, 1983).

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**Stratigraphy at the WIPP**

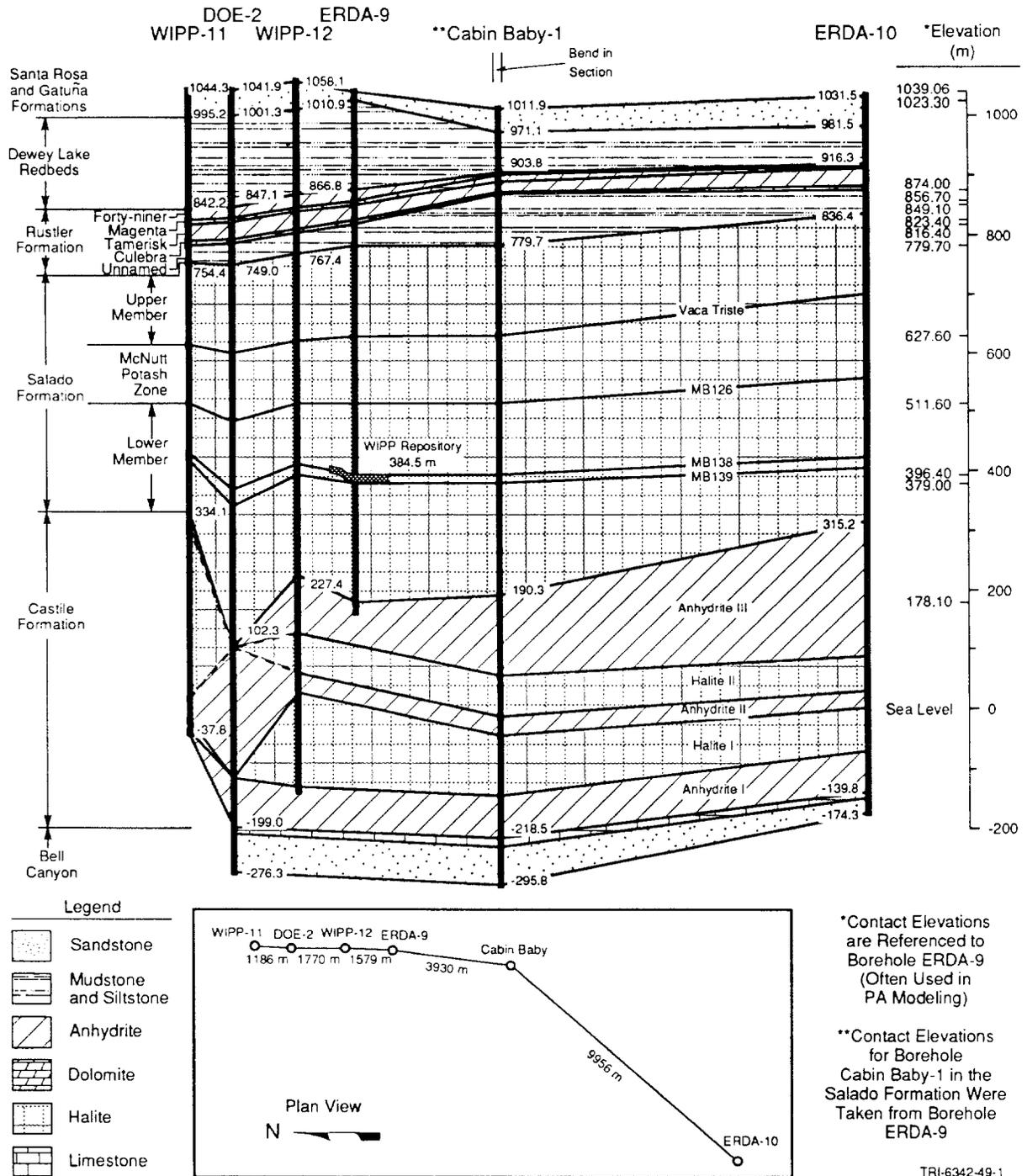
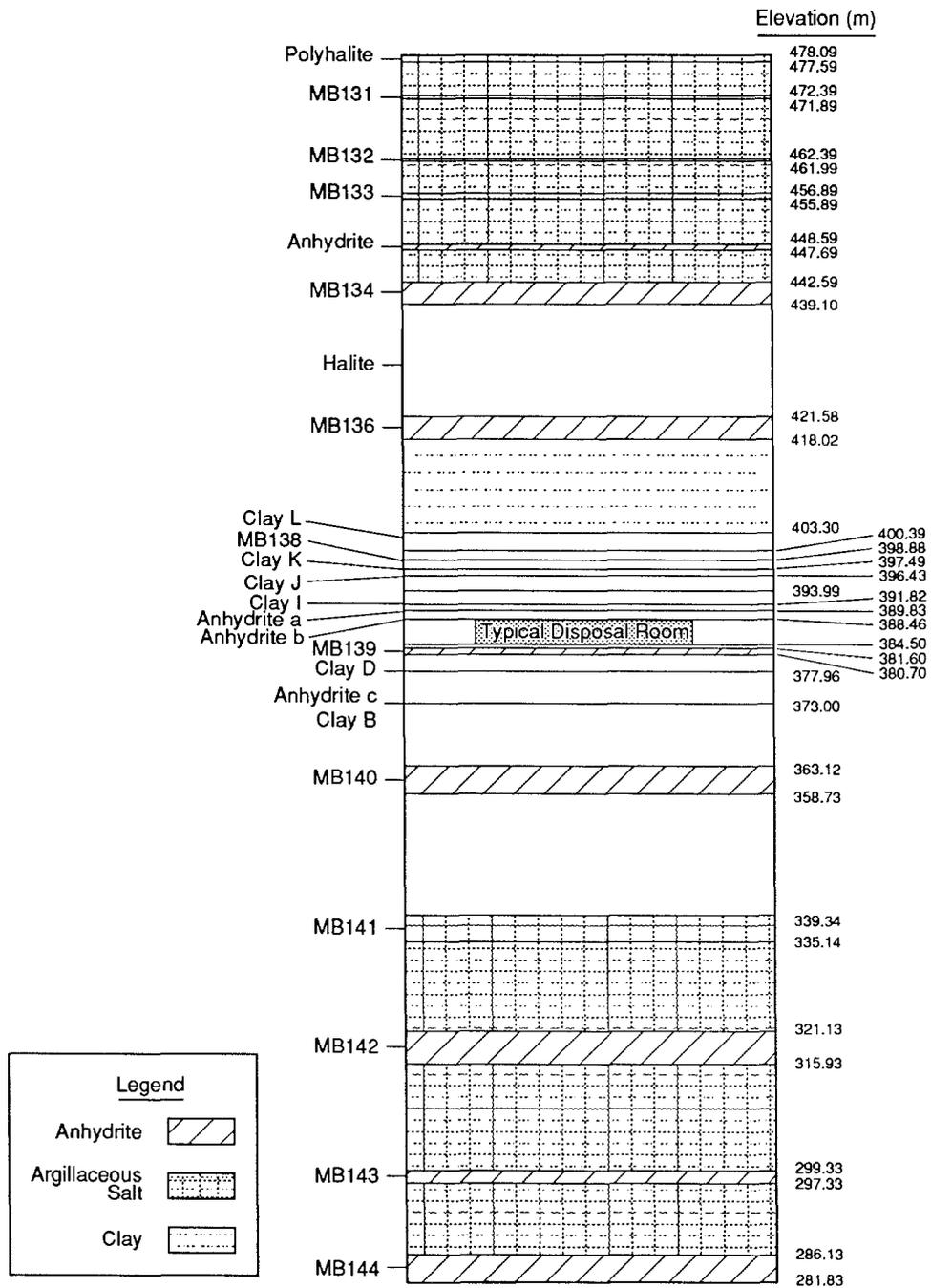


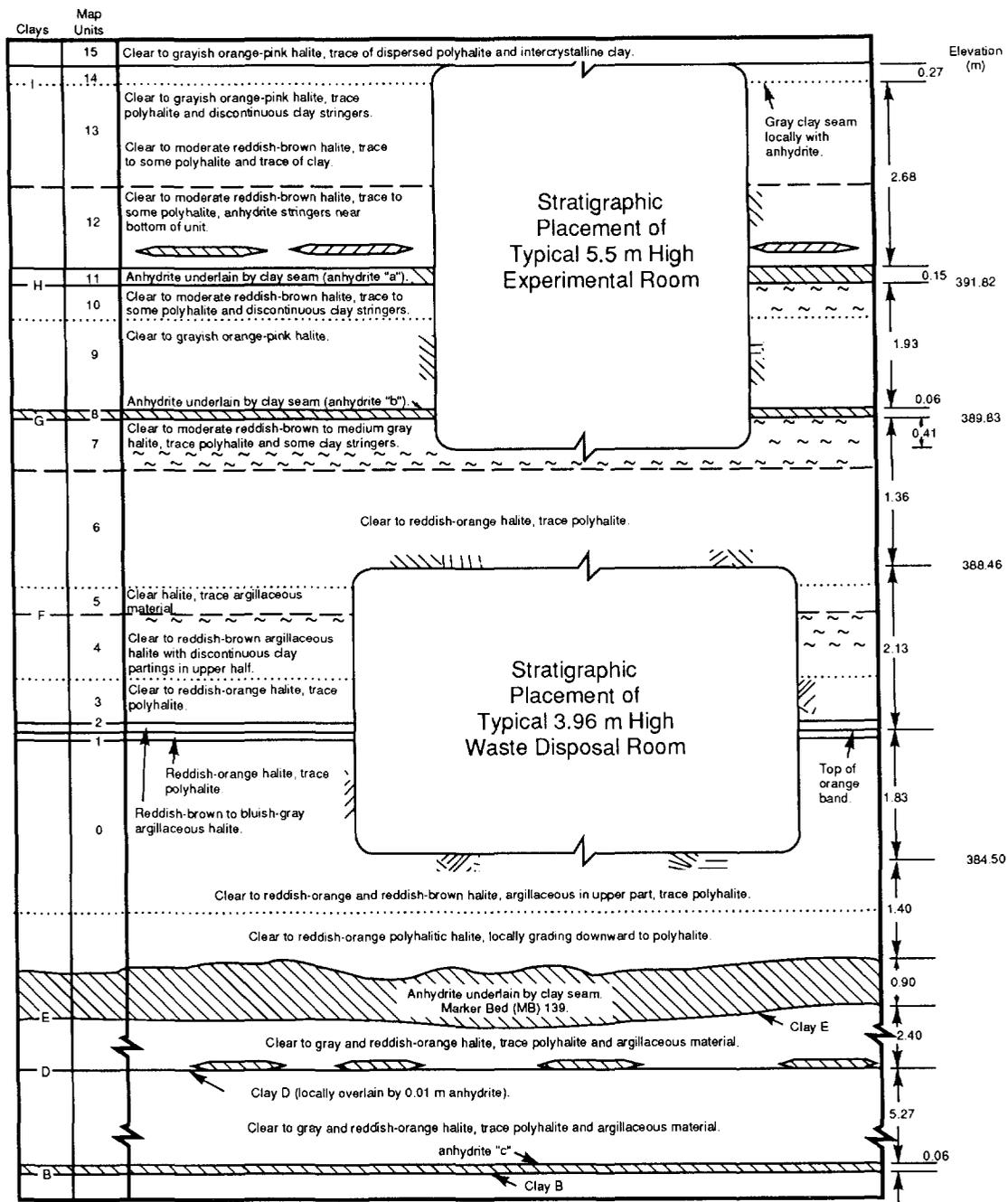
Figure 2.2-1. Level of WIPP Repository, Located in the Salado Formation. The Salado Formation is composed of thick halite with thin interbeds of clay and anhydrite deposited as marine evaporites about 255 million years ago (Permian period) (after Lappin, 1988, Figure 3.1).



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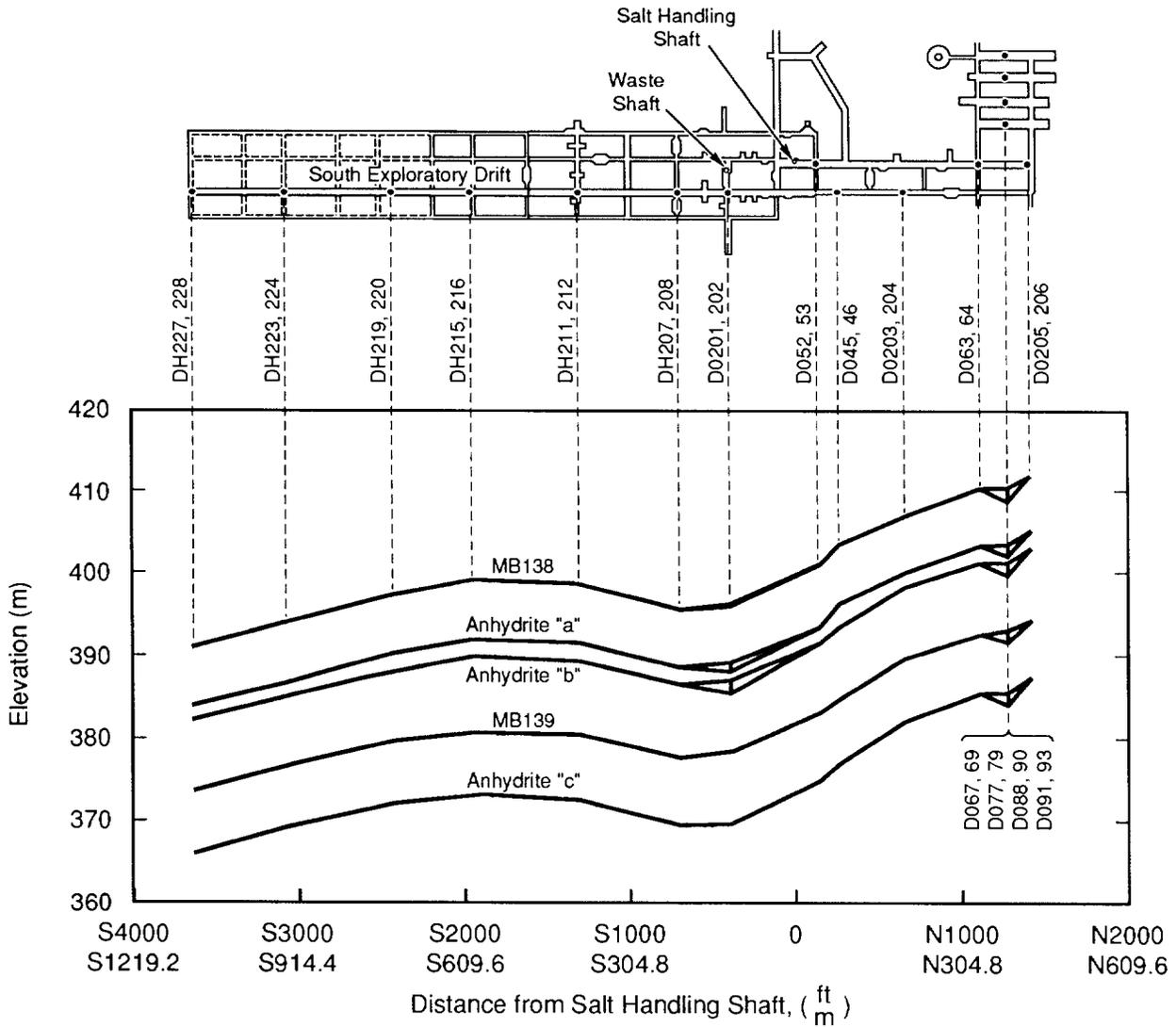
Figure 2.2-2. Reference Local Stratigraphy near Repository (after Munson et al., 1989, Figure 3-3).

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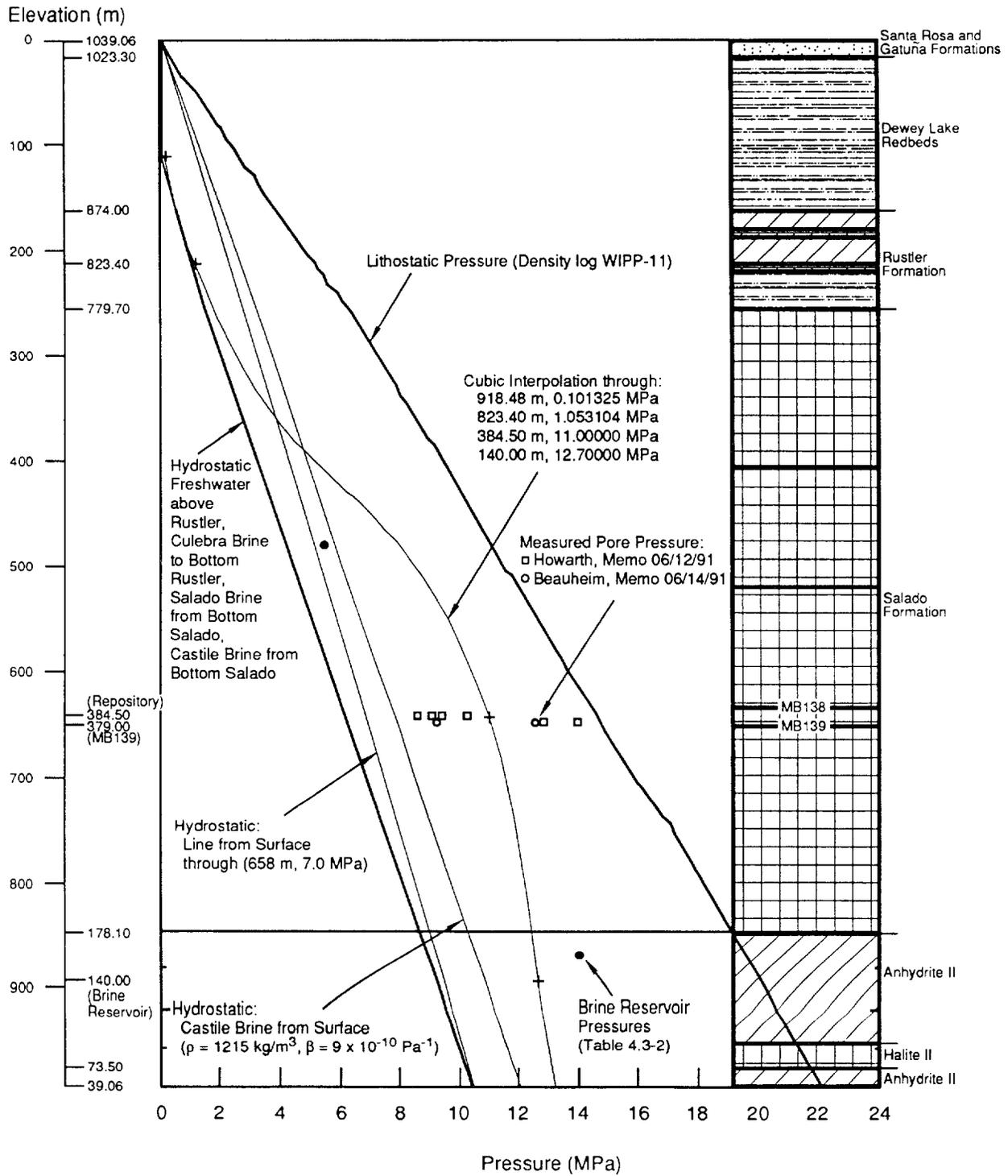
Figure 2.2-3. Stratigraphy at the Repository Horizon (after Bechtel, 1986, Figures 6-2, 6-3 and Lappin et al., 1989, Figure 4-12). Units in the disposal area dip slightly to the south, but disposal excavations are always centered about the orange marked band (reddish-orange halite).



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Figure 2.2-4. Marker Bed 139, One of Many Anhydrite Interbeds near the WIPP Repository Horizon (after Krieg, 1984, Figure 2).

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Stratigraphy at the WIPP



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Figure 2.2-5. Lithostatic and Hydrostatic Pressure with Depth.

## 2.3 Hydrologic Parameters for Halite and Polyhalite within Salado Formation

The WIPP repository is located in the Salado Formation. The Salado Formation is composed of thick halite with thin interbeds of clay and anhydrite deposited as marine evaporites about 255 million years ago (Permian period). The parameters for the Salado Formation near the repository are given in Table 2.3-1.

Table 2.3-1. Parameter Values for Halite and Polyhalite within Salado Formation Near Repository

Parameter	Median	Range		Units	Distribution Type	Source
Capillary pressure ( $p_c$ ) and relative permeability ( $k_{rw}$ )						
Threshold displacement						
pressure ( $p_t$ )	$2.3 \times 10^7$	$2.3 \times 10^5$	$2.3 \times 10^9$	Pa	Lognormal	Davies, June 2, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A); Brooks and Corey, 1964
Residual Saturations						
Wetting phase ( $S_{lr}$ )	$2 \times 10^{-1}$	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	$4 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Cumulative	Davies and LaVenue, 1990b
Gas phase ( $S_{gr}$ )	$2 \times 10^{-1}$	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	$4 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Cumulative	Davies and LaVenue, 1990b
Brooks-Corey Exponent ( $\eta$ )	$7 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.5 \times 10^{-1}$	1.4	none	Cumulative	Davies and LaVenue, 1990b
Density						
Grain ( $\rho_g$ ) Halite	$2.163 \times 10^3$			kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Carmichael, 1984, Table 2; Krieg, 1984, p. 14; Clark, 1966, p. 44
Grain ( $\rho_g$ ) Polyhalite	$2.78 \times 10^3$			kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Shakoor and Hume, 1981 (p. 103-203)
Bulk ( $\rho_{bulk}$ ) Average ( $\rho_{ave}$ )	$2.14 \times 10^3$			kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Holcomb and Shields, 1987, p.17
	$2.3 \times 10^3$			kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Krieg, 1984, Table 4
Dispersivity						
Longitudinal ( $\alpha_L$ )	$1.5 \times 10^1$	1	$4 \times 10^1$	m	Cumulative	Pickens and Grisak, 1981; Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-2
Transverse ( $\alpha_T$ )	1.5	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	4	m	Cumulative	Pickens and Grisak, 1981; Freeze and Cherry, 1979, Figure 9.6
Partition Coefficient						
All species	0			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, p. D-17
Permeability (k)						
Undisturbed	$5.7 \times 10^{-21}$	$8.6 \times 10^{-22}$	$5.4 \times 10^{-20}$	m <sup>2</sup>	Data	Beauheim, June 14, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)
Disturbed	$1 \times 10^{-19}$	$1 \times 10^{-20}$	$1 \times 10^{-18}$	m <sup>2</sup>	Lognormal	Beauheim, 1990
Pore pressure (p)						
	$1.28 \times 10^7$	$9.3 \times 10^6$	$1.39 \times 10^7$	Pa	Data	Beauheim, June 14, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A); Howarth, June 12, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)
Porosity ( $\phi$ )						
Undisturbed	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	$3 \times 10^{-2}$	none	Cumulative	Skokan et al., 1988; Powers et al., 1978; Black et al., 1983
Disturbed	$6 \times 10^{-2}$			none	Constant	See text.
Specific storage	$9.5 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-6}$	m <sup>-1</sup>	Cumulative	Beauheim, June 14, 1991, Memo (Appendix A)
Tortuosity	$1.4 \times 10^{-1}$	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.67 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Cumulative	See Culebra, text; Freeze and Cherry, 1979, p. 104

### 2.3.1 Capillary Pressure and Relative Permeability

#### Threshold Displacement Pressure, $p_t$

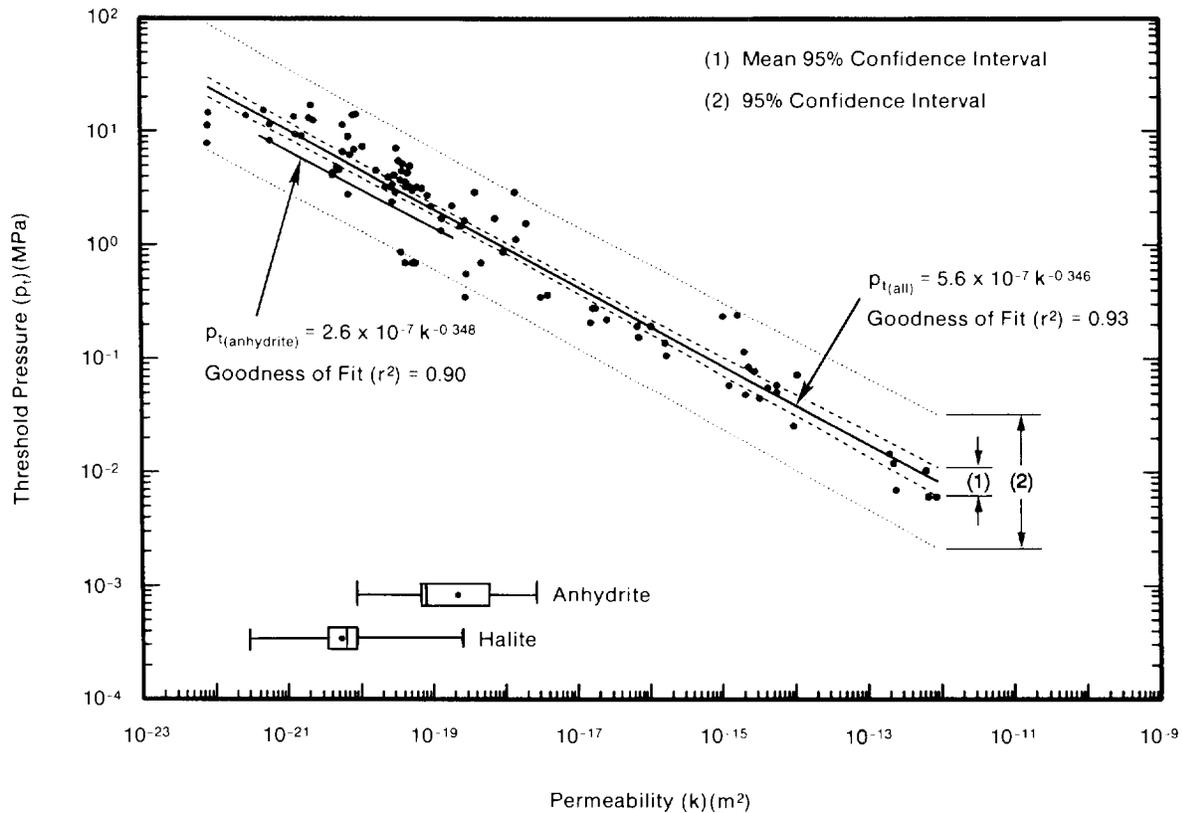
<b>Parameter:</b>	Threshold displacement pressure ( $p_t$ )
<b>Median:</b>	$2.3 \times 10^7$
<b>Range:</b>	$2.3 \times 10^5$ $2.3 \times 10^9$
<b>Units:</b>	Pa
<b>Distribution:</b>	Lognormal
<b>Source(s):</b>	Davies, P. B. 1991. <i>Evaluation of the Role of Threshold Pressure in Controlling Flow of Waste-Generated Gas into Bedded Salt at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</i> . SAND90-3246. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. Davies, P. B. 1991. "Uncertainty Estimates for Threshold Pressure for 1991 Performance Assessment Calculations Involving Waste-Generated Gas." Internal memo to D. R. Anderson (6342), June 2, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume)

#### Discussion:

Threshold pressure plays an important role in controlling which Salado lithologies are accessible to gas and at what pressure gas will flow. The Salado Formation's thick halite beds with anhydrite and clay interbeds are similar in many respects to the consolidated lithologies presented in Figure 2.3-1. Similarities in pore structure exist between halite, anhydrite, and low-permeability carbonates; low-permeability sandstones and crystalline cements; and clay interbeds and shales. Given the general similarities, a best-fit power curve through the combined data set for consolidated lithologies was judged to provide the best available correlation for estimates of threshold pressure for the Salado Formation (Figure 2.3-1). Threshold pressure is also a key parameter in the Brooks and Corey (1964) model used to characterize the 2-phase properties of analogue materials for preliminary gas calculations (Davies and LaVenue, 1990). Because threshold pressure is strongly related to intrinsic permeability, an empirical estimate is used as follows:

$$p_t \text{ (MPa)} = 5.6 \times 10^{-7} [k \text{ (m}^2\text{)}]^{-0.346}$$

$p_t$  is commonly referred to as the threshold displacement pressure. Hence, the capillary pressure can be evaluated given  $p_t$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $s_{lr}$ , and  $s_{gr}$ . Some investigators define threshold pressure as the capillary pressure associated with first penetration of a nonwetting phase into the largest pores near the surface of the medium, which means that threshold pressure is equal to the capillary pressure at a water saturation of 1.0 (Davies, 1991, p. 9). Others define threshold pressure as the capillary pressure associated with the incipient development of a



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5 Figure 2.3-1. Correlation of Threshold Pressure with Permeability for a Composite of Data from All  
 6 Consolidated Rock Lithologies. Data from Ibrahim et al., 1970; Rose and Bruce, 1949;  
 7 Thomas et al., 1968; and Wyllie and Rose, 1950. (after Davies, 1991, Figures 5 and 8)  
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10 continuum of the nonwetting phase through a pore network, providing gas pathways not only  
 11 through relatively large pores, but also through necks between pores. This latter definition  
 12 means that threshold pressure is equal to the capillary pressure at a saturation equal to the  
 13 residual gas saturation (dashed lines in Figure 2.3-2).  
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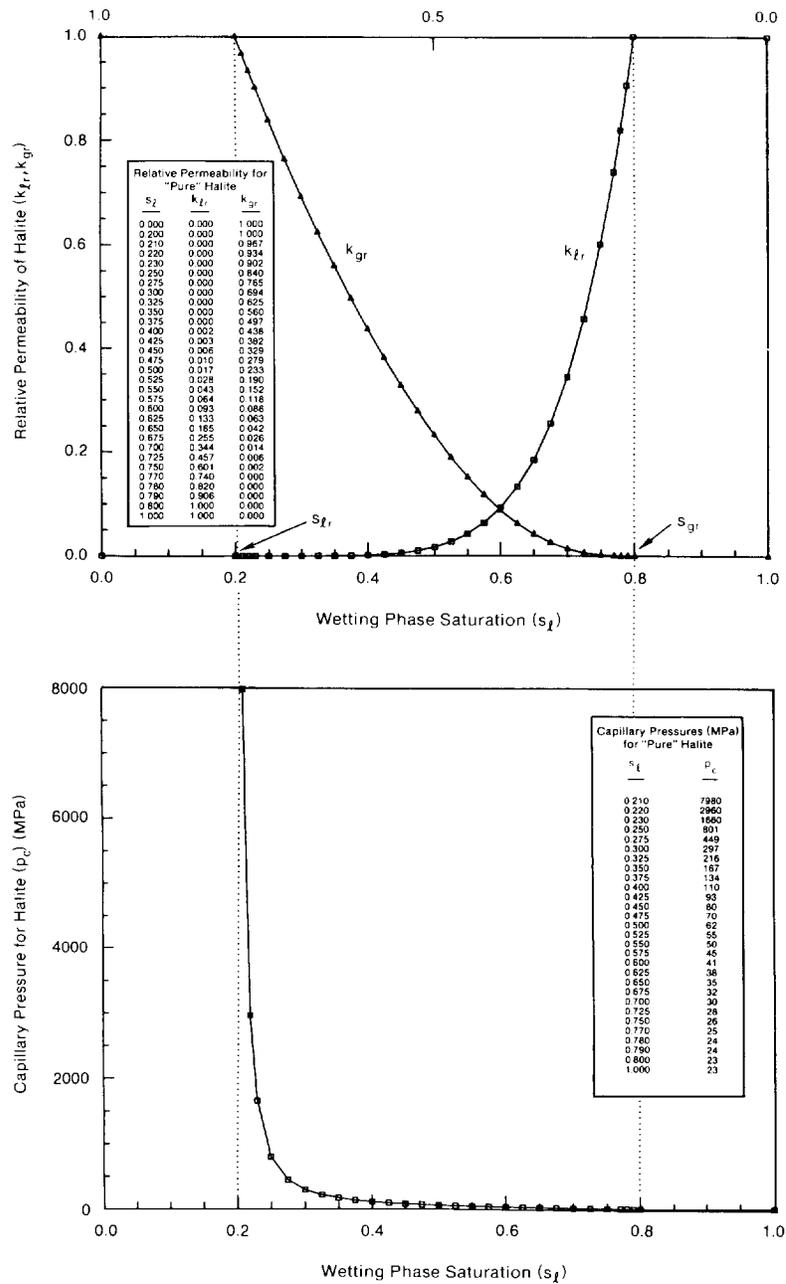
15 Because flow of waste-generated gas outward from the WIPP repository will require that  
 16 outward flowing gas penetrate and establish a gas-filled network of flow paths in the  
 17 surrounding bedded salt, the latter definition has been adopted here.  
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2 **Capillary Pressure and Relative Permeability**

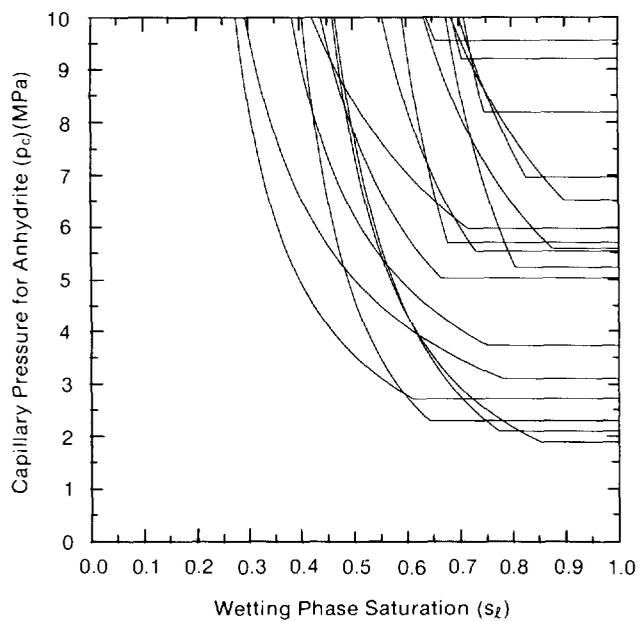
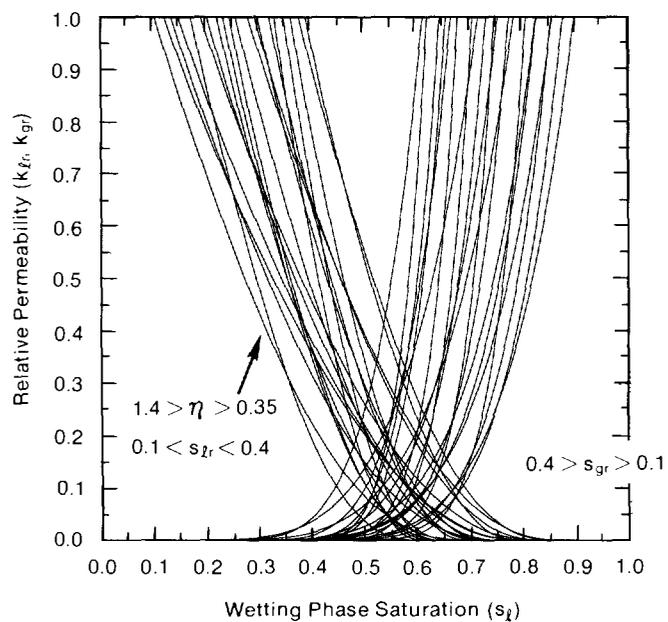
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6 Figure 2.3-2a shows the values estimated for relative permeability for Salado salt. Figure  
 6 2.3-2b shows the estimated capillary pressure curve for Salado salt. Figure 2.3-3 is an  
 7 example of variation in relative permeability and capillary pressure when Brooks and Corey  
 8 parameters are varied.



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Figure 2.3-2. Estimated Capillary Pressure and Relative Permeability Curves.



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Figure 2.3-3. Example of Variation in Relative Permeability and Capillary Pressure When Brooks and Corey Parameters are Varied.

2 **Residual Saturations**

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Residual wetting phase (liquid) saturation (<math>S_{\ell r}</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$2 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-1}$ $4 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Davies, P. B. and A. M. LaVenue. 1990b. "Additional Data for Characterizing 2-Phase Flow Behavior in Waste-Generated Gas Simulations and Pilot Point Information for Final Culebra 2-D Model." Memo 11 in Appendix A of Rechar et al. 1990. <i>Data Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</i> . SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Residual gas saturation (<math>S_{gr}</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$2 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-1}$ $4 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Davies, P. B. and A. M. LaVenue. 1990b. "Additional Data for Characterizing 2-Phase Flow Behavior in Waste-Generated Gas Simulations and Pilot Point Information for Final Culebra 2-D Model." Memo 11 in Appendix A of Rechar et al. 1990. <i>Data Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</i> . SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

1 **Brooks and Corey Exponent**

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4	<b>Parameter:</b> Brooks and Corey exponent ( $\eta$ )
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6	<b>Median:</b> $7 \times 10^{-1}$
7	<b>Range:</b> $3.5 \times 10^{-1}$
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9	<b>Units:</b> Dimensionless
10	<b>Distribution:</b> Cumulative
11	<b>Source(s):</b> Davies, P. B. and A. M. LaVenue. 1990b. "Additional Data for
12	Characterizing 2-Phase Flow Behavior in Waste-Generated Gas
13	Simulations and Pilot Point Information for Final Culebra 2-D
14	Model." Memo 11 in Appendix A of Rechar et al. 1990. <i>Data</i>
15	<i>Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste</i>
16	<i>Isolation Pilot Plant.</i> SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia
17	National Laboratories.
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2 **Discussion:**

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4 Capillary pressures and relative permeabilities for the Salado halite, the anhydrite layers, and  
5 waste have not been measured. As presented and discussed in Davies (1991), natural analogs  
6 were used to provide capillary pressure and relative permeability curves for these lithologies  
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9 Brooks and Corey defined  $s_e$  as

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$$s_e = \frac{s_l - s_{lr}}{1 - s_{lr}} \quad (2.3-1)$$

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where  $s_l$  is the wetting phase saturation (brine) and  $s_{lr}$  is the residual wetting phase  
saturation, below which the wetting phase no longer forms a continuous network through the  
pore network and therefore does not flow, regardless of the pressure gradient. This has been  
modified to account for residual (or critical) gas saturation,  $s_{gr}$ :

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$$s_e = \frac{s_l - s_{lr}}{1 - s_{gr} - s_{lr}} \quad (2.3-2)$$

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Brooks and Corey observed that the effective saturation of a porous material,  $s_e$ , can be  
related to the capillary pressure,  $p_c$ , by

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$$s_e = \left( \frac{p_t}{p_c} \right)^\lambda \quad \text{or} \quad p_c = \frac{p_t}{s_e^{1/\lambda}} \quad (2.3-3)$$

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$\lambda$  and  $p_t$  = characteristic constants of the material.

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$p_c$  =  $p_g - p_l$

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$p_g$  = pressure of the gas

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$p_l$  = pressure of the wetting phase

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In addition, after obtaining the effective saturation from Eq. 2.3-1 the relative permeability  
of the wetting phase ( $k_{rl}$ ) is obtained from

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$$k_{rl} = s_e \frac{2 + 3\lambda}{\lambda} \quad (2.3-4)$$

For the gas phase, the relative permeability ( $k_{rg}$ ) is

$$k_{rg} = (1 - s_e)^2 \left( 1 - s_e \frac{2 + \lambda}{\lambda} \right) \quad (2.3-5)$$

Although none of the four parameters that are used in Eqs. 2.3-2, 2.3-3, 2.3-4 and 2.3-5 has been measured for either the Salado halite, anhydrites, or waste room, they were estimated from values that were obtained from the natural analogs (Davies, 1991; Davies and LaVenue, 1990b). The natural analogs consist of alternate materials that possess some of the same characteristics (i.e., permeability and porosity) as the anhydrite, halite, and waste room. The natural analogs applicable to the very low permeability of the halite and anhydrite were sands that were investigated during the Multiwell Tight Gas Sands Project (Ward and Morrow, 1985). The permeability for these sands typically ranges from  $1 \times 10^{-16}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-19}$  m<sup>2</sup> ( $1 \times 10^{-1}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  mD). Although these permeabilities are higher than those of the anhydrites and halites, no other material was found with a lower permeability for which capillary pressure and relative permeability curves had been measured. The following values have been selected for Salado halite:  $\lambda = 0.7$ ,  $s_{lr} = 0.2$ ,  $s_{gr} = 0.2$ . The values selected for the anhydrites and waste room are discussed in later sections.

The resulting curves for capillary pressure and relative permeability were shown in Figure 2.3-2.

The uncertainty surrounding these parameters is unknown. An initial range was selected for the purpose of being able to run sensitivity parameter studies. The ranges shown for the parameters are arbitrary, corresponding to a simple doubling and halving of the median values. The range of curves produced by sampling 20 times from the assigned distribution using LHS (Volume 2) is shown in Figure 2.3-3.

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7	<b>Parameter:</b>	Density, grain ( $\rho_g$ )
8	<b>Median:</b>	$2.163 \times 10^3$
9	<b>Range:</b>	None
10	<b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
11	<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
12	<b>Source(s):</b>	Carmichael, R. S., ed. 1984. <i>CRC Handbook of Physical Properties of Rocks</i> , Vol III. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, Inc. (Table 2)
13		Krieg, R. D. 1984. <i>Reference Stratigraphy and Rock Properties for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Project</i> . SAND83-1908. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (p. 14)
14		Clark, S. P. 1966. <i>Handbook of Physical Constants</i> . New York, NY: The Geological Society of America, Inc. (p. 44)

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26 The published grain density of halite (NaCl) is 2,163 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (135 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) (Carmichael, 1984, Table 2; Krieg, 1984, p. 14; Clark, 1966, p. 44).  
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1 **Grain Density of Polyhalite in Salado Formation**  
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6	<b>Parameter:</b>	Density, grain ( $\rho_g$ )
7	<b>Median:</b>	$2.78 \times 10^3$
8	<b>Range:</b>	None
9	<b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
10	<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
11	<b>Source(s):</b>	Shakoor, A. and H. R. Hume. 1981. "Chapter 3: Mechanical 12 Properties," in <i>Physical Properties Data for Rock Salt</i> . NBS 13 Monograph 167. Washington, DC: National Bureau of Standards. 14 (p. 103-203)

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19 The published grain density of polyhalite is 2,780 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (173.6 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) (Shakoor and  
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6	<b>Parameter:</b>	Density, bulk ( $\rho_{\text{bulk}}$ )
7	<b>Median:</b>	$2.14 \times 10^3$
8	<b>Range:</b>	None
9	<b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
10	<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
11	<b>Source(s):</b>	Holcomb, D. J. and M. Shields. 1987. <i>Hydrostatic Creep</i>
12		<i>Consolidation of Crushed Salt with Added Water.</i>
13		SAND87-1990. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National
14		Laboratories. (p. 17)

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17 **Discussion:**

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19 The PA Division uses a bulk density of halite near the repository of 2,140 kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
20 (133.6 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) as reported by Holcomb and Shields (1987, p. 17). This value corresponds to a  
21 porosity of 0.01 ( $\phi = 1 - (\rho_b/\rho_g)$ ).  
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2 **Average Density near Repository**

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Density, average (<math>\rho_{ave}</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	2.3 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Range:</b>	None
<b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
<b>Source(s):</b>	Krieg, R. D. 1984. <i>Reference Stratigraphy and Rock Properties for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Project</i> . SAND83-1908. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table 4)

**Discussion:**

The average density of the Salado Formation in a 107.06-m (351.25-ft) interval straddling the repository is 2,300 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (143.6 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>). The interval includes anhydrite marker beds 134, 136, and 138 (above the repository) and anhydrite marker beds 139, 140, and polyhalite marker bed 141 (below the repository) (see Figure 2.2-4). (Marker beds 135 and 137 are very thin and not found in every borehole; therefore these marker beds are not included.) The sum of the thicknesses of all layers of halite and argillaceous halite is 90.92 m (298.29 ft). Assuming that 83.5% of this thickness is pure halite (89.12 m [292.39 ft]) with a grain density of 2,163 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (135 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) (see Table 2.4-1) and that the remaining thickness (17.94 m [58.86 ft]) (16.5% of total thickness) is anhydrite with a density of 2,963 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (185 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) (see Table 2.4-1) yields a weighted average density of 2,300 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (144 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) (Krieg, 1984, p. 14).

### 2.3.3 Dispersivity

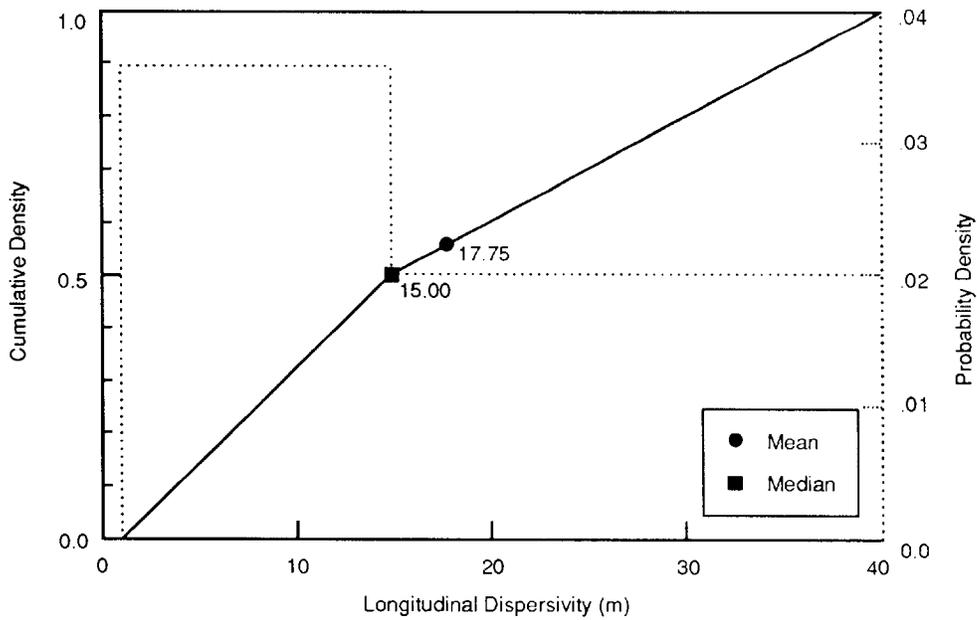
<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Dispersivity, longitudinal (<math>\alpha_L</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$1.5 \times 10^1$
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<b>Units:</b>	m
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Pickens, J. F., and G. E. Grisak. 1981. Modeling of Scale-Dependent Dispersion in Hydrogeologic Systems. <i>Water Resources Research</i> , vol. 17, no. 6, pp. 1701-11. Lappin, A. R., R. L. Hunter, D. P. Garber, and P. B. Davies, eds. 1989. <i>Systems Analysis Long-Term Radionuclide Transport, and Dose Assessments, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Southeastern New Mexico; March 1989</i> . SAND 89-0462. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table D-2)

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Dispersivity, transverse (<math>\alpha_T</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	1.5
<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-1}$ 4
<b>Units:</b>	m
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Pickens, J. F., and G. E. Grisak. 1981. Modeling of Scale-Dependent Dispersion in Hydrogeologic Systems. <i>Water Resources Research</i> , vol. 17, no. 6, pp. 1701-11. Freeze, R. A. and J. C. Cherry. 1979. <i>Groundwater</i> . Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc.

#### Discussion:

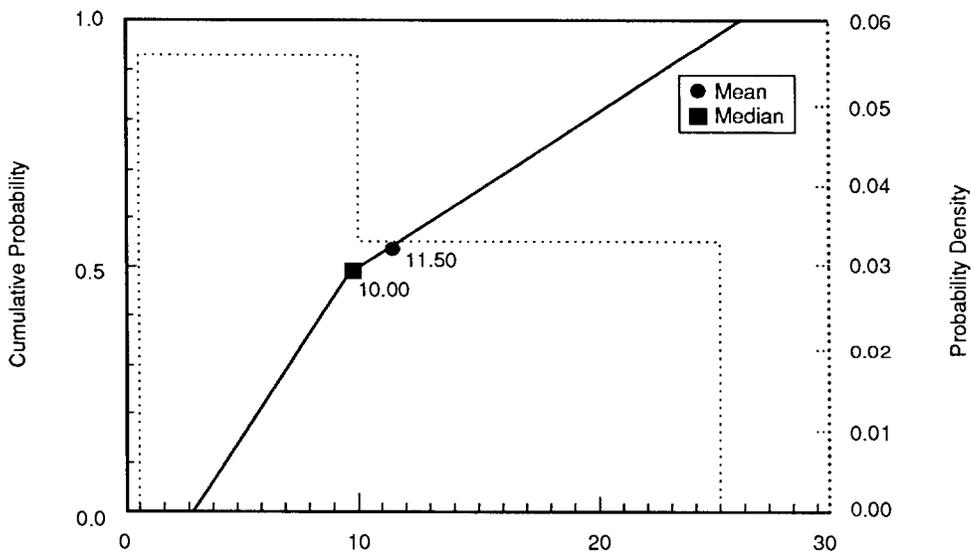
No solute transport tests have been run in the Salado Formation, and no relevant solute transport data exist for very low permeability media from which to estimate dispersivity ( $\alpha$ ). However, current models show limited fluid movement away from the disposal area (Rechard et al., 1989); hence, the rule of thumb applied in standard porous media (Pickens and Grisak, 1981) is assumed to apply, that is, the longitudinal dispersivity  $\alpha_L \approx 0.1d_s$  where  $d_s$  is the distance traveled by the solute. For typical distances traveled,  $\alpha_L$  is between 1 and 40 m (3 and 130 ft). The distribution for  $\alpha_L$  is shown in Figure 2.3-4.

Transverse dispersivity ( $\alpha_T$ ) is usually linearly related to  $\alpha_L$ . The ratio of  $\alpha_L$  to  $\alpha_T$  typically varies between 5 and 20 (see, for example, Bear and Verruijt, 1987; Freeze and Cherry, 1979, Figure 9.6; Dullien, Figure 7.13). However, at very low velocities the ratio can approach 1, while in some strata the ratio has been reported to approach 100 (de Marsily, 1986). Transverse dispersivity was assumed to be ten times smaller than  $\alpha_L$  ( $\alpha_T \sim 0.1\alpha_L$ ) for PA transport calculations. The current range for sensitivity studies is 1 to 25 (Figure 2.3-5).



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Figure 2.3-4. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Longitudinal Dispersivity in Halite, Salado Formation.



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Figure 2.3-5. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Transverse Dispersivity in Halite, Salado Formation.

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Partition coefficient for halite and polyhalite</b>
<b>Median:</b>	0
<b>Range:</b>	None
<b>Units:</b>	m <sup>3</sup> /kg
<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
<b>Source(s):</b>	Lappin, A. R., R. L. Hunter, D. P. Garber, and P. B. Davies, eds. 1989. <i>Systems Analysis Long-Term Radionuclide Transport, and Dose Assessments, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Southeastern New Mexico; March 1989.</i> SAND89-0462. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (p. D-17)

**Discussion:**

The halite and polyhalite in the Salado Formation are assumed to not adsorb any contaminants; only clay layers in the Salado Formation are assumed to have this capability (see Sections 2.4.4 and 3.2.4).

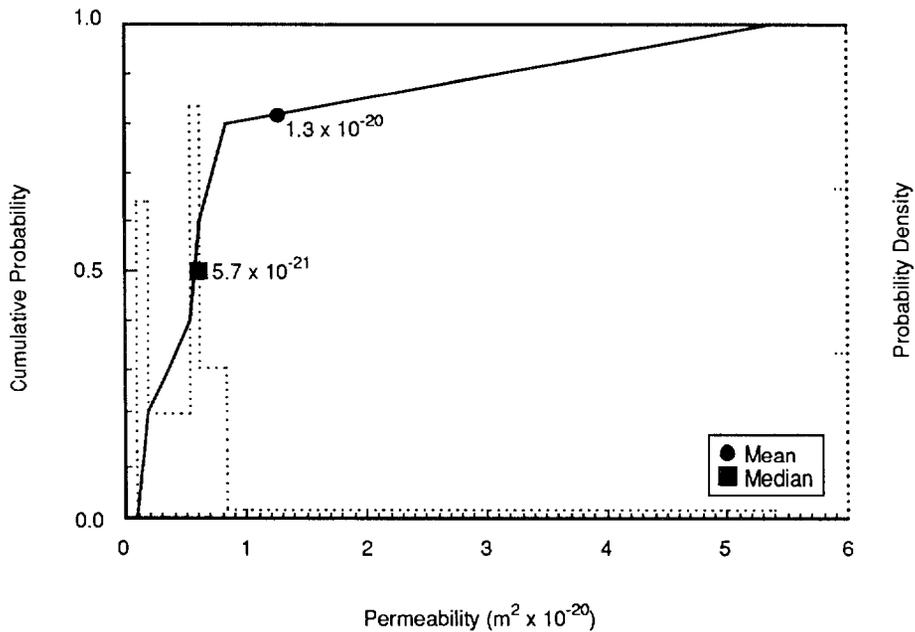
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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Permeability, undisturbed (k)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$5.7 \times 10^{-21}$
<b>Range:</b>	$8.6 \times 10^{-22}$ $5.4 \times 10^{-20}$
<b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Data
<b>Source(s):</b>	Beauheim, R. 1991. "Review of Salado Parameter Values To Be Used in 1991 Performance Assessment Calculations," Internal memo to Rob Rechard (6342), June 14, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume)

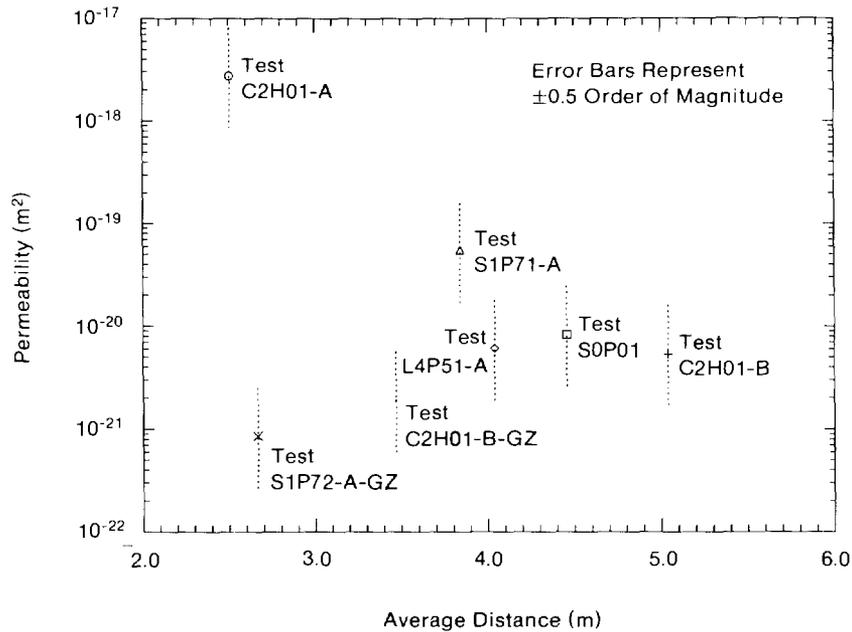
21 Figure 2.3-6 shows the values for permeability assuming no correlation with distance from  
 22 excavation. Figure 2.3-7 shows a non-linear fit of halite permeability with distance from the  
 23 excavation. Figure 2.3-7 shows a non-linear fit of halite permeability with distance from the  
 24 excavation.  
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Figure 2.3-6. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Salado Undisturbed Permeability.

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Figure 2.3-7. Logarithm of Halite Permeability Fitted to Distance from the Excavation.

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8 **Discussion:**

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10 Three experimental programs (Room Q, Small-Scale Brine Inflow, and Permeability Tests,  
11 described in the draft of the "Sandia National Laboratories Waste Isolation Pilot Plant  
12 Program Plan for Fiscal Year 1992") are evaluating permeability (and storativity and pore  
13 pressure) in the halite and anhydrite layers of the Salado Formation. In both 1990 and 1991  
14 PA calculations (Rechard et al., 1990a, p II-13), we used values from the Permeability Test  
15 program (Beauheim et al., 1990; Beauheim, June 14, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]) until the  
16 Fluid Flow and Transport Division standardizes the interpretation of permeability tests.

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18 Interestingly, over the past several years, the distribution of permeability in the halite has  
19 remained generally similar to a lognormal distribution with a range between  $10^{-23}$  and  $10^{-18}$   
20 and a median of  $3 \times 10^{-21} \text{ m}^2$  (e.g., McTigue, 1988 in Lappin et al., 1989, p. A-97).

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22 A fit of Beauheim's data to distance from excavation (Figure 2.3-6) shows that the  $\log_{10}$  of  
23 the asymptotic value of undisturbed halite permeability is  $-20.83 \pm 1.64$ . The probable error  
24 in this estimate can be construed as a one-sigma confidence limit on the asymptotic value.

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1 **Rank Correlation Between Halite and Anhydrite Permeability in Salado Formation.**  
 2 Available data are recorded in Table 2.3-2 (from Gorham, July 2, 1991, Memo, and  
 3 Beauheim, June 14, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]):

6 Table 2.3-2. Data for Calculating a Rank Correlation between Halite and Anhydrite Permeability In  
 7 Salado Formation.

Test <sup>a</sup>	Interval <sup>a</sup> (m)	Lithology <sup>a</sup>	Permeability (m <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>	
			Halite	Anhydrite
C2H01-A	2.09 - 2.92	halite	2.7 x 10 <sup>-18</sup>	
C2H01-A-GZ	0.50 - 1.64	halite		
C2H01-B	4.50 - 5.58	halite	5.3 x 10 <sup>-21</sup>	
C2H01-B-GZ	2.92 - 4.02	halite	1.9 x 10 <sup>-21</sup>	
C2H01-C	6.80 - 7.76	MB139		9.5 x 10 <sup>-19</sup>
C2H02	9.47 - 10.86	MB139		7.8 x 10 <sup>-20</sup>
L4P51-A	3.33 - 4.75	halite	6.1 x 10 <sup>-21</sup>	
L4P51-A-GZ	1.50 - 2.36	MB139		
S0P01	3.74 - 5.17	halite	8.3 x 10 <sup>-21</sup>	
S0P01-GZ	1.80 - 2.76	MB139		<5.7 x 10 <sup>-18</sup>
S1P71-A	3.12 - 4.56	halite	5.4 x 10 <sup>-20</sup>	
S1P71-A-GZ	1.40 - 2.25	MB139		
S1P71-B	9.48 - 9.80	Anhydrite "c"		
S1P72	4.40 - 6.00	MB139		6.8 x 10 <sup>-20</sup>
S1P72-GZ	2.15 - 3.18	halite	8.6 x 10 <sup>-22</sup>	
SCP01	10.50 - 14.78	MB139		
L4P51-B	9.62 - 9.72	Anhydrite "c"		6.8 x 10 <sup>-20</sup>
S1P73-B	10.86 - 11.03	MB138		

<sup>a</sup> Gorham, July 2, 1991, Memo, Appendix A

<sup>b</sup> Beauheim June 14, 1991, Memo, Appendix A

Note that there are only *two* (halite, anhydrite) pairs of measurements from comparable intervals:

halite, 2.7 x 10<sup>-18</sup> m<sup>2</sup> (2.09-2.92 m) + anhydrite, <5.7 x 10<sup>-18</sup> m<sup>2</sup> (1.80-2.76 m)

and

halite, 5.3 x 10<sup>-21</sup> m<sup>2</sup> (4.50-5.58 m) + anhydrite, 6.8 x 10<sup>-20</sup> m<sup>2</sup> (4.40-6.00 m)

To compute a rank correlation with these data, we first make the following table (Table 2.3-3):

Table 2.3-3. Ranks Halite and Anhydrite Data

i	(Halite)		Anhydrite	
	$x_i$	R( $x_i$ )	$y_i$	R( $y_i$ )
1	$2.7 \times 10^{-18}$	2	$5.7 \times 10^{-18}$	2
2	$5.3 \times 10^{-21}$	1	$6.8 \times 10^{-20}$	1

where

R( $x_i$ ) is the rank of  $x_i$  in the data set  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , and

R( $y_i$ ) is the rank of  $y_i$  in the data set  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ .

Conover (1980, p. 252, Eq. 6) suggests using the following formula for computing rank correlation ( $r_{\text{rank}}$ ) when there are many "ties" in the paired data:

$$r_{\text{rank}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n R(x_i) R(y_i) - n \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right)^2}{\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n R(x_i)^2 - n \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \cdot \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n R(y_i)^2 - n \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}}$$

Using the data for R( $x_i$ ), R( $y_i$ ) given in the table above, it can be seen that  $r_{\text{rank}}=1$ . (This result is expected since limited data are all tied.)

The most important information from the above result is that the correlation coefficient is positive. The actual value is most likely less than one. For current PA calculations, the rank correlation coefficient is assumed to be 0.80 (Figure 2.3-6). This value is high enough to greatly limit the probability that the anhydrite will have a lower permeability than the halite and thereby change the current conceptual model of brine flow within the Salado Formation.

1 **Disturbed Permeability**

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5	<b>Parameter:</b> Permeability, disturbed (k)
6	<b>Median:</b> $1 \times 10^{-19}$
7	<b>Range:</b> $1 \times 10^{-20}$
8	$1 \times 10^{-18}$
9	<b>Units:</b> $m^2$
10	<b>Distribution:</b> Lognormal
11	<b>Source(s):</b> Beauheim, R. L. 1990. "Review of Parameter Values to be Used in
12	Performance Assessment," Memo 3c in Appendix A of Rechar et
13	al. 1990. <i>Data Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of</i>
14	<i>the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (1990)</i> . SAND89-2408.
15	Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.
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18 **Discussion:**

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20 The disturbed permeability and porosity of the Salado Formation and interbeds vary from the

21 intact properties to large, open fractures. These two disturbed properties also change as the

22 stress field around the excavations change with time. Furthermore, the halite will likely heal

23 to intact conditions over time (Lappin et al., 1989, p. 4-45; Sutherland and Cave, 1978).

24 Often the PA Division does not model the disturbed zone when it is conservative to do so;

25 however, when necessary the following values are typically used.

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27 The disturbed permeability after consolidation and healing is assumed to vary between  $1 \times$

28  $10^{-20} m^2$  ( $1 \times 10^{-5} mD$ ) (permeability at 0.95 of intact density [see Figure 3.2-3]) and the

29 highest value measured. Beauheim et al. (1990, Table 7-1) reports one measurement from the

30 disturbed rock zone in the Salado Formation of about  $1 \times 10^{-18} m^2$  ( $1 \times 10^{-3} mD$ ). The

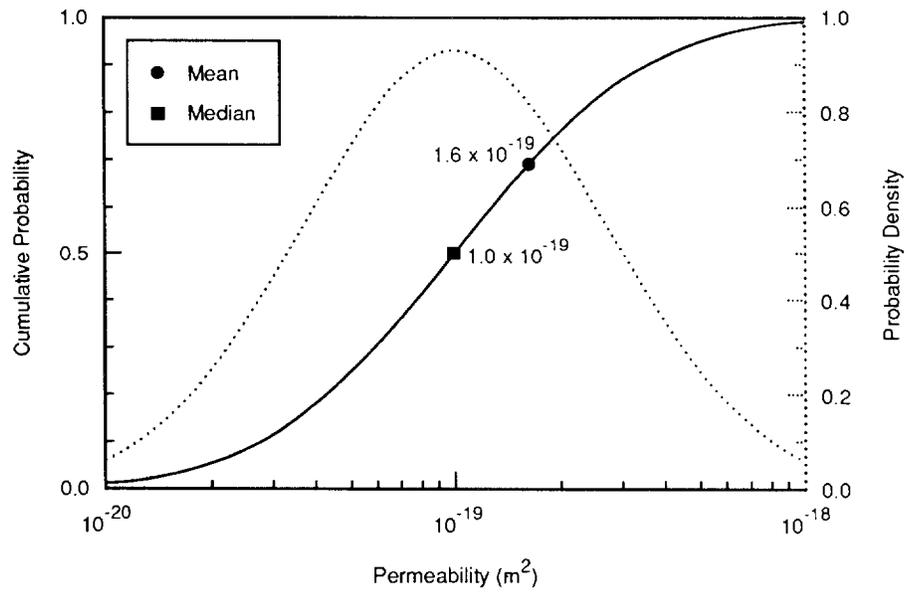
31 median value was set about one and one-half orders of magnitude higher than the

32 corresponding median value for the intact Salado Formation.

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34 Figure 2.3-8 shows the estimated distribution for the disturbed permeability of the Salado.

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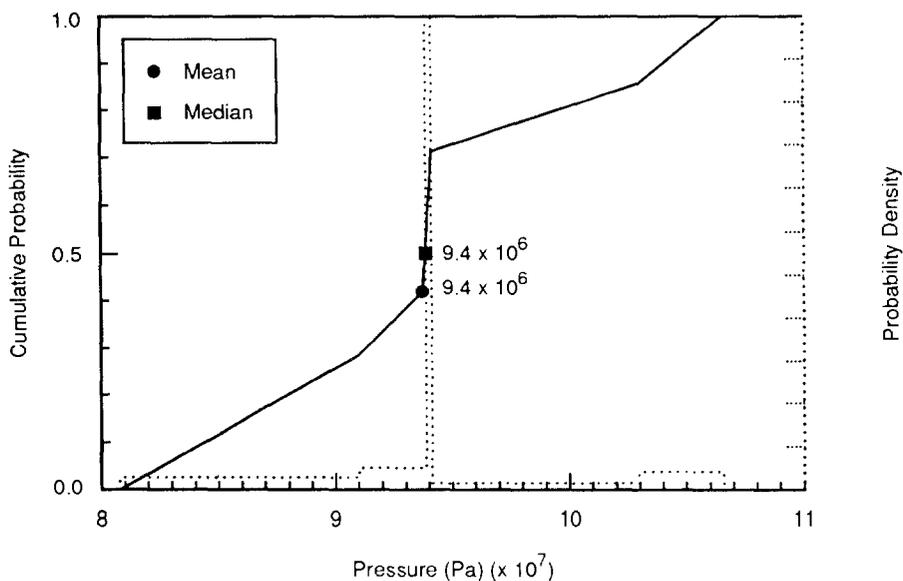
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Figure 2.3-8. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Disturbed Permeability in Halite, Salado Formation.

2.3.6 Pore Pressure at Repository Level in Halite

<b>Parameter:</b>	Pore pressure (p)
<b>Median:</b>	$1.28 \times 10^7$
<b>Range:</b>	$9.3 \times 10^6$ $1.39 \times 10^7$
<b>Units:</b>	Pa
<b>Distribution:</b>	Data
<b>Source(s):</b>	Beauheim, R. L. 1991. "Review of Salado Parameter Values to be Used in 1991 Performance Assessment Calculations," Internal memo to Rob Rechar (6342), June 14, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume) Howarth, S. 1991. "Pore Pressure Distributions for 1991 Performance Assessment Calculations," Internal memo to Elaine Gorham (6344), June 12, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume).

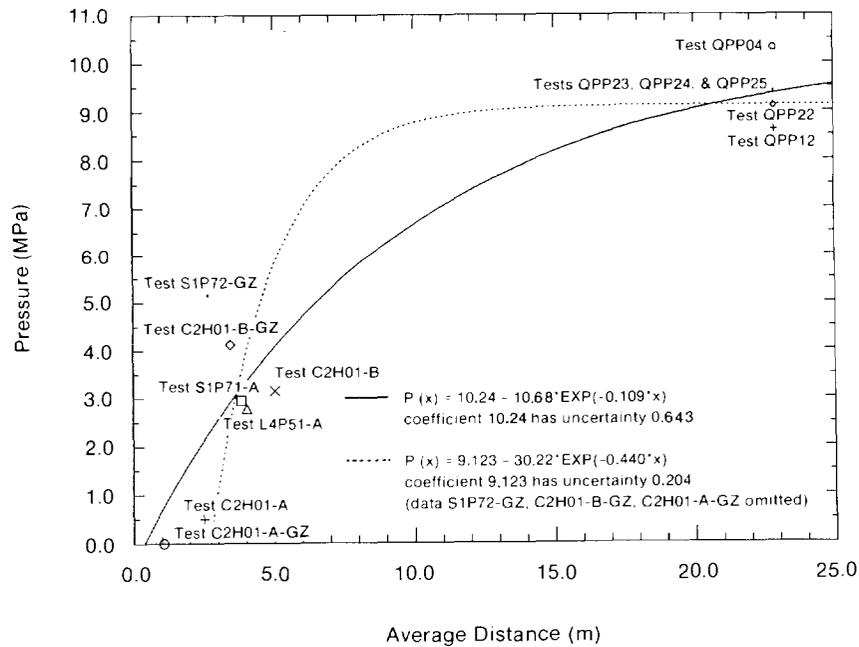
Figure 2.3-9 shows the estimated distribution for brine pore pressure in halite. Figure 2.3-10 shows two non-linear fits of brine pore pressure to distance from the excavation.



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Figure 2.3-9. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Brine Pore Pressure at Repository Level in Halite, Salado Formation.

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Figure 2.3-10. Non-Linear Fit of Halite Pore Pressure to Distance from Excavation.

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11 In 1991, seven pore pressure measurements from borehole tests taken prior to excavation and  
 12 located 22.9 m (75 ft) from any existing excavation were available from Room Q (Howarth,  
 13 June 12, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]). (Beauheim [June 14, 1991, Memo, Appendix A]  
 14 suggested that none of his pore pressure measurements in the halite be considered to  
 15 represent far-field conditions.) One Room Q measurement (1 MPa) clearly showed the  
 16 effects of depressurization. Although all remaining Room Q values are at or above  
 17 hydrostatic pressure ( $\sim 6 \text{ MPa} [z \cdot \rho_{\text{brine}} \cdot g + \rho_{\text{Culebra}}]$ ) pore pressures, assuming 1 MPa at the  
 18 Culebra), they are distinctly lower than measurements taken at the same time in the anhydrite  
 19 layer, suggesting some depressurization. Consequently, the 1991 PA calculations use the pore  
 20 pressure measured in the anhydrite where data suggest less depressurization.

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22 Non-linear fits of pore pressure to distance (Figure 2.3-10) show that the asymptotic value of  
 23 pore pressure is about 10 MPa with a probable error of about 0.6 MPa. The probable error  
 24 can be construed as a one-sigma confidence limit.

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1 **2.3.7 Porosity**

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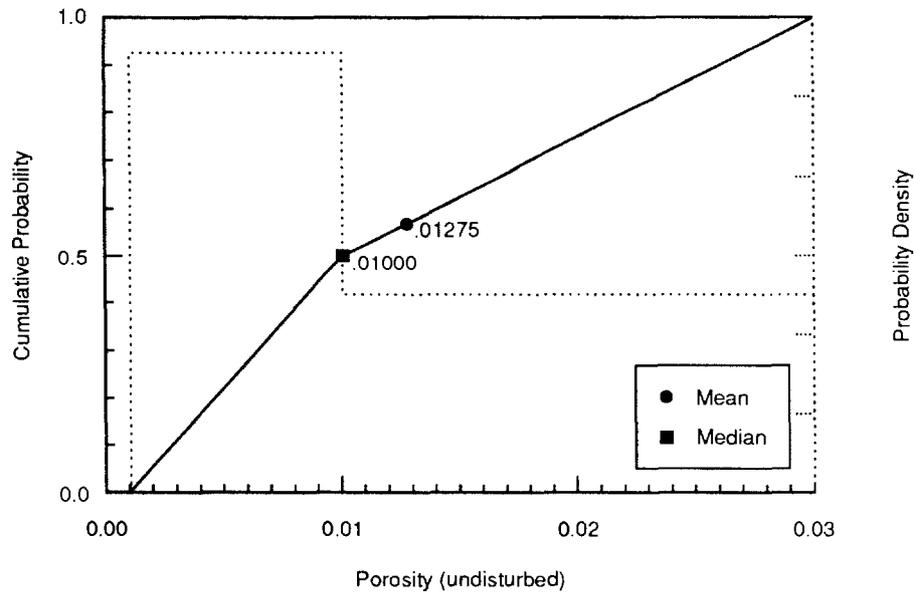
5	<b>Parameter:</b>	Porosity, undisturbed ( $\phi$ )
10	<b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-2}$
11	<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-3}$
12		$3 \times 10^{-2}$
13	<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
14	<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
15	<b>Source(s):</b>	Skokan, C., J. Starrett, and H. T. Andersen. 1988. <i>Final Report: Feasibility Study of Seismic Tomography to Monitor Underground Pillar Integrity at the WIPP Site.</i> SAND88-7096. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.
16		Powers, D. W., S. J. Lambert, S. E. Shaffer, L. R. Hill, and W. D. Weart, ed. 1978. <i>Geological Characterization Report, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Site, Southeastern New Mexico.</i> SAND78-1596, vol. 1 and 2. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.
17		Black, S. R., R. S. Newton, and D. K. Shukla, eds. 1983. "Brine Content of the Facility Interval Strata" in <i>Results of the Site Validation Experiments, Vol. II, Supporting Document 10.</i> Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, U.S. Department of Energy.
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30 **Discussion:**

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32 The median porosity is assumed to be 0.01 based on electromagnetic and DC resistivity  
33 measurements (Skokan et al., 1989). This median value is identical to that calculated from a  
34 grain density of  $2,163 \text{ kg/m}^3$  ( $135 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ ) for halite (see Table 2.7-1) and a bulk density of  
35  $2,140 \text{ kg/m}^3$  ( $133.6 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ ) ( $\rho_b = (1-\phi)\rho_g$ ) (see Table 2.2-1). Although not varied in current  
36 PA calculations, the low of 0.001 is based on drying experiments (Powers et al., 1978), while  
37 the high of 0.03 is based on the low end of the DC resistivity measurements (Skokan et al.,  
38 1988).

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40 Figure 2.3-11 shows the estimated distribution for the undisturbed porosity.

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Figure 2.3-11. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Undisturbed Porosity in Halite, Salado Formation.

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**Parameter:** Porosity, disturbed ( $\phi$ )

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**Median:**  $6 \times 10^{-2}$

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**Range:** None

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**Units:** Dimensionless

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**Distribution:** Constant

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**Source(s):** See text below.

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The disturbed porosity of 0.06 (after consolidation and healing [Lappin et al., 1989, p. 4-45; Sutherland and Cave, 1978]) is calculated assuming that the final density is 0.95 of the intact density ( $0.95\rho_b = (1-\phi)\rho_g$ ) (refer to Figure 3.2-3).

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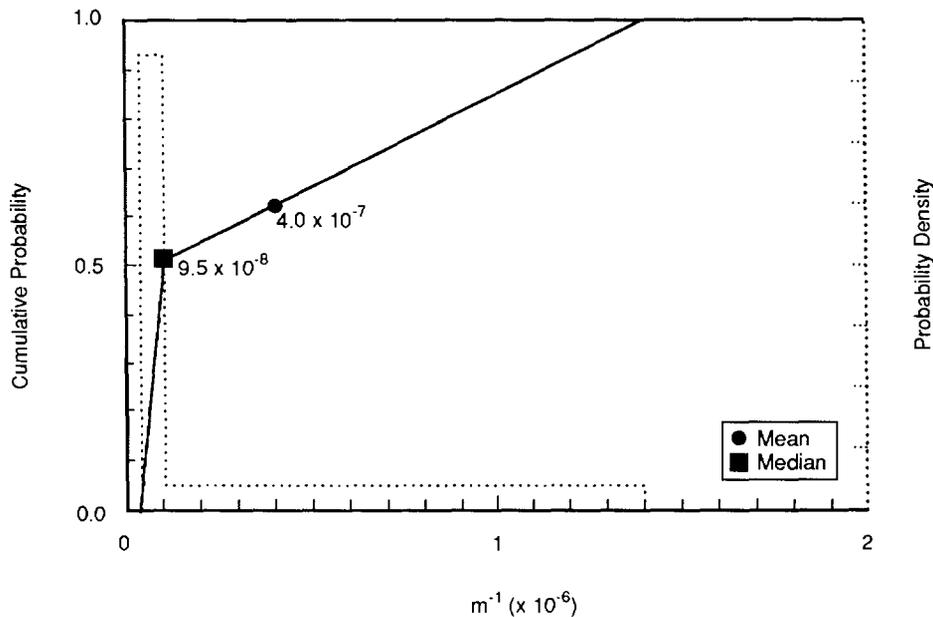
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2.3.8 Specific Storage

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Specific storage</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$9.5 \times 10^{-8}$
<b>Range:</b>	$2.8 \times 10^{-8}$
	$1.4 \times 10^{-6}$
<b>Units:</b>	$m^{-1}$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Beauheim, R. 1991. "Review of Salado Parameter Values To Be Used in 1991 Performance Assessment Calculations," Internal memo to Rob Rechar (6342), June 14, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume).

Figure 2.3-12 shows the estimated distribution for specific storage.



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Figure 2.3-12. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Specific Storage of Halite, Salado Formation.

The median and range on specific storage are based on laboratory measurements of rock and fluid properties ( $\phi$ ,  $\rho_f$ ,  $\beta_f$  reported herein) and the theoretical definition of specific storage, which is the current procedure for interpreting permeability tests (Beauheim et al., 1991, p. 38).

1 Beauheim has combined constant-pressure flow tests with pulse tests. This combination  
2 allows him to identify the particular values of specific storage that best fit our data. As yet,  
3 however, he does not have many of these combined interpretations. Significantly, all of our  
4 preliminary values fall within the range established from laboratory experiments, though at  
5 the high end. Next year, Beauheim may be able to refine the range somewhat. For the 1991  
6 PA calculations, we used the high end of the laboratory range.

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8 The PA modeling codes all use a slightly different definition of specific storage. To clarify  
9 these differences, a detailed discussion of the specific storage term follows.

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12 **Derivation of Specific Storage Including Effects of Fluid, Matrix, and Solid Compressibility.**

13 Biot (1941) presented a theory for the combined effects of matrix deformation and fluid  
14 movement in a porous medium. Rice and Cleary (1976) reformulated Biot's equations in  
15 terms of physically identifiable parameters. In this section, we use the notation of Rice and  
16 Cleary to derive a general expression for specific storage allowing for fluid, matrix, and solid  
17 compressibilities. Direct notation is used with a single underline to identify vectors and  
18 double underline to identify 2nd order tensors. Assuming isotropic, linear elastic behavior,  
19 Biot's equations for strain,  $\underline{\underline{E}}$ , written in terms of total stress,  $\underline{\underline{\sigma}}$  and fluid pressure p were  
20 given in Rice and Cleary as

$$2GE \underline{\underline{E}} = \underline{\underline{\sigma}} + p \underline{\underline{I}} - \frac{\nu}{1+\nu} (\text{tr } (\underline{\underline{\sigma}}) + 3p) \underline{\underline{I}} - \frac{2G}{3K_s} p \underline{\underline{I}} \quad (2.3-6)$$

29 where

- 30  $G$  = drained shear modulus of elasticity
- 31  $\nu$  = drained Poisson's ratio
- 32  $K_s$  = bulk modulus of elasticity of solid particles
- 33  $\underline{\underline{I}}$  = identity tensor with components  $\delta_{ij}$   
34 where  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if  $i = j$   
35 = 0 if  $i \neq j$
- 36  $\text{tr} ( )$  = trace operator such that  $\text{tr } (\underline{\underline{\sigma}}) = \sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22} + \sigma_{33}$

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39 Equation (2.3-6) can be rewritten using the drained bulk modulus of elasticity,  $K$ , for the  
40 porous matrix as

$$2GE \underline{\underline{E}} = \underline{\underline{\sigma}} - \frac{1}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{2G}{3K} \right) \text{tr } (\underline{\underline{\sigma}}) \underline{\underline{I}} + \frac{2G}{3} \left( \frac{1}{K} - \frac{1}{K_s} \right) p \underline{\underline{I}} \quad (2.3-7)$$

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43 This expression can be further simplified by defining the "effective stress" tensor  $\underline{\underline{\bar{\sigma}}}$

$$2GE \underline{\underline{E}} = \underline{\underline{\bar{\sigma}}} - \frac{1}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{2G}{3K} \right) \text{tr } (\underline{\underline{\bar{\sigma}}}) \underline{\underline{I}} \quad (2.3-8)$$

where

$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}} = \underline{\underline{\sigma}} + \alpha p \underline{\underline{I}} \quad (2.3-9)$$

$$\alpha = 1 - K/K_s \quad (2.3-10)$$

This illustrates the fact that the deformation of the porous material is governed by the "effective stresses." It should be noted that  $\underline{\underline{\sigma}}$  and  $p$  are increments of stress and fluid pressure from an unstressed state and it has also been assumed in Eqs. 2.3-7 and 2.3-8 that fluid pressure affects only the normal strain components and not the shear strain components.

Introducing the porosity,  $\phi$  of a porous material where

$\phi$  = volume of voids in a unit volume of porous material

Rice and Cleary give an expression for porosity change in terms of total stress and fluid pressure

$$\phi - \phi_o = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{K} - \frac{1}{K_s} \right) \left( \text{tr} (\underline{\underline{\sigma}}) + 3p \right) - \frac{\phi_o}{K_s} p \quad (2.3-11)$$

where, in this work, it is assumed that the compressibility of the solids making up the matrix can be described by a single bulk elastic modulus  $K_s$ . Biot however did not make this assumption.  $\phi_o$  is the porosity in the unstressed state.

The mass of fluid,  $m_f$ , in a unit volume of the porous medium is given by

$$m_f = \rho_f \phi \quad (2.3-12)$$

where

$\rho_f$  = mass density of the fluid.

The continuity equation for fluid mass balance can be expressed by

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho_f \underline{\underline{q}}) + \frac{\partial m_f}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (2.3-13)$$

where

$\underline{\underline{q}}$  = specific discharge

$t$  = time

$\nabla \bullet$  = divergence operator

The specific discharge  $q$  is defined in terms of the average velocity of the fluid

$$q = \phi v_f \tag{2.3-14}$$

Darcy's law may be stated as follows

$$v_f - v_s = - \frac{K}{\phi \mu_f} \cdot (\nabla p + \rho_f g \nabla z) \tag{2.3-15}$$

where

$v_s$  = the average solid phase velocity

$K$  = permeability tensor

$\nabla$  = gradient operator

$g$  = gravitation constant

$z$  = elevation

The specific discharge *relative* to the deforming solid is given by

$$q_r = q - \phi v_s \tag{2.3-16}$$

$$q_r = - \frac{K}{\mu_f} \cdot (\nabla p + \rho_f g \nabla z)$$

Specific storage is defined as the volume of fluid released from storage in a unit volume due to expansion of the fluid and compression of the porous matrix due to a decrease in hydraulic head.

In a non-deforming porous medium  $v_s = 0$  and  $q_r = q$ . This assumption is made in all PA code, however the effects of matrix compressibility are accounted for in the definition of specific storage. This assumption greatly simplifies the problem. Thus with  $v_s \approx 0$  the continuity equation becomes

$$-\nabla \cdot \left[ \frac{\rho_f K}{\mu_f} (\nabla p + \rho_f g \nabla z) \right] + \frac{\partial m_f}{\partial t} = 0 \tag{2.3-17}$$

Since  $m_f = \rho_f \phi$ , we may express the second term in 2.3-17

$$\frac{\partial m_f}{\partial t} = \rho_f \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \phi_o \frac{\partial \rho_f}{\partial t} \tag{2.3-18}$$

1 Introducing the fluid bulk modulus  $K_f$  which is the inverse of fluid compressibility  $\beta_f$  where

$$K_f = \rho_f \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho_f} = \frac{1}{\beta} \quad (2.3-19)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_f}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \rho_f}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \frac{\rho_f}{K_f} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\partial m_f}{\partial t} = \rho_f \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \rho_f \frac{\phi_o}{K_f} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \quad (2.3-20)$$

24 From Eq. 2.3-11 get an expression for  $\partial \phi / \partial t$  such that

$$\frac{\partial m_f}{\partial t} = \rho_f \left[ \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{K} - \frac{1}{K_s} \right) \left[ \text{tr} \left( \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} \right) + 3 \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \right] - \frac{\phi_o}{K_s} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{\phi}{K_f} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \right] \quad (2.3-21)$$

33 From this expression, it can be concluded that in general fluid mass changes are influenced  
 34 by the stress changes as well as the fluid pressure changes.

36 If only vertical deformation is allowed, ( $E_{11} = E_{22} = 0$ ), along with constant vertical total  
 37 stress,  $\sigma_{33} = 0$  with  $\sigma_{11} = \sigma_{22}$ , using Eq. 2.3-7, it is possible to derive an expression relating  
 38 the horizontal  $\sigma_{11}$  (or  $\sigma_{22}$ ) components of total stress with the fluid pressure. This  
 39 relationship is given by

$$\sigma_{11} = \sigma_{22} = \frac{-2G \left( \frac{1}{K} - \frac{1}{K_s} \right)}{1 + (4G/3K)}$$

Also we may now compute  $\text{tr} \left( \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} \right)$

$$\text{tr} \left( \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} \right) = 2 \frac{\partial \sigma_{11}}{\partial t} = \frac{-4G \left( \frac{1}{K} - \frac{1}{K_s} \right)}{1 + (4G/3K)} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t}$$

64 Substitution of this result into Eq. 2.3-21 gives

$$\frac{\partial m_f}{\partial t} = \rho_f \left[ \left( \frac{1}{K} - \frac{1}{K_s} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{4G \left( \frac{1}{K} - \frac{1}{K_s} \right)}{3 \left( K + \frac{4G}{3K} \right)} \right) + \phi \left( \frac{1}{K_f} - \frac{1}{K_s} \right) \right] \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \quad (2.3-22)$$

or

$$\frac{\partial m_f}{\partial t} = \rho_f c \frac{\partial p}{\partial t}$$

83 where  $c$  is the capacitance (specific pressure storativity).

1 Under the conditions specified above, the specific storage ( $S_s$ ) is defined as

$$\frac{\partial m_f}{\partial t} = \rho_f S_s \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \quad (2.3-23)$$

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11  $h$  = hydraulic head.

13 Our result is written in terms of fluid pressure,  $p$ , instead of hydraulic head; however, the  
14 two are related by

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\rho_f g} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial m_f}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{g} S_s \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \text{ and } S_s = \rho_f g c$$

$$\therefore S_s = \rho_f g \left[ \left( \frac{1}{K} - \frac{1}{K_s} \right) \left( \frac{1 - \frac{4G}{3}(1-K/K_s)}{K + (4G/3)} \right) + \phi \left( \frac{1}{K_f} - \frac{1}{K_s} \right) \right] \quad (2.3-24)$$

38 This is the equation for specific storage including the effects of pore fluid compressibility  
39 ( $1/K_f$ ), matrix compressibility ( $1/K$ ), and solid compressibility ( $1/K_s$ ).

41 Typically,  $K_s \gg K$  and  $K_s \gg K_f$  and Eq. 2.3-24 may be simplified to

$$S_s = \rho_f g \left[ \frac{1}{K + (4G/3)} + \frac{\phi}{K_f} \right] \quad (2.3-25)$$

51 The term  $\frac{1}{K + (4G/3)}$  is the inverse of the drained constrained modulus of elasticity

53 porous media and is often denoted by  $\beta_s$ , the vertical compressibility. Letting  $1/K_f = \beta_f$  gives  
54 the familiar result for specific storage.

$$S_s = \rho_f g (\beta_s + \phi \beta_f).$$

59 Some confusion may result because groundwater models often employ different definitions  
60 for the matrix compressibility  $\beta_s$ . For example SUTRA (Voss, 1984) defines  $\beta_s$

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$$\beta_s = \frac{1}{1 - \phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial p}$$

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$$c = (1 - \phi)\beta_s + \phi\beta_f$$

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$$c = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial p} + \phi\beta$$

18 STAFF 2D (Huyakorn et al., 1989) and HST3D (Kipp, 1987) defines  $\beta_s$  as

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$$\beta_s = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial p}$$

25 while BOAST II (Fanchi et al., 1987) and BRAGFLO (Volume 2 of this report) use

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$$\beta_s = \frac{1}{\phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial p}$$

32 It is important to recognize that each code uses a different definition of matrix  
33 compressibility and all ignore solid compressibility. Beauheim et al. (1991) note that the  
34 assumption that  $K_s \gg K$  may not be valid for halite (due to low porosity and compressibility).

1 **2.3.9 Tortuosity**  
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4	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Tortuosity (<math>\tau</math>)</b>
5	<b>Median:</b>	$1.4 \times 10^{-1}$
6	<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-2}$
7		$6.67 \times 10^{-1}$
8	<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
9	<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
10	<b>Source(s):</b>	See text (Culebra, Section 2.6.7)
11		Freeze, R. A. and J. C. Cherry. 1979. <i>Groundwater</i> . Englewood
12		Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc.

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17 **Discussion:**

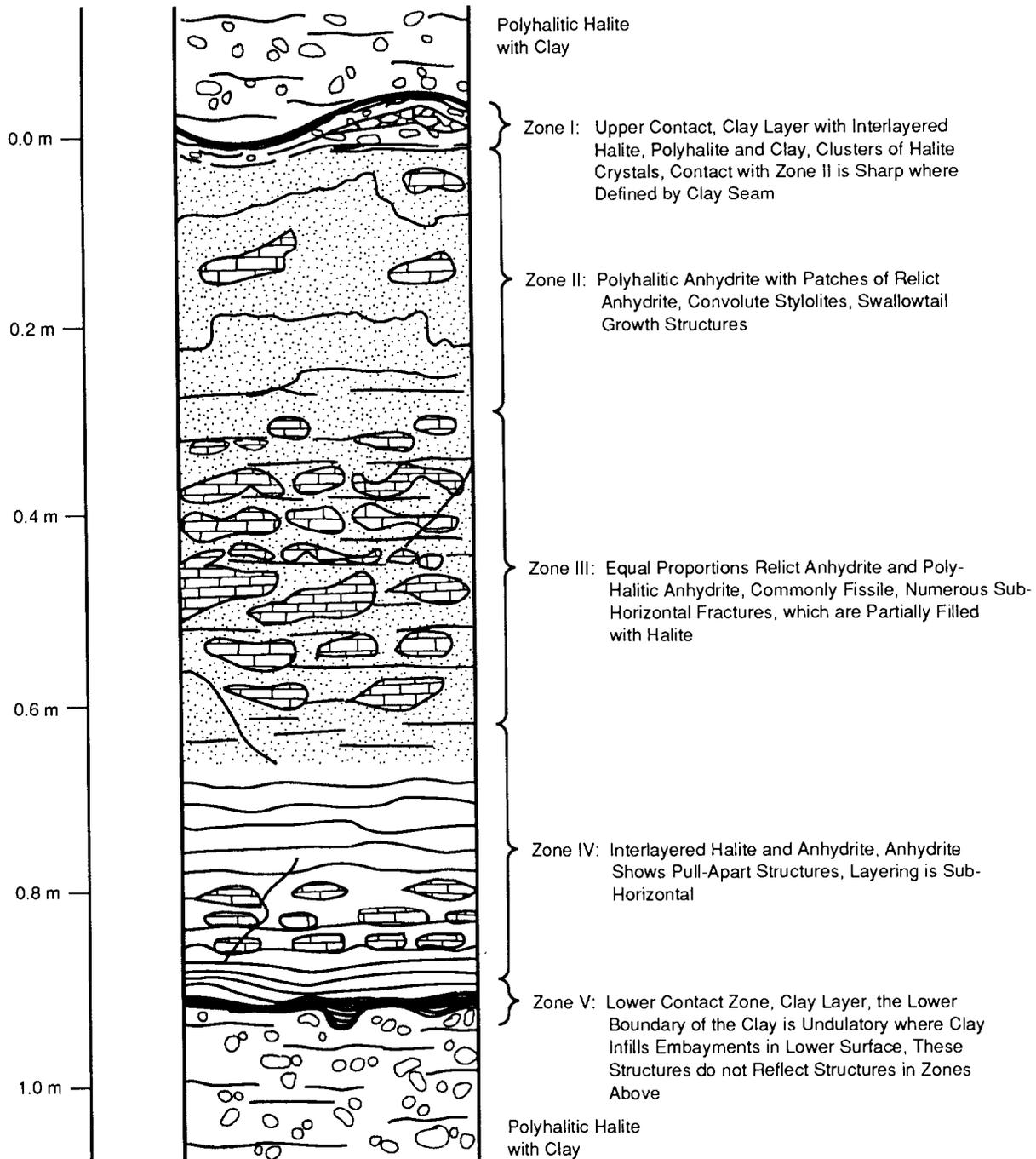
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19 No direct measurements of tortuosity are available in the anhydrite (or halite) layers of  
20 the Salado Formation. The range reported is the maximum typical theoretical value of  
21 0.667 for uniform-sized grains at low Peclet numbers ( $N_p$ ) (Dullien, 1979, Figure 7.12)  
22 down to 0.01 observed in laboratory experiments of nonadsorbing solutes in porous  
23 materials (Freeze and Cherry, 1979, p. 104). The PA Division selected a median value  
24 equal to that of the Culebra Dolomite Member. This parameter primarily influences  
25 diffusion-dominated transport, a condition occurring only when the repository is  
26 undisturbed. The influence of the tortuosity on results was explored in a few 1991 PA  
27 calculations of the undisturbed summary scenario class (Volume 2 of this report).  
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## 2.4 Hydrologic Parameters for Anhydrite Layers within Salado Formation

Table 2.4-1 provides the parameter values for anhydrite layers near the repository within the Salado Formation. Marker Bed 139 (MB139), a potential transport pathway, is an interbed located about 1 m (3.3 ft) below the repository interval and thus is an anhydrite layer of particular interest. Figure 2.4-1 shows a cross section of MB139.

Table 2.4-1. Hydrologic Parameter Values for Anhydrite Layers within Salado Formation

Parameter	Median	Range		Units	Distribution Type	Source
Capillary pressure ( $p_c$ ) and relative permeability ( $k_{rw}$ )						
Threshold displacement						
pressure ( $p_t$ )	$3 \times 10^5$	$3 \times 10^3$	$3 \times 10^7$	Pa	Lognormal	Davies, 1991; Davies, June 2, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)
Residual Saturations						
Wetting phase ( $S_{lr}$ )	$2 \times 10^{-1}$	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	$4 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Cumulative	Davies and LaVenue, 1990b
Gas phase ( $S_{gr}$ )	$2 \times 10^{-1}$	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	$4 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Cumulative	Davies and LaVenue, 1990b
Brooks-Corey						
Exponent ( $\eta$ )	$7 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.5 \times 10^{-1}$	1.4	none	Cumulative	Davies and LaVenue, 1990b
Density, grain ( $\rho_g$ )	$2.963 \times 10^3$			kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	See text (anhydrite).
Dispersivity						
Longitudinal ( $\alpha_L$ )	$1.5 \times 10^1$	1	$4 \times 10^1$	m	Cumulative	Pickens and Grisak, 1981; Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-2
Transverse ( $\alpha_T$ )	1.5	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	4	m	Cumulative	Pickens and Grisak, 1981
Partition coefficient						
Am	$2.5 \times 10^{-2}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-4
Np	$1 \times 10^{-3}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-4
Pb	$1 \times 10^{-3}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-4
Pu	$1 \times 10^{-1}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-4
Ra	$1 \times 10^{-3}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-4
Th	$1 \times 10^{-1}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-4
U	$1 \times 10^{-3}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-4
Permeability (k)						
Undisturbed	$7.8 \times 10^{-20}$	$6.8 \times 10^{-20}$	$9.5 \times 10^{-19}$	m <sup>2</sup>	Cumulative	Beauheim, June 14, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)
Disturbed	$1 \times 10^{-17}$	$1 \times 10^{-19}$	$1 \times 10^{-13}$	m <sup>2</sup>	Cumulative	Beauheim, 1990
Pore pressure	$1.28 \times 10^7$	$9.3 \times 10^6$	$1.39 \times 10^7$	Pa	Data	Beauheim, June 14, 1991, Memo; Howarth, June 12, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)
Porosity ( $\phi$ )						
Undisturbed	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	$3 \times 10^{-2}$	none	Cumulative	See text.
Disturbed	$5.5 \times 10^{-2}$	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Normal	See text.
Specific storage	$1.4 \times 10^{-7}$	$9.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	m <sup>-1</sup>	Cumulative	Beauheim, June 14, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)
Thickness ( $\Delta z$ )	$9 \times 10^{-1}$	$4 \times 10^{-1}$	1.25	m	Cumulative	Borns, 1985, Figure 3; WEC, 1989b; Krieg, 1984, Table I
Tortuosity	$1.4 \times 10^{-1}$	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.67 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Cumulative	See text (Culebra); Freeze and Cherry, 1979, p. 104



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Figure 2.4-1. Generalized Cross Section of Marker Bed 139. The figure shows the internal variability of the unit and the character of both the upper and lower contacts (after Borns, 1985). The thickness varies spatially between 0.4 and 1.25 m with a reference thickness of 0.99 (WEC, 1989b; Krieg, 1984, Table I).

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4 **Threshold Displacement Pressure,  $p_t$**   
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7	<b>Parameter:</b>	Threshold displacement pressure ( $p_t$ )
10	<b>Median:</b>	$3 \times 10^5$
11	<b>Range:</b>	$3 \times 10^3$
12		$3 \times 10^7$
13	<b>Units:</b>	Pa
14	<b>Distribution:</b>	Lognormal
15	<b>Source(s):</b>	Davies, P. B. 1991. <i>Evaluation of the Role of Threshold Pressure in</i>
16		<i>Controlling Flow of Waste-Generated Gas into Bedded Salt at the</i>
17		<i>Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.</i> SAND90-3246. Albuquerque, NM:
18		Sandia National Laboratories.
19		Davies, P. B. 1991. "Uncertainty Estimates for Threshold Pressure
20		for 1991 Performance Assessment Calculations Involving Waste-
21		Generated Gas." Internal memo to D. R. Anderson (6342), June 2,
22		1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In
23		Appendix A of this volume)
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2 **Residual Saturations**

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Residual wetting phase (liquid) saturation (<math>S_{lr}</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$2 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-1}$ $4 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Davies, P. B. and A. M. LaVenue. 1990b. "Additional Data for Characterizing 2-Phase Flow Behavior in Waste-Generated Gas Simulations and Pilot Point Information for Final Culebra 2-D Model." Memo 11 in Appendix A of Rechar et al. 1990. <i>Data Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</i> . SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Residual gas saturation (<math>S_{gr}</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$2 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-1}$ $4 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Davies, P. B. and A. M. LaVenue. 1990b. "Additional Data for Characterizing 2-Phase Flow Behavior in Waste-Generated Gas Simulations and Pilot Point Information for Final Culebra 2-D Model." Memo 11 in Appendix A of Rechar et al. 1990. <i>Data Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</i> . SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

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1 **Brooks and Corey Exponent**

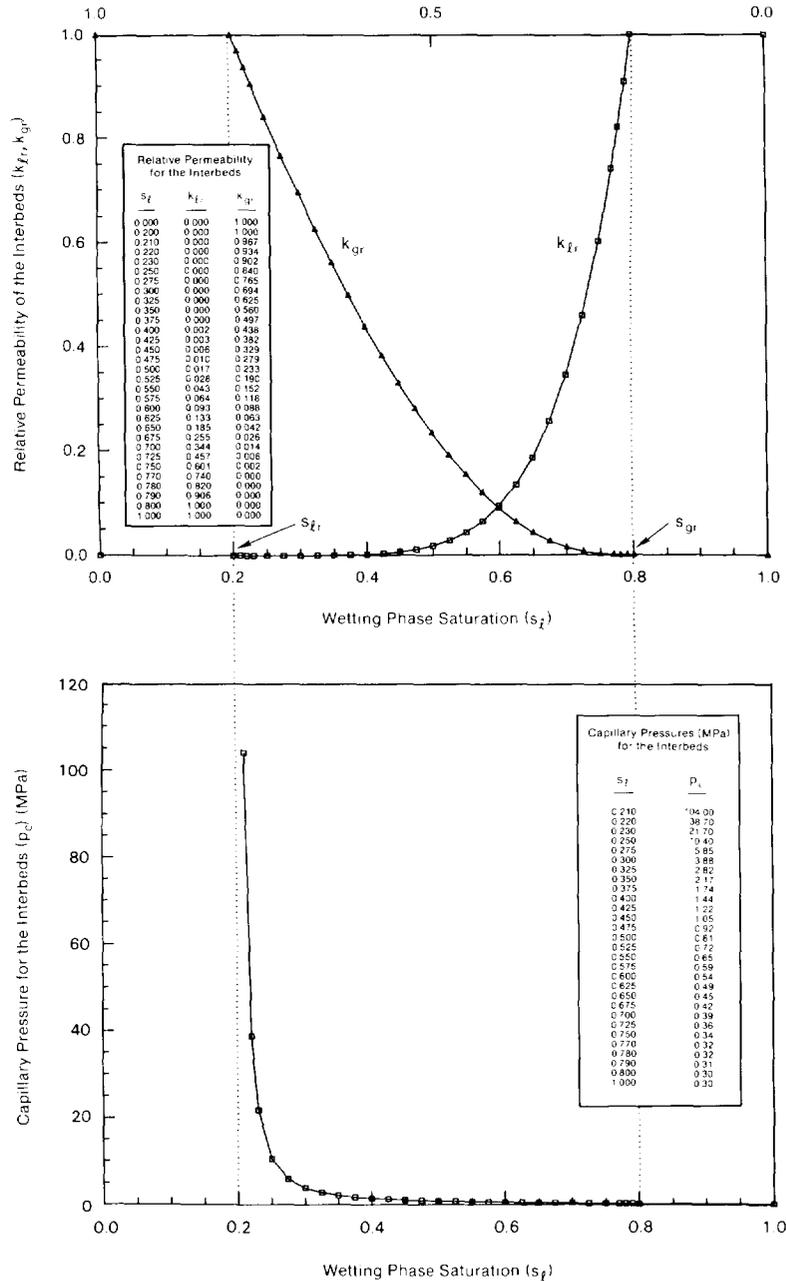
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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Brooks and Corey exponent (<math>\eta</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$7 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	$3.5 \times 10^{-1}$ 1.4
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Davies, P. B. and A. M. LaVenue. 1990b. "Additional Data for Characterizing 2-Phase Flow Behavior in Waste-Generated Gas Simulations and Pilot Point Information for Final Culebra 2-D Model." Memo 11 in Appendix A of Rechard et al. 1990. <i>Data Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</i> . SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

2 **Capillary Pressure and Relative Permeability**

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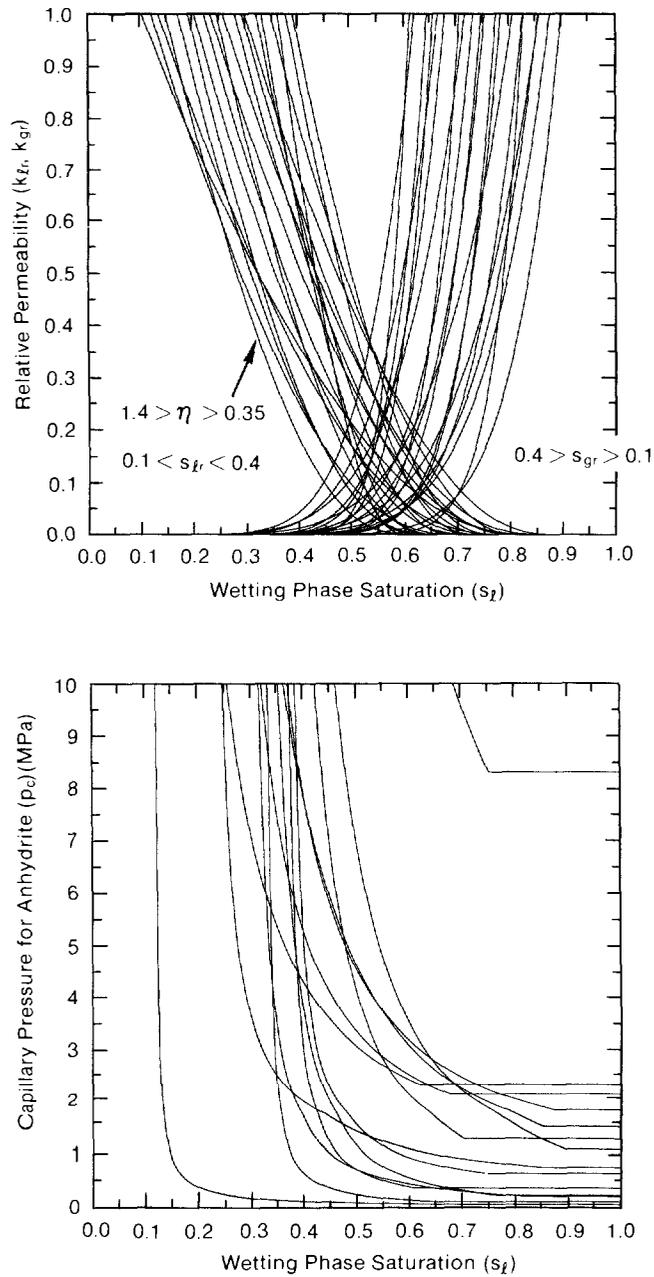
6 Figure 2.4-2a shows the estimated relative permeability for anhydrite layers. Figure  
6 2.4-2b shows the estimated capillary pressure for anhydrite layers. Figure 2.4-3 is an  
7 example of variation of relative permeability and capillary pressure when Brooks and  
8 Corey parameters are varied.



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Figure 2.4-2. Estimated Capillary Pressure and Relative Permeability Curves for Anhydrite Layers.

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Figure 2.4-3. Example of Variation of Relative Permeability and Capillary Pressure for Anhydrite Layers in Salado Formation When Brooks and Corey Parameters Are Varied.

1 **Discussion:**

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3 The correlations for these values were developed as discussed in the section, "Hydrologic  
4 Parameters for Halite and Polyhalite within the Salado Formation." Preliminary parameter  
5 values selected for MB139 and other anhydrite beds are the same as for Salado halite, except  
6 for a lower threshold displacement pressure ( $p_t$ ), and were taken from experimental data  
7 measured for the tight gas sands (Davies and LaVenue, 1990; Ward and Morrow, 1985).  
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10 An initial range was selected for the purpose of being able to run sensitivity parameter  
11 studies. The ranges shown for the parameters are quite arbitrary, corresponding to a simple  
12 doubling and halving of the median values as discussed in Section 2.3.1, "Hydrologic  
13 Parameters for Halite in the Salado Formation." The relative permeability curves are identical  
14 to those of halite. Only the capillary curves differ because of the different range assumed  
15 for the threshold displacement pressure (Figure 2.4-3).  
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1 **2.4.2 Anhydrite Density**  
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4	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Density, grain (<math>\rho_g</math>)</b>
5	<b>Median:</b>	2.963 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
6	<b>Range:</b>	None
7	<b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
8	<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
9	<b>Source(s):</b>	Clark, S. P. 1966. <i>Handbook of Physical Constants</i> . New York, NY: 10 The Geological Society of America, Inc. (p. 46) 11 Krieg, R. D. 1987. <i>Reference Stratigraphy and Rock Properties for</i> 12 <i>the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Project</i> . SAND83-1908. 13 Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (p. 14) 14 15 16

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18 **Discussion:**

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20 The published grain density of anhydrite (CaSO<sub>4</sub>) is 2,963 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (185 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) (Clark,  
21 1966, p.46; Krieg, 1987, p. 14).  
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1 **2.4.3 Dispersivity**  
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4 **Parameter:** Dispersivity, longitudinal ( $\alpha_L$ )  
5 **Median:**  $1.5 \times 10^1$   
6 **Range:** 1  
7  $4 \times 10^1$   
8 **Units:** m  
9 **Distribution:** Cumulative  
10 **Source(s):** Pickens, J. F., and G. E. Grisak. 1981. Modeling of Scale-Dependent  
11 Dispersion in Hydrogeologic Systems. *Water Resources Research*,  
12 vol. 17, no. 6, pp. 1701-11.  
13 Lappin, A. R., R. L. Hunter, D. P. Garber, and P. B. Davies, eds.  
14 1989. *Systems Analysis Long-Term Radionuclide Transport, and*  
15 *Dose Assessments, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Southeastern*  
16 *New Mexico; March 1989.* SAND 89-0462. Albuquerque, NM:  
17 Sandia National Laboratories. (Table D-2)  
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21 **Parameter:** Dispersivity, transverse ( $\alpha_T$ )  
22 **Median:** 1.5  
23 **Range:**  $1 \times 10^{-1}$   
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25 **Units:** m  
26 **Distribution:** Cumulative  
27 **Source(s):** Pickens, J. F., and G. E. Grisak. 1981. Modeling of Scale-Dependent  
28 Dispersion in Hydrogeologic Systems. *Water Resources Research*,  
29 vol. 17, no. 6, pp. 1701-11.  
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34 **Discussion:**

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36 The dispersivity values are discussed in Section 2.3.3.  
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## 2.4.4 Partition Coefficients and Retardations

Table 2.4-2 provides the partition coefficients for anhydrite layers.

Table 2.4-2. Partition Coefficients for Anhydrite Layers (after Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-4)

Radionuclide	Partition coefficient* (m <sup>3</sup> /kg)
Am	2.5 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>
Np	1 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Pb	1 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Pu	1 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>
Ra	1 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Th	1 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>
U	1 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

\* Assumed constant

### Discussion:

The sorption of trace radionuclides onto salt-like minerals such as anhydrite is poorly understood; thus, current PA calculations assume partition coefficients of zero (the lower limit). However, because sensitivity studies require ranges of values, the upper limit was arbitrarily chosen to keep the calculated retardation below 10. The rough estimates on median values are those reported by Lappin et al. (1989). Generally, the reported experimental  $K_d$  data was reduced by several orders of magnitude as explained below.

**Americium.**  $K_d$  values for americium are decreased by factors of 3 to 1000 from values in Paine (1977), Dosch (1979), and Tien et al. (1983), because of the potential effects of organic complexation. (As a conservative measure, the likely degradation of the organic compounds was neglected.) For example, Swanson (1986) found that moderate concentrations ( $4 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $10^{-4}$  M) of EDTA significantly decreased americium sorption onto kaolinite and montmorillonite. The magnitude of this effect was a function of the pH and concentration of EDTA, calcium, magnesium, and iron in solution.

**Uranium and Neptunium.** In general, low  $K_d$ s for uranium and thorium have been measured in waters relevant to the WIPP repository. The  $K_d$  of uranium depends strongly on the pH, concentration of competing ions, and the extent of complexation by carbonate and organic ligands (Lappin et al., 1989). A low value ( $K_d = 1$ ) has been assumed to account for these effects. Theoretical calculations (Leckie, 1989) and arguments based on similarities in speciation, ionic radii, and valence (Chapman and Smellie, 1986) suggest that the behavior of neptunium will be similar to that of uranium.

1 **Plutonium.**  $K_d$  values for plutonium are decreased by two to three orders of magnitude from  
2 the values in Paine (1977), Dosch (1979), and Tien et al. (1983), because of the potential  
3 effect of carbonate complexation.

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5 **Thorium.** There are very few data for thorium under conditions relevant to the WIPP.  
6 Thorium  $K_d$  values were estimated from data for plutonium, a reasonable homolog element  
7 (Krauskopf, 1986). Data describing sorption of thorium onto kaolinite (Riese, 1982) suggest  
8 that high concentrations of calcium and magnesium will prevent significant amounts of  
9 sorption onto clays in the repository. Stability constants for organo-thorium complexes  
10 suggest that organic complexation could be important in the repository and may inhibit  
11 sorption (Langmuir and Herman, 1980).

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13 **Radium and Lead.** There are very few sorption data for radium and lead under conditions  
14 relevant to the WIPP.  $K_d$  values were estimated by assuming homologous radium-palladium  
15 behavior (cf. Tien et al., 1983). Data from Riese (1982) suggest that radium will sorb onto  
16 clays but that high concentrations of calcium and magnesium will inhibit sorption. Langmuir  
17 and Riese (1985) presented theoretical and empirical arguments that suggest that radium will  
18 be coprecipitated in calcite, gypsum, and anhydrite in solutions close to saturation with  
19 respect to these minerals.

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21 **Retardation.** See Section 2.6.10 for the discussion of retardation.  
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## 2.4.5 Permeability

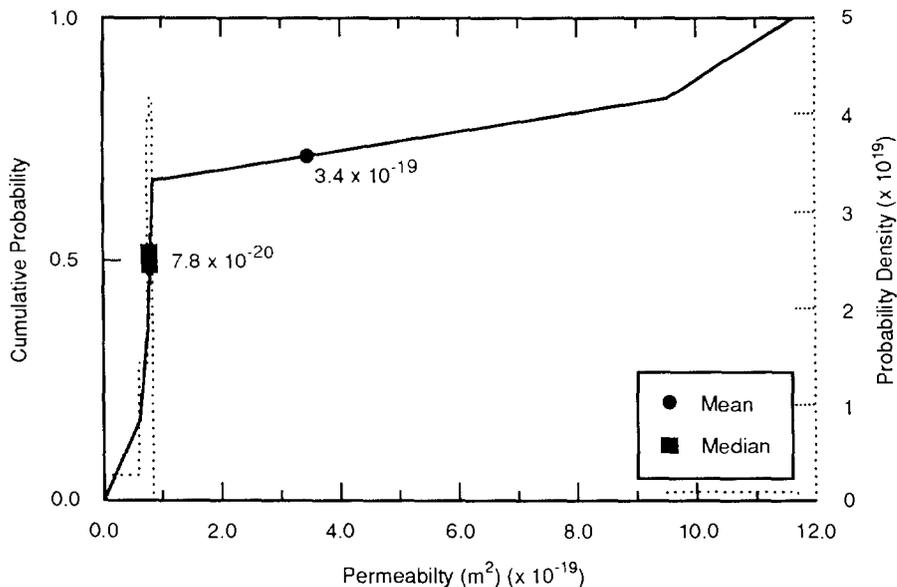
### Undisturbed Permeability

<b>Parameter:</b>	Permeability, undisturbed (k)
<b>Median:</b>	$7.8 \times 10^{-20}$
<b>Range:</b>	$6.8 \times 10^{-20}$ $9.5 \times 10^{-19}$
<b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Data
<b>Source(s):</b>	Beauheim, R. 1991. "Review of Salado Parameter Values To Be Used in 1991 Performance Assessment Calculations," Internal memo to Rob Rechard (6342), June 14, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume)

### Discussion:

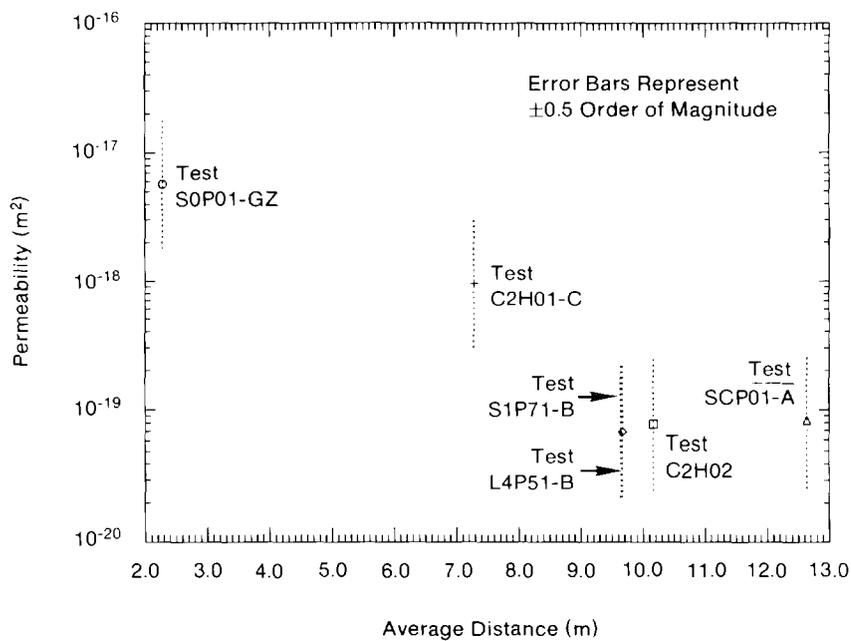
The distribution of anhydrite permeability in the far field is based on five measurements from the Permeability Testing Program (Beauheim, June 14, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]). In the past, the general consensus for the permeability of anhydrite layers in general, and MB139 in particular, has been a median value of  $1 \times 10^{-19}$  (Rechard et al., 1990, p. II-16). The current data show an insignificant but somewhat smaller median value of  $7.8 \times 10^{-20}$ .

Figure 2.4-4 shows the distribution for undisturbed permeability in the anhydrite assuming no correlation with distance from excavation. However, a non-linear fit of permeability to distance shows an asymptotic value near  $8 \times 10^{-20} m^2$  (Figure 2.4-5). More specifically, the asymptotic value of  $\log_{10}$  of anhydrite permeability is about -19, with a probable error of  $\pm 0.6$ . The probable error can be interpreted as a one-sigma confidence interval.



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Figure 2.4-4. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Undisturbed Permeability, Anhydrite Layers in Salado Formation.



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Figure 2.4-5. Non-Linear Fit of Anhydrite Permeability to Distance from Excavation.

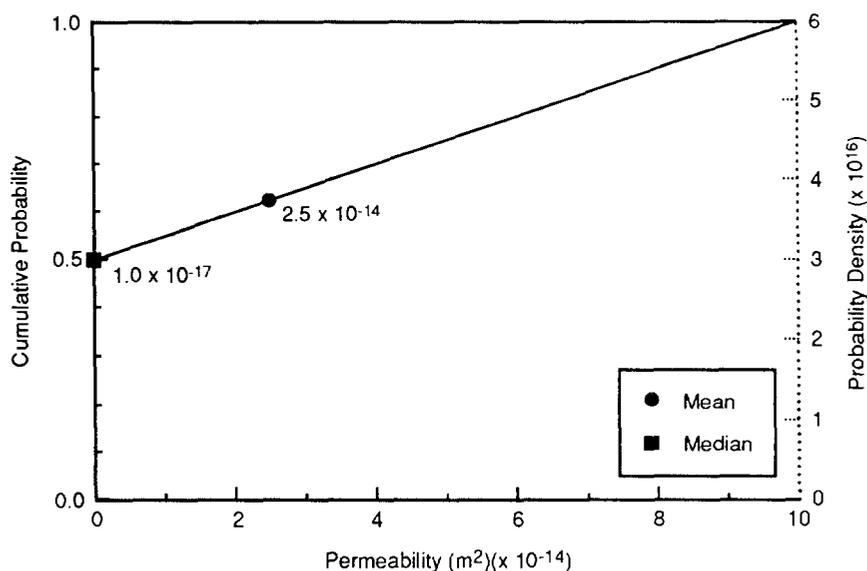
**Disturbed Permeability**

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Permeability, disturbed (k)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-17}$
<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-19}$
	$1 \times 10^{-13}$
<b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Beauheim, R. L. 1990. "Review of Parameter Values to be Used in Performance Assessment," Memo 3c in Appendix A of Rechar et al. 1990. <i>Data Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (1990)</i> . SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

**Discussion:**

Following the logic described for permeability for the Salado halite, the disturbed permeability is assumed to vary between the median intact value and the highest measured value; the median value is set about two orders of magnitude below the undisturbed median value. The highest permeability measured to date in MB139 is  $3.2 \times 10^{-13} m^2$  ( $3.2 \times 10^2$  mD) (from draft report by M. E. Crawley, "Hydraulic Testing of Marker Bed 139 at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Southeastern New Mexico," Westinghouse Electric Co., Carlsbad, NM), but was rounded down to  $1 \times 10^{-13} m^2$  ( $1 \times 10^2$  mD), the value used for unmodified TRU waste.

Figure 2.4-6 shows the estimated distribution for disturbed permeability for the anhydrite layers.



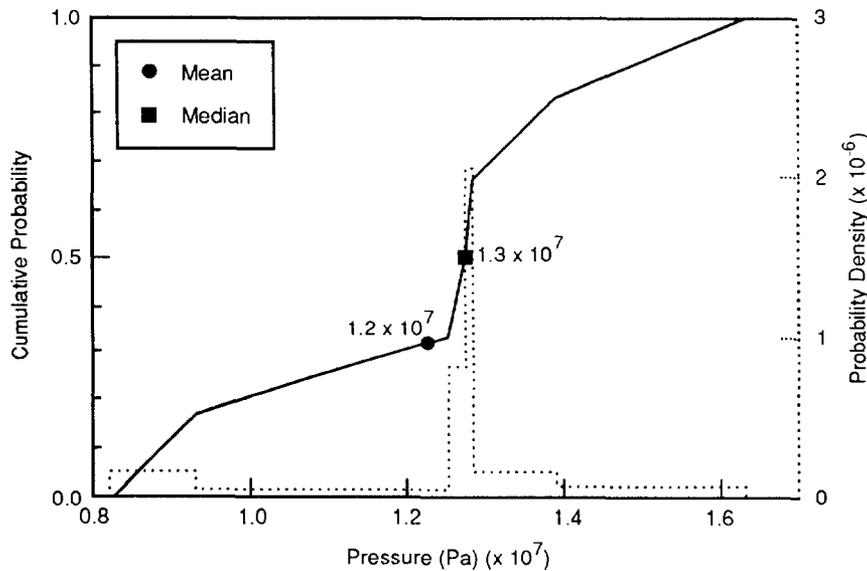
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Figure 2.4-6. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Disturbed Permeability, Anhydrite Layers in Salado Formation.

## 2.4.6 Pore Pressure at Repository Level in Anhydrite

<b>Parameter:</b>	Pore pressure at repository level (p)
<b>Median:</b>	$1.28 \times 10^7$
<b>Range:</b>	$9.3 \times 10^6$ $1.39 \times 10^7$
<b>Units:</b>	Pa
<b>Distribution:</b>	Data
<b>Source(s):</b>	Beauheim, R. L. 1991. "Review of Parameter Values to be Used in 1991 Performance Assessment." Internal memo to R. Rechar, June 14, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume) Howarth, S. 1991. "Pore Pressure Distributions for 1991 Performance Assessment Calculations," Internal memo to Elaine Gorham (6344), June 12, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume).

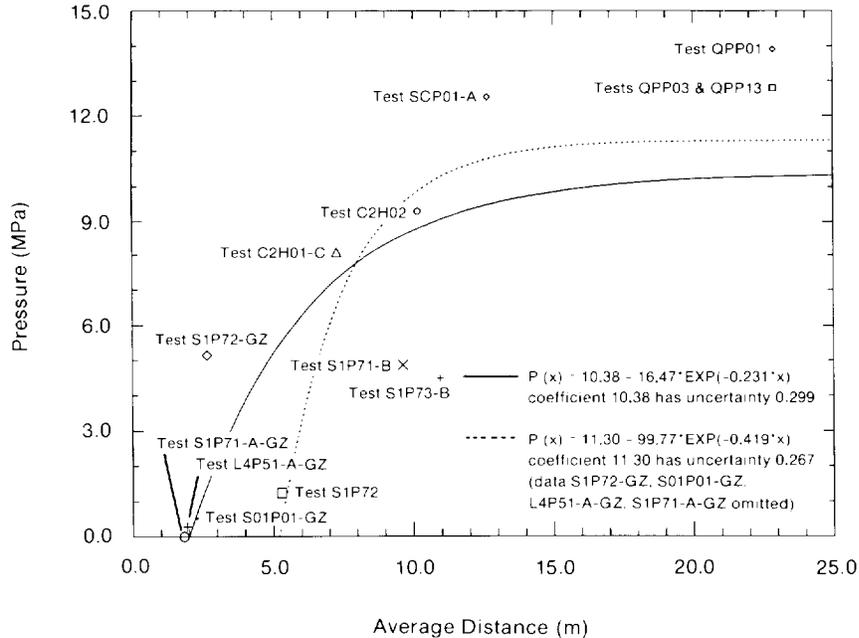
Figure 2.4-7 shows the distribution for brine pore pressure. Figure 2.4-8 shows the variation of pore pressure with distance from the excavation.



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Figure 2.4-7. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Brine Pore Pressure in Anhydrite MB139 at Repository Level.

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Figure 2.4-8. Non-Linear Fits of Pore Pressure in Anhydrite to Distance from Excavation. (Data from Beauheim, June 14, 1991, Memo and Howarth, June 12, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]).

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10 For the 1991 PA calculations, the pore pressure measurements of investigator Beauheim (June  
11 14, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]) and Howarth (June 12, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]) were  
12 combined to form a data distribution with a median of 12.8 MPa (128 atm) and a data range  
13 of 9.3 and 13.9 MPa (93 and 139 atm). (The sample range was 8.21 to 15 MPa [Figure  
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16 In comparison, for the 1990 PA calculations, two pore pressure measurements were reported  
17 for Anhydrite MB139: 9.3 MPa (93 atm) (Beauheim et al., 1990) and 12.6 MPa (126 atm).  
18 Assuming a uniform distribution, the mean and median were 11.0 MPa, and the range was  
19  $\bar{x} + \sqrt{3}s$  or 7 MPa (70 atm) and 15 MPa (150 atm) (Figure 2.4-6). The maximum  
20 corresponded to lithostatic pressure based on hydraulic fracturing experiments (Wawersik and  
21 Stone, 1985) and density log for WIPP-11 (Figure 2.2-5). The minimum of 7.0 MPa was the  
22 average of a pure water hydrostatic of 6.4 MPa and a Salado brine hydrostatic of 7.9 (Figure  
23 2.2-5) or equivalently, the hydrostatic pressure of a column of fluid that linearly varied  
24 between pure water at the surface and Salado brine at 655 m (2,142 ft).  
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27 The non-linear fits of pore pressure (in anhydrite) to distance (Figure 2.4-8) indicate an  
28 asymptotic value of about 10 MPa with probable error of the order of 0.3 MPa. The  
29 probable error can be construed as a one-sigma confidence level.

1 **2.4.7 Porosity**

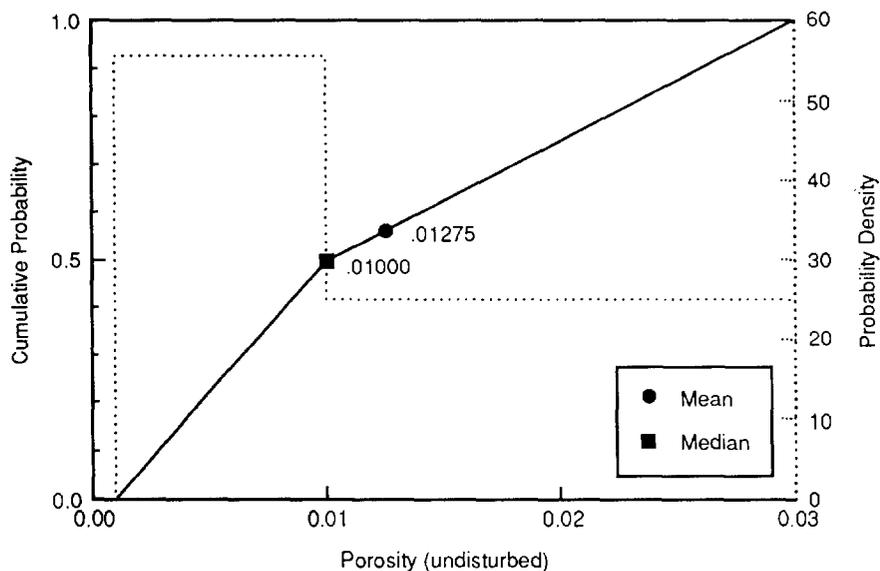
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4 **Undisturbed Porosity**

5	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Porosity, undisturbed (<math>\phi</math>)</b>
6	<b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-2}$
7	<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-3}$
8		$3 \times 10^{-2}$
9	<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
10	<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
11	<b>Source(s):</b>	See text.

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14 **Discussion:**

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18 PA calculations have assumed an undisturbed porosity similar to the undisturbed porosity of  
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23 Figure 2.4-9 shows the estimated distribution for undisturbed porosity for the anhydrite  
24 layers.



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Figure 2.4-9. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Undisturbed Porosity for Anhydrite Layers in Salado Formation.

2 **Disturbed Porosity**

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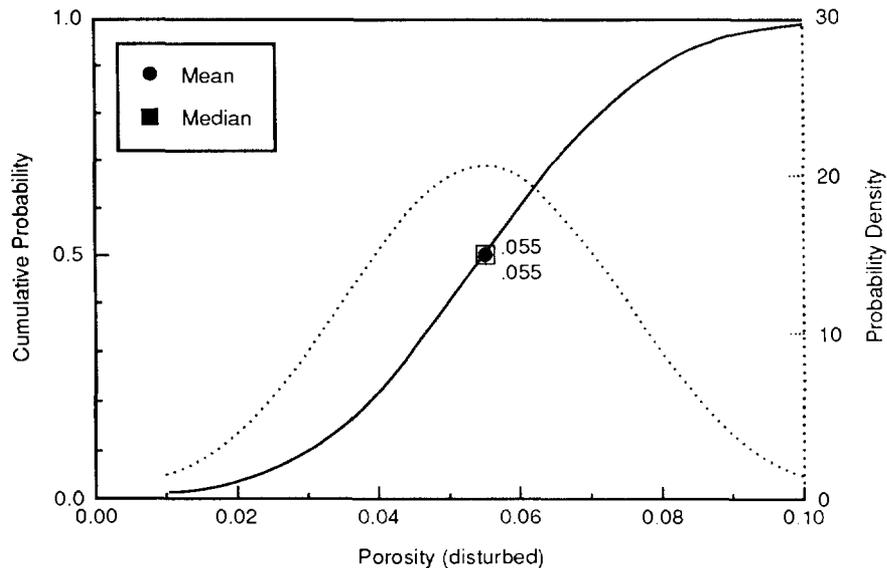
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The lower range for disturbed porosity of the anhydrite layers after reconsolidation was set at 0.1. This value is an order of magnitude increase above the undisturbed porosity lower range and equal to the undisturbed median value. The reason for the increase is that the fractures that form within the brittle anhydrite beds during excavations will not heal completely. Shear displacement will likely cause abutment of asperities in the fractures which, in turn, will prop them open (Lappin et al., 1989, p. 4-62). The upper value of the range was set an order of magnitude above the lower value. Finally, the porosity was assumed to be normally distributed as in many materials (Harr, 1987, Table 1.8.1).

Figure 2.4-10 shows the distribution for the disturbed porosity for the anhydrite layers.



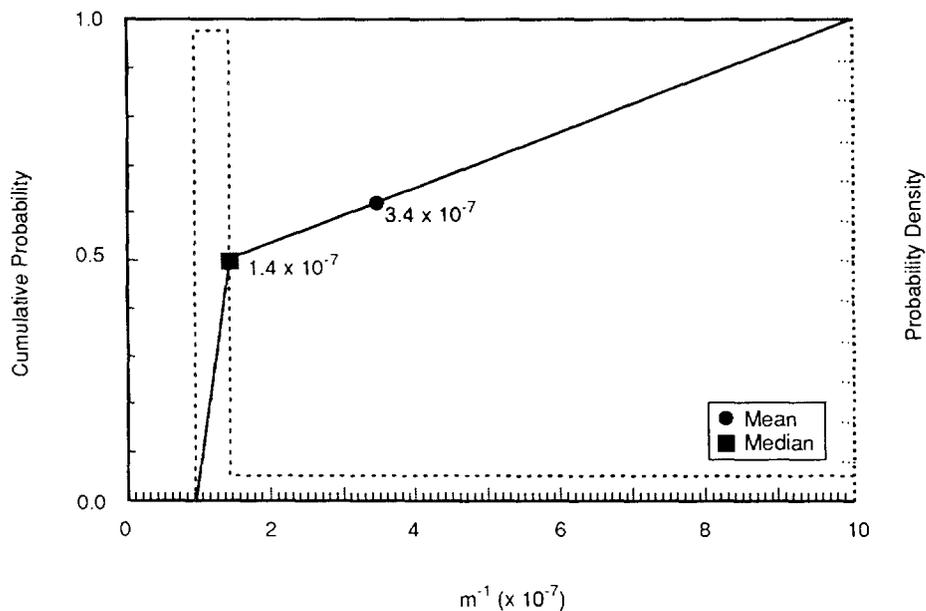
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Figure 2.4-10. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Disturbed Porosity for Anhydrite Layers in Salado Formation.

2.4.8 Specific Storage

<b>Parameter:</b>	Specific storage
<b>Median:</b>	$1.4 \times 10^{-7}$
<b>Range:</b>	$9.7 \times 10^{-8}$ $1 \times 10^{-6}$
<b>Units:</b>	$m^{-1}$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Beauheim, R. 1991. "Review of Salado Parameter Values To Be Used in 1991 Performance Assessment Calculations," Internal memo to Rob Rechar (6342), June 14, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume).

Figure 2.4-11 shows the estimated distribution for specific storage.



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Figure 2.4-11. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Anhydrite Specific Storage.

**Discussion:**

See Section 2.3.8 for complete discussion of specific storage.

## 2.4.9 Thickness of MB139 Interbed

<b>Parameter:</b>	MB139 thickness ( $\Delta z$ )
<b>Median:</b>	$9 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	$4 \times 10^{-1}$
	1.25
<b>Units:</b>	m
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Borns, D. J. 1985. <i>Marker Bed 139: A Study of Drillcore From a Systematic Array</i> . SAND85-0023. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Figure 3) WEC (Westinghouse Electric Corporation). 1989b. <i>Geotechnical Field Data and Analysis Report, July 1987 through June 1988</i> , vols. 1 and 2. DOE/WIPP-89-009. Prepared for U.S. Department of Energy. Carlsbad, NM: Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Krieg, R. D. 1984. <i>Reference Stratigraphy and Rock Properties for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Project</i> . SAND83-1908. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

### Discussion:

The thickness for MB139 in the generalized stratigraphy of the site is about 0.9 m (3 ft) (WEC, 1989b) and is used as the median value. Because the upper contact is irregular and undulates (caused from reworking of the interbed prior to further halite deposition), the thickness varies between 0.40 and 1.25 m (1.3 and 4.1 ft) (Borns, 1985, Figure 3; Krieg, 1984, Table I). Figure 2.4-12 shows the distribution for the thickness of the anhydrite layers in the Salado.

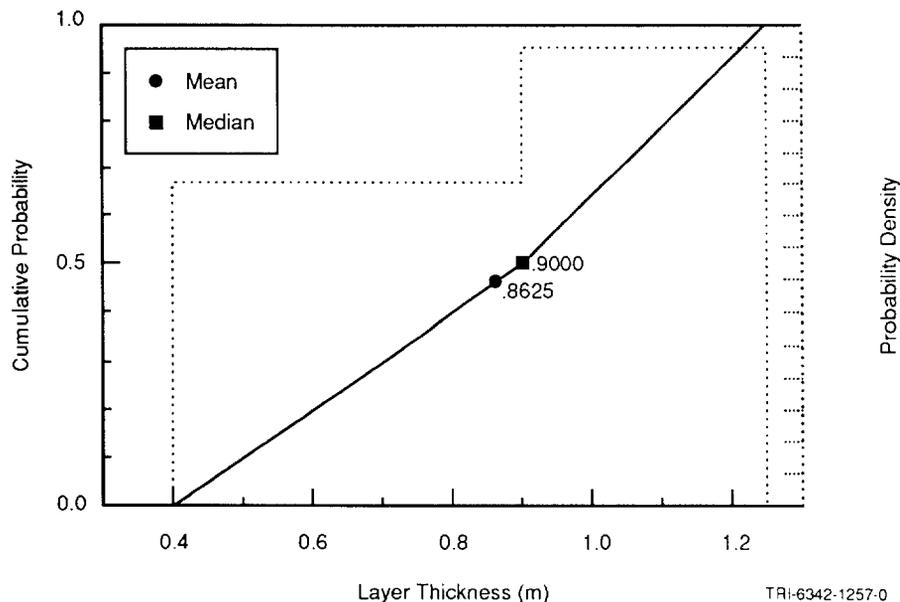


Figure 2.4-12. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Thickness of Interbed.

1 **2.4.10 Tortuosity**  
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4	<b>Parameter:</b>	Tortuosity ( $\tau$ )
5	<b>Median:</b>	$1.4 \times 10^{-1}$
6	<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-2}$
7		$6.67 \times 10^{-1}$
8	<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
9	<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
10	<b>Source(s):</b>	See text (Culebra, Section 2.6.7)
11		Freeze, R. A. and J. C. Cherry. 1979. <i>Groundwater</i> . Englewood
12		Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc.

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20 No direct measurements of tortuosity are available in the anhydrite (or halite) layers of  
21 the Salado Formation. The range reported is the maximum typical theoretical value of  
22 0.667 for uniform-sized grains at low Peclet numbers ( $N_p$ ) (Dullien, 1979, Figure 7.12)  
23 down to 0.01 observed in laboratory experiments of nonadsorbing solutes in porous  
24 materials (Freeze and Cherry, 1979, p. 104). The PA Division selected a median value  
25 equal to that of the Culebra Dolomite Member. This parameter primarily influences  
26 diffusion-dominated transport, a condition occurring only when the repository is  
27 undisturbed. The influence of the tortuosity on results was explored in a few 1991 PA  
28 calculations of the undisturbed summary scenario class (Volume 2 of this report).  
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2 **2.5 Mechanical Parameters for Materials in Salado Formation**

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5 **2.5.1 Halite and Argillaceous Halite**

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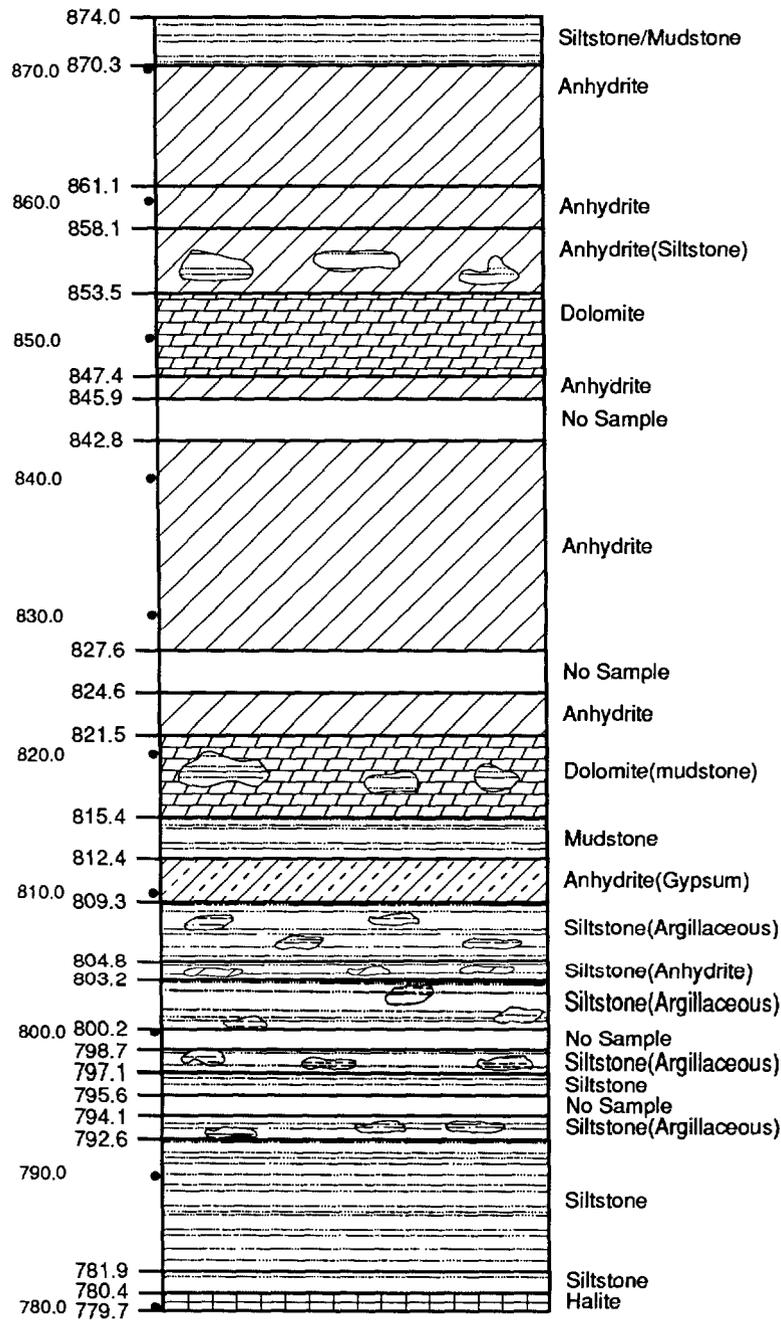
## 2.6 Parameters for Culebra Dolomite Member of Rustler Formation

The Culebra Dolomite Member of the Rustler Formation is a finely crystalline, locally argillaceous (containing clay) and arenaceous (containing sand), vuggy dolomite ranging in thickness near the WIPP from about 7 m (23 ft) (at DOE-1 and other locations) to 14 m (46 ft) (at H-7). Figure 2.6-1 shows a detailed lithology of the Rustler Formation. Figure 2.6-2 is a cross-section across the WIPP disposal system. The Culebra Dolomite is generally considered to provide the most important potential groundwater-transport pathway for radionuclides that may be released to the accessible environment provided human intrusion occurs. Accordingly, the WIPP Project has devoted much attention to understanding the hydrogeology and hydraulic properties of the Culebra. Figure 2.6-3 shows the locations of wells used to define the hydrologic parameters for the Culebra Dolomite. Detailed hydrogeologic information is available in reports by Brinster (1991) and Holt and Powers (1988). The Culebra Dolomite has been tested at 41 locations in the vicinity of the WIPP. Results of these tests and interpretations have been reported by Beauheim (1987a,b,c; 1989), Saulnier (1987), and Avis and Saulnier (1990).

One early observation (Mercer and Orr, 1979) was that the transmissivity of the Culebra Dolomite varies by six orders of magnitude in the vicinity of the WIPP. This variation in transmissivity appears to be the result of differing degrees of fracturing within the Culebra Dolomite. The cause of the fracturing, however, is unresolved. Culebra transmissivities of about  $1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  ( $0.93 \text{ ft}^2/\text{d}$ ) or greater appear to be related to fracturing. Where the transmissivity of the Culebra Dolomite is less than  $1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  ( $0.93 \text{ ft}^2/\text{d}$ ), few or no open fractures have been observed in core, and the Culebra's hydraulic behavior during pumping or slug tests is that of a single-porosity medium. Where transmissivities are between  $1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  ( $0.93 \text{ ft}^2/\text{d}$ ) and at least  $1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  ( $93 \text{ ft}^2/\text{d}$ ), open fractures are observed in core, and the hydraulic behavior of the Culebra Dolomite during pumping tests is that of a dual-porosity medium (Beauheim, 1987a, b, c; Saulnier, 1987).

Parameter values for the Culebra Dolomite Member are given in Table 2.6-1.

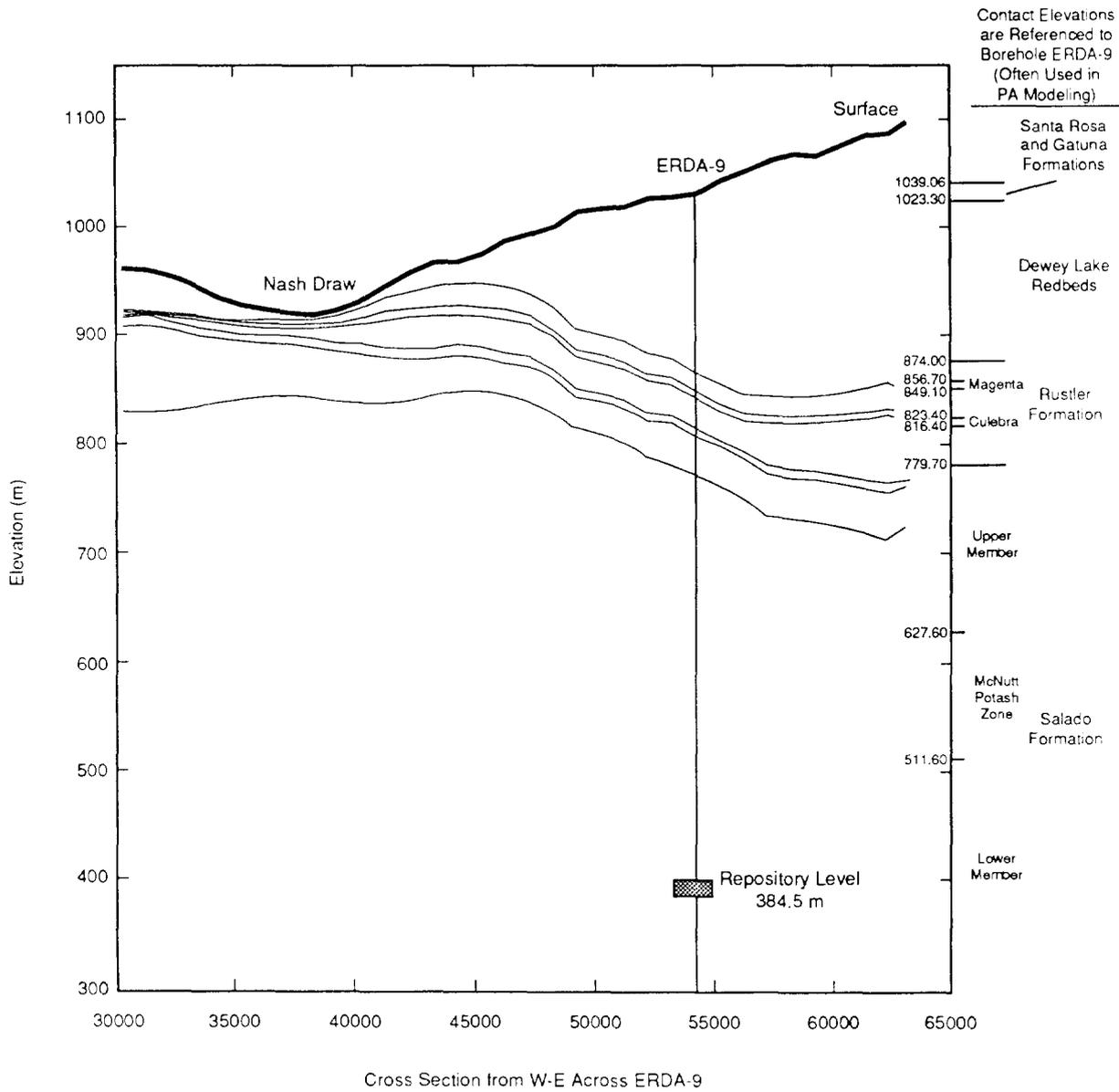
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Figure 2.6-1. Detailed Lithology of Rustler Formation at ERDA-9 (after SNL and USGS, 1982b).

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5 Figure 2.6-2. Interpolated Geologic West-East Cross Section across the WIPP Disposal System (after  
6 Mercer, 1983; Davies, 1989, Figure 53).



Table 2.6-1. Parameter Values for Culebra Dolomite Member of Rustler Formation

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Parameter	Median	Range		Units	Distribution Type	Source
Density						
Dolomite, grain ( $\rho_g$ )	$2.82 \times 10^3$	$2.78 \times 10^3$	$2.86 \times 10^3$	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Normal	Kelley and Saulnier, 1990, Tables 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
Clay, bulk ( $\rho_b$ )	$2.5 \times 10^3$			kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Siegel, 1990
Dispersivity,						
longitudinal ( $\alpha_L$ )	$1 \times 10^2$	$5 \times 10^1$	$3 \times 10^2$	m	Cumulative	Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-6
transverse ( $\alpha_T$ )	$1 \times 10^1$	5	$3 \times 10^1$	m	Cumulative	Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-6
Fracture spacing (2B)	$4 \times 10^{-1}$	$6 \times 10^{-2}$	8	m	Cumulative	Beauheim et al., June 10, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)
Clay filling fraction ( $b_c/b$ )	0.5	0.1	0.9	none	Normal	Siegel, 1990
Heads	$9.32 \times 10^2$	$9 \times 10^2$	$9.4 \times 10^2$	m	Spatial	See text.
Hydraulic Conductivity						
Avg. pathway - 5 k	$1.4574 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.77 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}$	m/s	Lognormal	
Partition Coefficients						
Matrix						
Am	$1.86 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Cm	$1.86 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Np	$4.8 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Pb	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^1$	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Pu	$2.61 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Ra	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^1$	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Th	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	1	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
U	$2.58 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	1	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Fracture						
Am	$9.26 \times 10^1$	0.0	$1 \times 10^3$	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Cm	$9.26 \times 10^1$	0.0	$1 \times 10^3$	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Np	1	0.0	$1 \times 10^3$	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Pb	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Pu	$2.02 \times 10^2$	0.0	$1 \times 10^3$	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Ra	$3.41 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Th	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^1$	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
U	$7.5 \times 10^{-3}$	0.0	1	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Cumulative	See text.
Porosity						
Fracture ( $\phi_f$ )	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	none	Lognormal	Lappin et al., 1989, Table 1-2, Table E-6
Matrix ( $\phi_m$ )	$1.39 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.08 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Data	Kelley and Saulnier, 1990, Table 4.4
Storage coefficient (S)	$2 \times 10^{-5}$	$5 \times 10^{-6}$	$5 \times 10^{-4}$	none	Cumulative	LaVenue et al., 1990, p. 2-18; Haug et al., 1987
Thickness ( $\Delta z$ )	7.7	5.5	$1.13 \times 10^1$	m	Spatial	LaVenue et al., 1988, Table B-1
Tortuosity ( $\tau$ )						
Dolomite	$1.2 \times 10^{-1}$	$3 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Data	Kelley and Saulnier, 1990, Table 4.6; Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-9
Clay	$1.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$3 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-2}$	none	Cumulative	Kelley and Saulnier, 1990, Table 4.6; Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-9
Transmissivity	-4.9	-3.5	-8.9	log (m <sup>2</sup> /s)	Spatial	See text.

1 **2.6.1 Density**

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4	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Density, grain (<math>\rho_g</math>): Dolomite</b>
5	<b>Median:</b>	2.82 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
6	<b>Range:</b>	2.78 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
7		2.86 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
8	<b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
9	<b>Distribution:</b>	Normal
10	<b>Source(s):</b>	Kelley, V. A., and G. J. Saulnier, Jr. 1990. <i>Core Analysis for Selected Samples from the Culebra Dolomite at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Site</i> . SAND90-7011. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Tables 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3)

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18	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Density, bulk (<math>\rho_b</math>): Clay</b>
19	<b>Median:</b>	2.5 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
20	<b>Range:</b>	None
21	<b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
22	<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
23	<b>Source(s):</b>	Siegel, M. D. 1990. "Representation of Radionuclide Retardation in the Culebra Dolomite in Performance Assessment Calculations," Memo 3a in Appendix A of Rechard et al. 1990. <i>Data Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (1990)</i> . SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

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35 The grain density ( $\rho_g$ ) of the Culebra Dolomite Member was evaluated for 73 core samples  
36 from 20 boreholes. For the 20 boreholes, the average and median are 2,815 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (175.7  
37 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) with a range between 2,792 and 2,835 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (174.3 and 177.0 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>). The 73 values  
38 varied between 2,780 and 2,840 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (173.5 and 177.3 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) with an average of 2,810  
39 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (173.4 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) and a median of 2,830 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (176.7 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) (Kelley and Saulnier, 1990,  
40 Tables 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3).

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42 The bulk density ( $\rho_b$ ) of the minerals (gypsum and corrensite) lining the fractures of the  
43 Culebra Dolomite is 2500 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (156 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) (Siegel, 1990).

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45 Figure 2.6-4 shows the spatial variation of density in Culebra based on averages from 20  
46 boreholes.

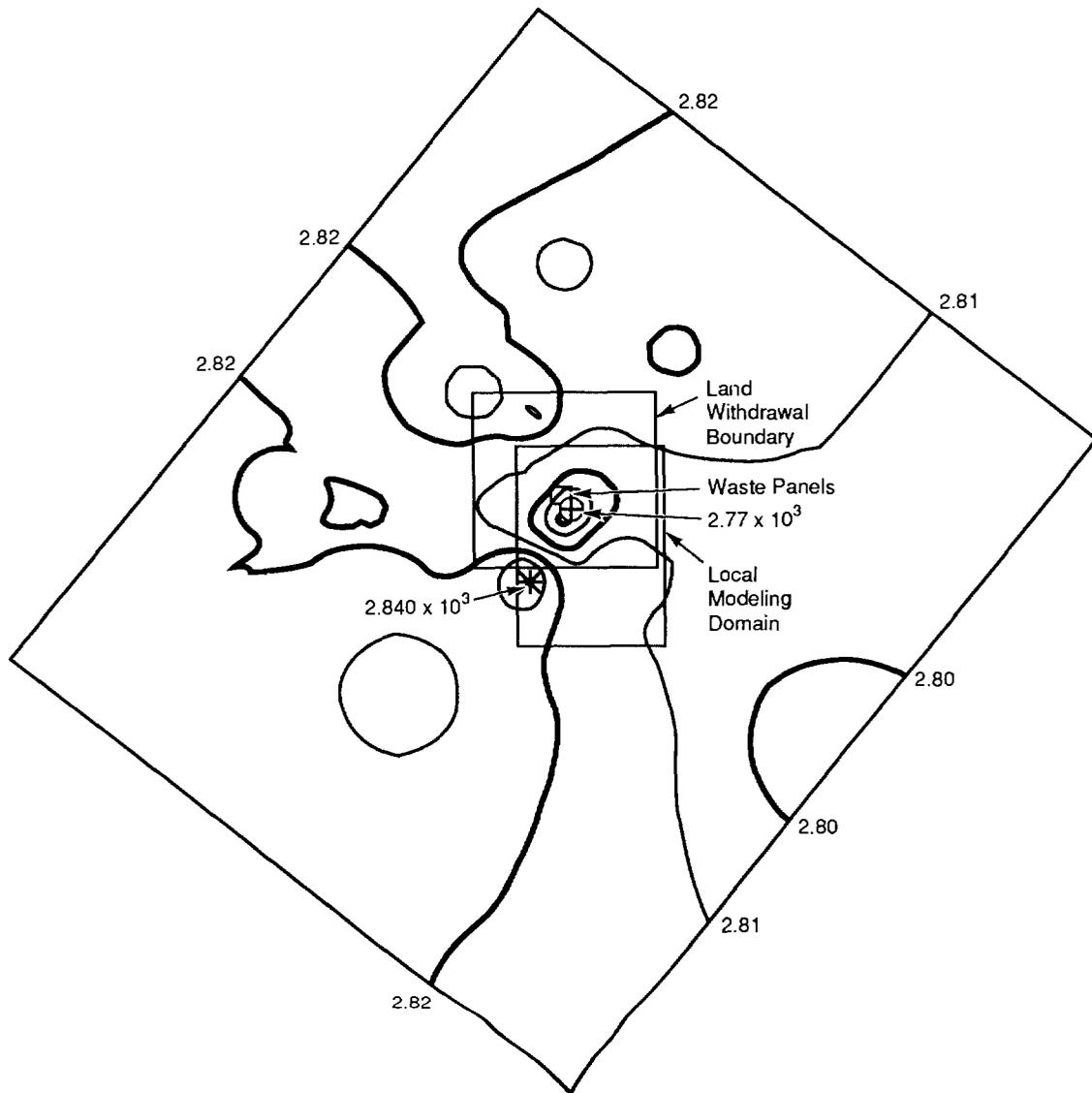
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48 Table 2.6-2 provides the average grain density of intact dolomite at 20 wells in the Culebra  
49 Dolomite Member.

Table 2.6-2. Average Grain Density of Intact Dolomite  
at 20 Wells in Culebra Member (Kelly and  
Saulnier, 1990, Tables 4.1 and 4.3)

Well ID	Average Grain Density* (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
H3B3	2.728 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H2B	2.7925 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H10B	2.7933 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H11	2.795 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
WIPP30	2.8067 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H2A	2.81 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
WIPP12	2.81 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H2B1	2.8125 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H3B2	2.815 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H5B	2.815 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
WIPP26	2.8167 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
AEC8	2.8233 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H7B2	2.83 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H7C	2.83 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
WIPP28	2.83 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H11B3	2.835 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
WIPP13	2.835 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H6B	2.8375 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H7B1	2.84 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H4B	2.845 x 10 <sup>3</sup>

\*Average of measurements from indicated well

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Figure 2.6-4. Spatial Variation of Grain Density in Culebra Based on Averages from 20 Boreholes.

2.6.2 Dispersivity

<b>Parameter:</b>	Dispersivity, longitudinal ( $\alpha_L$ )
<b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^2$
<b>Range:</b>	$5 \times 10^1$ $3 \times 10^2$
<b>Units:</b>	m
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Lappin, A. R., R. L. Hunter, D. P. Garber, and P. B. Davies, eds. 1989. <i>Systems Analysis Long-Term Radionuclide Transport, and Dose Assessments, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Southeastern New Mexico; March 1989.</i> SAND89-0462. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table E-6)

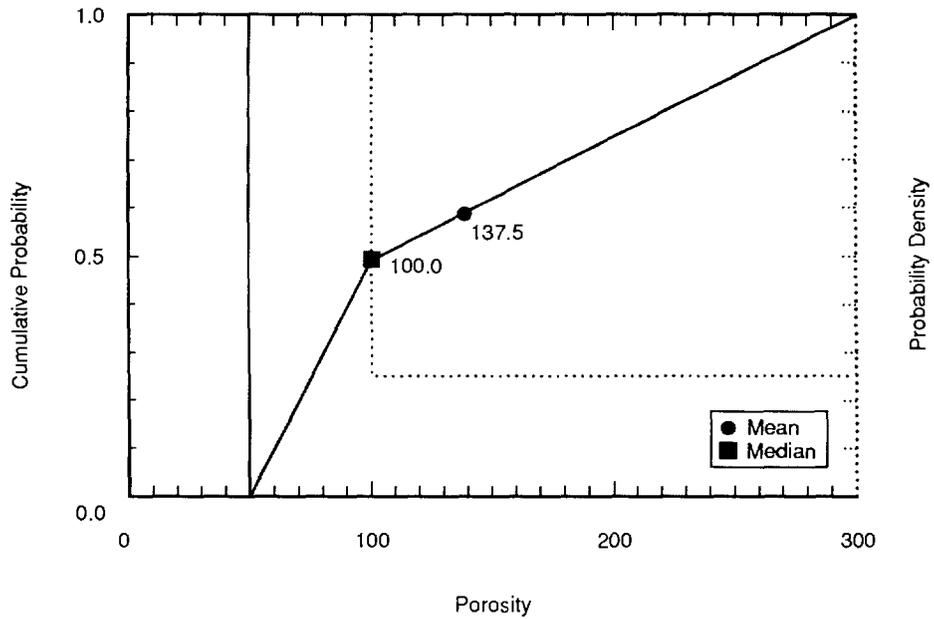
<b>Parameter:</b>	Dispersivity, transverse ( $\alpha_T$ )
<b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^1$
<b>Range:</b>	5 $3 \times 10^1$
<b>Units:</b>	m
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Lappin, A. R., R. L. Hunter, D. P. Garber, and P. B. Davies, eds. 1989. <i>Systems Analysis Long-Term Radionuclide Transport, and Dose Assessments, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Southeastern New Mexico; March 1989.</i> SAND89-0462. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table E-6)

**Discussion:**

For moderate travel distances (on the order of kilometers), longitudinal dispersivity ( $\alpha_L$ ) roughly varies between 0.01 and 0.1 of the mean travel distance of the solute (Lallemant-Barres and Peaudecerf, 1978; Pickens and Grisak, 1981). As first adopted by Lappin et al. (1989), the PA Division has assumed  $\alpha_L$  can vary between 50 and 300 m (164 and 984 ft) with a median value of 100 m (328 ft). The distribution for  $\alpha_L$  is shown in Figure 2.6-5.

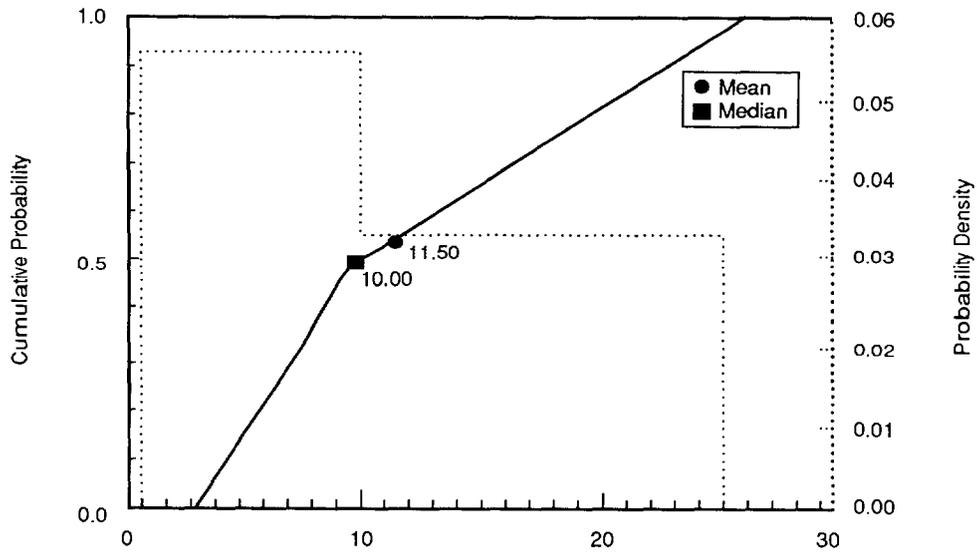
Transverse dispersivity ( $\alpha_T$ ) is usually linearly related to  $\alpha_L$ . The ratio of  $\alpha_L$  to  $\alpha_T$  typically varies between 5 and 20 (see, for example, Bear and Verruijt, 1987; Freeze and Cherry, 1979, Figure 9.6; Dullien, Figure 7.13). However, at very low velocities the ratio can approach 1, while in some strata the ratio has been reported to approach 100 (de Marsily, 1986). Transverse dispersivity was assumed to be ten times smaller than  $\alpha_L$  ( $\alpha_T \sim 0.1\alpha_L$ ) for PA transport calculations. The current range for sensitivity studies is 1 to 25 (Figure 2.6-6).

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Figure 2.6-5. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Longitudinal Dispersion, Culebra Dolomite Member.



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Figure 2.6-6. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Transverse Dispersion, Culebra Dolomite Member.

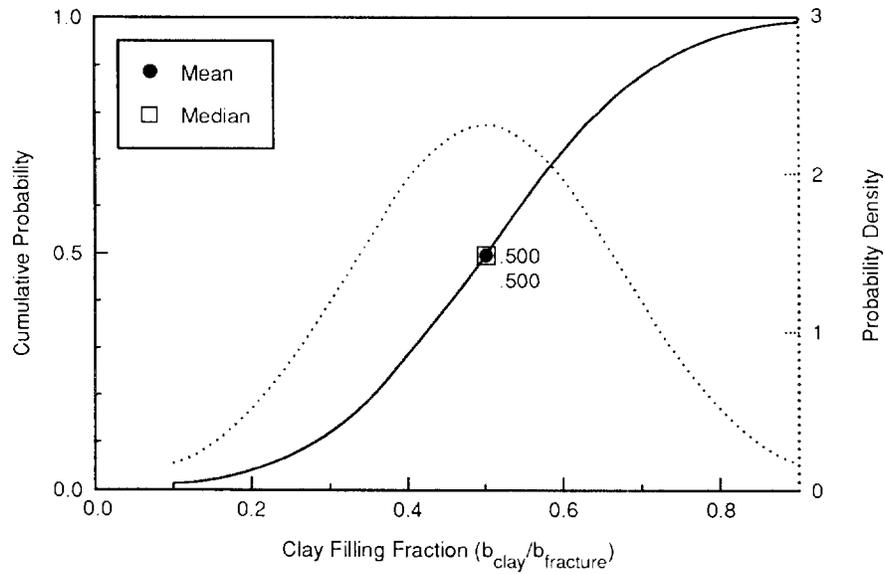
1 **2.6.3 Fraction of Clay Filling in Fractures**  
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4	<b>Parameter:</b>	Clay filling fraction ( $b_c/b$ )
5	<b>Median:</b>	0.5
6	<b>Range:</b>	0.1
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8	<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
9	<b>Distribution:</b>	Normal
10	<b>Source(s):</b>	Siegel, M. D. 1990. "Representation of Radionuclide Retardation in 11 the Culebra Dolomite in Performance Assessment Calculations," 12 Memo 3a in Appendix A of Rechar et al. 1990. <i>Data Used in</i> 13 <i>Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot</i> 14 <i>Plant (1990)</i> . SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia 15 National Laboratories. 16 17 18

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23 Within fractures of the Culebra Dolomite Member, gypsum and corrensite (alternating layers  
24 of chlorite and smectite) are observed. To evaluate the retardation of radionuclides within  
25 the fractures (caused by interaction with this material lining the fractures), the fraction of  
26 lining material ( $b_c/b$ ) is needed, where  $b_c$  is the total thickness of clays and  $b$  is fracture  
27 aperture. At present, data are not available to estimate the true range or distribution of  $b_c/b$   
28 in the Culebra. Siegel (1990) recommended a normal distribution with a maximum of 0.9 and  
29 a minimum of 0.1. Current PA calculations used a median of 0.5 to estimate the fracture  
30 retardation.

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32 Figure 2.6-7 shows the estimated distribution for the fraction of clay filling.



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Figure 2.6-7. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Clay Filling Fraction, Culebra Dolomite Member.

1 **2.6.4 Porosity**

5 **Fracture Porosity**

9 <b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Fracture porosity (<math>\phi_f</math>)</b>
10 <b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-3}$
11 <b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-4}$ $1 \times 10^{-2}$
13 <b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
14 <b>Distribution:</b>	Lognormal
15 <b>Source(s):</b>	Lappin, A. R., R. L. Hunter, D. P. Garber, and P. B. Davies, eds. 1989. <i>Systems Analysis Long-Term Radionuclide Transport, and 16 Dose Assessments, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Southeastern 17 New Mexico; March 1989. SAND89-0462. Albuquerque, NM: 18 Sandia National Laboratories. (Table 1-2; Table E-6)</i>

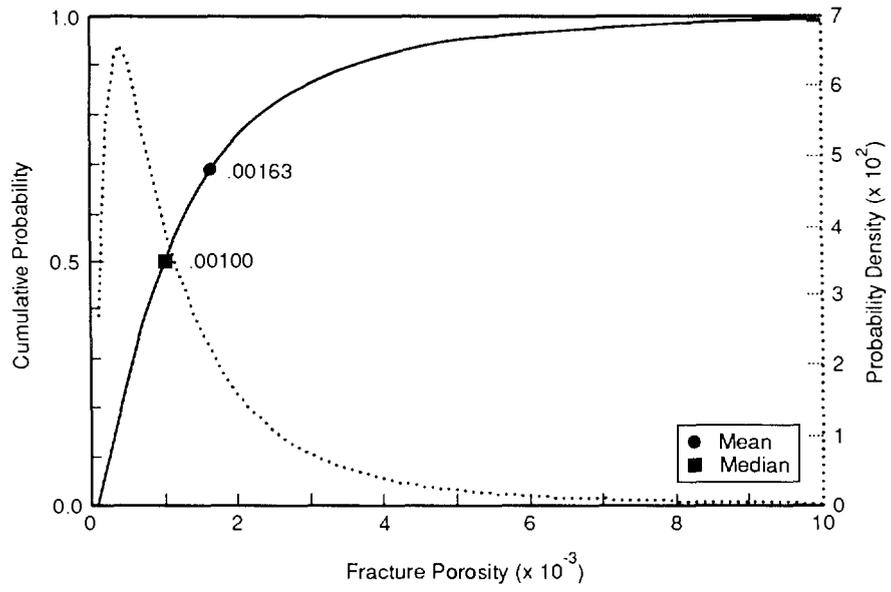
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24 The fracture porosities interpreted from the tracer tests at the H-3 and H-11 hydropads are  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  (Kelley and Pickens, 1986) and  $1 \times 10^{-3}$ , respectively.

27 Both H-3 and H-11 lie near the expected transport pathway. The average value rounded to one significant figure was selected as the median and used for PA calculations. Similar to Lappin et al. (1989), the PA Division set the minimum and maximum one order of magnitude to either side of this median.

32 Figure 2.6-8 shows the estimated distribution for the fracture porosity.

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Figure 2.6-8. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Fracture Porosity, Culebra Dolomite Member.

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Matrix porosity (<math>\phi_m</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	1.39 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>
<b>Range:</b>	9.6 x 10 <sup>-2</sup> 2.08 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Data
<b>Source(s):</b>	Kelley, V. A., and G. J. Saulnier, Jr. 1990. <i>Core Analysis for Selected Samples from the Culebra Dolomite at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Site</i> . SAND90-7011. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table 4.4)  Lappin, A. R., R. L. Hunter, D. P. Garber, and P. B. Davies, eds. 1989. <i>Systems Analysis Long-Term Radionuclide Transport, and Dose Assessments, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Southeastern New Mexico; March 1989</i> . SAND89-0462. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table E-8)

**Discussion:**

Matrix porosity has been evaluated by the Boyles' law technique using helium or air on 79 samples taken from the *intact* portion of core from 20 borehole or hydropad locations near the WIPP and also by water-resaturation for 30 of the samples. The agreement between the two techniques was excellent with an  $r^2$  of 0.99 (Kelley and Saulnier, 1990, p. 4-7). From the Boyles' law technique, an average porosity for the 20 wells of 0.139 was obtained, with a range of 0.096 to 0.208 (Kelley and Saulnier, 1990, Table 4.4). (Lappin et al., [1989, Table E-8] report an average of 0.153 with a range of 0.028 and 0.303 assuming each of the 79 measurements is independent.) For many of the wells, a large amount of core was lost in highly porous (vuggy) and/or fractured portions of the Culebra Dolomite Member. Thus only intact matrix porosity, the porosity not contributing to fluid flow in dual porosity computational models (e.g., STAFF2D or SWIFT [Rechard et al., 1989]) is reported here.

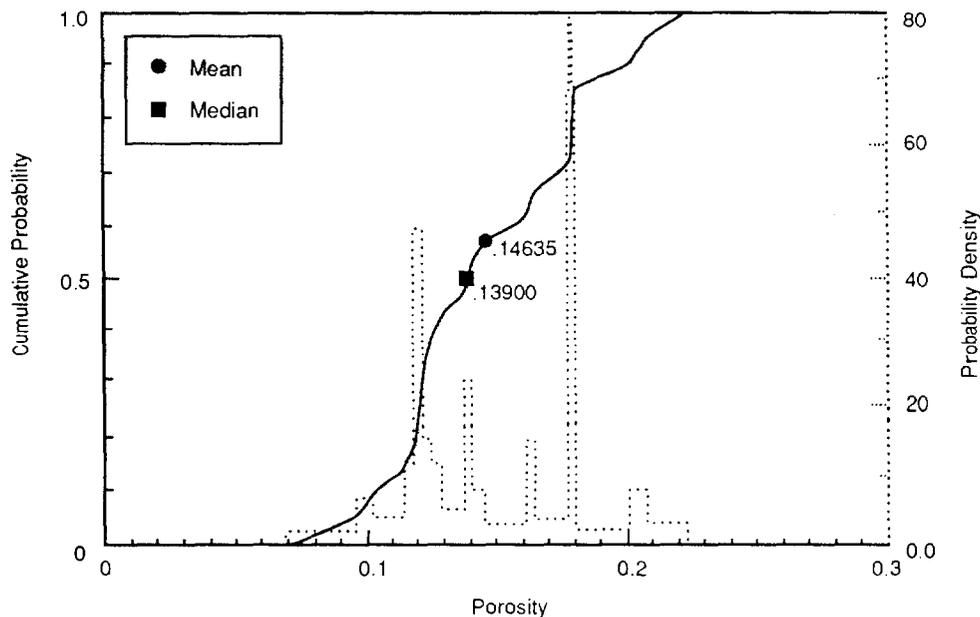
Table 2.6-3 provides a summary of porosity measurements of intact Culebra Dolomite at selected wells. Figure 2.6-9 shows the assumed density function for porosity of the Culebra Dolomite member. Figure 2.6-10 shows the spatial variation of the intact matrix porosity.

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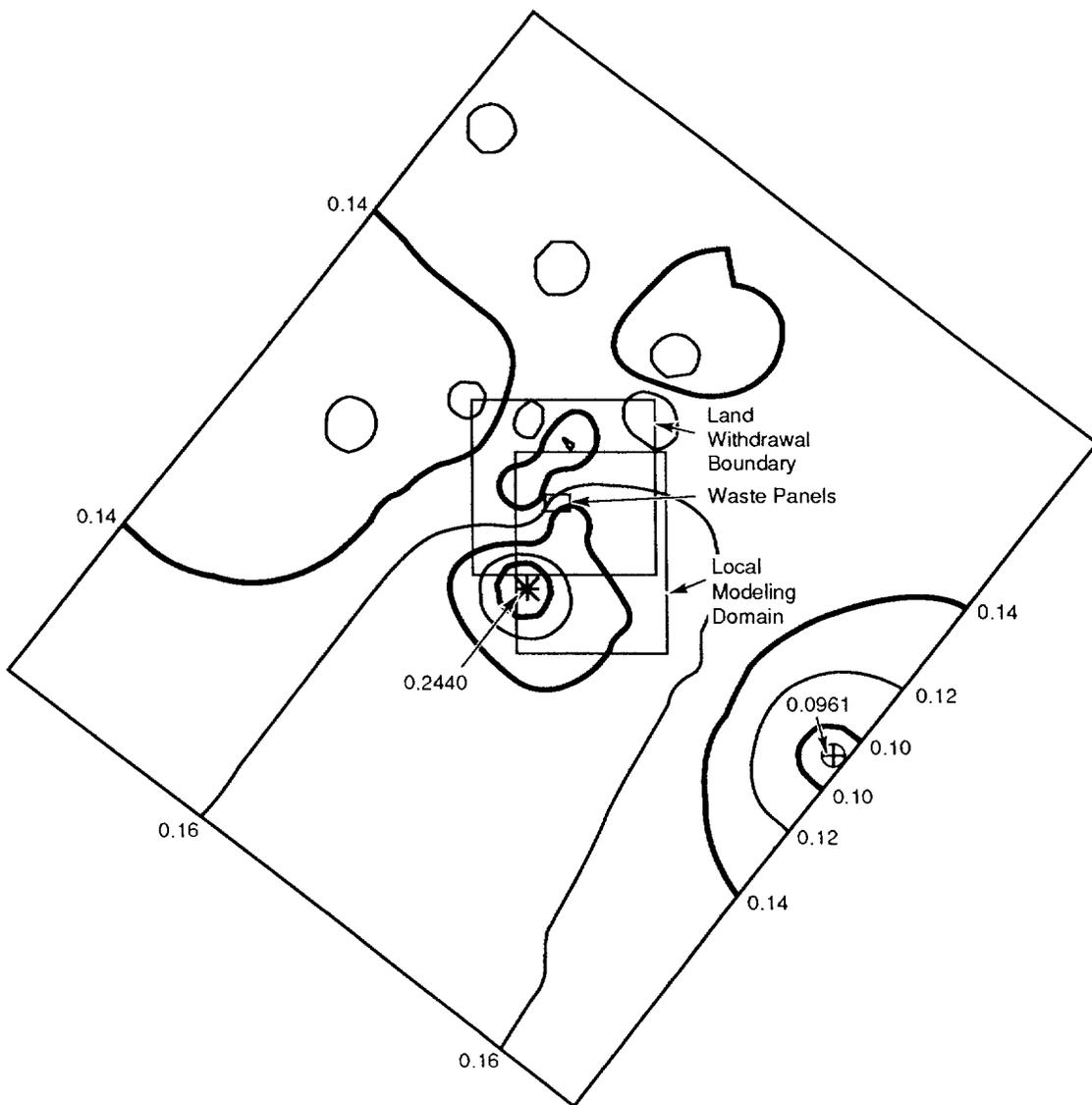
Table 2.6-3. Average of Porosity Measurements of Intact Culebra Dolomite at Selected Wells (after Kelley and Saulnier, 1990, Table 4.4)

Well ID	Median (m)	Low Range (m)	High Range (m)
AEC8	0.10333	0.05195	0.15471
H10B	0.0955	0.04228	0.14872
H11B	0.1618	0.00506	0.31854
H2A	0.1235	0.10512	0.14188
H2B	0.129	0.07576	0.18224
H2B1	0.1205	0.04391	0.19709
H3B2	0.178	0.15351	0.20249
H3B3	0.20775	0.14575	0.26975
H4B	0.2525	0.1435	0.3615
H5B	0.1784	0.04839	0.30841
H6B	0.11033	0.09884	0.12182
H7B1	0.2025	0.0733	0.3317
H7B2	0.1385	0.08829	0.18871
H7C	0.14433	0.1016	0.18706
WIPP12	0.1074	0.00213	0.21267
WIPP13	0.1796	0.03141	0.32779
WIPP25	0.115	0.115	0.115
WIPP26	0.12225	0.10606	0.13844
WIPP28	0.1616	0.10451	0.21869
WIPP30	0.16517	0.07372	0.25662



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Figure 2.6-9. Assumed Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Intact Matrix Porosity of Culebra Dolomite Member Assuming No Spatial Correlation.



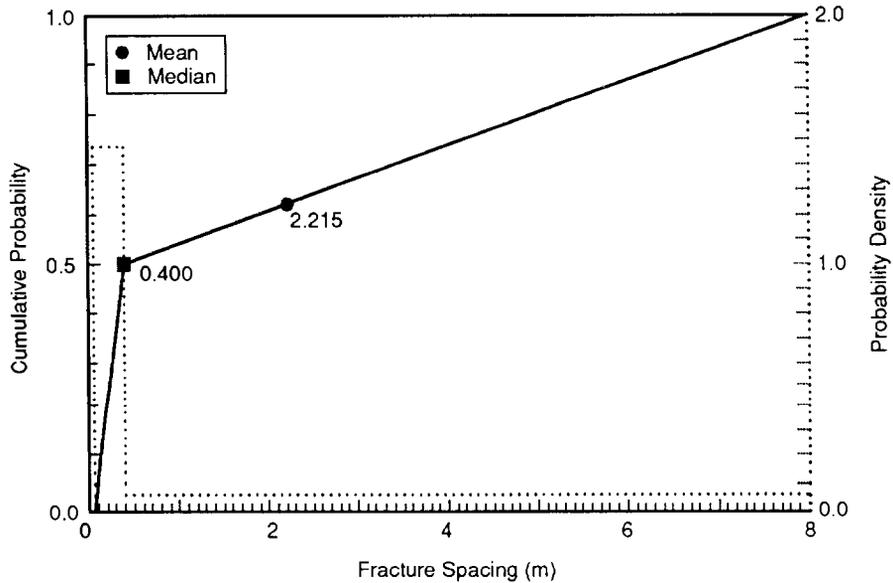
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Figure 2.6-10. Variation of Intact Matrix Porosity of Culebra Dolomite Member as Estimated by 10 Nearest Neighbors Using Inverse-Distance-Squared Weighting.

**Fracture Spacing**

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Fracture spacing (2B)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$4 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	$6 \times 10^{-2}$
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<b>Units:</b>	m
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Beauheim, R. L., T. F. Corbet, P. B. Davies, and J. F. Pickens. 1991. "Recommendations for the 1991 Performance Assessment Calculations on Parameter Uncertainty and Model Implementation for Culebra Transport Under Undisturbed and Brine-Reservoir-Breach Conditions." Internal memo to D. R. Anderson, June 10, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume).

Figure 2.6-11 shows the estimated distribution for fracture spacing.



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Figure 2.6-11. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Culebra Fracture Spacing.

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3 Both horizontal and vertical fracture sets have been observed in core samples, shaft  
4 excavations, and outcrops. A fracture spacing varying between 0.23 and 1.2 m (0.75 and 3.9  
5 ft) has been interpreted for two travel paths at the H-3 borehole (Kelley and Pickens, 1986).  
6 Preliminary evaluation of the breakthrough curves for the H-6 borehole tracer test suggests a  
7 fracture spacing between 0.056 and 0.44 m (0.18 and 1.44 ft), and the H-11 borehole tracer  
8 test suggests a fracture spacing between 0.11 and 0.32 m (0.36 and 1.05 ft) (Beauheim et al.,  
9 June 10, 1991 Memo [Appendix A]). From these data, Beauheim et al. (June 10, 1991, Memo  
10 [Appendix A]) suggested a minimum of 0.06 m (0.2 ft) and a maximum equivalent to the  
11 assumed uniform thickness of the Culebra (8 m [26.2 ft]). Finally, the average fracture  
12 spacing at the three wells (H-3, H-6, and H-11) is 0.4 m (1.3 ft).  
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2.6.5 Storage Coefficient

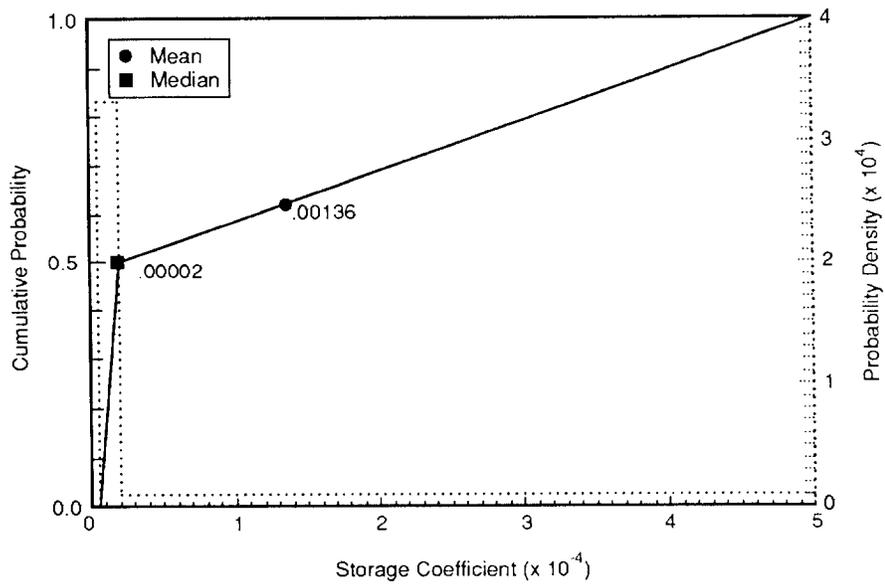
<b>Parameter:</b>	Storage coefficient (S)
<b>Median:</b>	$2 \times 10^{-5}$
<b>Range:</b>	$5 \times 10^{-6}$ $5 \times 10^{-4}$
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	LaVenue, A. M., T. L. Cauffman, and J. F. Pickens. 1990. <i>Groundwater Flow Modeling of the Culebra Dolomite, Volume I: Model Calibration</i> . SAND89-7068/1. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (p. 2-18) Haug, A., V. A. Kelley, A. M. LaVenue, and J. F. Pickens. 1987. <i>Modeling of Groundwater Flow in the Culebra Dolomite at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Site: Interim Report</i> . Contractor Report SAND86-7167. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

**Discussion:**

Model studies of the Culebra (LaVenue et al., 1990, 1988; Haug et al., 1987) have used a storage coefficient (S) of  $2 \times 10^{-5}$ . The storage coefficient near the WIPP ranges over two orders of magnitude ( $5 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $5 \times 10^{-4}$ ) and is the basis for the range in Table 2.6-1. However, based on sparse well test data from 13 wells, the storage coefficient can range over four orders of magnitude ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-2}$ ) in the Culebra (LaVenue et al., 1990, p. 2-18). Table 2.6-4 provides the storage coefficients at wells within the Culebra Dolomite Member. Figure 2.6-12 gives the estimated distribution for the storage coefficient. Figure 2.6-13 shows the spatial variation of the storage coefficient.

Table 2.6-4. Storage Coefficients at Wells  
within Culebra Dolomite Member  
(Cauffman et al., 1990, Table D.1)

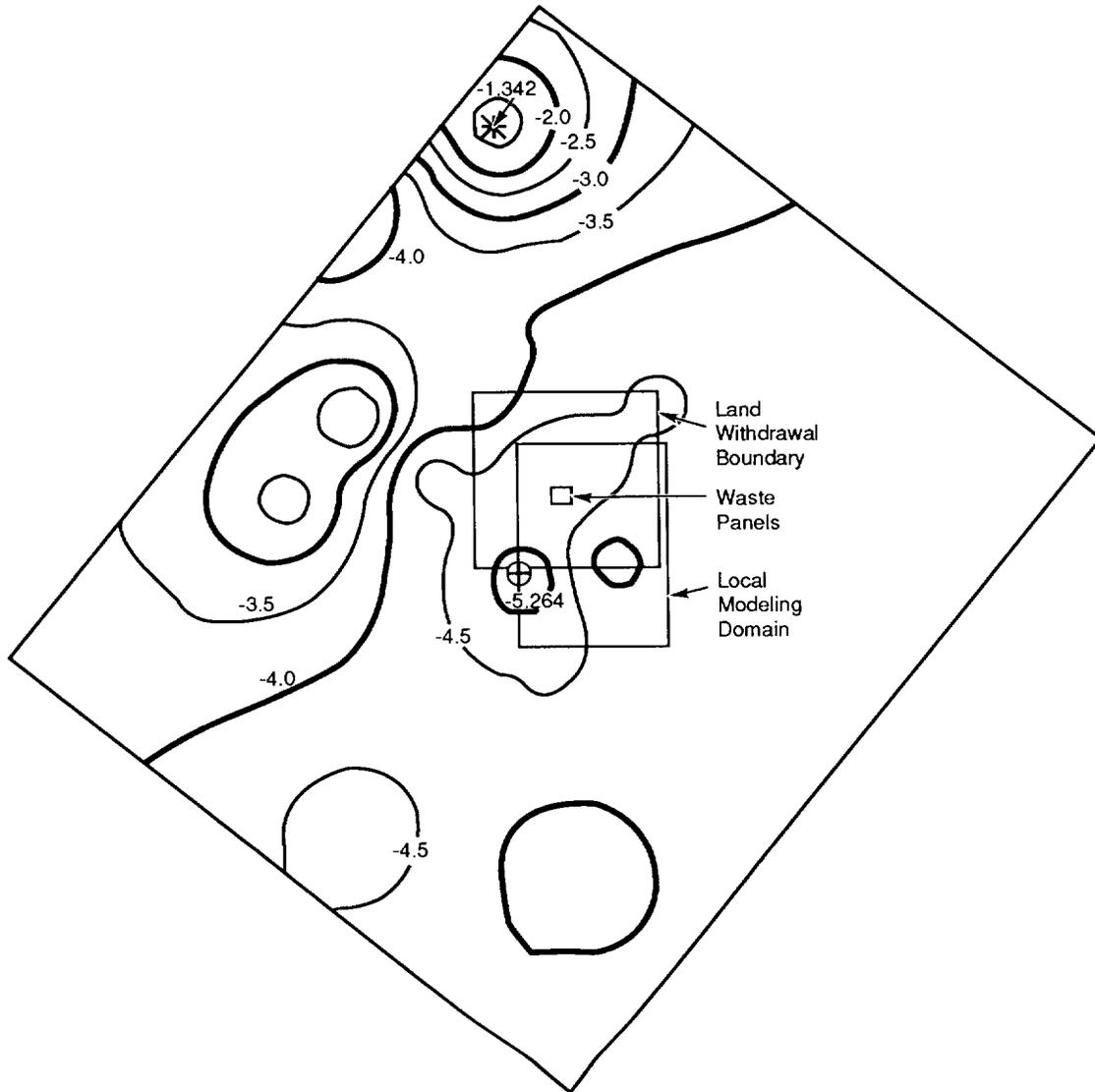
Well ID	Storage Coefficients
H2	$1.28 \times 10^{-5}$
H4	$4.62 \times 10^{-6}$
H5	$2.79 \times 10^{-5}$
H6	$2.35 \times 10^{-4}$
H9	$3.82 \times 10^{-4}$
H11	$1.58 \times 10^{-4}$
H16	$1 \times 10^{-5}$
P14	$2 \times 10^{-5}$
USGS1	$2 \times 10^{-5}$
WIPP25	$1 \times 10^{-2}$
WIPP26	$4.8 \times 10^{-3}$
WIPP27	$1 \times 10^{-6}$
WIPP28	$5 \times 10^{-2}$



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Figure 2.6-12. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Storage Coefficient.

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Figure 2.6-13. Spatial Variation of Logarithm of Storage Coefficients within Culebra.

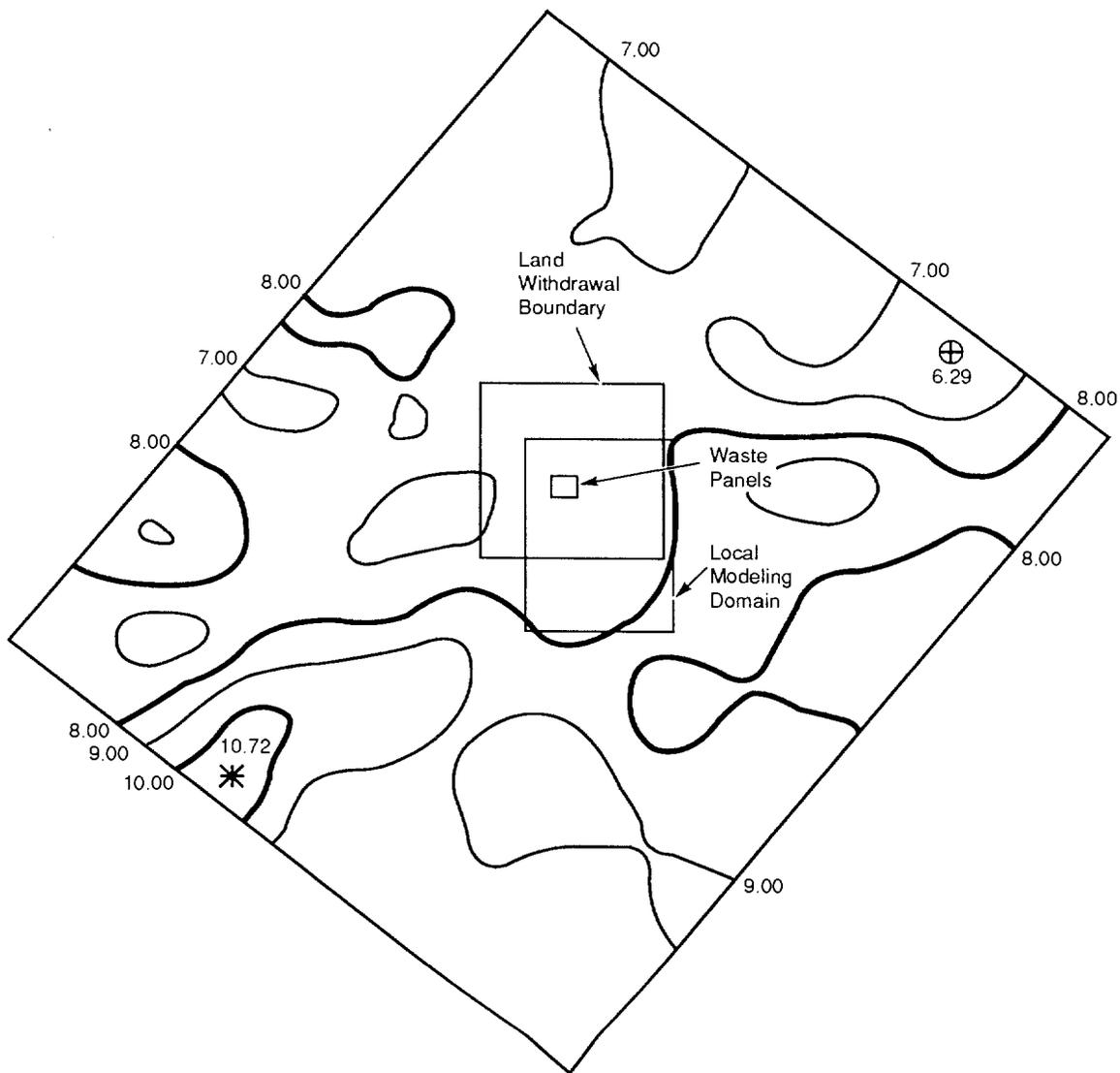
1 **2.6.6 Thickness**  
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4	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Thickness (<math>\Delta z</math>)</b>
5	<b>Median:</b>	7.7
6	<b>Range:</b>	5.5
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8	<b>Units:</b>	m
9	<b>Distribution:</b>	Spatial
10	<b>Source(s):</b>	LaVenue, A. M., A. Haug, and V. A. Kelley. 1988. <i>Numerical Simulation of Ground-Water Flow in the Culebra Dolomite at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Site: Second Interim Report.</i> SAND88-7002. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table B-1)

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21 The Culebra thickness reported in Table 2.6-1 is the constant thickness used in modeling  
22 studies reported by LaVenue et al. (1988, 1990) and used in PA calculations. Figure 2.6-14  
23 shows the spatial variation of thickness ( $\Delta z$ ) in the Culebra Dolomite Member estimated by  
24 kriging followed by two passes of a moving average of 15 nearest neighbors with a center  
25 weight of zero on a 500-m (1,635-ft) grid.  
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Figure 2.6-14. Variation of Culebra Member Thickness in Regional Modeling Domain. Estimate used kriging followed by two passes of a moving average of 15 nearest neighbors with a center weight of zero on a 500-m grid.

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Matrix tortuosity (<math>\tau</math>), Dolomite</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$1.2 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	$3 \times 10^{-2}$ $3.3 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Data
<b>Source(s):</b>	Kelley, V. A., and G. J. Saulnier, Jr. 1990. <i>Core Analysis for Selected Samples from the Culebra Dolomite at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Site</i> . SAND90-7011. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table 4.6)  Lappin, A. R., R. L. Hunter, D. P. Garber, and P. B. Davies, eds. 1989. <i>Systems Analysis Long-Term Radionuclide Transport, and Dose Assessments, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Southeastern New Mexico; March 1989</i> . SAND89-0462 Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table E-9)

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Tortuosity in clay lining (<math>\tau_{\text{clay}}</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$1.2 \times 10^{-2}$
<b>Range:</b>	$3 \times 10^{-3}$ $3.3 \times 10^{-2}$
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	See text.

35 Figure 2.6-15 shows the measured distribution for Culebra Dolomite Member tortuosity.  
36 Figures 2.6-16 gives the variation of matrix tortuosity measured from intact core samples of  
37 the Culebra Dolomite Member.

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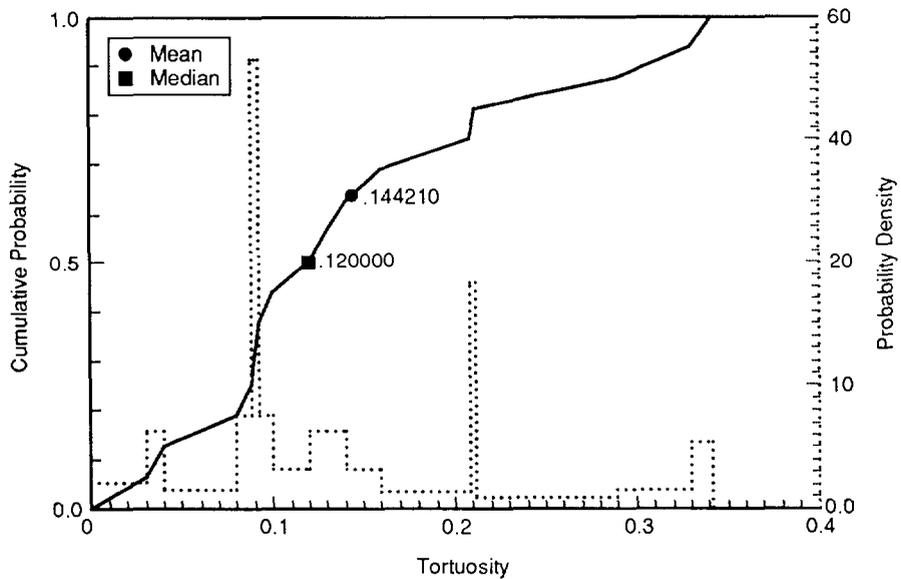
40 **Discussion:**

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43 **Intact Matrix Tortuosity.** Intact matrix tortuosity is used to evaluate the effective molecular  
44 diffusion coefficient ( $D_m$ ) from the coefficient of molecular diffusion ( $D^0$ ) in the pure  
45 saturating fluid ( $D_m = \tau D^0$ ), where  $\tau$  equals  $(\ell/\ell_{\text{path}})^2$ ,  $\ell$  is the linear length, and  $\ell_{\text{path}}$  is the  
46 length of the [tortuous] path that a fluid particle would take (Bear, 1972, p. 111).

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48 Intact matrix tortuosity for the Culebra Dolomite Member was calculated from 15 core  
49 samples from 15 borehole locations using the helium porosity ( $\phi_m$ ) and a formation factor  
50 ( $R_\ell/R_m$ ) determined from electrical-resistivity measurements as follows:  $\tau_m^2 =$   
51  $[(1/\phi_m)(R_\ell/R_m)]$ , where  $R_m$  is the intact porous media saturated with a fluid of resistivity,  
52  $R_\ell$ . (For the Culebra core samples, a 100-g NaCl solution was used with an ambient pressure  
53 of 1.4 MPa.) Kelley and Saulnier (1990) state that "... the formation factor ( $R_\ell/R_m$ )



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Figure 2.6-15. Measured Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Tortuosity of Culebra Matrix.

9 determined from electrical-resistivity measurements is usually smaller than that determined by  
 10 diffusion studies." The values range from 0.03 to 0.33 with a median of 0.12 and an average  
 11 of 0.14 (Kelley and Saulnier, 1990, Table 4.6; Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-9) (Figure 2.6-9).  
 12 The spatial variation of tortuosity is shown in Figure 2.6-16. Within the local transport  
 13 modeling domain, the tortuosity is near the median, 0.12.

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15 **Matrix Skin Resistance and Clay Tortuosity.** In the dual porosity mathematical model  
 16 implemented by STAFF2D (Rechard et al., 1989), the boundary condition for the matrix at  
 17 the fracture matrix interface (Figure 2.6-17) is given by

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$$C'_i(B, T) = C_i - \zeta D_n^* \frac{\partial C'}{\partial x}$$

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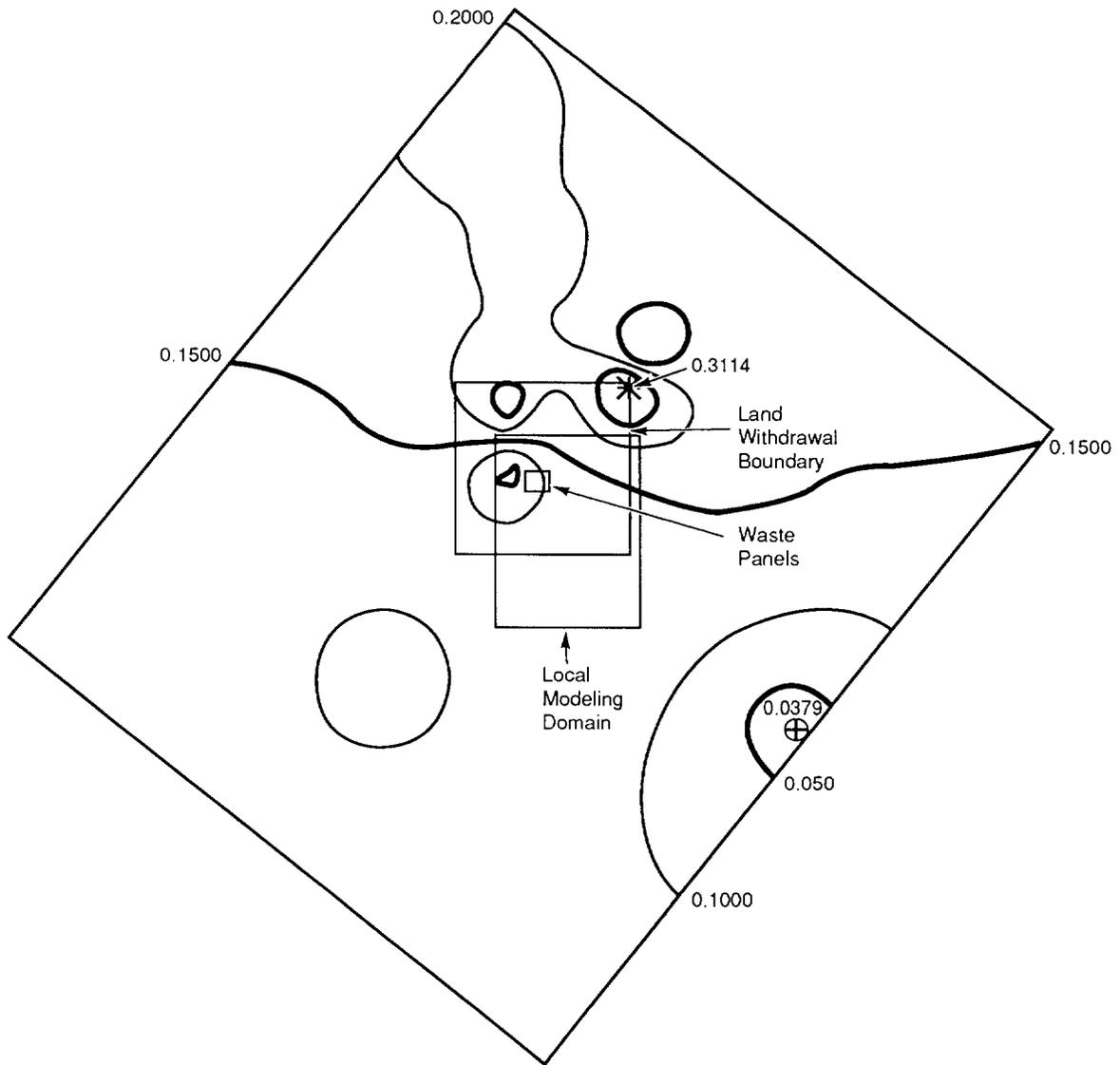
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- 27  $C'_i, C_i$  = concentrations of the *i*th nuclide in the matrix and fracture, respectively
- 28  $2B$  = the fracture spacing
- 29  $D_n^*$  = diffusion coefficient in matrix
- 30  $\zeta$  = a parameter characterizing the resistance of a thin skin (e.g., clay lining  
 31 adjacent to the fracture).

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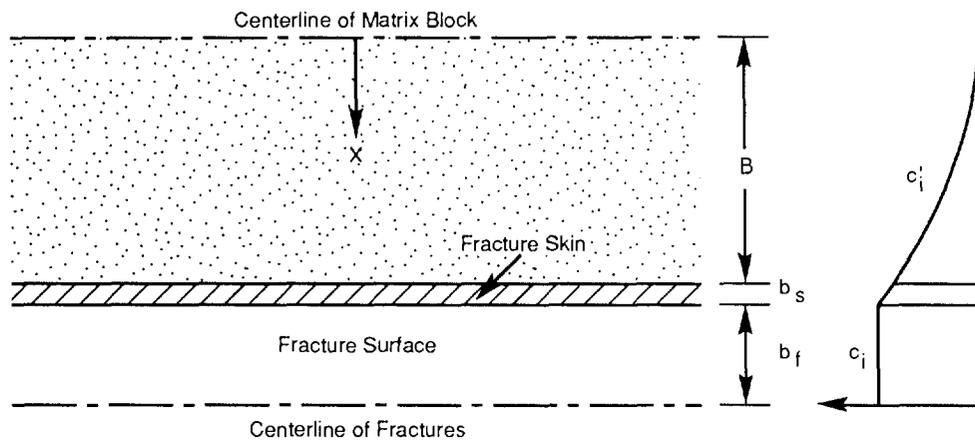
33  $\zeta$  is defined by

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Figure 2.6-16. Variation of Matrix Tortuosity Measured from Intact Core Samples of Culebra Dolomite Member by 10 Nearest Neighbors Using Inverse-Distance-Squared Weighting.



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Figure 2.6-17. Boundary Condition for the Matrix at the Fracture Matrix Interface.

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$$\zeta = \frac{b_s}{D_s}$$

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17  $b_s$  = the skin thickness

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18  $D_s$  = skin diffusion coefficient

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20 For the current PA calculations, the following estimate of the skin resistance is used because  
 21 of the clay lining in the fractures:

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$$\zeta = \frac{f\phi_f(B + b_f)}{\tau_{clay} D_s^{\alpha}}$$

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33  $f$  = clay lining, fracture aperture ratio ( $b_s/b_f$ )

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34  $\phi_f$  = fracture or secondary porosity ( $b_f/[B + b_f]$ )  $\sim b_f/B$ ,  $B \gg b_f$

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36 and as defined above, the diffusion coefficient  $D_s$  is skin (e.g., clay),

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$$D_s = \tau_{\text{clay}} D^{\text{a}}$$

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$\tau_{\text{clay}}$  = tortuosity of clay lining

$D^{\text{a}}$  = full molecular diffusion coefficient in the pure saturating fluid.

For 1991 PA calculations, the clay tortuosity is assumed to be one order of magnitude smaller than the Culebra Dolomite Member matrix tortuosity consistent with the generally observed apparent diffusion coefficients in clayey materials (i.e., 0.012). This conservative assumption reduces the amount of contaminants moving through the clay lining and ultimately being absorbed onto the matrix. Furthermore, only the median value of the molecular diffusion coefficient for the actinides was used (Section 3.3.6), rather than a value for each separate contaminant.

**2.6.8 Freshwater Heads at Wells**

Table 2.6-5 provides the freshwater head measurements in the Culebra Dolomite Member.

Table 2.6-5. Summary of Selected Steady-State Freshwater Head Measurements in Culebra Dolomite Member (after Cauffman et al., 1990, Table 6.2)

Well ID	Median (m)	Low Range (m)	High Range (m)
AEC7	9.3200x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3014x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3386x10 <sup>2</sup>
CABIN1	9.1120x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.0980x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1260x10 <sup>2</sup>
D268	9.1520x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1462x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1578x10 <sup>2</sup>
DOE1	9.1390x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.0831x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1949x10 <sup>2</sup>
DOE2	9.3530x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3181x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3880x10 <sup>2</sup>
H1	9.2330x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1860x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.2796x10 <sup>2</sup>
H10B	9.2140x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1627x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.2653x10 <sup>2</sup>
H11B1	9.1280x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1000x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1560x10 <sup>2</sup>
H12	9.1360x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1080x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1640x10 <sup>2</sup>
H14	9.1550x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1457x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1643x10 <sup>2</sup>
H15	9.1560x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1234x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1886x10 <sup>2</sup>
H17	9.1100x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.0890x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1310x10 <sup>2</sup>
H18	9.3190x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.2887x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3493x10 <sup>2</sup>
H2C	9.2400x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.2167x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.2633x10 <sup>2</sup>
H3B1	9.1710x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1267x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.2153x10 <sup>2</sup>
H4B	9.1280x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1140x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1420x10 <sup>2</sup>
H5B	9.3400x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3074x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3726x10 <sup>2</sup>
H6B	9.3260x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3027x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3493x10 <sup>2</sup>
H7B1	9.1270x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1200x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1340x10 <sup>2</sup>
H8B	9.1240x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1147x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1333x10 <sup>2</sup>
H9B	9.0820x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.0680x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.0960x10 <sup>2</sup>
P14	9.2690x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.2480x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.2900x10 <sup>2</sup>
P15	9.1680x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1494x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1866x10 <sup>2</sup>
P17	9.1160x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.0997x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1323x10 <sup>2</sup>
USGS1	9.0980x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.0922x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1038x10 <sup>2</sup>
USGS4	9.0970x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.0947x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.0993x10 <sup>2</sup>
USGS8	9.1110x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1087x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1133x10 <sup>2</sup>
WIPP12	9.3310x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3147x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3473x10 <sup>2</sup>
WIPP13	9.3400x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3120x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3680x10 <sup>2</sup>
WIPP18	9.3000x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.2720x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3280x10 <sup>2</sup>
WIPP25	9.2870x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.2637x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3103x10 <sup>2</sup>
WIPP26	9.1940x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1882x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1998x10 <sup>2</sup>
WIPP27	9.3810x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3647x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3973x10 <sup>2</sup>
WIPP28	9.3700x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3467x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3933x10 <sup>2</sup>
WIPP29	9.0540x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.0482x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.0598x10 <sup>2</sup>
WIPP30	9.3510x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3254x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.3766x10 <sup>2</sup>

**2.6.9 Transmissivities for Wells**

Table 2.6-6 provides the logarithms of selected transmissivity measurements in the Culebra Dolomite Member (Cauffman et al., 1990, Table C.1). Table 2.6-7 provides the logarithms of the calibrating points.

Table 2.6-6. Logarithms of Selected Transmissivity Measurements  
in Culebra Dolomite Member (after Cauffman et al.,  
1990, Table C.1)

Well ID	Median	Low Range	High Range
AEC7	-6.5535	-7.7185	-5.3885
CABIN1	-6.5213	-7.6863	-5.3563
D268	-5.6897	-6.8547	-4.5247
DOE1	-4.4271	-5.0096	-3.8466
DOE2	-4.0191	-4.6016	-3.4366
ENGLE	-4.3350	-4.9175	-3.7525
ERDA9	-6.2964	-7.4614	-5.1314
H1	-6.0290	-7.1940	-4.8640
H10B	-7.1234	-8.2884	-5.9584
H11B1	-4.5057	-5.0882	-3.9232
H12	-6.7132	-7.8782	-5.5482
H14	-6.4842	-7.6492	-5.3192
H15	-6.3804	-7.5454	-5.2154
H16	-6.1149	-7.2799	-4.9499
H17	-6.6361	-7.8011	-5.4471
H18	-5.7775	-6.3600	-5.1950
H2B1	-6.2005	-6.7830	-5.6180
H3	-5.6089	-6.1914	-5.0264
H4B	-5.9960	-6.5785	-5.4135
H5B	-7.0115	-7.5940	-6.4290
H6B	-4.4500	-5.0325	-3.8675
H7B1	-2.8125	-3.3950	-2.2300
H8B	-5.0547	-5.6372	-4.4722
H9B	-3.9019	-4.4844	-3.3194
USGS1	-3.2584	-3.8409	-2.6759
WIPP12	-6.9685	-8.1355	-5.8035
WIPP13	-4.1296	-5.2946	-2.9646
WIPP18	-6.4913	-7.6563	-5.3263
WIPP19	-6.1903	-7.3553	-5.0253
WIPP21	-6.5705	-7.7355	-5.4055
WIPP22	-6.4003	-7.5653	-5.2353
WIPP25	-3.5412	-4.1237	-2.9587
WIPP26	-2.9136	-3.4961	-2.3311

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Table 2.6-6. Logarithms of Selected Transmissivity Measurements  
in Culebra Dolomite Member (after Cauffman et al.,  
1990, Table C.1) (Concluded)

Well ID	Median	Low Range	High Range
WIPP27	-3.3692	-3.9517	-2.7867
WIPP28	-4.6839	-5.2664	-4.1014
WIPP29	-2.9685	-3.5510	-2.3860
WIPP30	-6.6023	-7.7673	-5.4373
P14	-3.5571	-4.5124	-2.6018
P15	-7.0354	-8.2004	-5.8704
P17	-5.9685	-7.1335	-4.8035
P18	-1.0123x10 <sup>1</sup>	-1.1288x10 <sup>1</sup>	-8.9584

Table 2.6-7. Logarithms of Transmissivity of Calibrating Points  
(Pilot Points) for Culebra Dolomite Member (after  
Davies and LaVenue, 1990)

Well ID	Median	Low Range	High Range
PP1	-2.0700	-4.4233	2.833x10 <sup>-1</sup>
PP2	-2.2500	-4.5334	3.340x10 <sup>-2</sup>
PP3	-2.3200	-4.6267	-1.330x10 <sup>-2</sup>
PP4	-3.6200	-5.3442	-1.8958
PP5	-3.5800	-5.2576	-1.9024
PP6	-6.0200	-7.7675	-4.2725
PP7	-6.4200	-8.0044	-4.5656
PP8	-3.4100	-4.8779	-1.9421
PP9	-2.7100	-3.8913	-1.5217
PP11	-7.7200	-9.1413	-6.2987
PP12	-8.0800	-9.0353	-7.1247
PP13	-5.6400	-6.5953	-4.6847
PP14	-8.3400	-9.7846	-6.8954
PP15	-6.4900	-7.7482	-5.2318
PP16	-5.1300	-6.5280	-3.7320
PP17	-6.6000	-8.1378	-5.0622
PP18	-2.6300	-4.5173	-7.427x10 <sup>-1</sup>
PP19	-2.8600	-4.7939	-9.261x10 <sup>-1</sup>
PP20a	-2.9400	-4.8972	-9.828x10 <sup>-1</sup>
PP21a	-3.0000	-4.8407	-1.1593
PP23	-3.8500	-5.1548	-2.5452
PP24	-3.5000	-4.2689	-2.7311
PP25	-6.0000	-7.0718	-4.9282
PP26	-5.5000	-6.3388	-4.6612
PP27	-4.2500	-5.3684	-3.1316
PP28	-3.5000	-4.7582	-2.2418
PP29	-3.2500	-4.3451	-2.1549
PP30	-6.1600	-7.3250	-4.9950
PP31	-5.8700	-7.0350	-4.7050
PP32	-5.0000	-5.7223	-4.2777
PP34	-3.5900	-4.5453	-2.6347
PP35	-2.6700	-3.6253	-1.7147
PP36	-5.1700	-6.0787	-4.2613
PP37	-4.3100	-6.0342	-2.5858
PP38	-3.9000	-5.3446	-2.4554
PP39	-3.9000	-5.3446	-2.4554
PP40	-5.9300	-6.8853	-4.9747
PP41	-4.0000	-4.9553	-3.0447
PP42	-3.5000	-4.5951	-2.4049
PP43	-5.0000	-5.9553	-4.0447
PP44	-5.0000	-5.9553	-4.0447

## 2.6.10 Partition Coefficients and Retardations

A partitioning or distribution coefficient ( $K_d$ ), which describes the intensity of sorption, is used to calculate the partitioning of species such as radionuclides between the groundwater and rock and, thereby, calculate the sorption capacity or retardation (R). A  $K_d$  value cannot be extrapolated with confidence to physiochemical conditions that differ from those under which the experimental data were obtained.

The recommended  $K_d$  cumulative distributions reported in Tables 2.6-8 and 2.6-9 are considered to be realistic in light of available data, but require a number of subjective assumptions that ongoing experiments may invalidate. The distributions were derived from an internal expert-judgment process regarding radionuclide retardation in the Culebra, which convened in April and May, 1991. The three Sandia experts involved were Robert G. Dosch (6212), Craig F. Novak (6344), and Malcolm D. Siegel (6315). The three experts participated in individual elicitation sessions for the purpose of developing probability distributions for the distribution coefficients for americium, curium, lead, neptunium, plutonium, radium, thorium, and uranium, for two sets of conditions. The first is the nature of the transport fluid: essentially Culebra or Salado brine. The second is whether the retardation takes place in the dolomite matrix or in the clay lining the fractures.

The  $K_d$  cumulative distributions that resulted from this panel are provided in Tables 2.6-8 and 2.6-9. The distributions are derived from a combination of values from two of the participants; a decision was made to not use Siegel's values in the 1991 PA calculations, as explained in the discussion that follows the tables. The rationales behind Dosch' and Novak's values are briefly described below; a more thorough description of Novak's values is provided in Appendix A of this report (Novak, September 4, 1991, Memo).

Dosch reviewed data from several experiments on distribution coefficients for various actinides in a variety of mediums. His own work (Lynch and Dosch, 1980) was included in his data set. He believed that even though some experiments were conducted using mediums different from the Culebra matrix and the Culebra clay, most of the data could not be discounted (personal communication from S. Hora, September 1991 regarding expert panel elicitation on May 1991). His justification for this was that experimental data directly applicable to the issue at hand was so scarce that no relevant data should be disregarded. In general, Dosch remarked that most of the experimental data deserved equal weight in any judgments about the behavior of actinides in the Culebra matrix and clay. Dosch declined to give any probability distributions for thorium and lead because he did not believe himself qualified to make enlightened assessments for those elements (personal communication from S. Hora, September 1991, regarding expert panel elicitation on May 1991).

Novak examined available research that detailed the experimental measurement of  $K_d$ s using substrates and water compositions pertinent to transport in the WIPP system (Novak, 1991). He showed that (1) data are not available for all elements of interest, (2) almost no data exist for clay substrates in the Culebra, and (3) existing data may not be applicable to current human-intrusion scenarios. In this study (Novak, 1991), Novak also questioned the use of the  $K_d$  model for estimating radionuclide retardation in the Culebra. Despite the limitations in existing data, Novak attempted to provide  $K_d$  values for use in the 1991 PA calculations.

1 Novak believes that the water composition called "Culebra H<sub>2</sub>O" is the most representative  
2 among available data for Case One, which assumed that water reaching the Culebra would not  
3 change the composition of Culebra water significantly, except for the presence of  
4 radionuclides. Brine A best represented Case Two, which assumed that water reaching the  
5 Culebra would not be diluted and a concentrated brine contaminated with radionuclides  
6 would flow through the Culebra. Within each case,  $K_d$  estimates were needed for  
7 radionuclide sorption on the matrix (i.e., the dolomitic Culebra substrates), and in the  
8 fractures (i.e., on clay materials lining fractures). Each type of water was used for both  
9 matrix and fractures. Thus, for Case One, data from "Culebra H<sub>2</sub>O" studies were used to  
10 estimate  $K_d$  values where actual data were not available. Similarly, Brine A data were used  
11 to estimate  $K_{ds}$  for Case Two.

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13 Novak offered  $K_{ds}$  of 0 m<sup>3</sup>/kg for all cdfs because he thought it possible that any of the  
14 elements could be transported with the fluid velocity. Upper bounds represent Novak's  
15 opinions on maximum values for  $K_{ds}$  observable under human-intrusion scenarios (Novak,  
16 September 4, 1991, Memo [see Appendix A]). Novak chose different sets of fractiles for  
17 different radionuclides. These represent his best estimates resulting from his studies of  
18 existing data and literature.

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20 Novak further states that values obtained through the expert elicitation process are subjective  
21 estimates only because of large uncertainties in water composition, mixing within the Culebra,  
22 and the questionable utility of the  $K_d$  model. Finally, Novak argues that these cdfs for  $K_{ds}$   
23 do not substitute for actual data, and believes that additional study is needed to quantify the  
24 potential for radionuclide retardation in the Culebra (Novak, September 4, 1991, Memo  
25 [Appendix A]).

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Table 2.6-8. Cumulative Density Function for Partition Coefficients for Culebra Dolomite Member within Matrix Dominated by Culebra Brine (average of Dosch and Novak estimates)

Element	Median	Range		Partition Coefficient	Probability	Units	Source
Am	$1.86 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	0.0	0.0	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	See text.
				$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0139		
				$9 \times 10^{-2}$	0.236		
				$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.271		
				$1.5 \times 10^{-1}$	0.437		
				$2 \times 10^{-1}$	0.525		
				$4 \times 10^{-1}$	0.627		
				1	0.71		
				$1 \times 10^1$	0.829		
				$1 \times 10^2$	1		
Cm	$1.86 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	0.0	0.0	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	See text.
				$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0139		
				$9 \times 10^{-2}$	0.236		
				$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.271		
				$1.5 \times 10^{-1}$	0.437		
				$2 \times 10^{-1}$	0.525		
				$4 \times 10^{-1}$	0.627		
				1	0.71		
				$1 \times 10^1$	0.829		
				$1 \times 10^2$	1		
Np	$4.8 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	0.0	0.0	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	See text.
				$2.5 \times 10^{-4}$	0.1		
				$7.5 \times 10^{-4}$	0.25		
				$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	0.4		
				$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.409		
				$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.625		
				$2 \times 10^{-1}$	0.75		
				$1 \times 10^1$	0.875		
				$1 \times 10^2$	1		
				Pb	$1 \times 10^{-2}$		
$1 \times 10^{-3}$	0.25						
$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.5						
$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.75						
1	0.99						
Pu	$2.61 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	0.0	0.0	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	See text.
				$1 \times 10^{-4}$	0.001		
				$5 \times 10^{-3}$	0.112		
				$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.18		
				$8 \times 10^{-2}$	0.347		
				$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.386		
				$3 \times 10^{-1}$	0.528		
				1	0.75		
$1 \times 10^2$	1						

Table 2.6-8. Cumulative Density Function for Partition Coefficients for Culebra Dolomite Member within Matrix Dominated by Culebra Brine (average of Dosch and Novak estimates) (Concluded)

Element	Median	Range		Partition Coefficient	Probability	Units	Source
Ra	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^1$	0.0	0.0	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	See text.
				$1 \times 10^{-3}$	0.25		
				$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.5		
				$2 \times 10^{-2}$	0.639		
				$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.85		
				1	0.972		
Th	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	See text.
				$5 \times 10^{-3}$	0.25		
				$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.5		
				$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.75		
				1	1		
U	$2.58 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	See text.
				$2.5 \times 10^{-4}$	0.101		
				$7.5 \times 10^{-4}$	0.252		
				$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	0.404		
				$5 \times 10^{-2}$	0.574		
				$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.75		
				$2 \times 10^{-1}$	0.875		
1	1						

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2 Table 2.6-9. Cumulative Density Function for Partition Coefficients for Culebra Dolomite Member within  
3 Fracture Dominated by Culebra Brine (average of Dosch and Novak estimates)  
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Element	Median	Range		Partition Coefficient	Probability	Units	Source		
15 Am	$9.26 \times 10^1$	0.0	$1 \times 10^3$	0.0	0.0	$m^3/kg$	See text.		
				$9 \times 10^{-1}$	0.125				
				1	0.146				
				1.5	0.250				
				4	0.376				
				$1 \times 10^1$	0.454				
				$1 \times 10^3$	1				
20 Cm	$9.26 \times 10^1$	0.0	$1 \times 10^3$	0.0	0.0	$m^3/kg$	See text.		
				$9 \times 10^{-1}$	0.125				
				1	0.146				
				1.5	0.250				
				4	0.376				
				$1 \times 10^1$	0.454				
				$1 \times 10^3$	1				
27 Np	1	0.0	$1 \times 10^3$	0.0	0.0	$m^3/kg$	See text.		
				$2.5 \times 10^{-3}$	0.1				
				$7.5 \times 10^{-3}$	0.25				
				$1.5 \times 10^{-2}$	0.4				
				1	0.5				
				$1 \times 10^3$	1				
33 Pb	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	0.0	0.0	$m^3/kg$	See text.		
				$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.25				
				$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.5				
				1	0.75				
				$1 \times 10^1$	0.99				
				$1 \times 10^2$	1				
39 Pu	$2.02 \times 10^2$	0.0	$1 \times 10^3$	0.0	0.0	$m^3/kg$	See text.		
				$5 \times 10^{-2}$	0.05				
				$8 \times 10^{-1}$	0.125				
				1	0.136				
				3	0.251				
				$1 \times 10^1$	0.379				
				$1 \times 10^3$	1				
46 Ra	$3.41 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	0.0	0.0	$m^3/kg$	See text.		
				$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.225				
				$5 \times 10^{-2}$	0.680				
				$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.75				
				1	0.875				
				$1 \times 10^1$	0.995				
				$1 \times 10^2$	1				

2 Table 2.6-9. Cumulative Density Function for Partition Coefficients for Culebra Dolomite Member within  
3 Fracture Dominated by Culebra Brine (average of Dosch and Novak estimates)  
4 (Concluded)  
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9 Element	10 Median	11 Range		12 Partition Coefficient	13 Probability	14 Units	15 Source
16 Th	17 $1 \times 10^{-1}$	18 0.0	19 $1 \times 10^1$	20 0.0	21 0.0	22 $m^3/kg$	23 See text.
				24 $5 \times 10^{-2}$	25 0.25		
				26 $1 \times 10^{-1}$	27 0.5		
				28 1	29 0.75		
				30 $1 \times 10^1$	31 1		
32 U	33 $7.5 \times 10^{-3}$	34 0.0	35 1	36 0.0	37 0.0	38 $m^3/kg$	39 See text.
				40 $2.5 \times 10^{-3}$	41 0.2		
				42 $7.5 \times 10^{-3}$	43 0.5		
				44 $1.5 \times 10^{-2}$	45 0.8		
				46 1	47 1		

2 **Discussion (Siegel, 1991):**

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4 The estimates provided by Siegel are similar to those he provided for the 1990 PA  
5 calculations and are shown in Tables 2.6-10 and 2.6-11. The decision to not incorporate  
6 these numbers into the 1991 panel's distributions was based on discussions with Steve Hora  
7 (University of Hawaii at Hilo) who conducted Siegel's elicitation session and who has worked  
8 extensively in the area of expert-judgment elicitation (e.g., U.S. NRC, 1990). The decision to  
9 not combine Siegel's values with the other two participants' responses was based on Siegel's  
10 values being fundamentally different from those provided by the other experts.

11

12 For example, two of the experts, Dosch and Novak, provided points on probability  
13 distributions that reflected their best judgments about the possible levels of retardation.  
14 Siegel chose, instead, to provide upper bounds on the fractiles of a probability distribution.  
15 Thus, the information obtained from Siegel is inherently different than the information  
16 obtained from the other two experts. The strategy that Siegel employed was to examine  
17 experimental evidence, determine a range of values for a specific quantile such as the median  
18 of the uncertainty distribution, and select the most conservative value from this range.  
19 Because experimental evidence is meager, Siegel did not believe that a sufficient scientific  
20 basis was available to justify forming a complete uncertainty distribution. He thus chose to  
21 bound the distribution.

22

23 Because the responses are fundamentally different, any attempt to aggregate Siegel's responses  
24 with the other participants would have led to an end product with no interpretable meaning.  
25 For this reason, Siegel's responses were not combined with those of the other experts and are  
26 not used in the 1991 performance assessment. The assessments provided by Siegel, however,  
27 are similar to those provided in 1990, which were used in the 1990 performance assessment.

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Table 2.6-10. Cumulative Density Function for Partition Coefficients for Culebra Dolomite Member within Matrix Dominated by Culebra Brine (estimated by Siegel, 1991, 1990)

Element	Median	Range	Partition Coefficient <sup>a</sup>		Probability	Units	Source <sup>b</sup>
			1991	(1990)			
Am	1.2 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.0	3.8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.0		0.0	Anderson et al., 1991; Siegel, 1990; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-14, E-10, E-11, E-12
				1 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>		0.25	
				1.2 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	(1.1 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> )	0.50	
				2 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>		0.75	
Cm	8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.0	1.6	3.80 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>		1.0	Anderson et al., 1991; Siegel, 1990; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-14, E-10, E-11, E-12
				0.0			
				4 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	(1 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> )	0.25	
				8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	ng	0.50	
Np	6 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.0	7.4 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.2	(2 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> )	0.75	Anderson et al., 1991; Siegel, 1990; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-14, E-10, E-11, E-12
				1.6	(1.2 x 10 <sup>1</sup> )	1.0	
				0.0			
				3 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	(5 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> )	0.25	
Pu=Th	8 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	0.0	1	6 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	(1 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> )	0.50	Anderson et al., 1991; Siegel, 1990; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-14, E-10, E-11, E-12
				1.5 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	ng	0.75	
				7.4 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	(1 x 10 <sup>-2</sup> )	1.0	
				0.0			
Ra=Pb	5 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.0	1 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.5 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>		0.25	Siegel, July 14, 1989 and June 25, 1991, Memos (see Appendix A); Siegel, 1990; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-15
				8 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>		0.50	
				2 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	(1 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> )	0.75	
				1	(1.05)	1.0	
U	6 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.0	7.4 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.0			Anderson et al., 1991; Siegel, 1990; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-14, E-10, E-11, E-12
				3 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	ng	0.25	
				6 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>		0.5	
				1.5 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	(1 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	0.75	
				7.4 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	(7.5 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> )	1.0	

<sup>a</sup> The parenthesis indicates the 1990 value; a blank indicates no change; and "ng" indicates that a value was not given in 1990.

<sup>b</sup> Anderson et al., 1991 is the source for the 1991 data; Siegel, 1990 and Lappin et al., 1989, are sources for the 1990 data.

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Table 2.6-11. Cumulative Density Function for Partition Coefficients for Culebra Dolomite Member within Fracture Dominated by Culebra Brine (estimated by Siegel, 1991, 1990)

Element	Median	Range		Partition Coefficient <sup>a</sup>		Probability	Units	Source <sup>b</sup>
				1991	(1990)			
Am	2.3	0.0	4.1	0.0			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Anderson et al., 1991; Siegel, 1990; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-14, E-10, E-11, E-12
				$5 \times 10^{-1}$	( $2 \times 10^{-1}$ )	0.25		
				2.3	( $3 \times 10^{-1}$ )	0.5		
				3	( $5 \times 10^{-1}$ )	0.75		
Cm	2.7	0.0	$1.6 \times 10^2$	0.0			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Anderson et al., 1991; Siegel, 1990; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-14, E-10, E-11, E-12
				1.35	( $2 \times 10^{-1}$ )	0.25		
				2.7	( $5 \times 10^{-1}$ )	0.5		
				$1.9 \times 10^1$	(2.7)	0.75		
Np	$5 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	1.25	0.0			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Anderson et al., 1991; Siegel, 1990; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-14, E-10, E-11, E-12
				$2 \times 10^{-2}$	( $1 \times 10^{-3}$ )	0.25		
				$5 \times 10^{-2}$	( $1 \times 10^{-2}$ )	0.5		
				$6.5 \times 10^{-1}$	( $2 \times 10^{-2}$ )	0.75		
Pu=Th	$3 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$4 \times 10^1$	0.0			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Anderson et al., 1991; Siegel, 1990; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-14, E-10, E-11, E-12
				$1.5 \times 10^{-1}$	( $1 \times 10^{-1}$ )	0.25		
				$3 \times 10^{-1}$		0.5		
				2.3		0.75		
Ra=Pb	$5 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Seigel, July 14, 1989, and June 25, 1991, Memos (see Appendix A); Siegel, 1990; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-15
				$2.5 \times 10^{-2}$	( $1 \times 10^{-3}$ )	0.25		
				$5 \times 10^{-2}$	( $1 \times 10^{-2}$ )	0.50		
				$7.5 \times 10^{-2}$	( $2 \times 10^{-2}$ )	0.75		
U	$5 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	1.25	0.0			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Anderson et al., 1991; Siegel, 1990; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-14, E-10, E-11, E-12
				$2 \times 10^{-2}$	( $1 \times 10^{-3}$ )	0.25		
				$5 \times 10^{-2}$	( $1 \times 10^{-2}$ )	0.5		
				$6.5 \times 10^{-1}$	( $2 \times 10^{-2}$ )	0.75		
				1.25	( $5 \times 10^{-2}$ )	1.0		

<sup>a</sup> The parenthesis indicates the 1990 value; a blank indicates no change; and "ng" indicates that a value was not given in 1990.

<sup>b</sup> Anderson et al., 1991 is the source for the 1991 data; Siegel, 1990 and Lappin et al., 1989, are sources for the 1990 data.

1 **General Rationale for Values Recommended by Siegel (1990)**

2  
3 The general rationale for selecting the  $K_d$  value in each percentile of the cdf follows (Tables  
4 2.6-10 and 2.6-11). Separate  $K_d$  distributions are given for the dolomite matrix and the clays  
5 lining the fractures in the Culebra Dolomite Member. In general, the recommended  $K_d$   
6 values were reduced by several orders of magnitude from experimental  $K_d$  data. Many of the  
7  $K_d$ s reported for the actinides are in the range of 10,000 to 100,000 mL/g (Lappin et al.,  
8 1989, Table 3-14). The following summarizes the discussion presented in Lappin et al.  
9 (1989).  
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12 The uncertainties in the composition of water in the Culebra Dolomite that will be produced  
13 by mixing fluids from the repository and aquifer require that large ranges of pH, Eh, organic  
14 content, and carbonate content of the groundwaters be considered in choosing  $K_d$  values.  
15 These possible variations in solution chemistry could result in order-of-magnitude changes of  
16 the  $K_d$ s from the values obtained in the experimental studies. The  $K_d$  values chosen for each  
17 element are explained further below.  
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19 Culebra brine is assumed to dominate the groundwater chemistry. The Culebra brine is  
20 represented by the average composition of a brine sample from well H-2b and H-2c.  
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22 **Plutonium, Americium, and Curium.**  $K_d$  values for plutonium are decreased from the values  
23 in Paine (1977), Dosch (1979), and Tien et al. (1983), because of the potential effect of  
24 carbonate complexation and competition for sorption sites by competing cations.  $K_d$  values  
25 for americium are decreased from cited values because of the potential effects of organic  
26 complexation and competition.  $K_d$  values for curium were decreased from the values listed  
27 in Tien et al. (1983) based on the assumption of behavior similar to americium and europium.  
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29 **Uranium and Neptunium.** In general, low  $K_d$ s for uranium and thorium have been measured  
30 in waters relevant to the WIPP repository. Low values ( $K_d = 1$  or 10) have been assumed  
31 here to account for the possible effects of complexation and competition.  
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33 **Thorium.** There are very few data for thorium under conditions relevant to the WIPP.  
34 Thorium  $K_d$  values were estimated from data for plutonium, a reasonable homolog element  
35 for thorium (Krauskopf, 1986).  
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37 **Radium and Lead.** Siegel assumed that sorption of lead and radium will be controlled by the  
38 amount of clay in the matrix (1%) and fracture-filling clay (100%). (Note the fractures are  
39 assumed to be 50% filled by clays in the calculation of the retardation factor.) The matrix  
40  $K_d$ s are obtained from the clay  $K_d$ s by multiplying by a utilization factor of 0.01 as discussed  
41 in Lappin et al. (1989). The maximum values are based on Tien et al. (1983) as cited in  
42 Lappin et al., (1989, Table 3-15).  
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1 Available data suggest that radium will sorb onto clays that are similar to those identified  
2 within the matrix and lining fractures in the Culebra Dolomite. The same data indicate that  
3 the degree of sorption is dependent upon the solution composition. Based on this  
4 information, values of 100 and 5 ml/g were chosen to represent the sorption of radium and  
5 lead onto clays in the Culebra. These  $K_d$  values correspond to sorption in dilute to  
6 moderately saline Culebra groundwaters (Case 1) and solutions with high contents of salt and  
7 organic ligands (Case 2), respectively. Retardation factors for the bulk matrix were  
8 calculated using the  $K_d$  values and a utilization factor of 0.01 to account for the occurrence  
9 of the clay as a trace constituent in the dolomite matrix.

### 11 **General Rationale for Constructing Cumulative Distributions**

12  
13 The general rationale for selecting the  $K_d$  value in each percentile of the cumulative  
14 distribution follows (Tables 2.6-9 and 2.6-10).

15  
16 **Dolomite Matrix.** A description of distributions for dolomite matrix is given below.

17  
18 *100th percentile:* The highest  $K_d$  value for each radionuclide for the Culebra brine was used  
19 for the 100th percentile. If data for this brine were not available, the highest minimum value  
20 of the ranges from experiments carried out in WIPP Solutions A, B, and C (see Table 3-16 in  
21 Lappin et al., 1989) was used. The use of the minimum values introduces a degree of  
22 conservatism in the distributions. Data from experiments that include organic ligands were  
23 not considered.

24  
25 *75th percentile:* The  $K_d$  values for the 75th percentile represent a compromise between the  
26 empirical data that show that sorption will occur under WIPP-specific conditions and  
27 theoretical calculations that suggest that many factors can decrease the extent of sorption  
28 significantly under other conditions that are possible in the Culebra. The values are identical  
29 to those used in Case I of Lappin et al. (1989, Table E-10).

30  
31 *50th percentile:* The lowest reported  $K_d$  value for Culebra brine was used for the 50th  
32 percentile. If no data for Culebra brine were available, the lowest of the values reported for  
33 organic-free WIPP Solutions A, B, and C was used.

34  
35 *25th percentile:* The 25th percentile represents conditions under which the solution chemistry  
36 is dominated by the influx of inorganic salts from the Salado and Castile Formations and  
37 includes the additional effects of organic ligands. The  $K_d$  values are identical to those of  
38 Case IIB of Lappin et al. (1989, Table E-10).

39  
40 *0th percentile:* The use of a  $K_d$  value of zero increases the conservatism of the distribution  
41 because there is evidence some sorption will occur (Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-14).

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1 **Clay in Fractures.** A description of distributions for clay in fractures is given below. For  
2 the 1990 calculations, the fracture  $K_d$  values used were 3 orders of magnitude lower than the  
3 estimates provided.

4  
5 *75th and 50th percentiles:* The values in Table E-11 in Lappin et al. (1989) and the lowest  
6 value for Culebra brine were compared; the larger of the two values was used for the 75th  
7 percentile. The smaller value was used for the 50th percentile. If no data for Culebra brine  
8 were available, the lowest value reported for WIPP Solutions A, B, and C (organic-free) was  
9 compared to the value in Table E-11, and the smaller value was used for the 50th percentile.

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11 *25th percentile:* The 25th percentile represents conditions under which the solution chemistry  
12 is dominated by the influx of inorganic salts from the Salado and Castile Formations and  
13 includes the additional effects of organic ligands. The  $K_d$  values are identical to those of  
14 Case IIB of Lappin et al. (1989, Table E-11).

15  
16 *0th percentile:* The use of a  $K_d$  value of zero increases the conservatism of the distribution  
17 because there is evidence some sorption will occur (Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-14).

2 **Retardation**

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4 For codes requiring retardation, the retardation for the matrix was calculated using the  
5 standard expression for retardation in a porous matrix (Freeze and Cherry, 1979, p. 404):

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$$R_m = 1 + \rho_b K_d / \phi_m \quad (2.6-1)$$

The retardation factor for the fractures was calculated from (Neretnieks and Rasmusson, 1984):

$$R_f = 1 + \rho_b K_d b_c / b \quad (2.6-2)$$

where

$b_c$  = thickness of the minerals (e.g., clay) lining both sides of the fracture ( $b_c/b = 0.5$ ,  
Table 2.6-1)

$b$  = fracture aperture

$K_d$  = partition coefficient (Tables 2.6-8 and 2.6-9)

$\phi_m$  = matrix porosity (Table 2.6-1)

$\rho_b$  = bulk density of material (Table 2.6-1) =  $(1 - \phi)\rho_g$

### 3. ENGINEERED BARRIERS AND SOURCE TERM

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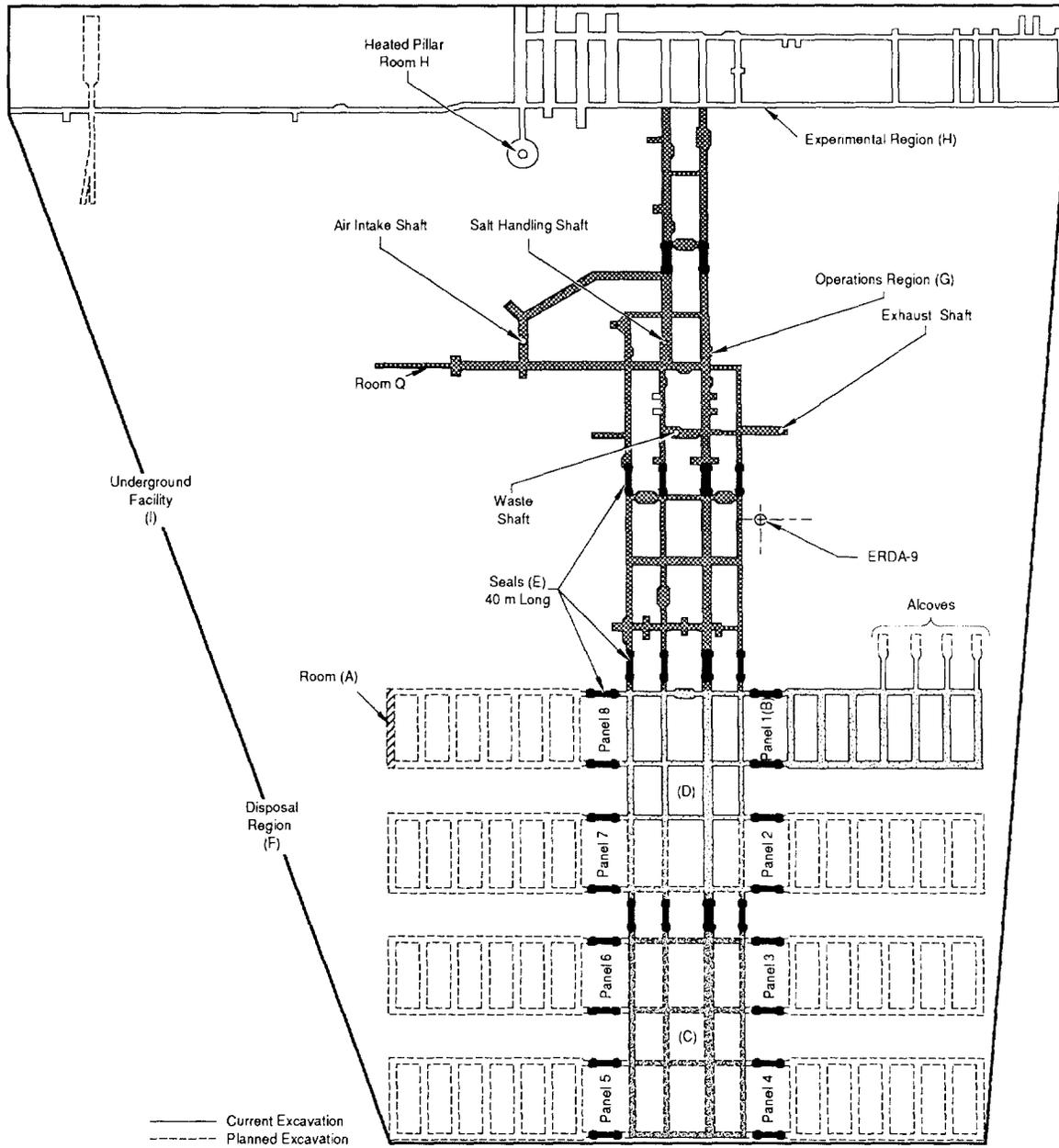
The engineered barriers consist of the repository design, waste form, seals, and backfill. Also discussed in this chapter are characteristics of the waste such as inventory of radionuclides and hazardous chemicals, solubility, and gas production potential.

## 2 **3.1 Dimensions of Underground Facility**

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4 The WIPP repository is composed of a single 15-ha (38-acre) underground disposal level  
5 constructed in one stratigraphic interval, which dips slightly to the south. The repository  
6 level consists of an experimental region at the north end, the operations region in the center  
7 for waste-handling and repository equipment maintenance, and a disposal region at the south  
8 end. Figures 3.1-1 and 3.1-2 show the excavated and enclosed areas in the WIPP repository,  
9 and the planned dimensions of the WIPP disposal region and access drifts. The UTM  
10 coordinates shown in Figure 3.1-2 are derived from the state plane coordinates reported in  
11 Gonzales, 1989. To maintain consistency with coordinate values reported elsewhere in this  
12 volume, the UTM coordinates were computed by the Technology Application Center,  
13 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106. Table 3.1-1 provides a  
14 summary of the excavated and enclosed areas and initial volumes of excavated regions (not  
15 considering disturbed rock zone [DRZ] or closure). At present, only the first panel has been  
16 excavated.  
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Figure 3.1-1. Excavated and Enclosed Areas in the WIPP Repository.



2 Table 3.1-1. Summary of Excavated and Enclosed Areas and Initial Volumes of Excavated Regions  
3 within the WIPP Repository, Not Considering the DRZ or Closure (Rechard et al., 1990b,  
4 Table A-12)  
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Region*	Areas		Volume	
	Excavated (10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>2</sup> )	Enclosed (10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>2</sup> )	Excavated (10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> )	Enclosed (10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> )
Room (A)	0.9197	0.9197	3.644	3.644
One panel excluding seals (B)	11.64	29.42	46.10	116.59
Southern equivalent panel excluding seals (C)	8.820	49.46	32.26	180.90
Northern equivalent panel excluding seals (D)	9.564	53.68	34.98	196.34
Panel seals (20) (E)	4.133		15.119	
Total disposal region (F)	111.52	506.8	436.0	2008.0
Operations region (G)	21.84	283.6	78.07	1037.2
Four shafts (only) to base of Rustler Fm.	0.08691	0.08691	34.76	34.76
Experimental region (H)	21.61	298.1	71.90	1090
Total facility (I)	152.83	1748	583.4	6926

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30 \*Regions shown in Figure 3.1-1; detailed dimensions shown in Figure 3.1-2.  
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2 **3.1.1 Disposal Region**

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4 All of the underground openings are rectangular in cross section. The disposal area drifts are  
5 generally 3.96 m (13 ft) high by 4.3 m (14 ft) wide; the disposal rooms are 4 m (13 ft) high,  
6 10 m (33 ft) wide, and 91.4 m (300 ft) long. The width of the pillars between rooms is  
7 30.5 m (100 ft). The total excavated volume in the disposal region is  $4.334 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3$  ( $1.53 \times$   
8  $10^7 \text{ ft}^3$ ). The reported design disposal volume is  $1.756 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3$  ( $6.2 \times 10^6 \text{ ft}^3$ ) or about 36%  
9 of the excavated volume (Bechtel, 1986). The disposal volume, however, for waste changes  
10 depending on the type of containers, waste form, and volume of panel seals. Hence, the  
11 design volume is discussed in the description of the containers (Section 3.1.5).

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2 **3.1.2 Experimental Region**

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4 The experimental region (Figure 3.1-2) is located in the northern portion of the underground  
5 facility and consists of over ten rooms, which are used for in situ testing of salt creep and  
6 brine inflow (Matalucci, 1987, pp. 3,15). The sizes of the rooms vary, depending on the  
7 experiment. The excavated area of the experimental region is about  $21.61 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^2$  ( $23.2 \times$   
8  $10^4 \text{ ft}^2$ ), and its volume is about  $71.90 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^3$  ( $25.3 \times 10^5 \text{ ft}^3$ ) (Table 3.1-1).

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2 **3.1.3 Operations Region**

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4 The operations region (Figure 3.1-2) consists of the access drifts located in the center of the  
5 underground facility. The drifts are used for transport of equipment and personnel to the  
6 experimental area and disposal region. All four shafts are connected to the operations region.  
7 The excavated area of the operations region is  $21.84 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^2$  ( $23.4 \times 10^4 \text{ ft}^2$ ), and its volume  
8 is  $78.07 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^3$  ( $27.6 \times 10^5 \text{ ft}^3$ ) (Table 3.1-1).

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2 **3.1.4 Shafts**

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5 The four shafts connecting the underground facility to the surface are (1) the Air Intake  
6 Shaft, 6.2 m (20 ft) in diameter; (2) the Exhaust Shaft, 4.6 m (15 ft) in diameter, (3) the Salt  
7 Handling (C&SH) Shaft, 3.6 m (12 ft) in diameter, and (4) the Waste Shaft, 7 m (23 ft) in  
8 diameter (Figure 3.1-2).

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10 During operations, the Salt-Handling Shaft will transport personnel, equipment, and salt. The  
11 Waste Shaft will transport the waste, and the Air Intake and Exhaust Shafts will provide air  
12 flow. The Air Intake Shaft will also serve as a backup for transporting personnel and  
13 equipment.

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15 At present, the shaft functions are the same as those described above, except that the Waste  
16 Shaft is not currently used to transport waste. It serves as a backup for transport of  
17 personnel and materials.

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19 The Air Intake Shaft, the most recently constructed shaft (1988), provides fresh air to the  
20 underground. It also serves as a backup for transporting personnel and materials. In  
21 addition, in situ testing is being performed to investigate the disturbed rock zone (DRZ)  
22 surrounding the shaft and hydrologic properties of the Rustler Formation (Nowak et al.,  
23 1990).

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25 The Exhaust Shaft, drilled in 1983-84, serves as the primary air exhaust for the underground  
26 facility (Bechtel, 1985).

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28 The Salt-Handling Shaft (formerly called the Construction and Salt-Handling [C&SH] Shaft  
29 and the Exploratory Shaft [Bechtel, 1985]) was drilled in 1981. It was used during  
30 construction of the WIPP repository to remove salt and serve as the primary transport for  
31 personnel and equipment. The Salt-Handling Shaft continues to serve as the primary  
32 transport for personnel and equipment and as a secondary air supply to the underground  
33 facility.

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35 The Waste Shaft (initially called the Ventilation Shaft) is designed to move radioactive waste  
36 between the surface waste-handling facilities and the underground facility. The Ventilation  
37 Shaft was enlarged from 2 m (6 ft) diameter to 6 m (20 ft) diameter in 1983-84, when it was  
38 renamed the Waste Shaft (Bechtel, 1985). Until waste transport begins, the Waste Shaft serves  
39 as a secondary means to transport personnel, materials, large, equipment, and diesel fuel. The  
40 Waste Shaft can continue to serve as backup for transporting personnel and materials  
41 whenever waste is not being transported.

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43 All four shafts will be backfilled upon decommissioning of the WIPP (Nowak et al., 1990).

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2 **3.1.5 Waste Containers**

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4 Contact-handled (CH) transuranic (TRU) waste to be shipped to the WIPP is currently stored  
5 in 55-gal. drums, metal boxes, and fiberglass-reinforced plywood (FRP) boxes of various  
6 sizes (Table 3.1-2). The WIPP *Waste Acceptance Criteria* (see Section 3.4, Table 3.4-2)  
7 requires a metal overpack for all combustible boxes as a fire prevention measure, so FRP  
8 boxes and any other non-metal boxes will be overpacked and subsequently handled and  
9 disposed of in these overpacks. Furthermore, TRUPACT II, the transportation container for  
10 trucking TRU waste to the WIPP has space only for 7-pack drums and SWBs; hence, large  
11 boxes will have to be repacked unless a new transportation container is built in later years.  
12 CH-TRU waste in drums will be stacked three high in the waste-storage rooms.

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14 The reference canister for the remotely handled (RH) TRU waste is a 0.65-m (26-in.) O.D.  
15 (outside diameter) right-circular cylinder made of 1/4-in. carbon steel plate. Caps are  
16 welded at both ends. The canister is 3 m (10 ft) in length, including the handling pintle.  
17 Inside, the waste occupies about 0.89 m<sup>3</sup> (30 ft<sup>3</sup>) (U.S. DOE, 1990d).

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Table 3.1-2. CH-TRU Waste Containers (U.S. DOE, 1990a, Dwg 165-F-001-W)

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Container Description	Approximate Dimensions (h x w x l) m	Volume		
		Internal m <sup>3</sup>	External m <sup>3</sup>	Packing m <sup>3</sup>
Approved for transportation:				
DOT 17C (metal) 55-gal steel drums	0.9 x 0.1 dia.	0.208	0.21	
7-Pack of 55-gal steel drums		1.451	1.47	2.2
Standard waste box (Dwg 165-F-001-W)	0.94 x 1.8 x 1.3	1.90	1.95	2.34
Other storage containers:				
Steel box	1.2 x 1.2 x 1.2		2.3	
Steel box	2.0 x 1.7 x 2.8		9.5	
Steel box (FRP box overpacked)	1.4 x 1.4 x 2.2		4.1	
Plywood Box	1.2 x 1.2 x 1.7		3.17	

2 **3.1.6 Waste Placement and Backfill in Rooms**

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4 Figure 3.1-3 shows the ideal packing configuration of drums in the rooms and drifts. At the  
5 waste storage room, the waste packages (7-packs) will be removed from the transporter and  
6 stacked 3 high and 6 wide across the room. In the ideal packing configuration, a total of  
7 6,804 drums (972 7-pack units) can be placed in one room. A 0.711-m air gap exists above  
8 the drums; also a thin plastic pallet is set between layers. For the 1991 calculations, the  
9 plastic sheet was assumed to be 0.30-m thick, consistent with the Bechtel initial reference  
10 design report (1986). Recently developed final plans (U.S. DOE, 1990d) for the plastic sheet  
11 call for 0.004-m-thick plastic on the top and bottom; hence, slightly more salt backfill will be  
12 used.  
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15 The standard waste box stacking (SWB) configuration depends upon the box size (Figure  
16 3.1-4). Seven-packs and SWBs may be intermixed, as practical. To reach the original design  
17 capacity of 175,600 m<sup>3</sup> (6.2 x 10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>), the SWBs were also assumed to be stacked three high.  
18 However, current plans call for stacking the SWBs only two high, which substantially reduces  
19 the disposal capacity of the WIPP.

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21 The current placement technique for RH TRU waste in the WIPP is to emplace one canister  
22 horizontally every 2.4 m (8 ft) into the drift and room walls. Based on this technique, the  
23 capacity in each panel for RH-TRU canisters along drifts and rooms 10-m wide is 874  
24 canisters or about 6,000 m<sup>3</sup>. The intended capacity for RH-TRU waste is 7,080 m<sup>3</sup> (250,000  
25 ft<sup>3</sup>); hence, additional methods will be explored. Current PA calculations assume a capacity  
26 of 7,080 m<sup>3</sup>.

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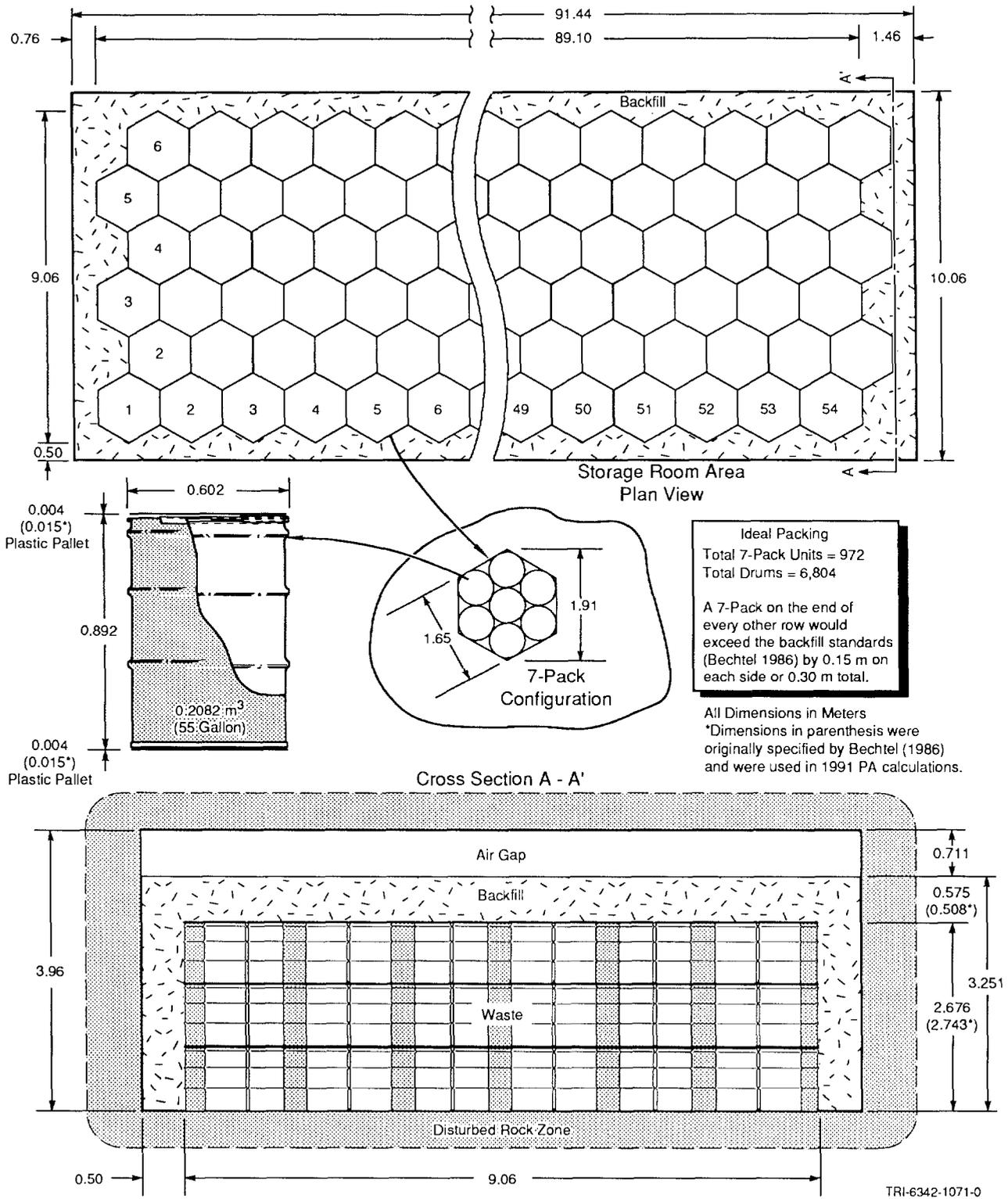
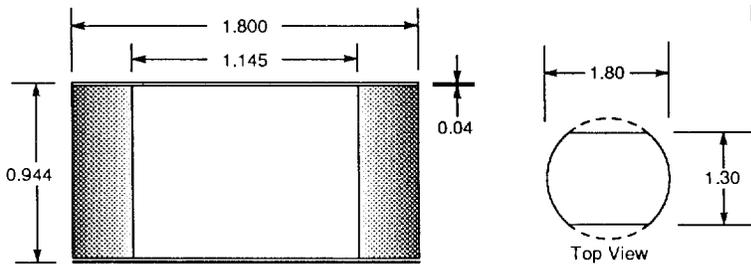
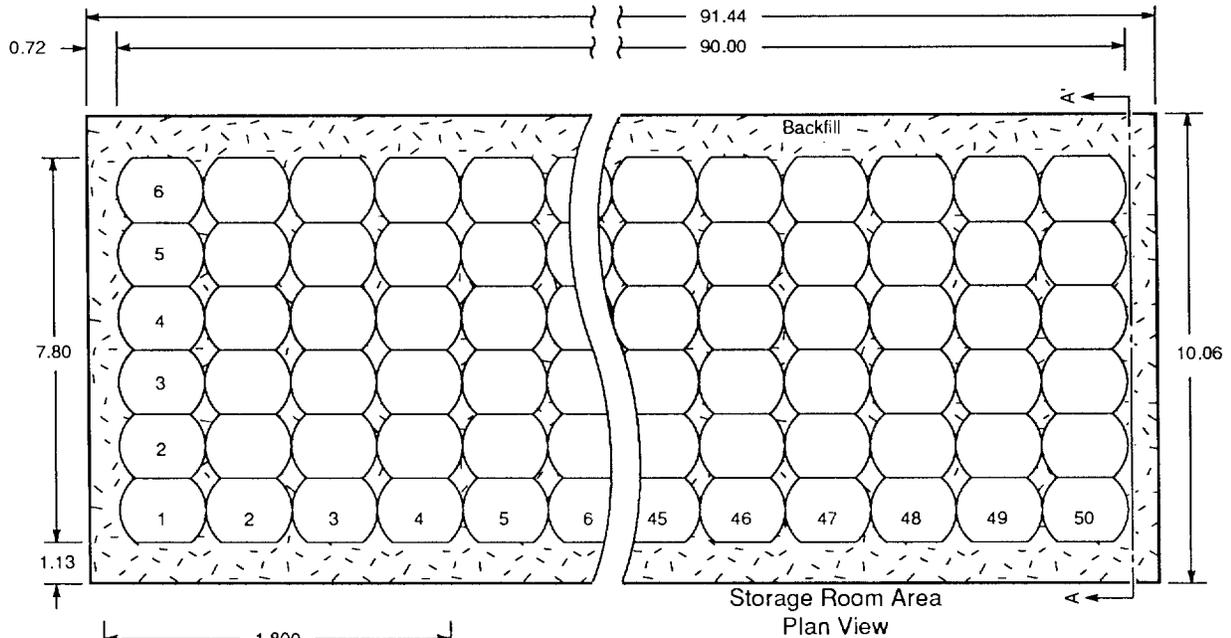


Figure 3.1-3. Ideal Packing of Drums in Rooms and 10-m-wide Drifts.

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Dimensions of Underground Facility

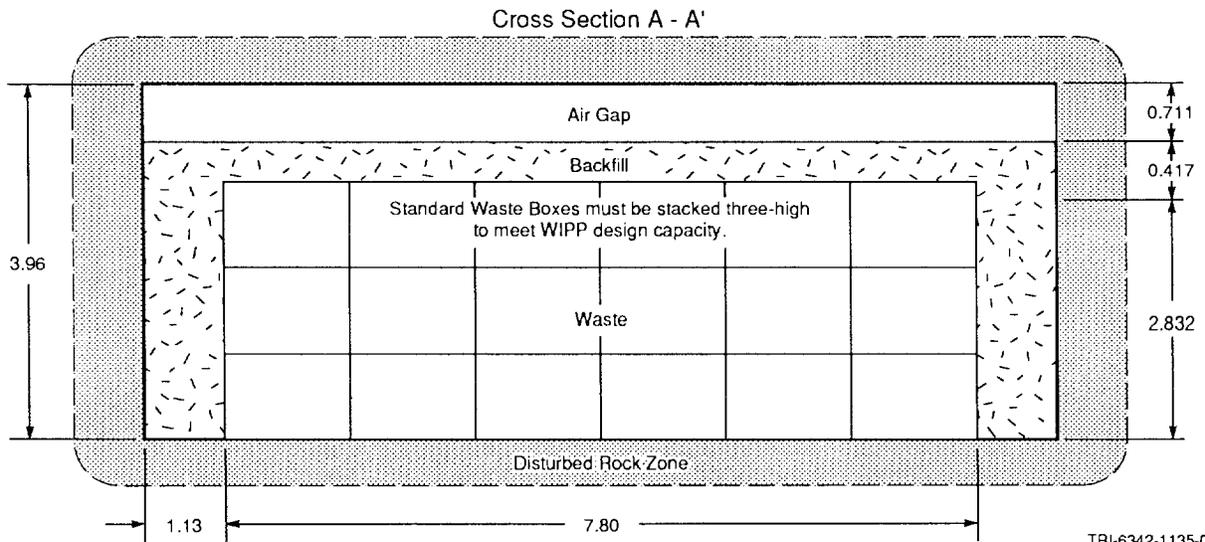


**Ideal Packing**  
Total Standard Waste Boxes = 900

An increase of 1.21 m in the width of the room (Total Room Width 11.27 m) and 90° rotation of the Standard Waste Boxes would allow tighter packing and an increase of 270 Waste Boxes per room (Ideal Packing = 1170).

Side View  
According to WIPP WAC, packages are designed so stacking is not inhibited. Structural capacity of three-high stacking, however, has not been determined.

All Dimensions in Meters



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Figure 3.1-4. Ideal Packing of Standard Waste Boxes in Rooms and Drifts.

## 3.2 Parameters for Backfill Outside Disposal Region

This section presents parameters (such as permeability and porosity) for backfill placed in the shafts and access drifts when WIPP is decommissioned (Table 3.2-1).

Table 3.2-1. Parameter Values for Backfill Outside Disposal Region

Parameter	Median	Range		Units	Distribution Type	Source
<b>Preconsolidated Salt (Lower shaft, drifts, panels)</b>						
Density ( $\rho$ )						
Initial	$1.71 \times 10^3$	$(0.8\rho_{\text{Salado}})$		kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Nowak et al., 1990, Figure 11
Final	$2.03 \times 10^3$	$(0.95\rho_{\text{Salado}})$		kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Sjaardema and Krieg, 1987; Arguello, 1988
Height (Lower shaft)	$2 \times 10^2$	$1 \times 10^2$	$3 \times 10^2$	m	Uniform	Nowak et al., 1990, p. 14.
Permeability (k)						
Initial	$1 \times 10^{-14}$			m <sup>2</sup>	Constant	Holcomb and Shields, 1987, Figure 4
Final	$1 \times 10^{-20}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-21}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-20}$	m <sup>2</sup>	Lognormal	Holcomb and Shields, 1987 Figure 4; Nowak et al., 1990, Figure 11, p. 14.
<b>Salt Backfill in Drifts</b>						
Density ( $\rho$ )						
Initial	$1.28 \times 10^3$	$(0.6\rho_{\text{Salado}})$		kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Nowak et al., 1990, Figure 11
Final	$2.03 \times 10^3$	$(0.95\rho_{\text{Salado}})$		kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Sjaardema and Krieg, 1987; Arguello, 1988
Permeability (k)						
Initial	$1 \times 10^{-11}$			m <sup>2</sup>	Constant	Holcomb and Shields, 1987, Figure 4
Final	$1 \times 10^{-20}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-21}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-20}$	m <sup>2</sup>	Lognormal	Holcomb and Shields, 1987, Figure 4; Nowak et al., 1990, Figure 11, p. 14.
<b>Partition Coefficients for Salt Backfill</b>						
Am	$1 \times 10^{-4}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
Np	$1 \times 10^{-5}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
Pb	$1 \times 10^{-6}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
Pu	$1 \times 10^{-4}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
Ra	$1 \times 10^{-6}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
Th	$1 \times 10^{-4}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
U	$1 \times 10^{-6}$			m <sup>3</sup> /kg	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
<b>Concrete and Bentonite</b>						
Permeability (k)						
Concrete	$2.7 \times 10^{-19}$			m <sup>2</sup>	Constant	Nowak et al., 1990, Figure 11, p. 13
Bentonite	$1.4 \times 10^{-19}$			m <sup>2</sup>	Constant	Nowak et al., 1990, Figure 11, p. 13

### 3.2.1 Description of the Reference Design for Backfill

The purpose of the reference backfill design, which Sandia has developed for backfilling the WIPP repository, is to provide a common basis for calculations performed in modeling tasks such as performance assessment and sensitivity analysis (Nowak et al., 1990; Nowak and Tyler, 1989). The reference design is a starting point for developing experiments and analysis from which a detailed design will evolve.

#### General Backfill Strategy

In general, the entire underground facility and shafts will be backfilled. As part of the reference design, portions of the backfill emplaced at several locations within the shafts and various drifts, which are specially prepared (i.e., preconsolidated salt with concrete plugs), are often termed "seals." However, the purpose of these prepared portions is not to act as the sole seal for the shaft or drift (in general, all the backfill fulfills this function), but instead to protect sections of the backfill from fluids (gases or liquids). Inhibiting fluids hastens backfill consolidation and thus greatly increases the probability that the salt backfill will rapidly (< 200 yr) assume properties similar to the surrounding host rock. Consequently, the term seal is misleading; however, since it has been used throughout the WIPP Project, it is also used here.

The strategy for backfilling specially prepared portions of the drift and shaft combines short- and long-term seal components; preconsolidated crushed salt is the principal long-term component in the Salado Formation salt. Clay -- a swelling clay material shown to be stable and to have low permeability to brines -- is the principal long-term component in the Rustler Formation. Concrete is the principal short-term component in both locations.

The combination of short- and long-term seals (backfill) is used so that short-term seals provide the initial sealing functions necessary until the long-term seal components become adequately reconsolidated (Nowak et al., 1990). Preconsolidated crushed-salt and clay components are expected to become fully functional for sealing within 100 yr after emplacement (Nowak and Stormont, 1987; Arguello, 1988). Then the long-term seals take over all sealing functions.

Short-term seal components consist of concretes developed specifically for the WIPP. The concrete components provide flow resistance to control the effects of possible gas generation in the waste disposal area and limit water inflow from above to protect the crushed salt from saturation with brine; they also provide physical containment for the swelling clay and consolidating crushed-salt materials (Nowak et al., 1990).

1 The long-term seals in the Salado consist of preconsolidated WIPP crushed salt in the shafts,  
2 drifts, and panel entries. The emplaced crushed-salt material is intended to have an initial  
3 density equal to 80% of the density of the intact WIPP host rock salt (80% relative density)  
4 (Nowak et al., 1990). Within 100 yr of emplacement, the preconsolidated salt backfill will be  
5 fully consolidated by creep closure of the host-rock salt to a state of low permeability,  
6 approximately  $1 \times 10^{-20}$  m<sup>2</sup> (Nowak and Stormont, 1987; Arguello, 1988; Lappin et al., 1989).  
7 This permeability value is in the expected permeability range for the host-rock salt ( $1 \times 10^{-21}$   
8 to  $1 \times 10^{-20}$ ) (Nowak et al., 1988; Lappin et al., 1989). There is very little compositional  
9 difference between the reconsolidated WIPP crushed-salt material and the surrounding host  
10 rock from which it was mined. The crushed-salt seals, therefore, are expected to be  
11 mechanically and chemically stable in the WIPP environment (Nowak et al., 1990).

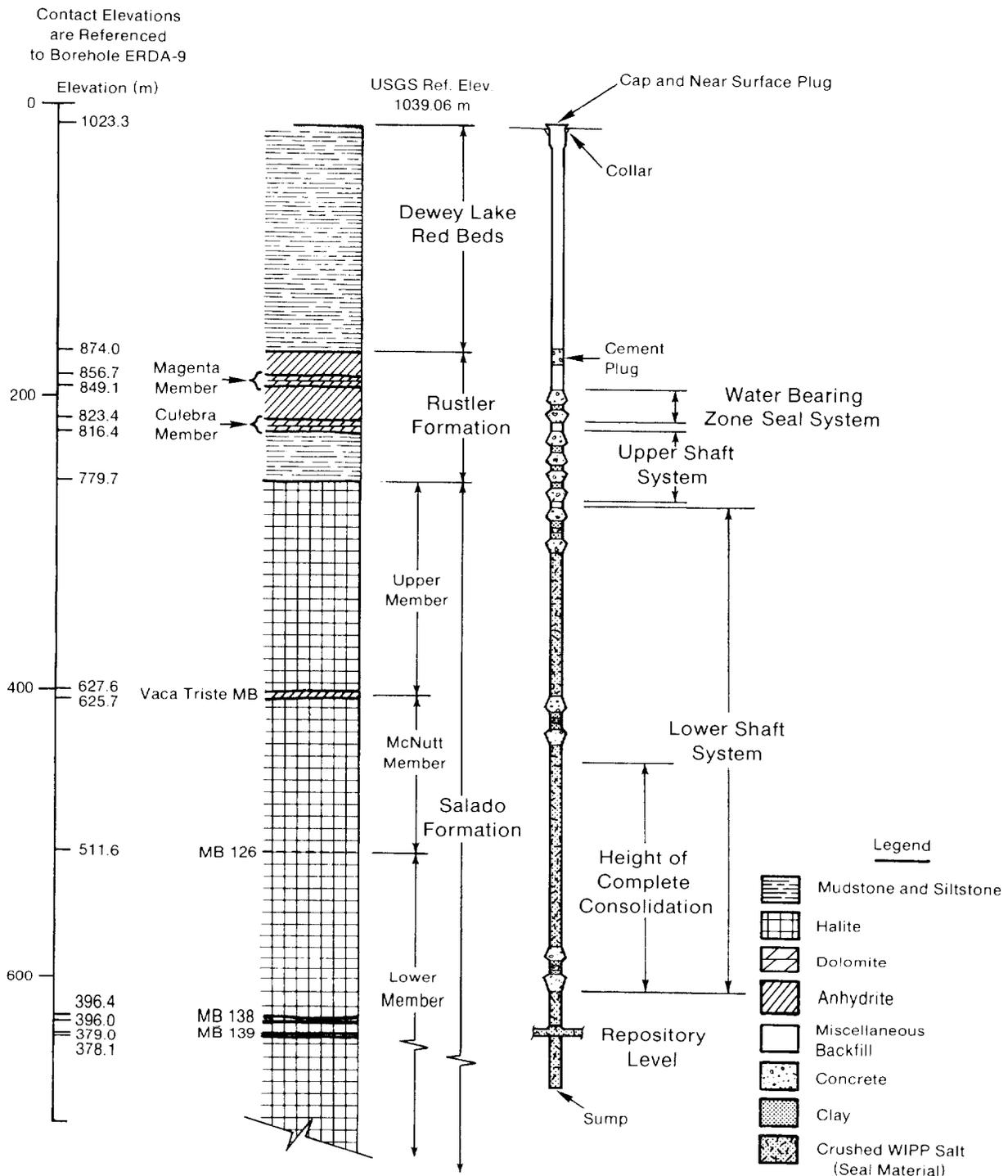
### 12 **Seal Locations**

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15 In the reference design, multicomponent seals between 30 and 40 m (100 and 130 ft) long will  
16 be located in each of the four shafts, the entrances to the waste disposal panels, and selected  
17 access drifts (Nowak et al., 1990). (See Figures 3.1-1 and 3.1-2 for seal locations.) Seals near  
18 the Rustler Formation (upper shaft and water-bearing zone seals) serve to limit brine flow  
19 from water-bearing zones down into the crushed-salt backfill. Seals in the drifts serve to  
20 reduce fluid flow (gas and brine) from the repository area and thus limit the creation of a  
21 preferred pathway for contaminant migration. The drift entries to each filled disposal panel  
22 will be sealed during operations. The disturbed rock zone (DRZ), which occurs in the host-  
23 rock salt at the excavated openings, is expected to heal by creep closure (Nowak et al., 1990).  
24 The extent of a DRZ in the drift entries may be reduced by the use of concrete liners during  
25 operations. If necessary, however, the conceptual design for sealing the DRZ (both in drifts  
26 and shafts) and anhydrite interbeds (e.g., MB139 directly underneath the disposal area)  
27 envisions a salt-based grout (Nowak and Tyler, 1989) using grouting techniques that are  
28 currently under development (Figure 3.2-3). When all disposal panels are filled, the drift  
29 entries to the entire disposal area will be sealed. The shafts will be backfilled upon  
30 decommissioning of the WIPP (Figures 3.2-1 and 3.2-2) (Nowak et al., 1990).

### 31 **Backfill in Upper Shaft, Water-Bearing Zone, and Dewey Lake Red Beds**

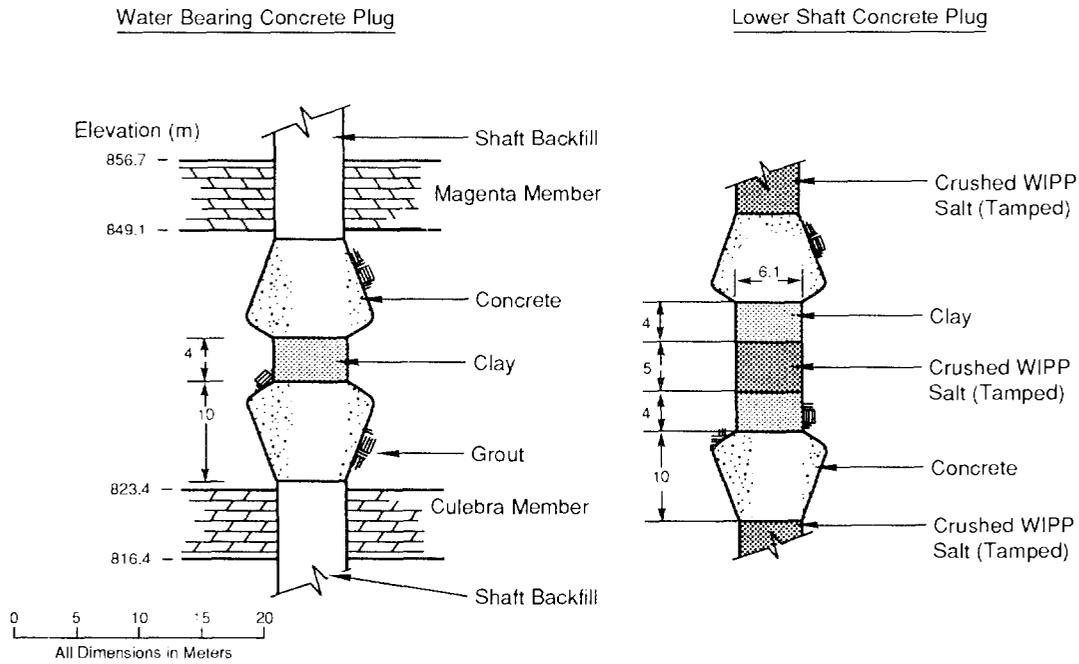
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34 According to current calculations, movement of radionuclides does not reach the upper shaft  
35 in 10,000 yr. Therefore, the actual properties of the backfill in the upper shaft and above  
36 have not been used in the 1991 PA calculations and properties are not given. Instead the  
37 initial placement properties of the lower shaft have been used.

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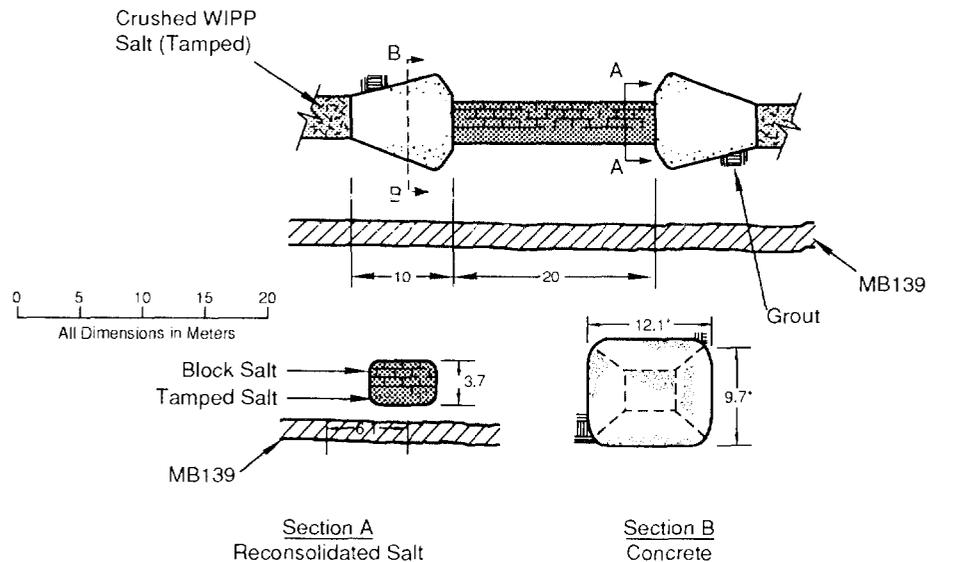
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Figure 3.2-1. Diagram of Typical Backfilled Access Shaft (after Nowak et al., 1990).



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Figure 3.2-2. Diagram of Typical Concrete Plugs in Backfilled Shafts. The drawing shows concrete plugs between water-bearing units (e.g., Culebra Dolomite) (left) and for the Lower Shaft Backfill (e.g., at Vaca Triste) for Waste Shaft (right) (after Nowak et al., 1990).



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Width and Height

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Figure 3.2-3. Diagram of Typical Concrete and Preconsolidated Salt Backfill for Drifts and Panels (after Nowak et al., 1990).

1 **3.2.2 Preconsolidated Salt Backfill in Lower Shaft, Drifts, and Panels**

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4 The reference seal uses preconsolidated (tamped) crushed WIPP salt as the primary long-term  
5 seal material. For redundancy, concrete plugs and clay (Figure 3.2-2) are emplaced at three  
6 locations in the shaft: (1) near the bottom of the shaft, (3) at an intermediate position in the  
7 shaft just below the Vaca Triste Marker Bed, and (3) near the top of the Salado Formation.

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9 The emplaced WIPP crushed salt is intended to have an initial density equal to 80% of the  
10 density of the intact WIPP host rock salt (80% relative density). Salt with 80% relative  
11 density will be created either by pouring and tamping crushed salt or by laying  
12 preconsolidated salt blocks. Creep closure of the lower part of the shaft will continue to  
13 consolidate this crushed salt.

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2 **Density for Preconsolidated Backfill ("Seals")**

5	<b>Parameter:</b>	Density, initial ( $\rho$ )
7	<b>Median:</b>	$1.71 \times 10^3 (0.8\rho_{\text{Salado}})$
8	<b>Range:</b>	None
9	<b>Units:</b>	$\text{kg/m}^3$
10	<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
11	<b>Source(s):</b>	Nowak, E. J., J. R. Tillerson, and T. M. Torres. 1990. <i>Initial Reference Seal System Design: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.</i> SAND90-0355. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Figure 11)

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20	<b>Parameter:</b>	Density, final ( $\rho$ )
21	<b>Median:</b>	$2.03 \times 10^3 (0.95\rho_{\text{Salado}})$
22	<b>Range:</b>	None
23	<b>Units:</b>	$\text{kg/m}^3$
24	<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
25	<b>Source(s):</b>	Sjaardema, G. D. and R. D. Krieg. 1987. <i>A Constitutive Model for the Consolidation of WIPP Crushed Salt and Its Use in Analysis of Backfilled Shaft and Drift Configurations.</i> SAND87-1977. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.
26		Arguello, J. G. 1988. <i>WIPP Panel Entryway Seal - Numerical Simulation of Seal Composite Interaction for Preliminary Seal Design Evaluation.</i> SAND87-2804. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.
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36 **Discussion:**

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38 The initial placement density for the crushed-salt backfill is specified in the reference design

39 as 0.8 of the intact Salado density ( $0.8\rho_{\text{Salado}}$ ) (Nowak et al., 1990). A higher initial

40 compaction than in the drift and panel backfill is specified to ensure faster consolidation.

41 The estimated final density of 0.95 of the intact Salado density ( $0.95\rho_{\text{Salado}}$ ) comes from salt

42 creep modeling (Sjaardema and Krieg, 1987; Arguello, 1988). The initial and final porosity

43 can be calculated directly from the densities. Assuming that the intact Salado density is  $2.14$

44  $\times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$  with a porosity of 0.01 (see Table 2.3-1), the resulting initial and final porosities

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2 **Height of Complete Consolidation in Lower Shaft**

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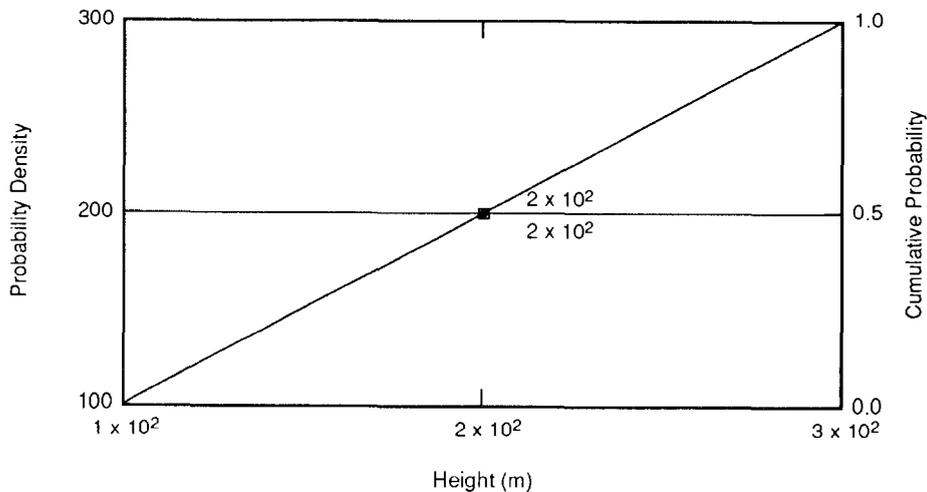
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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Height of complete consolidation in lower shaft</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$2 \times 10^2$
<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^2$
	$3 \times 10^2$
<b>Units:</b>	m
<b>Distribution:</b>	Uniform
<b>Source(s):</b>	Nowak, E. J., J. R. Tillerson, and T. M. Torres. 1990. <i>Initial Reference Seal System Design: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</i> . SAND90-0355. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (p. 14)

**Discussion:**

The estimated range for the height of the final column of consolidated salt with  $1 \times 10^{-20} \text{ m}^2$  permeability is between 100 and 300 m, with an expected height of 200 m in each shaft (Nowak and Stormont, 1987; Lappin et al., 1989, p. 4-57). Figure 3.2-4 gives the distribution for height.



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Figure 3.2-4. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Height of Complete Consolidation in Lower Shaft.

1 **Permeability for Preconsolidated Backfill ("Seals")**

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3 The initial and final permeability, porosity, and density of the salt component in the shaft,  
4 drift, and panel seals are as follows:

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7 <b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Permeability, initial (k)</b>
8 <b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-14}$
9 <b>Range:</b>	None
10 <b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
11 <b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
12 <b>Source(s):</b>	Holcomb, D. J. and M. Shields. 1987. <i>Hydrostatic Creep Consolidation of Crushed Salt with Added Water</i> . SAND87-1990. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Figure 4)

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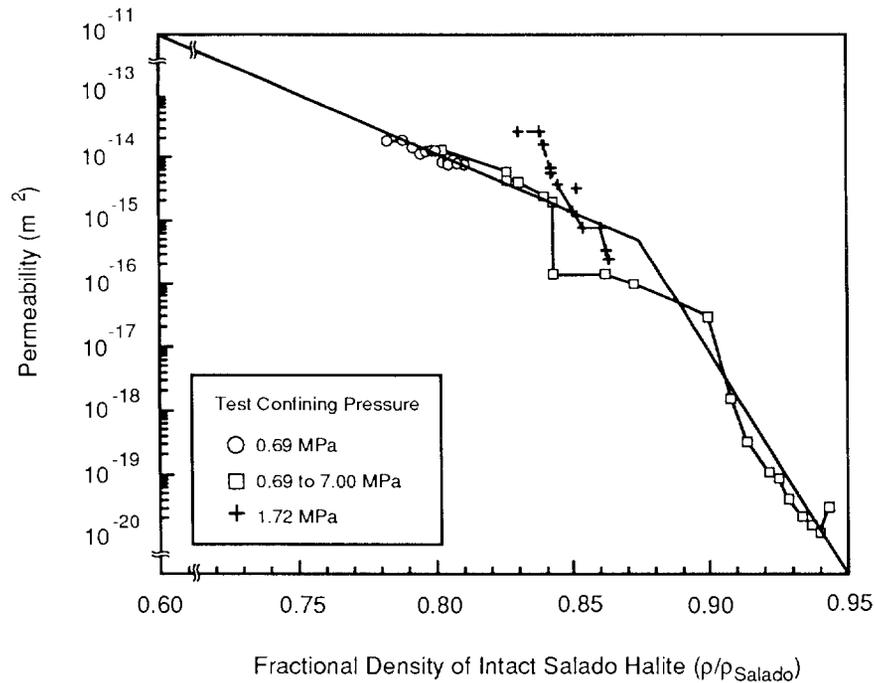
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23 <b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
24 <b>Distribution:</b>	Lognormal
25 <b>Source(s):</b>	Holcomb, D. J. and M. Shields. 1987. <i>Hydrostatic Creep Consolidation of Crushed Salt with Added Water</i> . SAND87-1990. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Figure 4) Nowak, E. J., J. R. Tillerson, and T. M. Torres. 1990. <i>Initial Reference Seal System Design: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</i> . SAND90-0355. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Figure 11, p. 14)

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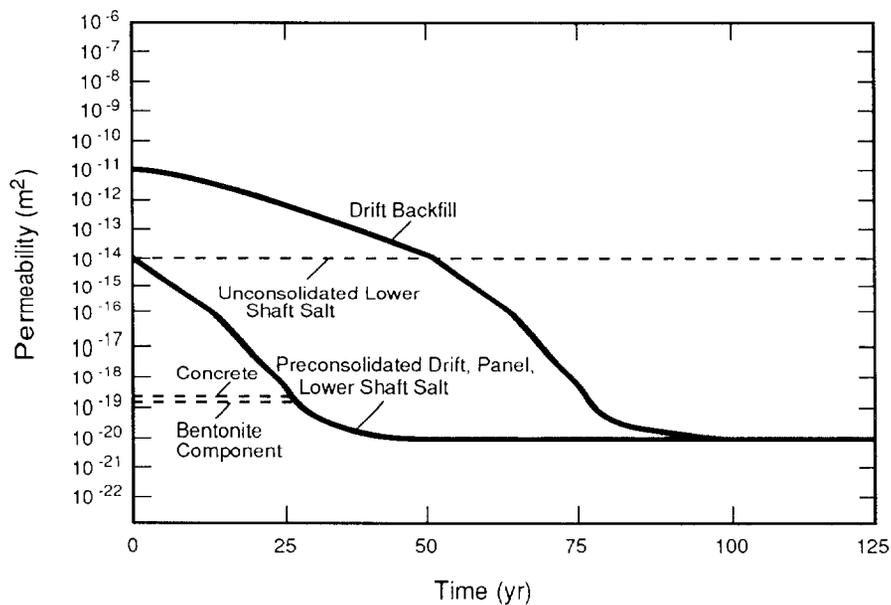
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40 Knowing the initial and final salt density, the final permeability was estimated from  
41 laboratory experiments (Holcomb and Shields, 1987, Figure 4) (Figure 3.2-5). The resulting  
42 initial and final permeabilities were  $1 \times 10^{-14}$  and  $1 \times 10^{-20} m^2$ . Nowak et al. (1990, p. 14)  
43 places a range of  $3 \times 10^{-21}$  to  $3 \times 10^{-20} m^2$  on the final permeability. The lower limit is  
44 equivalent to that found by extrapolating the data in Figure 3.2-5 to a relative density of  
45 0.95. Figure 3.2-6 illustrates the assumed time-dependent permeability relationship of the  
46 preconsolidated and normal backfill.  
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Figure 3.2-5. Permeability as a Function of Relative Halite Density (after Holcomb and Shields, 1987, Figure 4).



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Figure 3.2-6. Time Variation of Permeability Decrease from Consolidation for Disposal Area, Drift, and Seal. Dashed line indicates seal permeability including the concrete/bentonite component (after Rechar et al., 1990b, Figure 3-30).

1 **3.2.3 Salt Backfill in Drifts**

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Density, initial (<math>\rho</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$1.28 \times 10^3 (0.6\rho_{\text{Salado}})$
<b>Range:</b>	None
<b>Units:</b>	$\text{kg/m}^3$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
<b>Source(s):</b>	Nowak, E. J., J. R. Tillerson, and T. M. Torres. 1990. <i>Initial Reference Seal System Design: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</i> . SAND90-0355. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Figure 11)

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Density, final (<math>\rho</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$2.03 \times 10^3 (0.95\rho_{\text{Salado}})$
<b>Range:</b>	None
<b>Units:</b>	$\text{kg/m}^3$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
<b>Source(s):</b>	Sjaardema, G. D. and R. D. Krieg. 1987. <i>A Constitutive Model for the Consolidation of WIPP Crushed Salt and Its Use in Analysis of Backfilled Shaft and Drift Configurations</i> . SAND87-1977. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. Arguello, J.G. 1988. <i>WIPP Panel Entryway Seal - Numerical Simulation of Seal Composite Interaction for Preliminary Seal Design Evaluation</i> . SAND87-2804. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

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37 **Discussion:**

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39 The initial placement density for the crushed salt backfill is specified in the reference design  
40 as 0.6 of the intact Salado density ( $0.6\rho_{\text{Salado}}$ ) (Nowak et al., 1990). The estimated final  
41 density of 0.95 of the intact Salado density ( $0.95\rho_{\text{Salado}}$ ) comes from modeling (Sjaardema and  
42 Krieg, 1987; Arguello, 1988). The initial and final porosity can be calculated directly from  
43 the densities, assuming that the intact Salado density of  $2.14 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$  with a porosity of  
44 0.01 (see Table 2.3-1). The resulting initial and final porosities are 0.38 and 0.069,  
45 respectively.  
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2 **Permeability**

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Permeability, initial (k)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-11}$
<b>Range:</b>	None
<b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
<b>Source(s):</b>	Holcomb, D. J. and M. Shields. 1987. <i>Hydrostatic Creep Consolidation of Crushed Salt with Added Water</i> . SAND87-1990. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Figure 4)

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Permeability, final (k)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-20}$
<b>Range:</b>	$3.3 \times 10^{-21}$ $3.3 \times 10^{-20}$
<b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Lognormal
<b>Source(s):</b>	Holcomb, D. J. and M. Shields. 1987. <i>Hydrostatic Creep Consolidation of Crushed Salt with Added Water</i> . SAND87-1990. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Figure 4) Nowak, E. J., J. R. Tillerson, and T. M. Torres. 1990. <i>Initial Reference Seal System Design: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</i> . SAND90-0355. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Figure 11, p. 14)

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**Discussion:**

Knowing the initial and final salt density, the final permeability was estimated from laboratory experiments (Holcomb and Shields, 1987, Figure 4) (Figure 3.2-5); the initial permeability was found by extrapolating this data to the initial placement density of  $0.6\rho_{\text{Salado}}$ . The resulting initial and final permeabilities were  $1 \times 10^{-11}$  and  $1 \times 10^{-20} m^2$ . Nowak et al. (1990, p. 14) places a range of  $3 \times 10^{-21}$  to  $3 \times 10^{-20} m^2$  on the final permeability. The lower limit can be found by extrapolating to a density of  $0.95\rho_{\text{Salado}}$ .

Figure 3.2-6 shows the assumed time variation of the decrease in permeability as the result of consolidation used in many current PA calculations. A linear permeability decrease over 50 yr was assumed until the drift backfill reached a density (and permeability) equal to the initial preconsolidated ("seal") permeability ( $1 \times 10^{-14} m^2$ ). Afterwards, the backfill permeability was assumed to decrease similar to the "seals."

1 **3.2.4 Partition Coefficients for Salt Backfill**

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4 Table 3.2-2 provides the partition coefficients for salt backfill.

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7 Table 3.2-2. Partition Coefficients for Salt Backfill  
8 Containing Trace (0.1%) Amounts of  
9 Clay (after Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-  
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13 Radionuclide	14 Partition Coefficient* (m <sup>3</sup> /kg)
15 Am	1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
16 Np	1 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>
17 Pb	1 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>
18 Pu	1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
19 Ra	1 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>
20 Th	1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
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33 As mentioned for halite, none of the radionuclides is assumed to sorb onto halite ( $K_d = 0$ ),  
34 but the crushed salt from the excavation will have small amounts of clay, which does sorb  
35 radionuclides. For those studies exploring the influence of retardation near the repository,  
36 partition coefficients similar to those for anhydrite (Section 2.4) are used, with the following  
37 exceptions: (1) americium and neptunium had larger values by a factor of 10 and (2) the  
38 values for anhydrite with clay were reduced by 1000 to account for only 0.1% clay volume in  
39 the backfill.  
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43 As a conservative assumption, the 1991 PA calculations do not consider adsorption of  
44 radionuclides in the salt backfill (similar to halite and anhydrite interbeds, Section 2.4).  
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1 **3.2.5 Concrete and Bentonite**

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6	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Concrete permeability (k)</b>
7	<b>Median:</b>	$2.7 \times 10^{-19}$
8	<b>Range:</b>	None
9	<b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
10	<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
11	<b>Source(s):</b>	Nowak, E. J., J. R. Tillerson, and T. M. Torres. 1990. <i>Initial</i>
12		<i>Reference Seal System Design: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.</i>
13		SAND90-0355. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.
14		(Figure 11, p. 13)

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18	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Bentonite permeability (k)</b>
20	<b>Median:</b>	$1.4 \times 10^{-19}$
21	<b>Range:</b>	None
22	<b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
23	<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
24	<b>Source(s):</b>	Nowak, E. J., J. R. Tillerson, and T. M. Torres. 1990. <i>Initial</i>
25		<i>Reference Seal System Design: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.</i>
26		SAND90-0355. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.
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31 **Discussion:**

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33 Nowak et al. (1990, Figure 11) has specified maximum permissible permeabilities (as well as  
34 strength and expansion characteristics) for the concrete and bentonite (saturated in brine)  
35 components of the seals. The maximum permeabilities are  $2.7 \times 10^{-19}$  and  $1.4 \times 10^{-19} m^2$  for  
36 the concrete and bentonite, respectively. Because all PA calculations have considered only  
37 the long-term salt components in the lower and upper shaft system and not examined the  
38 water-bearing zone shaft seal, these values have not been used to date.  
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### 3.3 Parameters for Contaminants Independent of Waste Form

The TRU waste for which the WIPP is designed is defense-program waste that has been generated at ten facilities since 1970. The waste consists of laboratory and production trash such as glassware, metal pipes, solvents, disposable laboratory clothing, cleaning rags, and solidified sludges. Current plans specify that most of the TRU waste generated since 1970 will be placed in the WIPP repository, with the remainder to be disposed of at other DOE facilities.

The ten defense facilities ("generators") that eventually will ship TRU waste to the WIPP are (1) Argonne National Laboratory-East (ANL-E), Illinois; (2) Hanford Reservation (HANF), Washington; (3) Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL), Idaho; (4) Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), New Mexico; (5) Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), California; (6) Mound Laboratory, Ohio; (7) Nevada Test Site (NTS), Nevada; (8) Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), Tennessee; (9) Rocky Flats Plant (RFP), Colorado; and (10) Savannah River Site (SRS), South Carolina (U.S. DOE, 1990c).

The trash is contaminated by alpha-emitting transuranic elements, defined as having atomic numbers greater than uranium-92, half-lives greater than 20 yr, and curie contents greater than 100 nCi/g. Other contaminants include uranium and several radionuclides with half-lives less than 20 yr. Approximately 60% of the waste may be co-contaminated with waste considered hazardous under the RCRA, e.g., lead (WEC, 1989a).

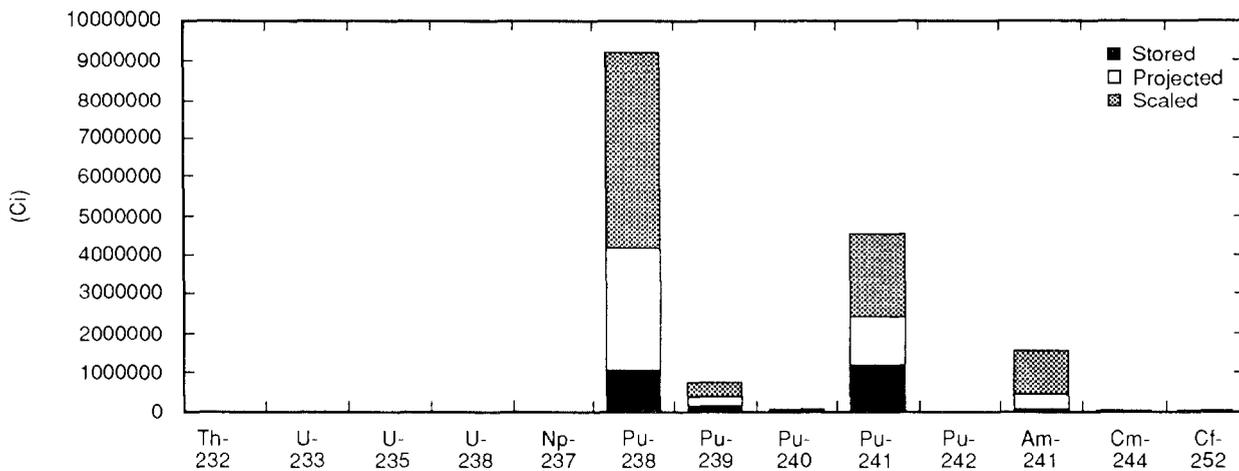
Radioactive waste that emits alpha radiation, although dangerous if inhaled or ingested, is not hazardous externally. Most of the waste, therefore, can be contact handled (CH) because the external dose rate ( $5.6 \times 10^{-7}$  Sv/s [200 mrem/h] or less) permits people to handle properly sealed drums and boxes without any special shielding.

A small portion of the TRU waste must be transported and handled in shielded casks (remotely handled [RH]), i.e., the surface dose rate exceeds  $5.6 \times 10^{-7}$  Sv/s (200 mrem/h). The surface dose rate of RH-TRU canisters cannot exceed  $2.8 \times 10^{-3}$  Sv/s (1000 rem/h); however, no more than 5% of the canisters can exceed  $2.8 \times 10^{-4}$  Sv/s (100 rem/h) (U.S. DOE, 1990d). The total curie content is being determined but the volume must be less than 250,000 m<sup>3</sup> and the curie content must be less than  $5.1 \times 10^6$  Ci ( $1.89 \times 10^{17}$  Bq) according to the agreement between DOE and the State of New Mexico (U.S. DOE/NM, 1984).

Subpart B of the Standard sets release limits in curies for isotopes of americium, carbon, cesium, iodine, neptunium, plutonium, radium, strontium, technetium, thorium, tin, and uranium, as well as for certain other radionuclides (Section 3.3.4 of this volume). Although the initial WIPP inventory contains little or none of some of the listed nuclides, they may be produced as a result of radioactive decay and must be accounted for in the compliance evaluation; moreover, any radionuclides not listed in Subpart B must be accounted for if those radionuclides would contribute to doses used in NEPA calculations (e.g., Pb-210).

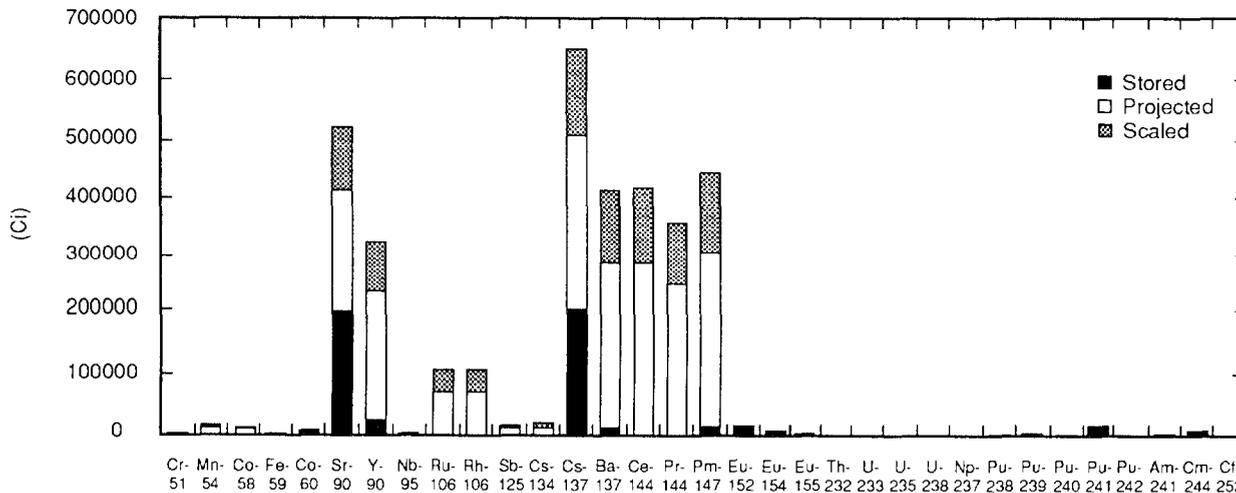
Figure 3.3-1 shows the total activity for all stored, projected, and scaled CH waste. Figure 3.3-2 gives the same information for RH waste. Table 3.3-1 provides the parameters for TRU radionuclides. Table 3.3-2 provides the parameter values for TRU waste.

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Figure 3.3-1. Total Activity for Stored, Projected, and Scaled CH Waste Activities.



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Figure 3.3-2. Total Activity for Stored, Projected, and Scaled RH Waste Activities.

Table 3.3-1. Inventory and Parameter Values for TRU Radioisotopes

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Parameter	Median	Units	Source
Ac225			
Half-life	8.640x10 <sup>5</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Ac227			
Half-life	6.871x10 <sup>8</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Ac228			
Half-life	2.207x10 <sup>4</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Am241			
Activity conversion	3.43x10 <sup>3</sup>	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	1.364x10 <sup>10</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
CH	6.65x10 <sup>6</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	1.29x10 <sup>3</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
CH	1.65x10 <sup>6</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	1.46x10 <sup>3</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Am243			
Half-life	5.822x10 <sup>11</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
At217			
Half-life	3.230x10 <sup>-2</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Bi210			
Half-life	4.330x10 <sup>5</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Bi211			
Half-life	1.284x10 <sup>2</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Bi212			
Half-life	3.633x10 <sup>3</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Bi213			
Half-life	2.739x10 <sup>3</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Bi214			
Half-life	1.194x10 <sup>3</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983

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<b>Cf252</b>			
Activity conversion	5.38x10 <sup>5</sup>	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	8.325x10 <sup>7</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
CH	1.27x10 <sup>4</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	2.39x10 <sup>3</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
CH	1.84x10 <sup>4</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	1.25x10 <sup>2</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
<b>Cm244</b>			
Activity conversion	8.09x10 <sup>4</sup>	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	5.715x10 <sup>8</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
CH	1.23x10 <sup>4</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	8.75x10 <sup>3</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
CH	1.78x10 <sup>4</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	4.63x10 <sup>3</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
<b>Cs137</b>			
Activity conversion	8.70x10 <sup>4</sup>	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	9.467x10 <sup>8</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
RH	3.33x10 <sup>5</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
RH	6.54x10 <sup>5</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
<b>Fr221</b>			
Half-life	2.880x10 <sup>2</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983

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<b>Np237</b>			
Activity conversion	$7.05 \times 10^{-1}$	Ci/kg	$1.1281 \times 10^{16} / (\text{half-life(s)} \times \text{At.Wt.})$
Half-life	$6.753 \times 10^{13}$	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
CH	1.47	Ci	See text.
RH	$8.87 \times 10^{-1}$	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
CH	2.14	Ci	See text.
RH	1.29	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
<b>Np239</b>			
Half-life	$2.035 \times 10^5$	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
<b>Pa231</b>			
Half-life	$1.034 \times 10^{12}$	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
<b>Pa233</b>			
Half-life	$2.333 \times 10^6$	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
<b>Pb209</b>			
Half-life	$1.171 \times 10^4$	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
<b>Pb210</b>			
Activity conversion	$7.63 \times 10^4$	Ci/kg	$1.1281 \times 10^{16} / (\text{half-life(s)} \times \text{At.Wt.})$
Half-life	$7.037 \times 10^8$	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
<b>Pb211</b>			
Half-life	$2.166 \times 10^3$	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
<b>Pb212</b>			
Half-life	$3.830 \times 10^4$	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
<b>Pb214</b>			
Half-life	$1.608 \times 10^3$	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
<b>Pm147</b>			
Activity conversion	$9.27 \times 10^5$	Ci/kg	$1.1281 \times 10^{16} / (\text{half-life(s)} \times \text{At.Wt.})$
Half-life	$8.279 \times 10^7$	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
RH	$3.15 \times 10^5$	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990

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Parameter	Median	Units	Source
Inventory, Design (1990)			
RH	4.49x10 <sup>5</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Po210			
Half-life	1.196x10 <sup>7</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Po212			
Half-life	3.050x10 <sup>-7</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Po213			
Half-life	4.200x10 <sup>-6</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Po214			
Half-life	1.643x10 <sup>-4</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Po215			
Half-life	1.780x10 <sup>-3</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Po216			
Half-life	1.500x10 <sup>-1</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Po218			
Half-life	1.830x10 <sup>2</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Pu238			
Activity conversion	1.71x10 <sup>4</sup>	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	2.769x10 <sup>9</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
CH	4.26x10 <sup>6</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	5.14x10 <sup>2</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
CH	9.26x10 <sup>6</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	1.33x10 <sup>3</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Pu239			
Activity conversion	6.22x10 <sup>1</sup>	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	7.594x10 <sup>11</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983

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CH	4.37x10 <sup>5</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	1.45x10 <sup>3</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
CH	8.45x10 <sup>5</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	1.31x10 <sup>3</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Pu240			
Activity conversion	2.28x10 <sup>2</sup>	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> (half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	2.063x10 <sup>11</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
CH	5.91x10 <sup>4</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	2.89x10 <sup>2</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
CH	1.07x10 <sup>5</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	2.98x10 <sup>2</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Pu241			
Activity conversion	1.03x10 <sup>5</sup>	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	4.544x10 <sup>8</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
CH	2.54x10 <sup>6</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	1.32x10 <sup>4</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
CH	4.60x10 <sup>6</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	1.35x10 <sup>4</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Pu242			
Activity conversion	3.93	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	1.187x10 <sup>13</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
CH	1.84	Ci	See text.
RH	3.31x10 <sup>-3</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
CH	2.16	Ci	See text.
RH	4.07x10 <sup>-3</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990

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Parameter	Median	Units	Source
Ra223			
Half-life	9.879x10 <sup>5</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Ra224			
Half-life	3.162x10 <sup>5</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Ra225			
Half-life	1.279x10 <sup>6</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Ra226			
Activity conversion	9.89x10 <sup>2</sup>	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	5.049x10 <sup>10</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Ra228			
Half-life	1.815x10 <sup>8</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Rn219			
Half-life	3.960	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Rn220			
Half-life	5.560x10 <sup>1</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Rn222			
Half-life	3.304x10 <sup>5</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Sr90			
Activity conversion	1.36x10 <sup>5</sup>	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	9.189x10 <sup>8</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
RH	2.80x10 <sup>5</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
RH	5.21x10 <sup>5</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Th227			
Half-life	1.617x10 <sup>6</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Th228			
Half-life	6.037x10 <sup>7</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983

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Parameter	Median	Units	Source
Th229			
Activity conversion	2.13x10 <sup>2</sup>	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	2.316x10 <sup>11</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Th230			
Activity conversion	2.02x10 <sup>1</sup>	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	2.430x10 <sup>12</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Th231			
Half-life	9.187x10 <sup>4</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Th232			
Activity conversion	1.10x10 <sup>-4</sup>	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	4.434x10 <sup>17</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
CH	0.0	Ci	See text.
RH	0.0	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
CH	0.0	Ci	See text.
RH	0.0	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Th234			
Half-life	2.082x10 <sup>6</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Tl207			
Half-life	2.862x10 <sup>2</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
U233			
Activity conversion	9.68	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	5.002x10 <sup>12</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
CH	7.18x10 <sup>1</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	2.86x10 <sup>1</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
CH	1.04x10 <sup>2</sup>	Ci	See text.
RH	2.02x10 <sup>2</sup>	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
U234			
Activity conversion	6.25	Ci/kg	1.1281x10 <sup>16</sup> /(half-life(s)xAt.Wt.)
Half-life	7.716x10 <sup>12</sup>	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983

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Parameter	Median	Units	Source
<b>U235</b>			
Activity conversion	$2.16 \times 10^{-3}$	Ci/kg	$1.1281 \times 10^{16} / (\text{half-life(s)} \times \text{At.Wt.})$
Half-life	$2.221 \times 10^{16}$	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
CH	$5.54 \times 10^{-2}$	Ci	See text.
RH	$1.23 \times 10^{-2}$	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
CH	$1.43 \times 10^{-1}$	Ci	See text.
RH	$1.39 \times 10^{-2}$	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
<b>U236</b>			
Half-life	$7.389 \times 10^{14}$	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
<b>U238</b>			
Activity conversion	$3.36 \times 10^{-4}$	Ci/kg	$1.1281 \times 10^{16} / (\text{half-life(s)} \times \text{At.Wt.})$
Half-life	$1.410 \times 10^{17}$	s	ICRP, Pub 38, 1983
Inventory, Anticipated (1990)			
CH	0.0	Ci	See text.
RH	$7.83 \times 10^{-2}$	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990
Inventory, Design (1990)			
CH	0.0	Ci	See text.
RH	$8.71 \times 10^{-2}$	Ci	IDB, 1990; Peterson, 1990

Table 3.3-2. Parameter Values for TRU Waste Radioelements

Parameter	Median	Range	Units	Distribution Type	Source	
Gas generation						
Corrosion						
Inundated rate	$6.3 \times 10^{-9}$	0	$1.3 \times 10^{-8}$ mol/m <sup>2</sup> /s*	Cumulative	Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo (Appendix A)	
Relative humid rate	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0	$5 \times 10^{-1}$ none	Cumulative	Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo (Appendix A)	
Microbiological						
Inundated rate	$3.2 \times 10^{-9}$	0	$1.6 \times 10^{-8}$ mol/kg/s**	Cumulative	Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo (Appendix A)	
Relative humid rate	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0	$2 \times 10^{-1}$ none	Uniform	Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo (Appendix A)	
Radiolysis	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \times 10^{-7}$	$1 \times 10^{-1}$ mol/drum/yr	Constant	Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo (Appendix A)	
Gas generation stoichiometry factor						
Corrosion						
	$5 \times 10^{-1}$	0	1	none	Uniform	Brush and Anderson in Lappin et al., 1989, p. A-6
Microbiological						
	$8.35 \times 10^{-1}$	0	1.67	none	Uniform	Brush and Anderson in Lappin et al., 1989, p. A-10
Am						
Diffusion coefficient***	$1.76 \times 10^{-10}$	$5.3 \times 10^{-11}$	$3 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Uniform	Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-7
Am <sup>3+</sup>						
Solubility	$1 \times 10^{-9}$	$5 \times 10^{-14}$	1.4	Molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991
Cm						
Diffusion coefficient	$1.76 \times 10^{-10}$	$5.3 \times 10^{-11}$	$3 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Uniform	Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-7
Cm <sup>3+</sup>						
Solubility	$1 \times 10^{-9}$	$5 \times 10^{-14}$	1.4	Molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991
Np						
Diffusion coefficient	$1.76 \times 10^{-10}$	$5.2 \times 10^{-11}$	$3 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Uniform	Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-7
Np <sup>4+</sup>						
Solubility	$6 \times 10^{-9}$	$3 \times 10^{-16}$	$2 \times 10^{-5}$	Molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991
Np <sup>5+</sup>						
Solubility	$6 \times 10^{-7}$	$3 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-2}$	Molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991
Pb						
Diffusion coefficient	$4 \times 10^{-10}$	$2 \times 10^{-10}$	$8 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Cumulative	Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-7

\* mole/m<sup>2</sup> surface area steel/s

\*\* mole/kg cellulose/s

\*\*\* Free liquid diffusion coefficient of the indicated species

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Table 3.3-2. Parameter Values for TRU Waste Radioelements (Concluded)

Parameter	Median	Range		Units	Distribution Type	Source
<b>Pb<sup>2+</sup></b>						
Solubility						
Absence of CO <sup>3</sup>	1.64	1x10 <sup>-2</sup>	1x10 <sup>1</sup>	Molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991
Presence of CO <sup>3</sup>	8x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1x10 <sup>-9</sup>	8x10 <sup>-2</sup>	Molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991
<b>Pu</b>						
Diffusion coefficient	1.74x10 <sup>-10</sup>	4.8x10 <sup>-11</sup>	3x10 <sup>-10</sup>	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Uniform	Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-7
<b>Pu<sup>4+</sup></b>						
Solubility	6x10 <sup>-10</sup>	2.0x10 <sup>-16</sup>	4x10 <sup>-6</sup>	molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991
<b>Pu<sup>5+</sup></b>						
Solubility	6x10 <sup>-10</sup>	2.5x10 <sup>-17</sup>	5.5x10 <sup>-4</sup>	Molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991
<b>Ra</b>						
Diffusion coefficient	3.75x10 <sup>-10</sup>	1.88x10 <sup>-10</sup>	7.5x10 <sup>-10</sup>	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Cumulative	Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-7
<b>Ra<sup>2+</sup></b>						
Solubility						
Absence of CO <sup>3</sup> and SO <sup>4</sup>	1.1x10 <sup>1</sup>	2	1.8x10 <sup>1</sup>	Molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991
Presence of CO <sup>3</sup>	1.6x10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.6x10 <sup>-9</sup>	1	Molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991
Presence of SO <sup>4</sup>	1x10 <sup>-8</sup>	1x10 <sup>-11</sup>	1x10 <sup>-6</sup>	Molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991
<b>Th</b>						
Diffusion coefficient	1x10 <sup>-10</sup>	5x10 <sup>-11</sup>	1.5x10 <sup>-10</sup>	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Uniform	Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-7
<b>Th<sup>4+</sup></b>						
Solubility	1x10 <sup>-10</sup>	5.5x10 <sup>-16</sup>	2.2x10 <sup>-6</sup>	Molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991
<b>U</b>						
Diffusion coefficient	2.7x10 <sup>-10</sup>	1.1x10 <sup>-10</sup>	4.3x10 <sup>-10</sup>	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Uniform	Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-7
<b>U<sup>4+</sup></b>						
Solubility	1x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1x10 <sup>-15</sup>	5x10 <sup>-2</sup>	Molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991
<b>U<sup>6+</sup></b>						
Solubility	2x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1x10 <sup>-7</sup>	1	Molar	Cumulative	Trauth et al., 1991

### 3.3.1 Inventory of Radionuclides in Contact-Handled Waste

The inventory (curie content) of radionuclides in the contact-handled (CH) waste was estimated from input submitted to the 1990 Integrated Data Base (IDB) (IDB, 1990). The information submitted to the IDB is separated into retrievably stored and newly generated (future generation), referred to herein as projected inventory. The anticipated total volume (stored plus projected) of CH waste submitted to the 1990 IDB was  $1.06 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3$  ( $3.76 \times 10^6 \text{ ft}^3$ ), which is less than the current design volume for the WIPP of about  $1.8 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3$  ( $6.2 \times 10^6 \text{ ft}^3$ ). To estimate the total curie content in the WIPP, if it contained a design volume of CH waste, the future-generated radionuclide inventories of the five largest future generators listed in the 1990 IDB were volume scaled to reach a design volume of waste. (Details of this volume scaling are discussed in Section 3.4.) This inventory per generator site is only a projected estimate and should not be considered a statement of what they will generate.

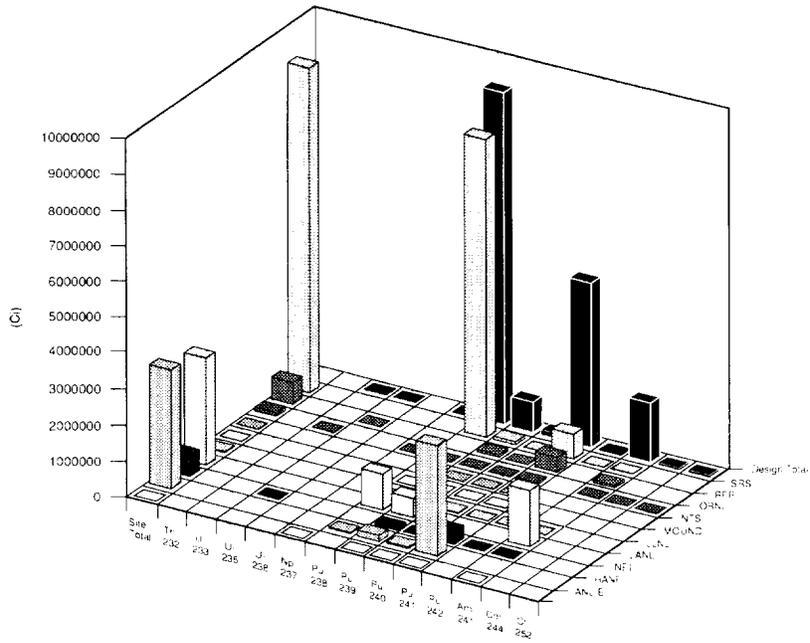
The weight fractions reported in the 1990 IDB were used to calculate the major radionuclides of the mixes reported. The IDB did not report the inventory of each radionuclide. Rather the inventory of each radionuclide at each site was based on the mix of waste streams reported. The Hanford submittal to the 1990 IDB indicated that the activity of some of the CH waste was currently unknown. Rather than underestimate the potential inventory, the Hanford input to the 1987 IDB was used. These inventories have not been independently checked and should be considered preliminary estimates.

The estimate of the radionuclide inventory for the retrievably stored waste at the 10 generator/storage sites is listed in Table 3.3-3. The estimated total curie content of the retrievably stored waste was  $2.6 \times 10^6 \text{ Ci}$  ( $9.7 \times 10^{16} \text{ Bq}$ ). The projected radionuclide inventory is also listed in Table 3.3-4. The estimated total curie content of the projected waste is  $5.4 \times 10^6 \text{ Ci}$  ( $1.99 \times 10^{17} \text{ Bq}$ ).

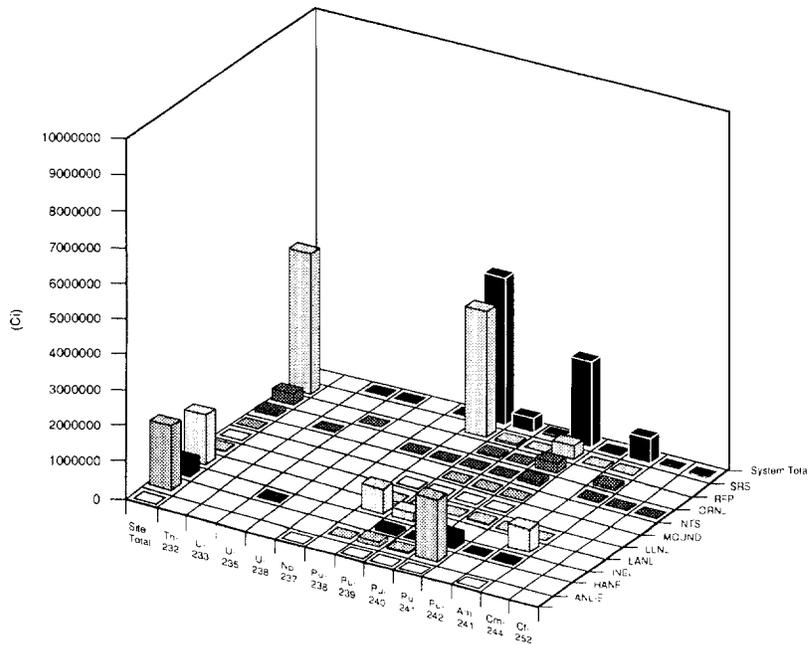
The estimated inventory of radionuclides, based on volume scaling, that could be emplaced in the WIPP if the total design volume were used is shown in Table 3.3-5; the total is about  $1.65 \times 10^7 \text{ Ci}$  ( $6.1 \times 10^{17} \text{ Bq}$ ). This inventory is different from that reported in Lappin et al. (1989, 1990). The input for this estimate was based on input to the 1990 IDB, whereas the earlier estimate was based on input to the 1987 IDB. Note that the estimate for Hanford was based on the 1987 input since the 1990 IDB input indicated that the total was unknown.

The estimated radionuclide inventory of CH waste by site and isotope is illustrated in Figure 3.3-3.

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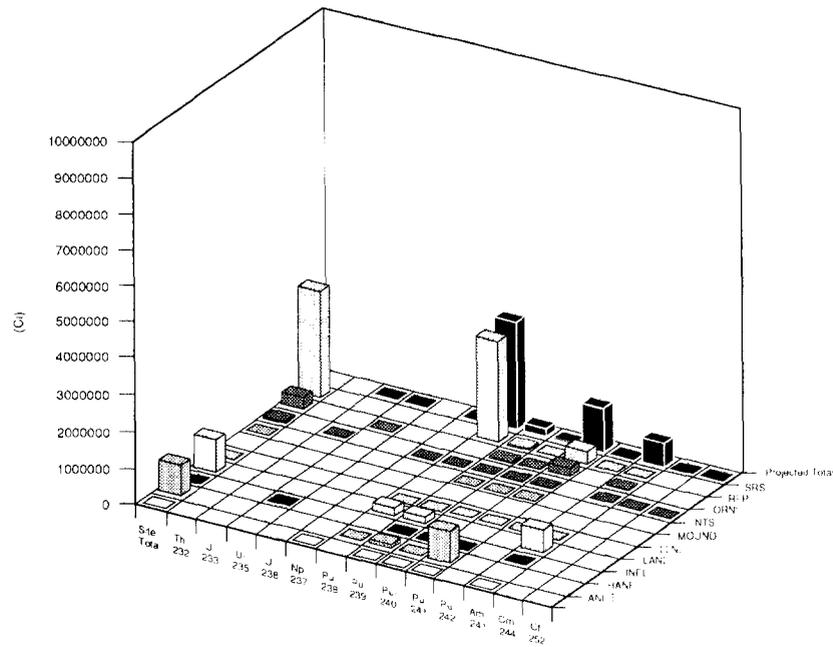


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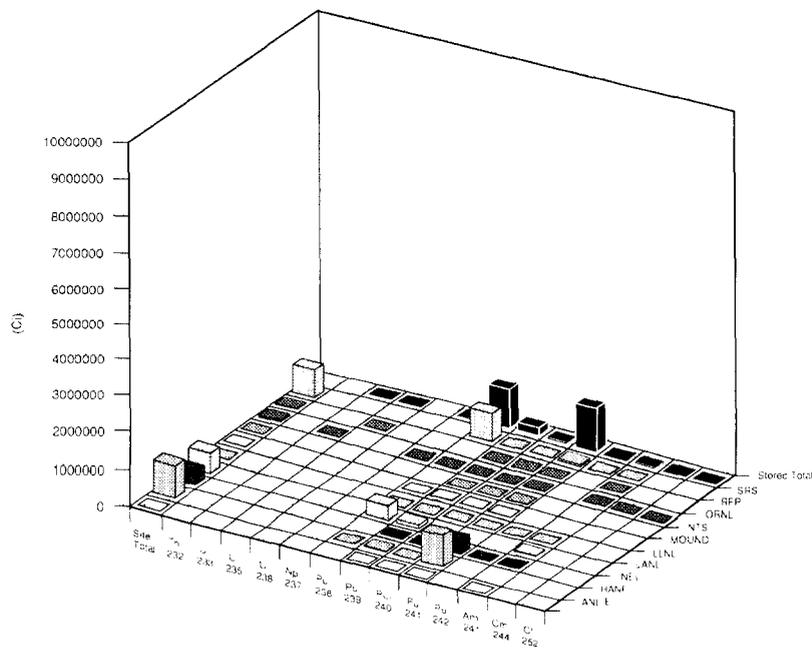


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Figure 3.3-3. Estimate of Radionuclide Inventory of CH Waste by Site and Isotope for (a) Design Total, (b) Anticipated System Total, (c) Projected Total, and (d) Stored Total.



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Figure 3.3-3. Estimate of Radionuclide Inventory of CH Waste by Site and Isotope for (a) Design Total, (b) Anticipated System Total, (c) Projected Total, and (d) Stored Total. (Concluded)

Table 3.3-3. Retrievably Stored<sup>a</sup> Design Radionuclide Inventory by Waste Generator for Contact-Handled Waste

Radionuclide	Half-Life (s)	ANL-E (Ci)	HANF <sup>b</sup> (Ci)	INEL (Ci)	LANL (Ci)	LLNL (Ci)	MOUND (Ci)	NTS (Ci)	ORNL (Ci)	RFP (Ci)	SRS (Ci)	Stored Total (Ci)
Th-232	4.4337x10 <sup>17</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
U-233	5.0018x10 <sup>12</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.0x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	--	4.0x10 <sup>1</sup>
U-235	2.221x10 <sup>16</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.69x10 <sup>-4</sup>	--	4.69x10 <sup>-4</sup>
U-238	1.41x10 <sup>17</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0
Np-237	6.753x10 <sup>13</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.0x10 <sup>-1</sup>	--	--	8.0x10 <sup>-1</sup>
Pu-238	2.7688x10 <sup>9</sup>	--	3.819x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	3.558x10 <sup>5</sup>	9.377x10 <sup>1</sup>	2.312x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	6.86x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	7.460x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.115x10 <sup>6</sup>
Pu-239	7.5492x10 <sup>11</sup>	1.0	4.242x10 <sup>4</sup>	5.012x10 <sup>4</sup>	7.886x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.673x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.79	6.586x10 <sup>1</sup>	6.23x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.045x10 <sup>3</sup>	3.677x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.795x10 <sup>5</sup>
Pu-240	2.0629x10 <sup>11</sup>	4.3x10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.511x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.146x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	5.431x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.15	1.517x10 <sup>1</sup>	3.062x10 <sup>2</sup>	4.686x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.015x10 <sup>3</sup>	2.892x10 <sup>4</sup>
Pu-241	4.5422x10 <sup>8</sup>	1.922x10 <sup>1</sup>	7.687x10 <sup>5</sup>	3.571x10 <sup>5</sup>	--	1.308x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.04	6.31x10 <sup>2</sup>	3.405x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.119x10 <sup>4</sup>	5.283x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.238x10 <sup>6</sup>
Pu-242	1.1875x10 <sup>13</sup>	--	--	1.02	--	4.3x10 <sup>-1</sup>	--	--	--	--	1.7x10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.62
Am-241	1.3639x10 <sup>10</sup>	6.4x10 <sup>-1</sup>	--	2.722x10 <sup>3</sup>	4.022x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.371x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	5.045x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.113x10 <sup>3</sup>	5.687x10 <sup>2</sup>	4.75x10 <sup>4</sup>
Cm-244	5.715x10 <sup>8</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.796x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	6.796x10 <sup>3</sup>
Cf-252	8.3247x10 <sup>7</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.055x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	7.055x10 <sup>3</sup>
TOTALS		2.129x10 <sup>1</sup>	8.301x10 <sup>5</sup>	4.214x10 <sup>5</sup>	4.749x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.676x10 <sup>4</sup>	2.316x10 <sup>3</sup>	7.12x10 <sup>2</sup>	5.624x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.581x10 <sup>4</sup>	8.041x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.622x10 <sup>6</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Stored as of December 31, 1989 such that containers can be retrieved and shipped to the WIPP.

<sup>b</sup> Based on 1987 input since 1990 total was unknown.

Table 3.3-4. Projected<sup>a</sup> Radionuclide Inventory by Waste Generator for Contact-Handled Waste (Curies)

Radionuclide	ANL-E	HANF <sup>b,c</sup>	INEL <sup>c</sup>	LANL <sup>c</sup>	LLNL	MOUND	NTS	ORNL	RFP <sup>c</sup>	SRS <sup>c</sup>	Projected Total	(Projected + Stored) System Total	
												1990	1987
Th-232	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0	2.74x10 <sup>-1</sup>
U-233	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.185x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	--	3.185x10 <sup>1</sup>	7.185x10 <sup>1</sup>	7.7x10 <sup>3</sup>
U-235	--	--	4.8x10 <sup>-2</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	6.924x10 <sup>-3</sup>	--	5.492x10 <sup>-2</sup>	5.539x10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.73x10 <sup>-1</sup>
U-238	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	1.49
Np-237	2.0x10 <sup>-2</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.5x10 <sup>-1</sup>	--	--	6.7x10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.47	8.01
Pu-238	--	4.362x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	2.231x10 <sup>5</sup>	9.15	--	--	5.529x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	2.913x10 <sup>6</sup>	3.146x10 <sup>6</sup>	4.261x10 <sup>6</sup>	3.91x10 <sup>6</sup>
Pu-239	3.212x10 <sup>1</sup>	4.742x10 <sup>4</sup>	4.415x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.554x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.876x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	--	5.053x10 <sup>2</sup>	3.016x10 <sup>4</sup>	2.288x10 <sup>4</sup>	2.571x10 <sup>5</sup>	4.366x10 <sup>5</sup>	4.24x10 <sup>5</sup>
Pu-240	1.148x10 <sup>1</sup>	1.689x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.824x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	4.574x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	--	2.468x10 <sup>2</sup>	6.912x10 <sup>3</sup>	5.897x10 <sup>3</sup>	3.02x10 <sup>4</sup>	5.912x10 <sup>4</sup>	1 x 10 <sup>5</sup>
Pu-241	6.255x10 <sup>2</sup>	8.593x10 <sup>5</sup>	6.409x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	1.302x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	2.744x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.65x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.509x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.306x10 <sup>6</sup>	2.54x10 <sup>6</sup>	4.1 x 10 <sup>6</sup>
Pu-242	--	--	--	--	5.0x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	--	--	--	1.7x10 <sup>-1</sup>	2.2x10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.84	1.83x10 <sup>1</sup>
Am-241	2.085x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	1.211x10 <sup>2</sup>	5.815x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.534x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	--	4.066x10 <sup>2</sup>	3.118x10 <sup>4</sup>	3.76x10 <sup>3</sup>	6.17x10 <sup>5</sup>	6.645x10 <sup>5</sup>	6.34x10 <sup>5</sup>
Cm-244	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.477x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	5.477x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.227x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.27x10 <sup>4</sup>
Cf-252	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.685x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	5.685x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.274x10 <sup>4</sup>	2.02x10 <sup>3</sup>
Projected Totals	6.9x10 <sup>2</sup>	9.28x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.386x10 <sup>3</sup>	9.6x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.57x10 <sup>3</sup>	0.0	0.0	4.532x10 <sup>4</sup>	2.333x10 <sup>5</sup>	3.196x10 <sup>6</sup>	5.367x10 <sup>6</sup>	7.99 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	9.19 x 10 <sup>6</sup>
Percent of Design Total	0.0	5.63	0.01	5.82	0.01	0.0	0.0	0.27	1.41	19.38	32.54		
System Total		1.401x10 <sup>3</sup>	3.233x10 <sup>6</sup>	4.25x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.961x10 <sup>6</sup>	1.99x10 <sup>4</sup>	7.12x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.139x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.469x10 <sup>5</sup>	6.2x10 <sup>5</sup>	9.082x10 <sup>6</sup>		

<sup>a</sup> Generated between 1990 and 2013

<sup>b</sup> Based on 1987 input since 1990 total was unknown.

<sup>c</sup> One of five DOE defense facilities, which produce the largest volume of waste and are used to scale the inventory.

Table 3.3-5. Design Radionuclide Inventory by Waste Generator for Contact-Handled Waste (Curies)

Radionuclide	ANL-E	HANF	INEL	LANL	LLNL	MOUND	NTS	ORNL	RFP	SRS	PA Calculations	
											Design 1990	Waste Unit Factor
Th-232	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0	0.0
U-233	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.037x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	--	1.037x10 <sup>2</sup>	--
U-235	--	--	1.243x10 <sup>-1</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	1.84x10 <sup>-2</sup>	--	1.427x10 <sup>-1</sup>	--
U-238	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0	--
Np-237	4.0x10 <sup>-2</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.1	--	--	2.14	2.14
Pu-238	--	1.512x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	9.336x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.121x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.312x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	1.792x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	8.29x10 <sup>6</sup>	9.259x10 <sup>6</sup>	9.259x10 <sup>6</sup>
Pu-239	6.524x10 <sup>1</sup>	1.652x10 <sup>5</sup>	5.126x10 <sup>4</sup>	4.813x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.048x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.79	2.003x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.634x10 <sup>3</sup>	8.016x10 <sup>4</sup>	6.293x10 <sup>4</sup>	8.448x10 <sup>5</sup>	8.448x10 <sup>5</sup>
Pu-240	2.339x10 <sup>1</sup>	5.885x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.193x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	6.346x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.15	4.551x10 <sup>1</sup>	7.998x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.837x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.629x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.069x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.069x10 <sup>5</sup>
Pu-241	1.27x10 <sup>3</sup>	2.994x10 <sup>6</sup>	3.588x10 <sup>5</sup>	--	1.568x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.04	1.893x10 <sup>3</sup>	8.893x10 <sup>4</sup>	4.386x10 <sup>5</sup>	7.026x10 <sup>5</sup>	4.602x10 <sup>6</sup>	--
Pu-242	--	--	1.02	--	5.3x10 <sup>-1</sup>	--	--	--	--	6.103x10 <sup>-1</sup>	2.16	2.16
Am-241	4.234x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	3.036x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.546x10 <sup>6</sup>	1.422x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	1.318x10 <sup>3</sup>	8.285x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.031x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.645x10 <sup>6</sup>	1.645x10 <sup>6</sup>
Cm-244	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.775x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	--	1.775x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.775 x 10 <sup>4</sup>
Cf-252	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.843x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	--	1.843x10 <sup>4</sup>	--
TOTALS	1.401x10 <sup>3</sup>	3.233x10 <sup>6</sup>	4.25x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.961x10 <sup>6</sup>	1.99x10 <sup>4</sup>	2.316x10 <sup>3</sup>	2.139x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.469x10 <sup>5</sup>	6.2x10 <sup>5</sup>	9.082x10 <sup>6</sup>	1.649x10 <sup>7</sup>	1.187 x 10 <sup>7</sup>

### 3.3.2 Inventory of Remotely Handled Waste

The inventory of TRU waste that must be transported and handled in shielded casks because of dose rates at the surface above 200 mrem/hr (remotely handled [RH]) was estimated from the input submitted to the 1990 IDB (IDB, 1990). Estimates were made using a similar method to that used for the CH waste (discussed in Section 3.3.1).<sup>\*</sup> Some differences between the methods for estimating CH and RH were in the estimation of the activity for RH waste reported as mixed fission products and the "unknown" distribution from Hanford. For the mixed fission products, a mixture of 10-yr-old fission products was assumed as the source term. For the Hanford "unknown," a slurry mixture from the Hanford high level waste tanks provided the isotopic distribution; it was estimated that a  $2.15 \times 10^{-6}$  C/(kg•s) canister will contain about 450 Ci of gamma emitters. For other mixtures reported in the 1990 IDB, the weight fractions reported were used to calculate the major radionuclides. A volume scaling method similar to that used for CH waste was used to increase the volume from about 5,300 m<sup>3</sup> (estimated from the 1990 IDB) to the maximum volume of 7,079 m<sup>3</sup>.

The estimates of the radionuclide inventory for stored waste at the five generator sites are tabulated in Table 3.3-6. The estimated inventory of the stored RH waste was about  $5.3 \times 10^5$  Ci ( $2.0 \times 10^{16}$  Bq). The projected generated inventory is listed in Table 3.3-7 and the design radionuclide inventory is listed in Table 3.3-8. The estimated total curies content of the projected RH waste was  $2.1 \times 10^6$  Ci ( $7.0 \times 10^{16}$  Bq).

To estimate the inventory for the maximum volume of RH waste, the projected volumes at each site were volume scaled to provide the additional volume. The projected radionuclide inventory was also volume scaled to estimate the total inventory. The total additional scaled inventory was about  $9.4 \times 10^5$  Ci ( $3.5 \times 10^{17}$  Bq). Not including the radionuclides with short half-lives, the estimated inventory was  $1.6 \times 10^6$  Ci ( $3.6 \times 10^{16}$  Bq). By agreement with the State of New Mexico, the DOE will not emplace more than  $5.2 \times 10^6$  Ci ( $1.9 \times 10^{17}$  Bq) (U.S. DOE and NM, 1989). The current estimate was less than the allowed curie content.

Figure 3.3-4 provides a summary of the estimated activity of the stored, projected, and design radionuclide inventory. These are estimates for PA analyses and should not be considered as a statement of what each site will generate.

For the 1991 PA calculations, the RH-TRU waste was included in the cuttings releases. The RH-TRU waste has not been included in the long-term performance assessment inventory for most previous calculations (Marietta et al., 1989; Lappin et al., 1989; U.S. DOE, 1990b), because RH-TRU waste constituted less than 2% of the activity. Furthermore, as discussed in Section 3.5, the current procedure for emplacing RH waste in the pillar walls will minimize the interaction of the RH waste canisters and the CH waste rooms. Also a large amount of the activity in RH waste is from radionuclides with relatively short half-lives, which have a small consequence over the long term.

<sup>\*</sup> An alternate method would be to scale the radionuclides so that the activity limit agreed upon by the State of New Mexico and the DOE-- $5.2 \times 10^6$  Ci--would be emplaced instead of the agreed upon volume limit.

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2 Table 3.3-6. Retrievably Stored\* Design Radionuclide Inventory by Waste Generator for Remotely  
3 Handled Waste

4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Radionuclide	Half-Life (s)	ANL-E (Ci)	HANF (Ci)	INEL (Ci)	LANL (Ci)	ORNL (Ci)	Stored Total (Ci)	
10	Cr-51	2.3936x10 <sup>6</sup>	--	--	--	--	0.0	
11	Mn-54	2.7x10 <sup>7</sup>	--	--	1.703x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	1.703x10 <sup>2</sup>	
12	Co-58	6.1171x10 <sup>6</sup>	--	--	5.288x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	5.288x10 <sup>1</sup>	
13	Fe-59	3.8473x10 <sup>6</sup>	--	--	--	--	0.0	
14	Co-60	1.6634x10 <sup>8</sup>	--	1.667x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	4.794x10 <sup>3</sup>	6.461x10 <sup>3</sup>	
15								
16	Sr-90	9.1894x10 <sup>8</sup>	3.582x10 <sup>1</sup>	2.466x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	5.408x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.98x10 <sup>5</sup>	
17	Y-90	2.304x10 <sup>5</sup>	3.582x10 <sup>1</sup>	2.466x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	5.408x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.523x10 <sup>4</sup>	
18	Nb-95	3.037x10 <sup>6</sup>	--	--	8.963x10 <sup>-1</sup>	--	8.963x10 <sup>-1</sup>	
19	Ru-106	3.1812x10 <sup>7</sup>	--	1.468	--	--	1.468	
20	Rh-106	2.99x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	1.468	--	--	1.468	
21								
22	Sb-125	8.7413x10 <sup>7</sup>	--	--	--	--	0.0	
23	Cs-134	6.507x10 <sup>7</sup>	--	--	--	--	0.0	
24	Cs-137	9.4671x10 <sup>8</sup>	2.687x10 <sup>1</sup>	1.851x10 <sup>4</sup>	2.996x10 <sup>3</sup>	4.056x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.044x10 <sup>5</sup>	
25	Ba-137m	1.5312x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.388x10 <sup>1</sup>	1.645x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	3.605x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.683x10 <sup>4</sup>	
26	Ce-144	2.4564x10 <sup>7</sup>	--	1.468x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.603x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	1.75x10 <sup>3</sup>	
27								
28	Pr-144	1.0368x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	1.468x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	--	1.468x10 <sup>2</sup>	
29	Pm-147	8.2786x10 <sup>7</sup>	2.687x10 <sup>1</sup>	1.868x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	4.056x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.911x10 <sup>4</sup>	
30	Eu-152	4.2065x10 <sup>8</sup>	--	--	--	2.397x10 <sup>4</sup>	2.397x10 <sup>4</sup>	
31	Eu-154	2.777x10 <sup>8</sup>	--	--	--	1.438x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.438x10 <sup>4</sup>	
32	Eu-155	1.5652x10 <sup>8</sup>	--	--	--	--	0.0	
33								
34	Th-232	4.4337x10 <sup>17</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	
35	U-233	5.0018x10 <sup>12</sup>	--	--	--	1.918x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.918x10 <sup>2</sup>	
36	U-235	2.221x10 <sup>16</sup>	7.351x10 <sup>-5</sup>	5.429x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.769x10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.916x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.019x10 <sup>-2</sup>	
37	U-238	1.41x10 <sup>17</sup>	--	6.145x10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.386x10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.723x10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.196x10 <sup>-2</sup>	
38	Np-237	6.7532x10 <sup>13</sup>	--	--	--	--	0.0	
39								
40	Pu-238	2.7688x10 <sup>9</sup>	--	5.066x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	2.334	1.323x10 <sup>3</sup>	
41	Pu-239	7.5942x10 <sup>11</sup>	1.508	4.801x10 <sup>2</sup>	4.306x10 <sup>1</sup>	2.57x10 <sup>1</sup>	8.38x10 <sup>2</sup>	
42	Pu-240	2.0629x10 <sup>11</sup>	2.356x10 <sup>-1</sup>	2.589x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.667	8.608	2.694x10 <sup>2</sup>	
43	Pu-241	4.5442x10 <sup>8</sup>	--	1.21x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	3.611x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.246x10 <sup>4</sup>	
44	Pu-242	1.1875x10 <sup>13</sup>	--	--	--	1.609x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.609x10 <sup>-3</sup>	
45								
46	Am-241	1.3639x10 <sup>10</sup>	--	--	--	--	0.0	
47	Cm-244	5.7515x10 <sup>8</sup>	--	--	--	3.452x10 <sup>3</sup>	3.452x10 <sup>3</sup>	
48	Cf-252	8.3247x10 <sup>7</sup>	--	--	--	--	0.0	
49								
50	TOTALS		1.51x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.183x10 <sup>5</sup>	4.868x10 <sup>3</sup>	2.651x10 <sup>3</sup>	4.032x10 <sup>5</sup>	5.291x10 <sup>5</sup>

53 \* Stored as of December 31, 1989; these estimates were based on 1990 IDB input and were made by H. Batchelder  
54 (Westinghouse, WIPP) and transmitted by personal communication.  
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Table 3.3-7. Projected\* Radionuclide Inventory by Waste Generator for Remotely Handled Waste (Curies)

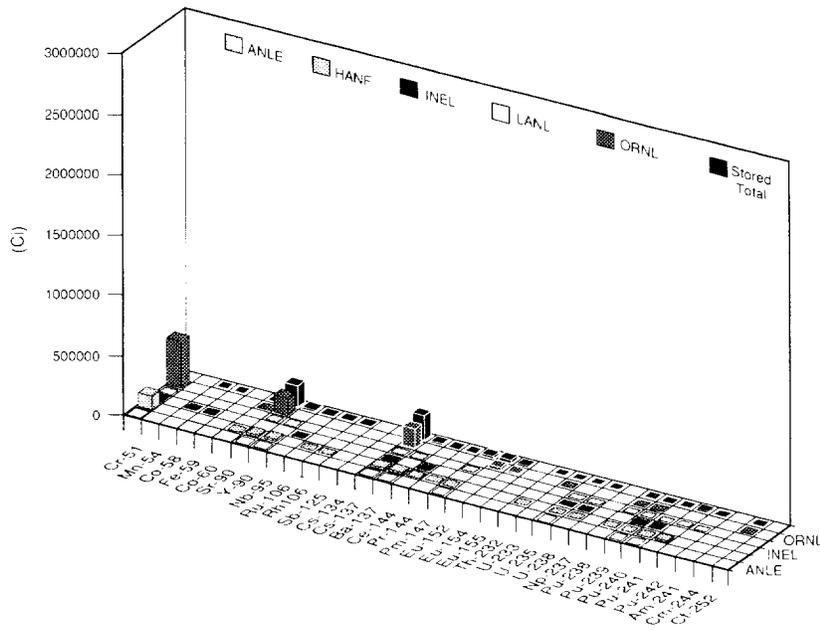
Radiounclide	ANL-E	HANF	INEL	LANL	ORNL	Projected Total	(Stored + Projected) Anticipated System Total
Cr-51	--	--	1.976x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	--	1.976x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.976x10 <sup>2</sup>
Mn-54	--	--	1.196x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	--	1.196x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.213x10 <sup>-4</sup>
Co-58	--	--	7.707x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	7.707x10 <sup>3</sup>	7.759x10 <sup>3</sup>
Fe-59	--	--	1.976x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	--	1.976x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.976x10 <sup>2</sup>
Co-60	--	1.889x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.559x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	1.748x10 <sup>3</sup>	8.209x10 <sup>3</sup>
Sr-90	4.403x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.067x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.558x10 <sup>4</sup>	5.519x10 <sup>1</sup>	2.088x10 <sup>1</sup>	2.228x10 <sup>5</sup>	4.209x10 <sup>5</sup>
Y-90	4.403x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.067x10 <sup>5</sup>	--	5.519x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	2.072x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.325x10 <sup>5</sup>
Nb-95	--	1.629x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	--	1.629x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.63x10 <sup>3</sup>
Ru-106	--	7.573x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	--	--	7.573x10 <sup>4</sup>	7.573x10 <sup>4</sup>
Rh-106	--	7.573x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	--	--	7.573x10 <sup>4</sup>	7.573x10 <sup>4</sup>
Sb-125	--	1.369x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	--	--	1.369x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.369x10 <sup>4</sup>
Cs-134	--	8.91x10 <sup>3</sup>	7.68x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	1.659x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.659x10 <sup>4</sup>
Cs-137	3.302x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.939x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.548x10 <sup>4</sup>	4.139x10 <sup>1</sup>	1.623x10 <sup>2</sup>	3.099x10 <sup>5</sup>	5.144x10 <sup>5</sup>
Ba-137m	2.935x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.779x10 <sup>5</sup>	--	3.679x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	2.782x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.95x10 <sup>5</sup>
Ce-144	--	2.53x10 <sup>5</sup>	3.825x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	--	2.913x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.93x10 <sup>5</sup>
Pr-144	--	2.53x10 <sup>5</sup>	--	--	--	2.53x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.531x10 <sup>5</sup>
Pm-147	3.302x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.957x10 <sup>5</sup>	--	4.139x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	2.961x10 <sup>5</sup>	3.152x10 <sup>5</sup>
Eu-152	--	1.149x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	--	--	1.149x10 <sup>1</sup>	2.398x10 <sup>4</sup>
Eu-154	--	1.607x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	--	1.607x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.599x10 <sup>4</sup>
Eu-155	--	2.939x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	--	2.939x10 <sup>3</sup>	2.939x10 <sup>3</sup>
Th-232	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
U-233	--	--	--	--	6.696	6.696	1.985x10 <sup>2</sup>
U-235	9.036x10 <sup>-4</sup>	8.782x10 <sup>-4</sup>	--	2.663x10 <sup>-4</sup>	5.079x10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.556x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.276x10 <sup>-2</sup>
U-238	--	1.627x10 <sup>-2</sup>	--	2.486x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.035x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.733x10 <sup>-2</sup>	7.929x10 <sup>-2</sup>
Np-237	--	6.986x10 <sup>-1</sup>	--	--	1.881x10 <sup>-1</sup>	8.867x10 <sup>-1</sup>	8.867x10 <sup>-1</sup>
Pu-238	--	5.275	--	7.105x10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.305x10 <sup>-2</sup>	5.379	1.328x10 <sup>3</sup>
Pu-239	1.853x10 <sup>1</sup>	5.898x10 <sup>1</sup>	1.975x10 <sup>2</sup>	7.826x10 <sup>-1</sup>	5.14x10 <sup>1</sup>	3.272x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.165x10 <sup>3</sup>
Pu-240	2.896	1.6x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	2.001x10 <sup>-1</sup>	4.496x10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.955x10 <sup>1</sup>	2.89x10 <sup>2</sup>
Pu-241	--	7.075x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	1.099x10 <sup>1</sup>	1.053x10 <sup>-2</sup>	7.185x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.318x10 <sup>4</sup>
Pu-242	--	1.648x10 <sup>-3</sup>	--	4.899x10 <sup>-5</sup>	--	1.697x10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.306x10 <sup>-3</sup>
Am-241	--	9.409x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	--	6.481x10 <sup>1</sup>	1.006x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.006x10 <sup>3</sup>
Cm-244	--	2.209	--	--	8.073x10 <sup>2</sup>	8.095x10 <sup>2</sup>	4.262x10 <sup>3</sup>
Cf-252	--	--	--	--	8.629x10 <sup>1</sup>	8.629x10 <sup>1</sup>	8.629x10 <sup>1</sup>
TOTALS	1.856x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.969x10 <sup>6</sup>	9.88x10 <sup>4</sup>	2.42x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.20x10 <sup>3</sup>	2.071x10 <sup>6</sup>	2.6x10 <sup>6</sup>

\* Generated between 1990 and 2013; these estimates were based on 1990 IDB input and were made by H. Batchelder (Westinghouse, WIPP) and transmitted by personal communication.

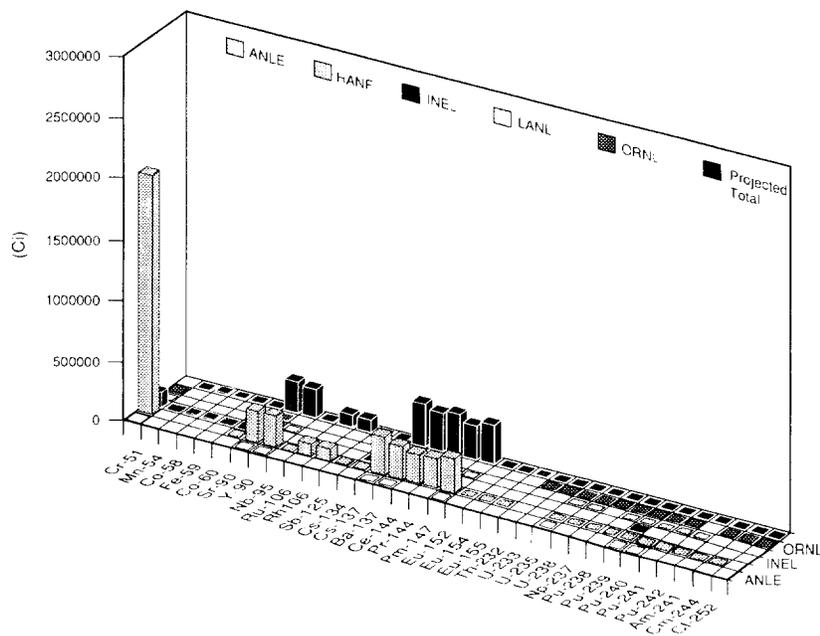
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Table 3.3-8. Design Radionuclide Inventory by Waste Generator for Remotely Handled Waste (Curies)

Radionuclide	ANL-E	HANF	INEL	LANL	ORNL	PA Calculations Design 1990	Waste Unit Factor
Cr-51	--	--	2.869x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	--	--	
Mn-54	--	--	1.753x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	--	--	
Co-58	--	--	1.124x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	--	--	
Fe-59	--	--	2.869x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	--	--	
Co-60	--	1.941x10 <sup>3</sup>	2.263x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	4.794x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	
Sr-90	6.747x10 <sup>2</sup>	3.247x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.262x10 <sup>4</sup>	6.213x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.728x10 <sup>5</sup>	5.214x10 <sup>5</sup>	
Y-90	6.747x10 <sup>2</sup>	3.247x10 <sup>5</sup>	--	6.213x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	--	
Nb-95	--	2.364x10 <sup>3</sup>	8.963x10 <sup>-1</sup>	--	--	--	
Ru-106	--	1.099x10 <sup>5</sup>	--	--	--	--	
Rh-106	--	1.099x10 <sup>5</sup>	--	--	--	--	
Sb-125	--	1.987x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	--	--	--	
Cs-134	--	1.293x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.115x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	--	--	
Cs-137	5.06x10 <sup>2</sup>	4.451x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.547x10 <sup>4</sup>	4.66x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.827x10 <sup>5</sup>	6.543x10 <sup>5</sup>	
Ba-137m	4.498x10 <sup>2</sup>	4.199x10 <sup>5</sup>	--	4.142x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	--	
Ce-144	--	3.673x10 <sup>5</sup>	5.713x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	--	--	
Pr-144	--	3.673x10 <sup>5</sup>	--	--	--	--	
Pm-147	5.06x10 <sup>2</sup>	4.479x10 <sup>5</sup>	--	4.66x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	4.489x10 <sup>5</sup>	
Eu-152	--	1.668x10 <sup>1</sup>	--	--	2.397x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	
Eu-154	--	2.333x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	1.438x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	
Eu-155	--	4.266x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	--	--	
Th-232	--	--	--	--	--	--	
U-233	--	--	--	--	2.015x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.015x10 <sup>2</sup>	
U-235	1.385x10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.704x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.769x10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.298x10 <sup>-3</sup>	7.372x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.389x10 <sup>-2</sup>	
U-238	--	8.507x10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.386x10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.086x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.502x10 <sup>-3</sup>	8.712x10 <sup>-2</sup>	
Np-237	--	1.014	--	--	2.73x10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.287	1.287
Pu-238	--	5.143x10 <sup>2</sup>	--	2.438	8.137x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.33x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.33x10 <sup>3</sup>
Pu-239	2.84x10 <sup>1</sup>	5.657x10 <sup>2</sup>	3.298x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.684x10 <sup>1</sup>	3.622x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.313x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.313x10 <sup>3</sup>
Pu-240	4.438	2.821x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.667	8.9	6.525x10 <sup>-1</sup>	2.978x10 <sup>2</sup>	2.978x10 <sup>2</sup>
Pu-241	--	1.313x10 <sup>4</sup>	--	3.771x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.101x10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.350x10 <sup>4</sup>	
Pu-242	--	2.392x10 <sup>-3</sup>	--	1.68x10 <sup>-3</sup>	--	4.072x10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.072x10 <sup>-3</sup>
Am-241	--	1.366x10 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	9.406x10 <sup>1</sup>	1.46x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.46x10 <sup>3</sup>
Cm-244	--	3.206	--	--	4.624x10 <sup>3</sup>	4.627x10 <sup>3</sup>	
Cf-252	--	--	--	--	1.252x10 <sup>2</sup>	1.252x10 <sup>2</sup>	
TOTALS	2.844x10 <sup>3</sup>	2.976x10 <sup>6</sup>	1.483x10 <sup>5</sup>	3.004x10 <sup>3</sup>	4.049x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.697x10 <sup>6</sup>	4.410x10 <sup>3</sup>



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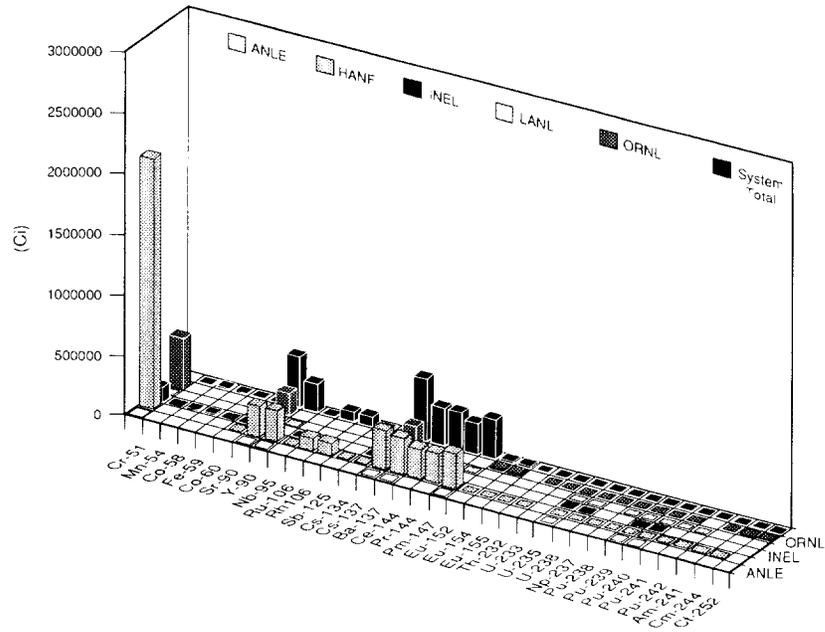


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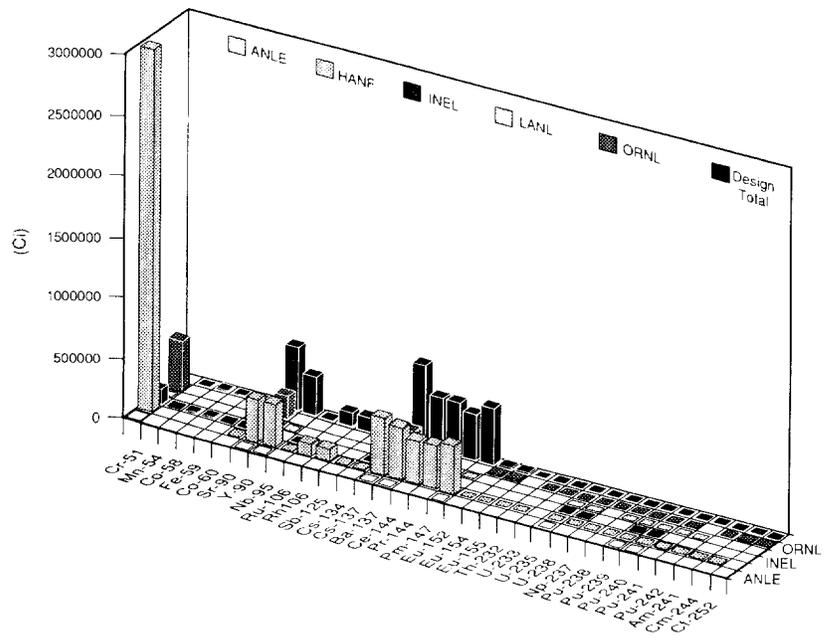
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Figure 3.3-4. Activity of (a) Stored, (b) Projected, (c) Anticipated Actual System Total, and (d) Design Radionuclide Inventory of RH Waste.

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(c)



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(d)

Figure 3.3-4. Activity of (a) Stored, (b) Projected, (c) Anticipated Actual System Total, and (d) Design Radionuclide Inventory of RH Waste (Concluded).

### 3.3.3 Radionuclide Chains and Half-Lives

The decay chains for the initial radionuclides in the CH and RH inventory are shown in Figures 3.3-5 and 3.3-6, respectively. The half-lives for each radionuclide as listed in the literature by ICRP Publication 38 (ICRP, Pub 38, 1983) and the mass of the initial inventory are also on Figure 3.3-5. For reference, the half-lives of the radionuclides in the initial WIPP inventory and decay products are tabulated in Table 3.3-9.

Many of the daughter radionuclides have extremely short half-lives, low activities, and make a small contribution to the curie inventory. Shortened chains are used when modeling as follows.

#### Radionuclides for Cuttings and Repository Modeling

From the 70 radionuclides shown in Figure 3.3-5, 23 are considered major contributors to the inventory and are used in calculating the radionuclide releases from drilling into the repository and bringing cuttings to the surface and when calculating concentrations within the repository prior to transport to the Culebra. In general, most radionuclides of plutonium, thorium, americium, curium, neptunium, californium, radon, and uranium are considered.

The RH inventory decay chains include the chains in the CH inventory shown in Figure 3.3-5 plus the three chains shown in Figure 3.3-6. The radionuclides in the RH cuttings releases included cesium-137, promethium-147, and strontium-90 in addition to all of the radionuclides in the CH releases.

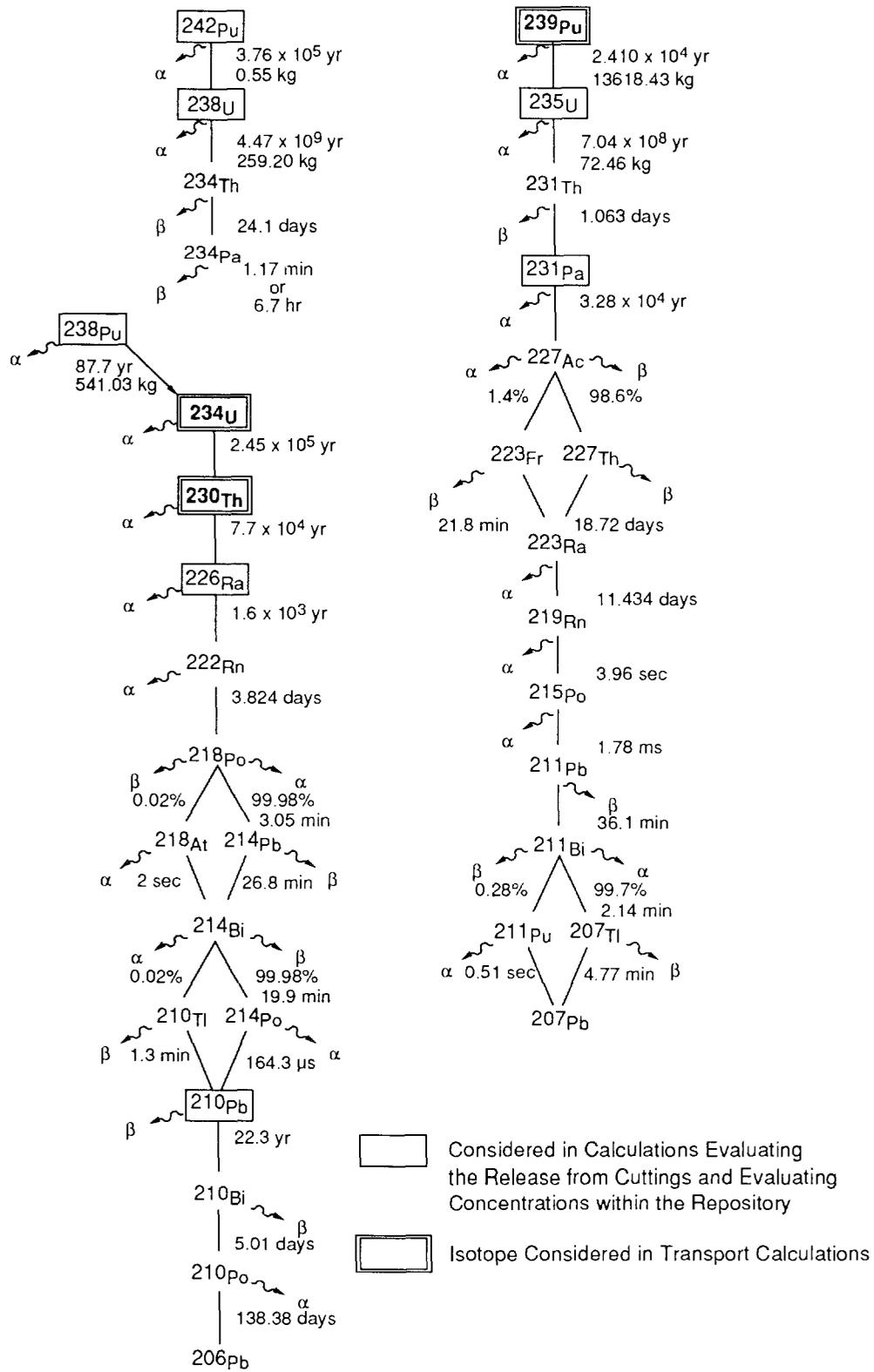
#### Radionuclides for Transport Modeling

Seven radionuclides are considered in PA transport calculations for CH waste and are highlighted on Figure 3.3-5.

Figure 3.3-7 shows the change with time in radionuclide activity in one panel normalized to the EPA release limits for 11 of the 23 radionuclides not included in the transport calculations. The curies of each radionuclide may be calculated by multiplying the normalized activity by the EPA release limit and the total curies in the initial inventory ( $11.87 \times 10^6$  Ci). Figure 3.3-7 indicates that the total activity at 10,000 yr in a panel for all radionuclides omitted, except for radium-226, is less than 1% of the EPA limit. The normalized activity including radium-226 is less than 2% of the EPA limit.

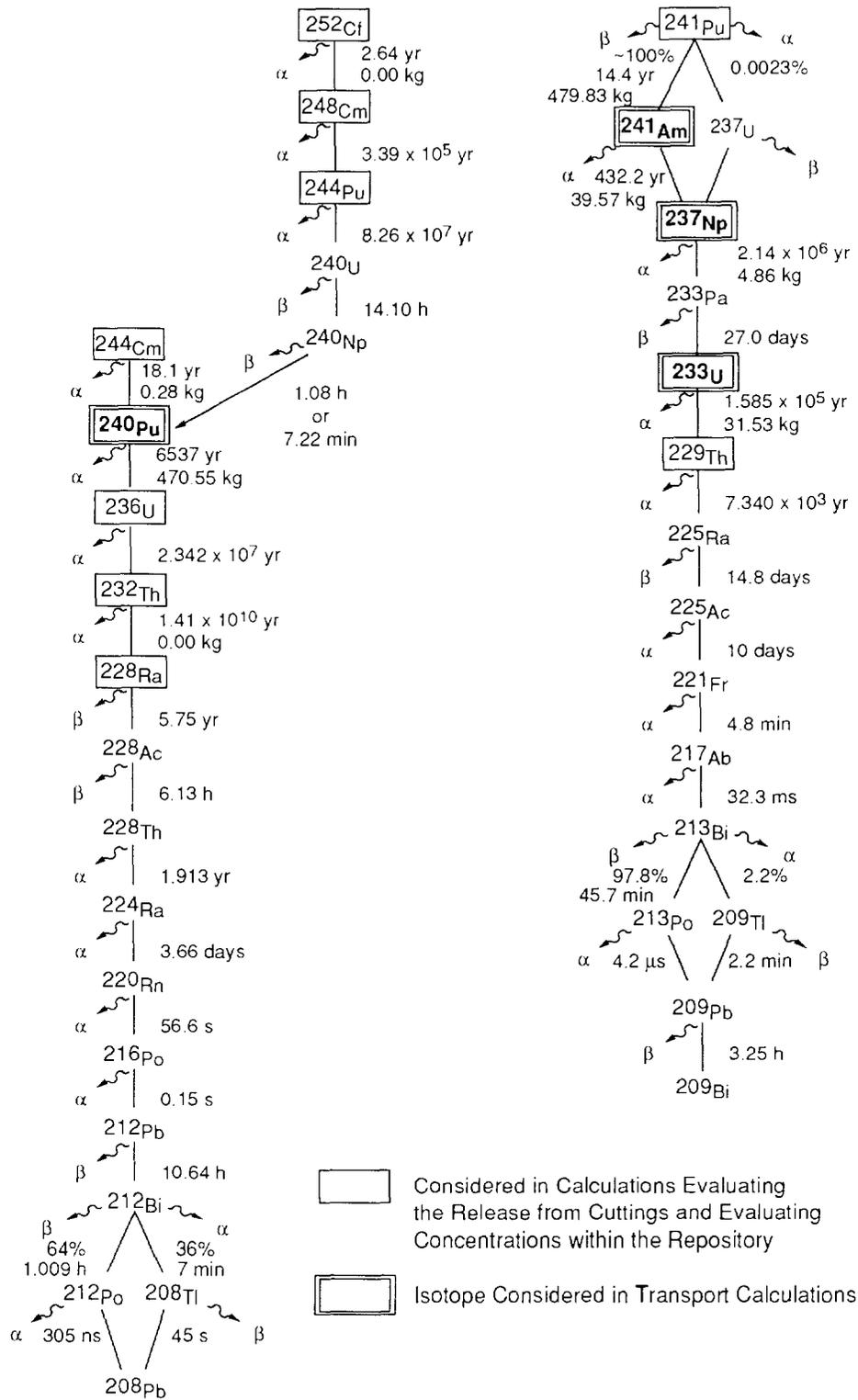
Five additional radionuclides were not included. Californium-252, curium-244, and plutonium-241 were not included for transport because of their small initial quantities and relatively short half-lives, all less than 20 yr. Curium-248, a daughter of californium-252, was not included because of the small quantity and low radiological toxicity. Plutonium-244 was not included because of its small quantity also.

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Figure 3.3-5. Decay of CH Radionuclide Chain in TRU-Contaminated Waste.



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Figure 3.3-5. Decay of CH Radionuclide Chain in TRU-Contaminated Waste (Concluded).

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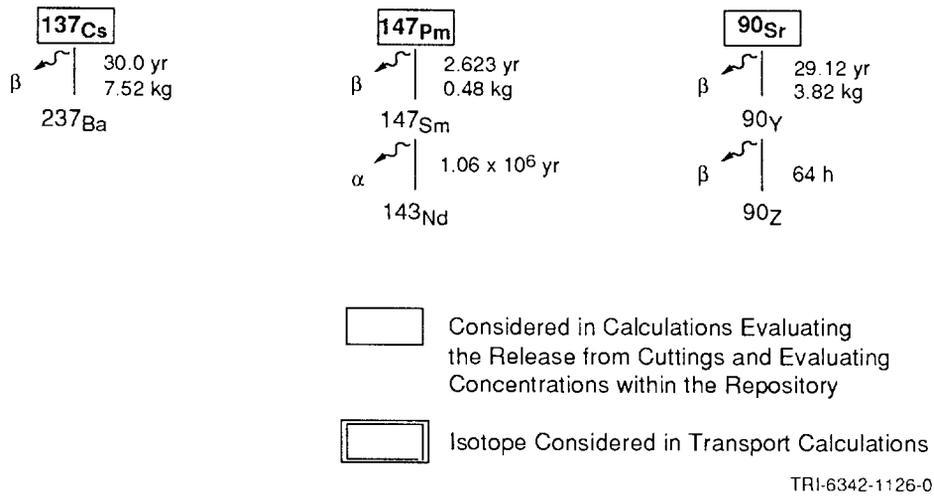


Figure 3.3-6. Decay of RH Radionuclide Chain in TRU-Contaminated Waste.

Table 3.3-9. Half-Lives of Isotopes Disposed or Created in WIPP (ICRP, 1983)

Radioisotope	Half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ )		
	(s)	Reported	
Actinium	228Ac	2.207 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	6.13 h
	227Ac	6.871 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	2.177 x 10 <sup>1</sup> yr
	225Ac	8.64 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	10 day
<b>Americium</b>	243Am	5.822 x 10 <sup>11</sup>	7.38 x 10 <sup>3</sup> yr
	<b>241Am</b>	<b>1.364 x 10<sup>10</sup></b>	4.322 x 10 <sup>2</sup> yr
Antimony	125Sb	8.741 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	2.77 yr
Astatine	217At	3.23 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.23 x 10 <sup>-2</sup> s
Barium	137mBa	1.531 x 10 <sup>2</sup>	2.552 min
Bismuth	214Bi	1.194 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	19.9 min
	213Bi	2.739 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	45.65 min
	212Bi	3.633 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	60.55 min
	211Bi	1.284 x 10 <sup>2</sup>	2.14 min
	210Bi	4.33 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	5.012 day
<b>Californium</b>	<b>252Cf</b>	<b>8.325 x 10<sup>7</sup></b>	2.638 yr
Cerium	144Ce	2.456 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	284.3 day
<b>Cesium</b>	<b>137Cs</b>	<b>9.467 x 10<sup>8</sup></b>	30.0 yr
	134Cs	6.507 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	2.062 yr
Chromium	51Cr	2.394 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	27.7 day
Cobalt	60Co	1.663 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	5.221 yr
	58Co	6.117 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	70.8 day
<b>Curium</b>	248Cm	1.070 x 10 <sup>13</sup>	3.39 x 10 <sup>5</sup> yr
	<b>244Cm</b>	<b>5.715 x 10<sup>8</sup></b>	18.11 yr
Europium	155Eu	1.565 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	4.96 yr
	154Eu	2.777 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	8.80 yr
	152Eu	4.207 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	13.53 yr
Francium	221Fr	2.88 x 10 <sup>2</sup>	4.8 min
Iron	59Fe	3.847 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	44.53 day
Lead	214Pb	1.608 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	26.8 min
	212Pb	3.83 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	10.64 h
	211Pb	2.166 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	3.61 min
	210Pb	7.037 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	22.3 yr
	209Pb	1.171 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	3.253 h
<b>Manganese</b>	54Mn	2.7 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	312.5 day
<b>Neptunium</b>	239Np	2.035 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	2.355 day
	<b>237Np</b>	<b>6.753 x 10<sup>13</sup></b>	2.14 x 10 <sup>6</sup> yr
Niobium	95Nb	3.037 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	35.15 day
<b>Plutonium</b>	244Pu	2.607 x 10 <sup>15</sup>	8.76 x 10 <sup>7</sup> yr
	<b>242Pu</b>	<b>1.187 x 10<sup>13</sup></b>	3.763 x 10 <sup>5</sup> yr
	<b>241Pu</b>	<b>4.544 x 10<sup>8</sup></b>	14.4 yr
	<b>240Pu</b>	<b>2.063 x 10<sup>11</sup></b>	6.537 x 10 <sup>3</sup> yr
	<b>239Pu</b>	<b>7.594 x 10<sup>11</sup></b>	2.407 x 10 <sup>4</sup> yr
	<b>238Pu</b>	<b>2.769 x 10<sup>9</sup></b>	87.74 yr
Polonium	218Po	1.83 x 10 <sup>2</sup>	3.05 min
	216Po	1.5 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.5 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> s
	215Po	1.78 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.78 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> s
	214Po	1.643 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.643 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> s
	213Po	4.2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	4.2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> s
	212Po	3.05 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	3.05 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> s
	210Po	1.196 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	138.4 day
Praseodymium	144Pr	1.037 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	17.28 min
<b>Promethium</b>	<b>147Pm</b>	<b>8.279 x 10<sup>7</sup></b>	2.623 yr

\* Bolding indicates isotopes assumed in initial inventory for PA calculations

2 Table 3.3-9. Half-Lives of Isotopes Disposed or Created in WIPP (ICRP, 1983) (Concluded)

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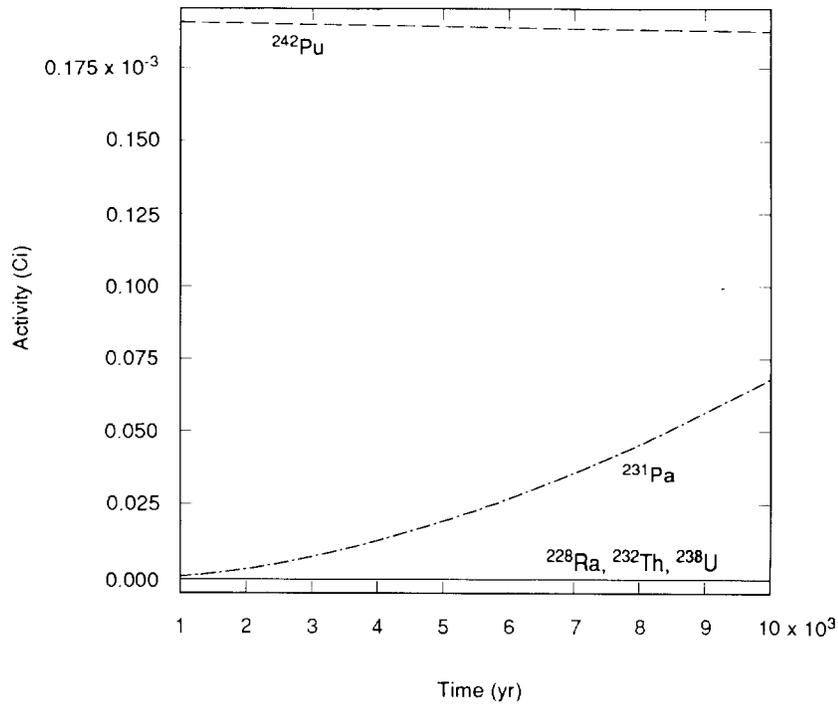
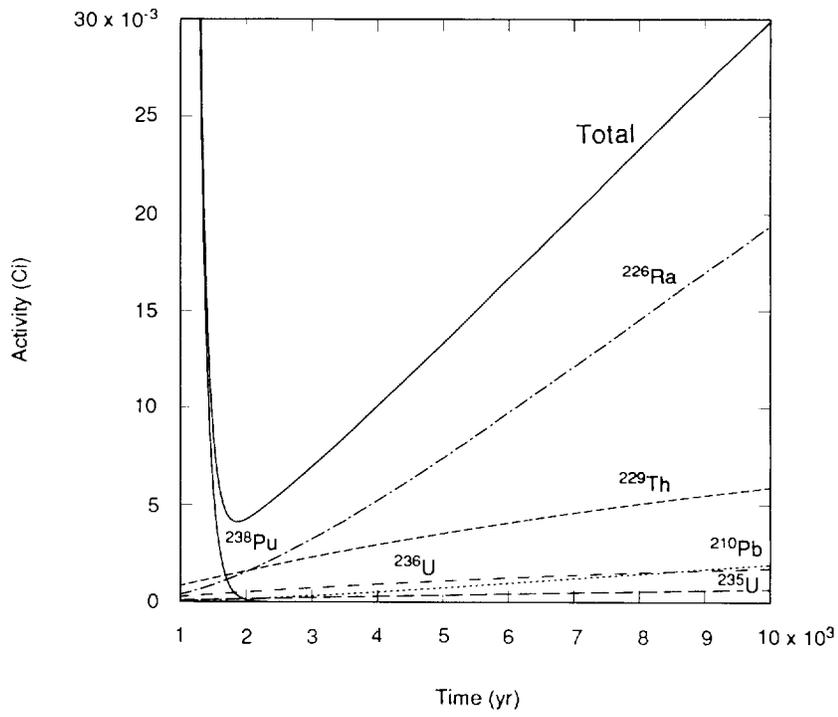
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Radioisotope	Half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ )		
	(s)	Reported	
Protactinium	$^{233}\text{Pa}$	$2.333 \times 10^6$	27 day
	$^{231}\text{Pa}$	$1.034 \times 10^{12}$	$3.276 \times 10^4$ yr
Radium	$^{228}\text{Ra}$	$1.815 \times 10^8$	5.75 yr
	$^{226}\text{Ra}$	$5.049 \times 10^{10}$	$1.6 \times 10^3$ yr
	$^{225}\text{Ra}$	$1.279 \times 10^6$	14.8 day
	$^{224}\text{Ra}$	$3.162 \times 10^5$	3.66 day
	$^{223}\text{Ra}$	$9.879 \times 10^5$	11.43 day
Radon	$^{222}\text{Rn}$	$3.304 \times 10^5$	3.824 day
	$^{220}\text{Rn}$	$5.56 \times 10^1$	$5.56 \times 10^1$ s
	$^{219}\text{Rn}$	3.96	3.96 s
Rhodium	$^{106}\text{Rh}$	$2.99 \times 10^1$	$2.99 \times 10^1$ s
Ruthenium	$^{106}\text{Ru}$	$3.181 \times 10^7$	$3.682 \times 10^2$ day
<b>Strontium</b>	<b><math>^{90}\text{Sr}^*</math></b>	<b><math>9.189 \times 10^8</math></b>	29.12 yr
Thallium	$^{207}\text{Tl}$	$2.862 \times 10^2$	4.77 min
<b>Thorium</b>	$^{234}\text{Th}$	$2.082 \times 10^6$	24.1 day
	<b><math>^{232}\text{Th}</math></b>	<b><math>4.434 \times 10^{17}</math></b>	$1.405 \times 10^{10}$ yr
	$^{231}\text{Th}$	$9.187 \times 10^4$	25.52 h
	$^{230}\text{Th}$	$2.43 \times 10^{12}$	$7.7 \times 10^4$ yr
	$^{229}\text{Th}$	$2.316 \times 10^{11}$	$7.34 \times 10^3$ yr
	$^{228}\text{Th}$	$6.037 \times 10^7$	1.913 yr
	$^{227}\text{Th}$	$1.617 \times 10^6$	18.72 day
<b>Uranium</b>	$^{240}\text{U}$	$5.076 \times 10^4$	$1.41 \times 10^1$ hr
	<b><math>^{238}\text{U}</math></b>	<b><math>1.41 \times 10^{17}</math></b>	$4.468 \times 10^9$ yr
	$^{236}\text{U}$	$7.389 \times 10^{14}$	$2.342 \times 10^7$ yr
	<b><math>^{235}\text{U}</math></b>	<b><math>2.221 \times 10^{16}</math></b>	$7.038 \times 10^8$ yr
	$^{234}\text{U}$	$7.716 \times 10^{12}$	$2.445 \times 10^5$ yr
	<b><math>^{233}\text{U}</math></b>	<b><math>5.002 \times 10^{12}</math></b>	$1.585 \times 10^5$ yr
Yttrium	$^{90}\text{Y}$	$2.304 \times 10^5$	64.0 h

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43 \* Bolding indicates isotopes assumed in initial inventory for PA calculations

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Figure 3.3-7. Radionuclides in One Panel Normalized by EPA Release Limits, Which Were Eliminated from Transport Calculations.

1 **3.3.4 40 CFR 191 Release Limits and Waste Unit Factor**

4 **40 CFR 191 Release Limits**

6 The release limits ( $L_i$ ) for evaluating compliance with *40 CFR 191 § 13* are provided in Table  
7 3.3-10.

19 Table 3.3-10. Cumulative Release Limits ( $L_i$ ) to the Accessible Environment 10,000 Yr after  
20 Disposal for Evaluating Compliance with Containment Requirements (40 CFR  
21 191, Appendix B, Table 1)

15 Radionuclide	16 Release limit ( $L_i$ ) 17 per $1 \times 10^6$ Ci 18 $\alpha$ -emitting TRU nuclide 19 with $t_{1/2} > 20$ yr* 20 (Ci)	21 1991 22 PA Release 23 Limits 24 $f_m L_i$ 25 (Ci)
26 Americium (Am) -241 or -243.....	27 100	28 1187
29 Carbon (C) -14.....	30 100	31 1187
32 Cesium (Cs) -135 or -137.....	33 1000	34 11870
35 Iodine (I) -129.....	36 100	37 1187
38 Neptunium (Np) -237.....	39 100	40 1187
41 Plutonium (Pu) -238, -239, -240, or -242.....	42 100	43 1187
44 Radium (Ra) -226.....	45 100	46 1187
47 Strontium (Sr) -90.....	48 1000	49 11870
50 Technetium (Tc) -99.....	51 10000	52 118700
53 Thorium (Th) -230 or -232.....	54 10	55 118.7
56 Tin (Sn) -126.....	57 1000	58 11870
59 Uranium (U) -233, -234, -235, -236, or -238.....	60 100	61 1187
62 Any other $\alpha$ -emitting radionuclide with $t_{1/2} > 20$ yr.....	63 100	64 1187
65 Any other non $\alpha$ -emitting radionuclide with $t_{1/2} > 20$ yr.....	66 1000	67 11870

39 \* Other units of waste described in 40 CFR 191, Appendix A

1 **Waste Unit Factor**

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3 The waste unit factor ( $f_w$ ) is the inventory in curies of transuranic (TRU)  $\alpha$ -emitting  
4 radionuclides in the waste with half-lives greater than 20 yr divided by  $10^6$  Ci, where TRU  
5 is defined as radionuclides with atomic weights *greater* than uranium (92). Consequently, as  
6 currently defined in 40 CFR 191, all TRU radioactivity in the waste cannot be included when  
7 calculating the waste unit factor. For the WIPP,  $1.187 \times 10^7$  Ci of the radioactivity design  
8 total of  $1.814 \times 10^7$  Ci comes from TRU  $\alpha$ -emitting radionuclides with half-lives greater than  
9 20 yr (see Tables 3.3-5 and 3.3-8).\* Regardless of the waste unit, the WIPP has assumed that  
10 all nuclides listed in Tables 3.3-5 and 3.3-8 are regulated and must be included in the release  
11 calculations. Therefore, the release limits ( $L_i$ ) used by the WIPP are reduced somewhat (i.e.,  
12 more restrictive).  
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15 **EPA Sums for Each nS Scenario Set**

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17 See discussion in Chapter 1, Section 1.4.1.  
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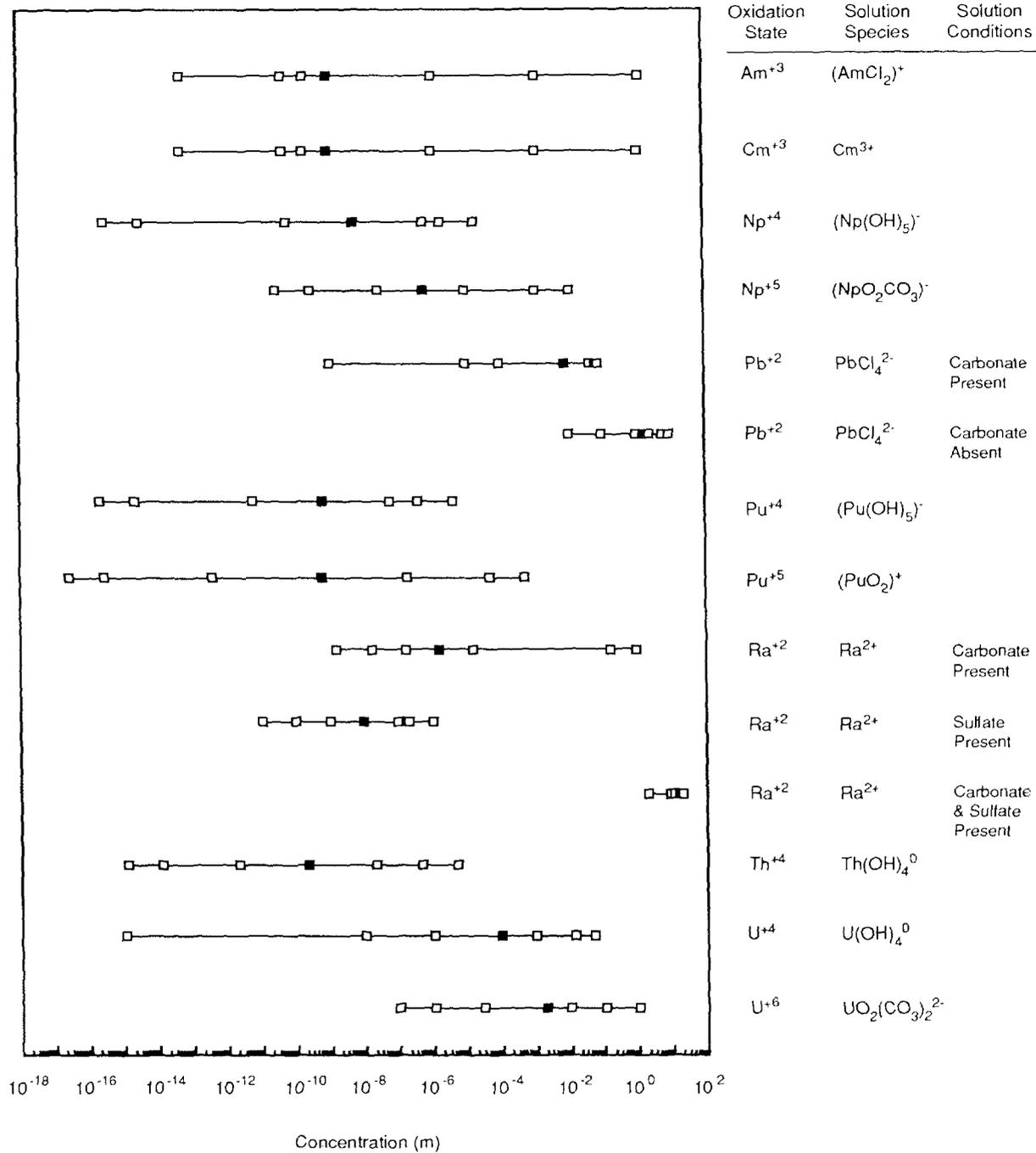
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22 \* For the remanded regulation, the following change has been suggested: Include all radionuclides in the inventory but use the  
23 activity (curie content) of the first daughter with a half-life greater than 20 yr for radionuclides with half-lives of less than 20 yr.

1 **3.3.5 Solubility**  
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4 The solubility of specific radionuclides was estimated by a panel of experts (outside Sandia)  
5 in the fields of actinide and brine chemistry (Trauth et al., 1991). Supporting calculations  
6 with EQ3/6 were performed using a standard brine that simulates the brine in the Salado  
7 Formation as the solvent (Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-4). These efforts resulted in the  
8 estimation of the oxidation state(s) in which the radionuclides would exist in the environment  
9 of the WIPP disposal area, and corresponding solid species that would exist with that  
10 particular oxidation state.

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12 Figure 3.3-8 depicts the estimated distributions of solubility for americium, curium, lead,  
13 neptunium, plutonium, radium, thorium, and uranium.

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15 The points on the probability distributions that were elicited during the expert panel session  
16 are found in Figure 3.3-8 and Table 3.3-11.  
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The blocks represent, from left to right, the 0.00, 0.10, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 0.90 and 1.00 fractiles

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Figure 3.3-8. Subjective Distribution (cdf) of Solubility for Americium, Curium, Lead, Neptunium, Plutonium, Radium, Thorium, and Uranium (after Trauth et al., 1991).

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Table 3.3-11. Estimated Solubilities of Radionuclides (from Trauth et al., 1991, Table 1)

Element	Solution Species	Solid Species Maximum and Minimum	Condition	Cumulative Probabilities of Concentrations (M)						
				0.0	0.10	0.25	0.50	0.75	0.90	1.00
Am <sup>3+</sup>	(AmCl <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>	Am(OH) <sub>3</sub> AmOHCO <sub>3</sub>		5.0 x 10 <sup>-14</sup>	5.0 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	2.0 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.4 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.4
Cm <sup>3+</sup>	Cm <sup>III</sup>	Cm(OH) <sub>3</sub> CmO <sub>2</sub>		5.0 x 10 <sup>-14</sup>	5.0 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	2.0 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.4 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.4
Np <sup>5+</sup>	(NpO <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>-</sup>	NpO <sub>2</sub> (OH) (amorphous) NaNpO <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> •3.5H <sub>2</sub> O		3.0 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	3.0 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	3.0 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	6.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.2 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.2 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>
Np <sup>6+</sup>	(Np(OH) <sub>5</sub> ) <sup>-</sup>	Np(OH) <sub>4</sub> NpO <sub>2</sub>		3.0 x 10 <sup>-16</sup>	3.0 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>	6.0 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	6.0 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	6.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	2.0 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Pb <sup>2+</sup>	PbCl <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	PbCO <sub>3</sub>	Carbonate Present	1.0 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	8.0 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.4 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	6.2 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	8.0 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>
		PbCl <sub>2</sub>	Carbonate Absent	0.01	0.10	1.0	1.64	2.5	6.0	10.0
Pu <sup>4+</sup>	(Pu(OH) <sub>5</sub> ) <sup>-</sup>	Pu(OH) <sub>4</sub> PuO <sub>2</sub>		2.0 x 10 <sup>-16</sup>	2.0 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>	6.0 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	6.0 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	6.0 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	4.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	4.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Pu <sup>5+</sup>	(PuO <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>	Pu(OH) <sub>4</sub> PuO <sub>2</sub>		2.5 x 10 <sup>-17</sup>	2.5 x 10 <sup>-16</sup>	4.0 x 10 <sup>-13</sup>	6.0 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	2.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	5.5 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	5.5 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
Ra <sup>2+</sup>	Ra <sup>2+</sup>	RaSO <sub>4</sub> and (Ra/Ca)SO <sub>4</sub>	Sulfate Present	1.0 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
		RaCO <sub>3</sub> and (Ra/Ca)CO <sub>3</sub>	Carbonate Present	1.6 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.6 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	1.6 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	1.6 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.6 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.6 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.0
		RaCl <sub>2</sub> •2H <sub>2</sub> O	Carbonate and Sulfate Absent	2.0	4.0	8.6	11.0	14.5	17.2	18.0
Th <sup>4+</sup>	Th(OH) <sub>4</sub> <sup>0</sup>	Th(OH) <sub>4</sub> ThO <sub>2</sub>		5.5 x 10 <sup>-16</sup>	5.5 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	2.2 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
U <sup>4+</sup>	U(OH) <sub>4</sub> <sup>0</sup>	UO <sub>2</sub> (amorphous) U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>		1.0 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	4.0 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.4 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	5.0 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>
U <sup>6+</sup>	UO <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	UO <sub>3</sub> •2H <sub>2</sub> O UO <sub>2</sub>		1.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	3.0 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	2.0 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	0.1	1.0

## 2 General Rationale for Constructing Cumulative Distributions

3  
4 The assessment of each distribution began by establishing the upper and lower solubility  
5 regimes. The first regime was based on the solid species with the highest solubility, and thus,  
6 the highest concentration of the actinide, and the second regime was based on the solid  
7 species with the lowest solubility, and thus, the lowest concentration. The regime depends  
8 upon the chemical properties within the repository, which are uncertain. The conditions  
9 considered included the pH and ionic strength of the brine, and the presence of carbonate  
10 and sulfate. The factor(s) controlling each regime differed for each actinide.

11  
12 Each of these probability distributions represents the uncertainty in estimating a fixed, but  
13 unknown, quantity. In this case, the quantity is the concentration of a particular radionuclide  
14 given a particular condition. Thus, uncertainty cannot be assigned to the concentration for a  
15 particular fractile. The uncertainty inherent in these distributions includes that due to  
16 uncertainty in the pH of the solvent in contact with the waste. When the impact of variation  
17 in pH was included, the ranges of the distributions increased. Likewise, the distributions  
18 encompass the differences of opinion of the experts. These differences also resulted in larger  
19 ranges for the distributions. Because the distributions were developed by the panel as a  
20 whole, the uncertainty in the judgments of the individual panel members cannot be  
21 quantified.

22  
23 **10th, 90th and 0th, 100th Percentiles.** Typically, the calculated value of each actinide for  
24 each regime was used to establish a fractile, often either the 0.10 or 0.90 fractile, of the  
25 distribution. The absolute lower, or upper, end point of the distribution was obtained by  
26 considering the sensitivity of solubility to the underlying brine chemistry. For example, the  
27 calculated lower solubility limit for  $\text{Am}^{3+}$  (solid species  $\text{AmOHCO}_3$ ) was  $5 \times 10^{-11}$  M. The  
28 absolute lower limit of the distribution was judged to be  $5 \times 10^{-14}$  M. This judgment was  
29 obtained through consideration and discussion of the sensitivity of solubility to pH. In a  
30 similar manner, the upper 0.90 fractile was set equal to the calculated solubility with the solid  
31 speciation  $\text{Am}(\text{OH})_3$ . The calculated value was  $1.4 \times 10^{-3}$  M. The absolute upper limit was  
32 judged to be 1.4 M.

33  
34 **25th and 75th Percentiles.** The interior fractiles (0.25 and 0.75) were obtained after the 0.10  
35 and 0.90 fractiles and the endpoints were established and based on speciation. In some cases,  
36 one speciation was thought to be more likely, resulting in a skewed distribution. In other  
37 cases, both speciations were thought to be likely, or to perhaps coexist, so that the assessed  
38 distribution was more symmetric and either bimodal or flat.

39  
40 **50th Percentile.** Where possible, concentration data from a well (J-13) at the Nevada Yucca  
41 Mountain site, with a correction made for the ionic strength difference between the J-13  
42 water and the WIPP A brine (Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-4), was used as the 0.50 fractile.  
43

1 **Radium and Lead**

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3 The assessments for radium and lead require special comment because they are the only ones  
4 based on the presence or absence of specific compounds—carbonate and sulfate. For radium,  
5 the solubility is controlled by the solid species  $\text{RaSO}_4$  and  $(\text{Ra}/\text{Ca})\text{SO}_4$  if sulfate is present.  
6 In the absence of sulfate, but in the presence of carbonate,  $\text{RaCO}_3$  and  $(\text{Ra}/\text{Ca})\text{CO}_3$  control  
7 the solubility. If neither sulfate nor carbonate is present, then  $\text{RaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  will be the solid  
8 species. In the case of lead, the solid speciation depends upon the presence of carbonate but  
9 not sulfate. If carbonate is present, the solid speciation is  $\text{PbCO}_3$ , otherwise,  $\text{PbCl}_2$ .

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11 **Colloids**

12  
13 The expert panel had considerable difficulty dealing with colloids because of a lack of  
14 experimental data and physical principles governing their formation. There was some  
15 diversity of opinion about the significance of colloids. One expert placed an upper limit on  
16 the concentration of colloids of 10% of the concentration due to solubility. Another expert  
17 suggested that for some actinides, such as plutonium, the concentration due to colloidal  
18 formation may be greater than that due to solubility. Another suggestion was that the  
19 activity coefficients embody some colloid formation and thus the assessed distributions reflect  
20 the presence of both dissolved and suspended materials. The panel did not believe they could  
21 make judgments about suspended solids concentrations at the present time. They plan to  
22 include recommendations for future experiments related specifically to colloids in a final  
23 panel report.

24  
25 **Correlations**

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27 Correlations between the concentrations assigned to the radionuclides were discussed briefly  
28 by the panel. The consensus was that correlations do exist, possibly between  $\text{Am}^{3+}$  and  
29  $\text{Cm}^{3+}$ , and between  $\text{Np}^{4+}$  and  $\text{Pu}^{4+}$ . The panel will address this issue in their final panel  
30 report.

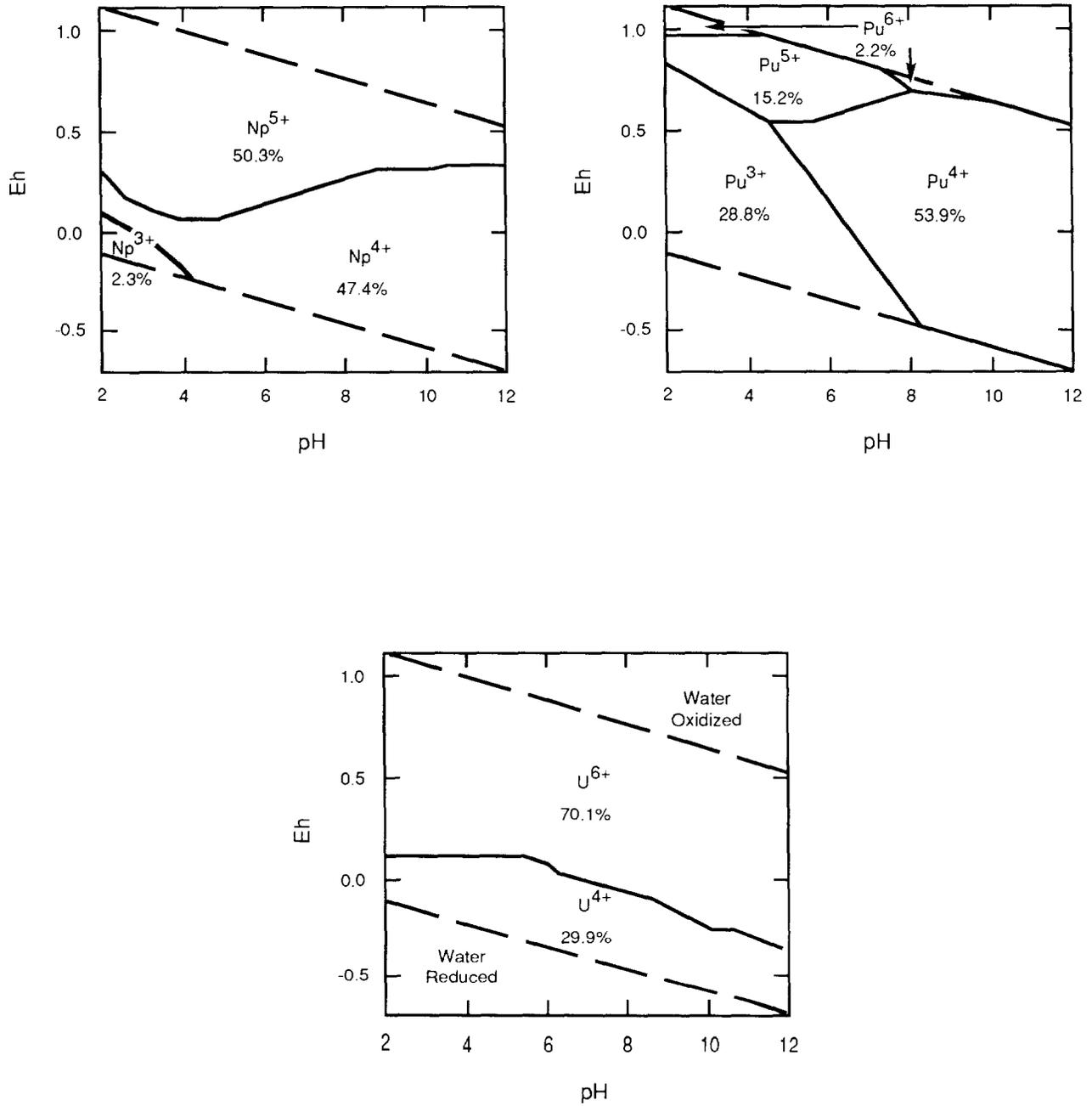
1 **3.3.6 Eh - pH Conditions**  
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4	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Relative areas of radionuclide oxidation state</b>
5	<b>Median:</b>	0.5
6	<b>Range:</b>	0
7		1.0
8	<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless ( $A_i/A_{total}$ )
9	<b>Distribution:</b>	Uniform
10	<b>Source(s):</b>	See text.
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15 **Discussion:**  
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17 From estimates of constituents in the waste, inventory estimates of radionuclide concentration  
18 in brine as a function of Eh and pH are theoretically possible. However, the work remains to  
19 be done. Currently, radionuclide solubility estimates include variations in pH when assigning  
20 the 0th and 100th percentiles (Section 3.3.5, Solubility). For Eh, the oxidizing or reducing  
21 potential of the solution is sampled from a uniform distribution with ranges dependent on the  
22 stability of water. For 1991 PA calculations, an index variable between 0 and 1 was used to  
23 select the relative areas of the estimated regimes of stability for the various oxidation states  
24 of neptunium (Np), plutonium (Pu), and uranium (U) (Figure 3.3-9).  
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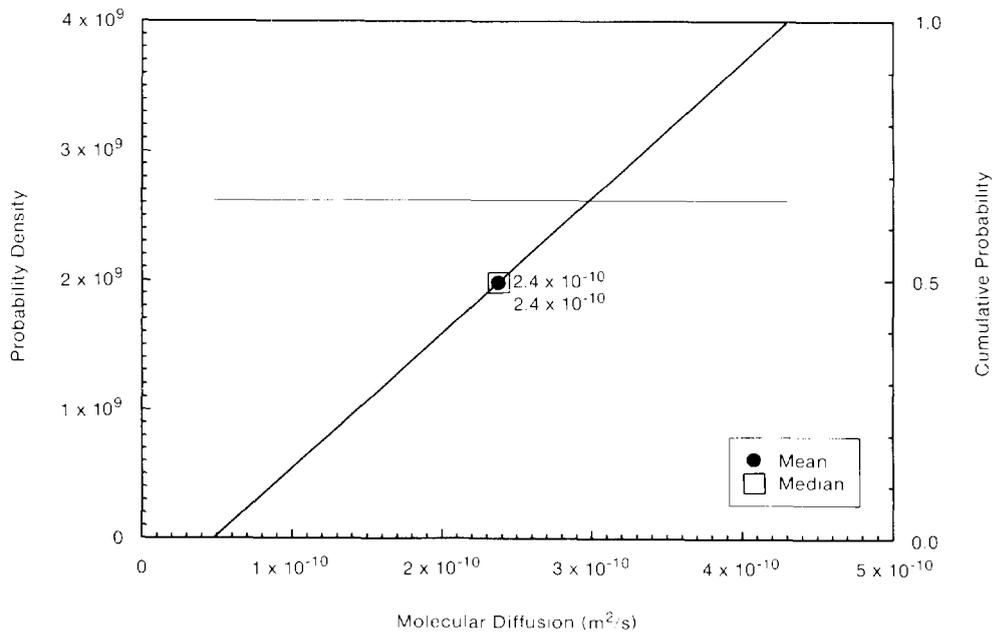
Figure 3.3-9. Estimated Regimes of Stability in the Eh-pH Space for Neptunium, Plutonium, and Uranium and Percentage of Area of Stable Water.

### 3.3.7 Molecular Diffusion Coefficient\*

Table 3.3-12 provides estimated values of the free liquid diffusion coefficient of important actinides. Figure 3.3-10 provides the uniform distribution assumed for the average actinide.

Table 3.3-12. Estimated Molecular Diffusion Coefficient for Radionuclide Transport in Culebra Dolomite (after Lappin et al., 1989, Table E-7).

Parameter	Median	Range		Units	Distribution Type
Actinide, average	$2.4 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.3 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Uniform
Am	$1.765 \times 10^{-10}$	$5.3 \times 10^{-11}$	$3 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Uniform
Cm	$1.765 \times 10^{-10}$	$5.3 \times 10^{-11}$	$3 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Uniform
Np	$1.76 \times 10^{-10}$	$5.2 \times 10^{-11}$	$3 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Uniform
Pb	$4 \times 10^{-10}$	$2 \times 10^{-10}$	$8 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Cumulative
Pu	$1.74 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-11}$	$3 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Uniform
Ra	$3.75 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.875 \times 10^{-10}$	$7.5 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Cumulative
Th	$1 \times 10^{-10}$	$5 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Uniform
U	$2.7 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.3 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup> /s	Uniform



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Figure 3.3-10. Uniform Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Molecular Diffusion Coefficient,  $D^m$ .

38 \* This section provides data for free-liquid diffusion coefficients; the diffusion coefficient for an actual porous media is the free-liquid coefficient times the tortuosity factor for that media.  
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2 **Discussion:**

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4 Table 3.3-12 provides values of the molecular diffusion estimated both from the Nernst  
5 equation at infinite dilution (upper range) (Brush, 1988; Li and Gregory, 1974) and data  
6 obtained in experiments (lower range). For cases with both experimental and Nernst equation  
7 estimates, the molecular diffusion was assumed to be uniformly distributed between the two  
8 values.

9

10 Because the experimental values were obtained from apparent diffusion coefficients in  
11 granitic ground waters and sodium bentonite, they required assumptions about retardation  
12 factors for the radionuclides, porosity, and tortuosity (Torstenfelt et al., 1982; Lappin et al.,  
13 1989, Table E-7). Therefore, considerable but unquantifiable uncertainty is associated with  
14 all the values of the actinide diffusion coefficients reported in the literature. Furthermore,  
15 there are few data to guide predictions of radionuclide diffusion coefficients in the  
16 concentrated brines. Consequently, extrapolation of the measured diffusion coefficients to  
17 the range of conditions assumed for the Salado and Culebra Dolomite brines introduces more  
18 uncertainty.

19

20 Some data suggest that diffusion coefficients for divalent cations (alkaline earth chlorides,  
21 transitions metal chlorides) decrease by a factor of 2 with increasing ionic strength over the  
22 range 0 to 6 M (Miller, 1982). This factor of 2 was used to establish ranges for Ra and Pb,  
23 for which only a single value (the upper range) is available from the Nernst expression (Li  
24 and Gregory, 1974). Specifically, the median value selected is smaller than the Nernst  
25 equation value by a factor of 2 to include some salinity effects. The lower range is smaller  
26 than the median by a factor of 2 to account for greater salinity and miscellaneous  
27 uncertainties.

28

29 Although molecular diffusion varies with each species and the concentration of ions (e.g.,  
30 Na<sup>+</sup> from brackish water), some of the computational models used by the PA Division require  
31 a single value. For these cases, molecular diffusion is assumed to be uniformly distributed  
32 (Figure 3.3-11) with a range chosen to encompass the extremes for the actinide radionuclides,  
33  $4.8 \times 10^{-11}$  to  $4.3 \times 10^{-10}$  m<sup>2</sup>/s ( $4.5 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $4.0 \times 10^{-4}$  ft<sup>2</sup>/d) with a mean of  $2.4 \times$   
34  $10^{-10}$  m<sup>2</sup>/s ( $2.2 \times 10^{-4}$  ft<sup>2</sup>/d).

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### 3.3.8 Gas Production from Corrosion

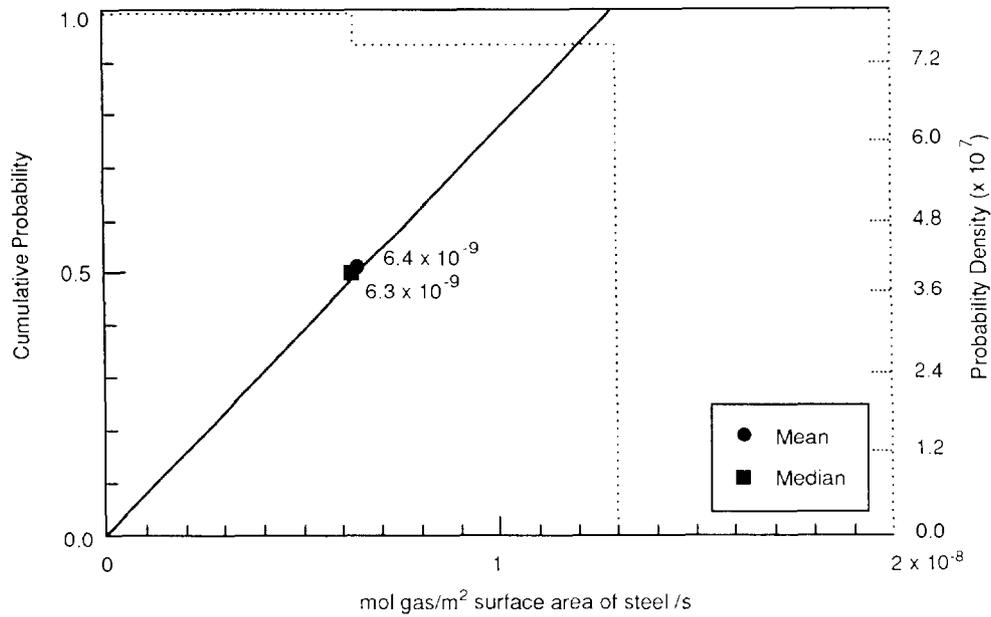
**Parameter:** Gas production rates, corrosion, inundated rate  
**Median:**  $6.3 \times 10^{-9}$   
**Range:** 0  
 $1.3 \times 10^{-8}$   
**Units:** mol H<sub>2</sub>/(m<sup>2</sup> surface area steel • s)  
**Distribution:** Cumulative  
**Source(s):** Brush, L. H. 1991. "Current Estimates of Gas Production Rates, Gas Production Potentials, and Expected Chemical Conditions Relevant to Radionuclide Chemistry for the Long-Term WIPP Performance Assessment," Internal memo to D.R. Anderson (6342), July 8, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Memo 3 in Appendix A of this volume)

**Parameter:** Gas production rates, corrosion, relative humid rate  
**Median:**  $1 \times 10^{-1}$   
**Range:** 0  
 $5 \times 10^{-1}$   
**Units:** Dimensionless  
**Distribution:** Cumulative  
**Source(s):** Brush, L. H. 1991. "Current Estimates of Gas Production Rates, Gas Production Potentials, and Expected Chemical Conditions Relevant to Radionuclide Chemistry for the Long-Term WIPP Performance Assessment," Internal memo to D.R. Anderson (6342), July 8, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Memo 3 in Appendix A of this volume)

**Parameter:** Anoxic iron corrosion stoichiometry  
**Median:** 0.5  
**Range:** 0  
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**Units:** None (mol fraction)  
**Distribution:** Uniform  
**Source(s):** Brush, L. H. and D. R. Anderson. 1989. In Lappin et al., 1989. *Systems Analysis Long-Term Radionuclide Transport and Dose Assessments, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Southeastern New Mexico; March 1989.* SAND89-0462. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

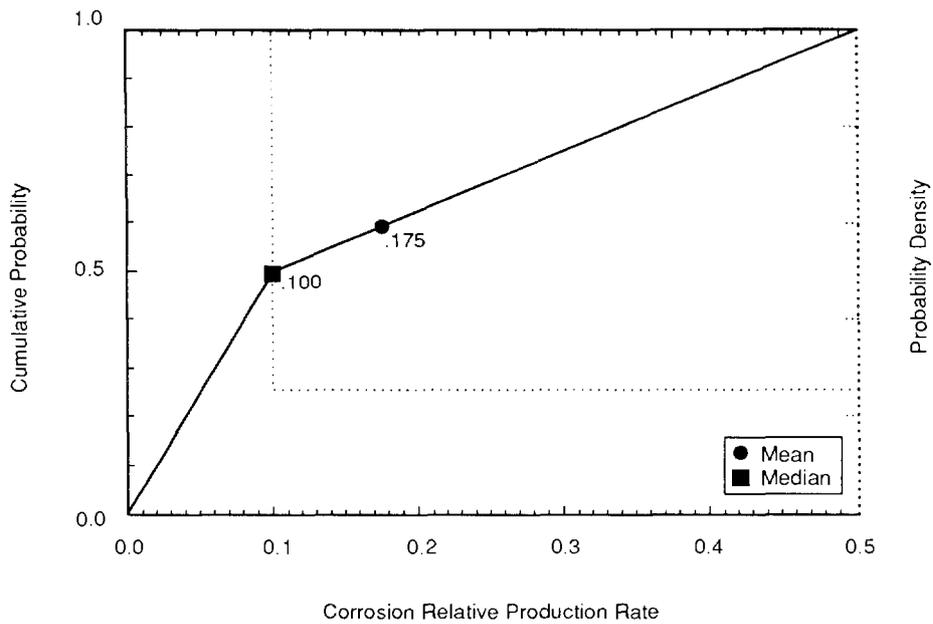
Figures 3.3-11, 3.3-12, and 3.3-13 provide the assumed distributions for gas production rates from corrosion under inundated conditions; gas production rates from corrosion under humid conditions; and anoxic iron corrosion stoichiometry, respectively. These distributions were constructed using information from Brush (July 8, 1991, Memo, Appendix A).

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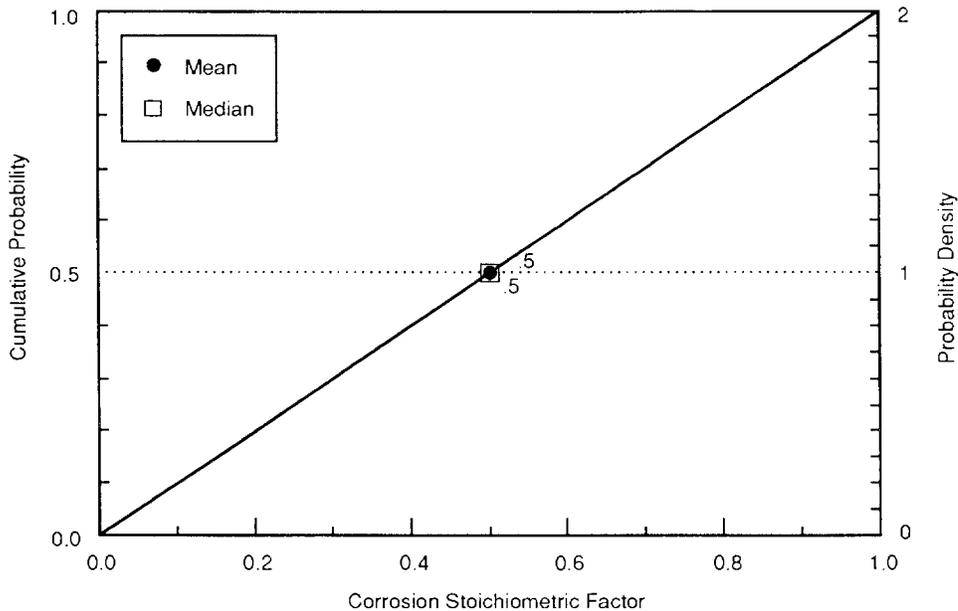
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Figure 3.3-11. Assumed Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Gas Production Rates from Corrosion under Inundated Conditions.



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Figure 3.3-12. Assumed Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Relative Gas Production Rates from Corrosion under Humid Conditions.



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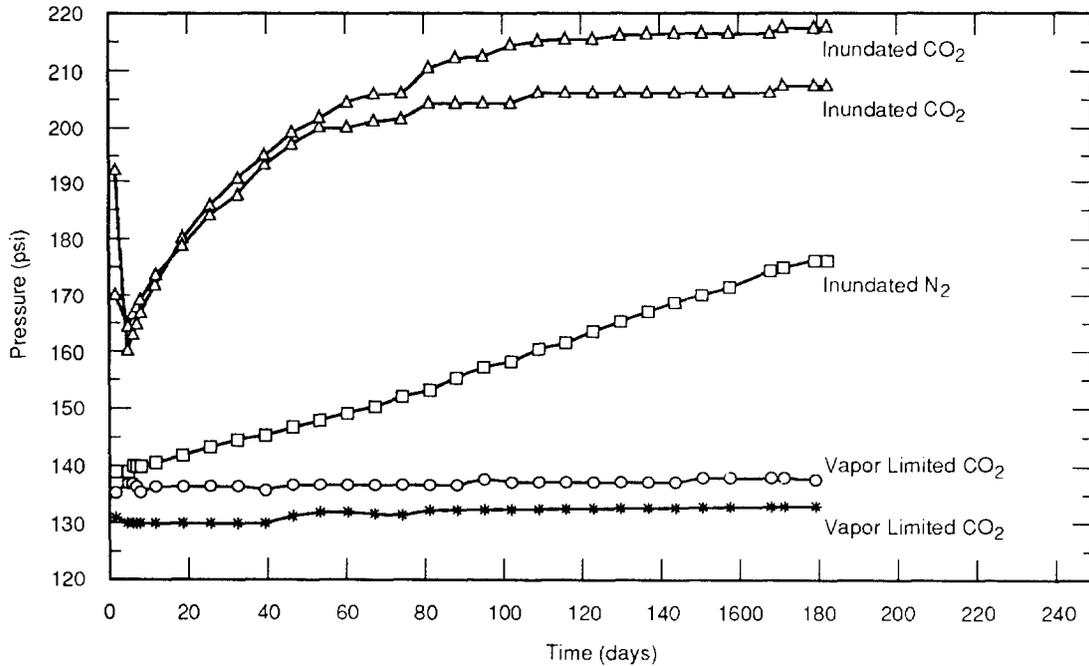
5 Figure 3.3-13. Assumed Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Anoxic Iron Corrosion Stoichiometric Factor, x.  
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7 **Discussion:**

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9 After waste is emplaced in the WIPP repository, some gas is expected to be generated  
10 from three types of chemical reactions: (1) anoxic corrosion, (2) biodegradation, and (3)  
11 radiolysis. In theory, the rates are dependent upon several factors, such as the chemical  
12 makeup of the waste (both organic and inorganic), the types of bacteria present,  
13 interactions among the products of the reactions, characteristics of WIPP brine, pH, and  
14 Eh. Experimental data describing these dependencies are incomplete at this time.  
15 However, some rough estimates of the range of gas generation rate values under possible  
16 WIPP environmental conditions have been made using available data.

17  
18 Brush (July 8, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]) estimates gas production from corrosion for  
19 inundated and humid conditions. The estimates for inundated conditions are based on 3-  
20 and 6-month experiments by R. E. Westerman of Pacific Northwest Laboratory (PNL) on  
21 ASTM A 366 and ASTM A 570 steels by WIPP Brine A when N<sub>2</sub> is present at low  
22 pressures (~ 0.105 MPa [150 psig]) (Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]) (Figure  
23 3.3-14). The following are estimated gas production and corrosion rates for inundated  
24 conditions: minimum, 0 mol H<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup> steel/yr (0 mol H<sub>2</sub>/drum/yr); best estimate, 0.2 mol  
25 H<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup> steel/yr (1 mol/drum/yr); and maximum, 0.4 mol H<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup> steel/yr (2 mol/drum/yr)  
26 with N<sub>2</sub> at 0.698 MPa (1000 psig) (Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]).

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Figure 3.3-14. Pressure-Time Plots for 6-Month Anoxic Corrosion Experiments Under Brine-Inundated and Vapor-Limited ("Humid") Conditions (Davies et al., 1991).

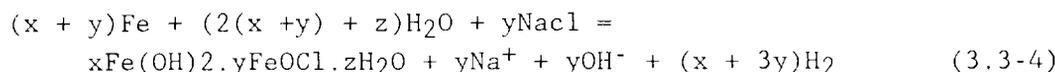
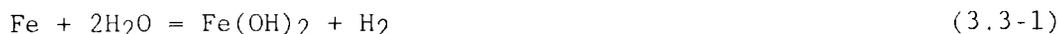
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Westerman also performed 3- and 6-month low-pressure humid experiments with either CO<sub>2</sub> or N<sub>2</sub> atmospheres (Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]). No H<sub>2</sub> production was observed except for very limited quantities from corrosion of the bottom 10% of the specimens splashed with brine during pretest preparation of the containers. Westerman is currently quantifying H<sub>2</sub> production from anoxic corrosion of steels in contact with noninundated backfill materials; results are expected in late 1991. Until these results are available, the estimated rates for humid conditions are as follows: minimum, 0 mol H<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup> steel/yr (0 mol H<sub>2</sub>/drum/yr); best estimate, 0.02 mol H<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup> steel/yr (0.1 mol H<sub>2</sub>/drum/yr); and maximum, 0.2 mol H<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup> steel/yr (1 mol H<sub>2</sub>/drum/yr) with N<sub>2</sub> at 0.698 MPa (1000 psig) (Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]). When expressed in terms of relative rates, the values are 0 to 0.5 with a median of 0.1.

1 **Previous Simulations.** Previous simulations used fictitious wells in the waste as a way to  
2 introduce reaction-generated gas. The various gas generation rates were assumed to be  
3 constant for a specified length of time after which the "wells" were turned off. However,  
4 the corrosion and biodegradation rates are dependent on brine saturation (distinguishing  
5 brine-inundated conditions from humid conditions). While it is not known if the  
6 biodegradation reactions will consume or produce water, it is believed that water will be  
7 consumed during corrosion and radiolysis.

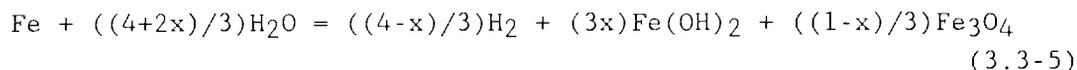
8  
9 **Current Procedure.** To handle the rate of reactant consumption (brine, steel, and  
10 cellulose) and product generation (gas) in a more realistic fashion, chemical reactions,  
11 reaction mechanisms, kinetics, and stoichiometry are used in PA calculations (i.e.,  
12 BRAGFLO) and replace the use of wells.

13  
14 **Anoxic Corrosion Stoichiometry.** Brush and Anderson (Lappin et al., 1989, p. A-6)  
15 describe four possible anoxic corrosion reactions likely to occur when waste drums are  
16 exposed to WIPP brines:



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28 Brush and Anderson believed that FeO would not be stable under low-temperature  
29 conditions, so reaction 3.3-3 was discounted. Sufficient data are not available to  
30 characterize reaction 3.3-4, so it, too, is ignored in current PA calculations.

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32 The average stoichiometry of reactions 3.3-1 and 3.3-2 is



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37 where x mole fraction of iron is consumed by reaction 3.3-1. The PA calculations sample  
38 the parameter x from a uniform distribution between 0 and 1.

1 **Reaction Rate Constant.** The reaction rate for corrosion under inundated conditions is  
2 sampled from the distribution shown in Figure 3.3-11, ranging from 0 to 0.4 mol H<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>  
3 steel/yr = 1.268 x 10<sup>-8</sup> mol H<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup> steel/s. The rate under humid conditions is sampled as  
4 a fraction of the inundated rate, the fraction ranging from 0 to 1, with the distribution  
5 shown in Figure 3.3-12. This forces the humid rate always to be less than the inundated  
6 rate as observed in preliminary tests (Figure 3.3-14).

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8 For use in BRAGFLO, the corrosion rate (mol H<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>) for both humid and inundated  
9 conditions is converted to units of mol Fe/m<sup>3</sup> panel/s by the following formula:

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$$11 \quad \dot{n}_{CI} = (\dot{n}'_{CI})(A_d)(n_d)/x_{CH2}/V_{pf} \quad (3.3-6)$$

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$$13 \quad \dot{n}_{CH} = (\dot{n}'_{CH})(A_d)(n_d)/x_{CH2}/V_{pf} \quad (3.3-7)$$

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18  $\dot{n}_{CH}, \dot{n}_{CI}$  = humid and inundated corrosion reaction rate, respectively (mol Fe/m<sup>3</sup>  
19 panel/s)

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21  $\dot{n}'_{CH}, \dot{n}'_{CI}$  = humid and inundated corrosion reaction rate, respectively (mol H<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>  
22 steel/s)

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24  $A_d$  = surface area of steel in an equivalent drum, including both the drum  
25 and its contents (Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo [Appendix A, p. A-25])  
26 (6 m<sup>2</sup> steel/drum; 4.5 m<sup>2</sup> for drum surfaces alone)

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28  $n_d$  = number of equivalent drums per panel (6,804 drum/panel, Section  
29 3.1.6)

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31  $x_{CH2}$  = stoichiometric coefficient in reaction 3.3-5  
32 = (4-x)/3, where x is a sampled parameter (mol H<sub>2</sub>/mol Fe)

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34  $V_{pf}$  = final enclosed volume of a panel (m<sup>3</sup> panel)  
35 = (V<sub>pi</sub>)(Δz<sub>f</sub>/Δz<sub>i</sub>)

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37  $V_{pi}$  = initial enclosed volume of a panel (Table 3.1-1)  
38 = (116.39 x 10<sup>3</sup> m<sup>3</sup> panel)

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40  $\Delta z_i$  = initial height of a panel (3.9624 m, Section 3.1.6)

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42  $\Delta z_f$  = final height of a gas-tight panel after the full potential of gas has  
43 been generated (see discussion under Waste Porosity Calculation,  
44 Section 3.4.8) (m)

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46 Implicit in the use of average stoichiometry from Eq. 3.3-5 to determine a reaction rate is  
47 the assumption that each of the reactions (comprising the average) react at the same rate.

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1 **Model Usage.** Collection of data describing the kinetic rate expressions for corrosion in  
 2 the WIPP environment is continuing at this time. The available data suggest that as long  
 3 as inundated conditions (liquid phase brine in contact with metal) exist, corrosion  
 4 proceeds at a constant rate (e.g., in N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and, at least early in the corrosion  
 5 process, in a CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere) (Figure 3.3-14). This suggests zero-order kinetics with  
 6 respect to steel (independent of the steel concentration in the waste). Future data may  
 7 suggest that the reaction rate may be a function of surface area, film resistance, gas  
 8 pressure or gas composition. For the 1991 PA calculations, we assume that the rate of  
 9 corrosion is independent of the parameters mentioned above as well as the concentration  
 10 of steel in the waste.

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 12 Data also suggest that corrosion under humid conditions (no liquid phase brine in contact  
 13 with metal) may proceed at a slower rate than that under inundated conditions. The  
 14 humid rate could be dependent on the moisture content in the vapor which contacts the  
 15 metal; however, in absence of data to support this, we assume that as long as brine is  
 16 present the humid corrosion rate is independent of humidity. We further assume that any  
 17 water consumed during corrosion under humid conditions is replenished from the brine  
 18 pool as long as liquid phase brine is present.

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 20 Throughout the course of a calculation, BRAGFLO determines and uses an effective  
 21 corrosion rate. Both the inundated and humid rate contribute to the effective rate.  
 22 BRAGFLO calculates the effective corrosion rate from a weighted average of the  
 23 inundated and humid rates. This weighting is assumed to be dependent on the portion of  
 24 steel which is in contact with liquid and gas phases. BRAGFLO and numerical models in  
 25 general are characterized by finite sized homogenous volumes of uniform properties called  
 26 grid blocks. A typical grid block in the waste can be divided to include 4 material types:  
 27 brine, gas, steel, and other (rock, backfill, other waste components, etc.) Since each block  
 28 is assumed homogenous, the steel will be in contact with the brine, gas, steel, and "other."  
 29 The portion of steel in contact with brine in a given grid block is assumed proportional to  
 30 the volume fraction of brine in the block and similarly for the portions of steel in contact  
 31 with gas, steel, and "other." These volume fractions are determined from porosity and  
 32 saturation; brine volume fraction =  $\phi s_l$ , gas volume fraction =  $\phi s_g$ , and "other"  
 33 (including steel) volume fraction =  $1 - \phi$ , where  $\phi$  is the porosity (volume fraction of grid  
 34 block that is void space),  $s_l$  is the brine saturation (volume fraction of void space  
 35 occupied by brine, and  $s_g$  is the gas saturation. The portion of steel in contact with brine  
 36 is assumed to react at the inundated rate while the portion of steel in contact with gas  
 37 reacts at the humid rate as long as there is some liquid phase brine present to be in  
 38 equilibrium with the brine in the gas phase.

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 40 The portion of steel which is in contact with "other" does not corrode at all. The  
 41 effective corrosion rate under these assumptions becomes

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$$r_{Ce} = r_{CI} \phi s_l + r_{CH} \phi s_g + 0 (1 - \phi) \quad (3.3-8)$$

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3  $\dot{n}_{Ce}$  = effective corrosion rate (moles of steel consumed/reservoir volume/second)

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5  $\dot{n}_{CI}$  = inundated corrosion rate (mol/(m<sup>3</sup>•s))

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7  $\dot{n}_{CH}$  = humid corrosion rate (mol/(m<sup>3</sup>•s))

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9 Other expressions for obtaining an effective corrosion rate can be envisioned. For  
10 example, if the materials in a grid block are not uniformly distributed, all of the steel  
11 could always be in contact with either the brine phase or only the gas phase. In addition,  
12 moisture in the gas phase could condense on the metal. Nevertheless, Eq. 3.3-8 is used in  
13 BRAGFLO for the 1991 PA calculation to determine corrosion rate because (1) it is most  
14 consistent with the homogenous assumption, (2) no data are currently available to support  
15 any other relationship, and (3) it lies between the bounds set by fully inundated and  
16 humid conditions. It should be kept in mind that any uncertainty in the value of the  
17 effective rate calculated from Eq. 3.3-8 is captured by the large range of inundated and  
18 humid rate values sampled on during the calculations. It should further be pointed out  
19 that Eq. 3.3-8 implies that the corrosion rate will vary with time and position in the waste  
20 since porosity and saturation vary temporally and spatially. This is a departure from last  
21 year when corrosion rates were assumed to be constant in time and space.

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23 The kinetic expression for inundated corrosion assuming zero-order kinetics with respect  
24 to steel concentration in the waste is

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$$k_{CI} = -\frac{\partial C_{Fe}}{\partial t} = \dot{n}_{CI} = -\dot{n}_{Fe} \quad (3.3-9)$$

31 where

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33  $k_{CI}$  = rate constant for corrosion under inundated conditions (mole Fe/(m<sup>3</sup> panel•s))

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35  $-\dot{n}_{Fe}$  = rate of steel consumption (mole Fe/(m<sup>3</sup> panel•s))

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37  $C_{Fe}$  = steel concentration (mole Fe/(m<sup>3</sup> panel))

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39 A similar expression results for humid corrosion kinetics. A characteristic of zero-order  
40 kinetics is that the rate constant has the same units as the reaction rate ( $r_{CI}$ ).

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42 From Eqs. 3.3-8 and 3.3-9, the amount of iron per unit volume of panel consumed by  
43 corrosion is given by

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$$(C_{Fe}^{k+1} - C_{Fe}^k) = (k_{CI} \phi s_l + k_{CH} \phi s_g) \Delta t \quad (3.3-10)$$

where

$\Delta t$  = the time step size (s)

$k$  = the time step level

The amount of gas produced and brine consumed by corrosion over a specified time step depends on the rate constant and stoichiometry of reaction. Assuming the stoichiometry of Eq. 3.3-5 remains valid for both humid and inundated conditions and the effective corrosion reaction rate is determined as in Eq. 3.3-8, the rate of gas production and water consumption are calculated from Eqs. 3.3-11 and 3.3-12, respectively.

$$q_{CH_2} = (k_{CI} \phi s_l + k_{CH} \phi s_g) (x_{CH_2}) (M_{H_2}) \quad (3.3-11)$$

$$q_{CH_2O} = (k_{CI} \phi s_l + k_{CH} \phi s_g) (x_{CH_2O}) (M_{H_2O}) \quad (3.3-12)$$

where

$q_{CH_2}$  = rate of  $H_2$  produced from corrosion per unit volume of panel ( $kg/m^3s$ )

$q_{CH_2O}$  = rate of  $H_2O$  consumed by corrosion per unit volume of panel ( $kg/m^3s$ )

$x_{CH_2}$  = corrosion stoichiometry for  $H_2 = (4 - x)/3$  (see Eq. 3.3-5)

$x_{CH_2O}$  = corrosion stoichiometry for  $H_2O = -(4 + 2x)/3$  (see Eq. (3.3-5))

$M_{H_2}$  = molecular weight for  $H_2$  ( $kg/gmol$ )

$M_{H_2O}$  = molecular weight for  $H_2O$  ( $kg/gmol$ )

Since we are concerned with brine removal rather than water, we convert the water consumption rate of Eq. 3.3-12 to that of brine using Eq. 3.3-13.

$$q_{cb} = (q_{CH_2O}) / (1.0 - w_s) \quad (3.3-13)$$

where

$q_b$  = rate of brine consumption ( $kg \text{ brine}/(m^3 \text{ panel} \cdot s)$ )

$w_s$  = weight fraction of NaCl in brine ( $kg \text{ NaCl}/kg \text{ brine}$ ) assumed to be 25%

We do not adjust the salinity of the brine nor do we deposit salt in the pore space as water is consumed. The corrosion reaction rates, the concentration of steel, and the rates of production and consumption of the various species are computed in BRAGFLO as outlined above.

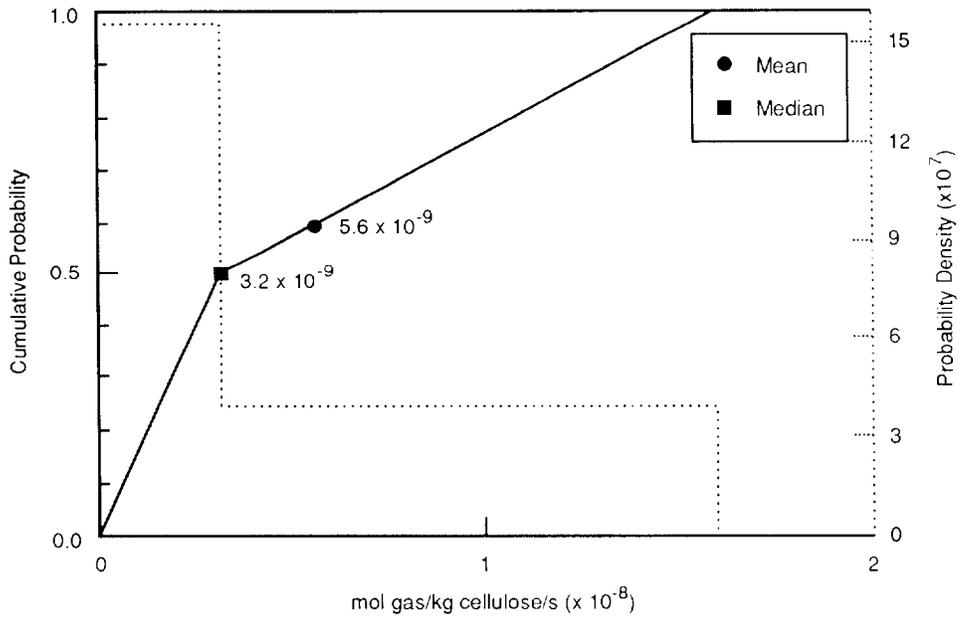
### 3.3.9 Gas Production from Microbiological Degradation

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Gas production rates, microbiological, inundated rate</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$3.2 \times 10^{-9}$
<b>Range:</b>	0
	$1.6 \times 10^{-8}$
<b>Units:</b>	mol gas/kg cellulose/s
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Brush, L. H. 1991. "Current Estimates of Gas Production Rates, Gas Production Potentials, and Expected Chemical Conditions Relevant to Radionuclide Chemistry for the Long-Term WIPP Performance Assessment," Internal memo to D.R. Anderson (6342), July 8, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume)

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Gas production rates, microbiological, relative humid rate</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	0
	$2 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Brush, L. H. 1991. "Current Estimates of Gas Production Rates, Gas Production Potentials, and Expected Chemical Conditions Relevant to Radionuclide Chemistry for the Long-Term WIPP Performance Assessment," Internal memo to D.R. Anderson (6342), July 8, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume)

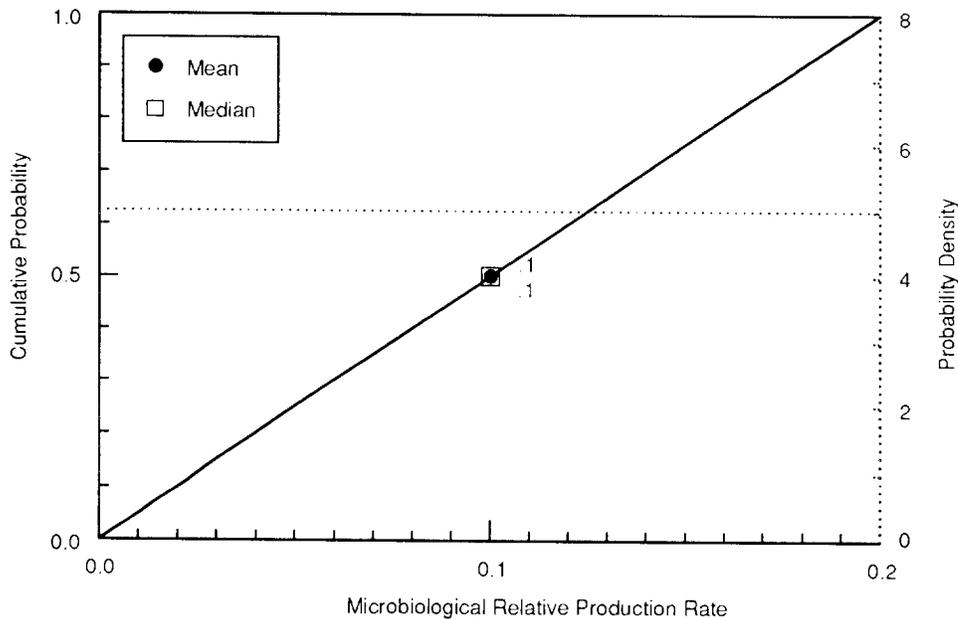
<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Gas generation, stoichiometry factor</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$8.35 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	0
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<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Uniform
<b>Source(s):</b>	Brush, L. H. and D. R. Anderson. 1989. In Lappin et al., 1989. <i>Systems Analysis Long-Term Radionuclide Transport and Dose Assessments, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Southeastern New Mexico; March 1989.</i> SAND89-0462. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

Figures 3.3-15 and 3.3-16 provide distributions for gas production rates from microbiological degradation under inundated and humid conditions, respectively.



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Figure 3.3-15. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Gas Production Rates from Microbiological Degradation under Inundated Conditions.



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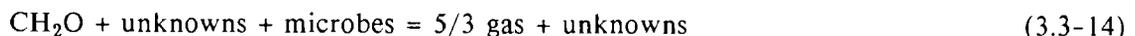
Figure 3.3-16. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Relative Gas Production Rates from Microbiological Degradation under Humid Conditions.

1 **Discussion:**

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3 Brush (July 8, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]) estimates activity from microbiological degradation  
4 based on a recent study at Stanford University and studies carried out during the 1970s  
5 (Barnhart et al., 1980; Caldwell, 1981; Caldwell et al., 1988; Molecke, 1979; Sandia National  
6 Laboratories, 1979). A test plan for laboratory experiments (Brush, 1990) and in-situ gas  
7 production experiments using real waste at the WIPP (Lappin et al., 1989) describe  
8 experiments currently underway. Although the Stanford tests seemed to suggest that  
9 microbial gas production may be significant under overtest conditions but not under realistic  
10 conditions, results from the earlier tests implied significant microbial gas production under  
11 both realistic and overtest conditions. However, until the Stanford tests are corroborated, the  
12 best estimate for microbial gas production has remained the same as first proposed by Brush  
13 and Anderson (in Lappin et al., 1989; Brush, 1990), 0.1 mole of various gases per kg  
14 cellulose per year (1 mol gas/(drum•yr)). However, new minimum and maximum rates for  
15 inundated conditions are 0 and 0.5 mol/(kg•yr) (5 mol per drum per year), respectively.

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17 For humid conditions, new minimum and best estimates for microbial gas production rates  
18 are 0 and 0.01 mol/(kg cellulose•yr) (0.1 mol/(drum•yr)). The maximum estimate under  
19 humid conditions remains unchanged from the value estimated by Brush and Lappin (1990),  
20 0.1 mol/(kg•yr) (1 mol/(drum•yr)). Expressed in terms of relative rates, the values are 0 to  
21 0.2 with a median of 0.1.

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23 **Microbiologic Degradation Stoichiometry.** The stoichiometry of the net biodegradation  
24 reaction is uncertain. About 20 reactions have been postulated and others may be possible,  
25 according to Brush and Anderson (Lappin et al., 1989, p. A-10). The reactions depend on  
26 such factors as what electron donors are available, the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub>, interaction with  
27 products of corrosion, pH, and Eh. It is not known at this time what effect biodegradation  
28 has on water (brine) inventory, so it is assumed to have no net effect, neither consuming  
29 water nor producing it. Some of the postulated reactions produce gas; others consume it.  
30 At present, we know that some gas (CO<sub>2</sub> and some H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, and CH<sub>4</sub>) may be produced and  
31 that cellulose (CH<sub>2</sub>O) will be consumed. Using the stoichiometry recommended in Lappin et  
32 al. (1989, Supplement to Appendix A.1, p. A-30) that yields the maximum gas generation  
33 per unit of cellulose (5/3 mol gas/mol CH<sub>2</sub>O), the biodegradation reaction may be written



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37 However, in view of the wide variety of reactions that may occur, together with our current  
38 lack of knowledge as to precisely which reactions do occur, it is prudent to sample on the  
39 stoichiometric coefficient for gas in reaction 3.3-14. If the assumption is also made that any  
40 CO<sub>2</sub> that is produced will dissolve in the WIPP brine, then of the reactions presented in  
41 Lappin et al., (1989) only one reaction will consume gas, that one being



This reaction requires oxygen, which will be present initially in air and will be produced by radiolysis. Neither source of oxygen is sufficient to oxidize all of the cellulose in the inventory, and oxic corrosion will compete strongly for this oxygen, so this reaction is expected to be of minor importance. None of the other reactions consumes gas, whereas most produce gas, with the net gas production ranging from 0 to 5/3 mol gas/mol CH<sub>2</sub>O. Therefore, the stoichiometric coefficient is sampled from a uniform distribution ranging from 0 to 5/3.

**Model Usage.** As with corrosion, the rate of gas generation from the biodegradation of cellulose differs depending on whether inundated or humid conditions exist in the repository. In BRAGFLO an effective rate of biodegradation is calculated, as described in the previous corrosion rate discussion, from a weighted average of the inundated and humid rates.

There are insufficient data available at this time to quantify any biodegradation kinetics other than zero-order kinetics with respect to the concentration of cellulose in the waste panel (rate is independent of the concentration of cellulose). One might expect the reaction rate to depend in some way on the concentration of the reactants (organisms and cellulose) and perhaps on the concentration or partial pressure of the products as well as the gas composition, all of which vary with time. However, until such data become available, we use the zero-order assumption.

The kinetic expression for inundated biodegradation assuming zero-order kinetics with respect to the concentration of cellulose in the waste panel is

$$k_{\text{BI}} = - \frac{\partial C_c}{\partial t} = \dot{n}_{\text{BI}} = -\dot{n}_c \quad (3.3-16)$$

where

$k_{\text{BI}}$  = rate constant for biodegradation under inundated conditions [mol/(m<sup>3</sup>•s)]

$-\dot{n}_c$  = consumption rate of cellulose [mol/(m<sup>3</sup>•s)]

$\dot{n}_{\text{BI}}$  = Reaction rate for biodegradation under inundated conditions [mol/(m<sup>3</sup>•s)]

$C_c$  = Concentration of cellulose (mol/m<sup>3</sup> of panel)

A similar expression results for the humid biodegradation kinetics.

The amount of cellulose consumed and the rate of gas production follow from a development similar to that outlined in the corrosion section, Eqs. 3.3-17 and 3.3-18, respectively.

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Parameters for Contaminants Independent of Waste Form

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$$(C_c^{k+1} - C_c^k) = (k_{BI} \phi s_l + k_{BH} \phi s_g) \Delta t \quad (3-3.17)$$

$$q_{BH_2} = (k_{BI} \phi s_l + k_{BH} \phi s_g) (s_{BH_2}) (M_{wc}) \quad (3-3.18)$$

where

$q_{BH_2}$  = rate of H<sub>2</sub> produced from biodegradation per unit volume [kg/(m<sup>3</sup>•s)]

$s_{BH_2}$  = biodegradation stoichiometry for H<sub>2</sub> (moles H<sub>2</sub> produced/moles cellulose consumed)

(See Section 3.3.8 for definitions of remaining variables.)

Because some potential biodegradation reactions consume water while others produce water and in absence of any experimental data, we currently assume that biodegradation does not impact brine inventory. The reaction rates, cellulose concentration, and the rates of production and consumption of the various species are calculated in BRAGFLO as described above.

1 **3.3.10 Radiolysis**  
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3	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Radiolysis of brine</b>
4	<b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-4}$
5	<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-7}$
6		$1 \times 10^{-1}$
7	<b>Units:</b>	mol/drum/yr
8	<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
9	<b>Source(s):</b>	Brush, L. H. 1991. "Current Estimates of Gas Production Rates, Gas 10 Production Potentials, and Expected Chemical Conditions Relevant 11 to Radionuclide Chemistry for the Long-Term WIPP Performance 12 Assessment," Internal memo to D.R. Anderson (6342), July 8, 13 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In 14 Appendix A of this volume) 15 16 17

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19 Early indications from experimental data that are currently being collected show that the rate  
20 of gas production from radiolysis is very small compared to that from corrosion and  
21 biodegradation. A current study is investigating gas production at low pressures by alpha  
22 radiolysis of WIPP Brine A as a function of dissolved plutonium concentration (Brush, July 8,  
23 1991, Memo [Appendix A]). Small linear pressure increases from the solution with the  
24 highest dissolved plutonium concentration,  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M, have been observed but there are not  
25 enough data to convert these rates to moles of gas per drum per year. Pressure increases  
26 were not observed with lower dissolved plutonium concentrations ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $1 \times 10^{-8}$  M).  
27 Two-month runs with a dissolved plutonium concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M in other WIPP  
28 brines are planned.  
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30 Until results are available from longer term studies, the radiolytic gas production rates are the  
31 same as those proposed by Brush and Lappin (1990): minimum,  $1 \times 10^{-7}$   
32 mole/gases/drum/yr; best estimate,  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/drum/yr, and maximum of  $1 \times 10^{-1}$   
33 mol/drum/yr.  
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35 The PA calculations do not separately break out the radiolysis reaction, but will include its  
36 contribution to gas generation in the biodegradation reaction. Furthermore, we neglect the  
37 consumption of brine by radiolysis.  
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## 3.4 Parameters for Unmodified Waste Form Including Containers

As of 1990, the currently stored CH-TRU waste that will be disposed of in the WIPP, if authorized, is estimated to be about 60,000 m<sup>3</sup> (2.1 x 10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>), which is about 34% of the design storage volume of 170,000 m<sup>3</sup> (6.2 x 10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>). The stored waste consists of about 110,000 0.21-m<sup>3</sup> (55-gal) drums, 5,000 1.8-m<sup>3</sup> (64 ft<sup>3</sup>) Standard Waste Boxes (SWBs), and 7,000 3.2-m<sup>3</sup> (113-ft<sup>3</sup>) miscellaneous containers, mostly steel and fiberglass reinforced wood boxes. Drums and SWBs are the only containers that can currently be transported in a TRUPACT-II. If the waste in boxes other than SWBs were repackaged into SWBs, it was estimated that 533,000 0.21-m<sup>3</sup> (55-gal) drums and 33,500 1.8-m<sup>3</sup> (64-ft<sup>3</sup>) SWBs could be emplaced in the WIPP repository containing 170,000 m<sup>3</sup> (6.2 x 10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>) of waste, the design volume for CH-TRU waste.

The volume of RH-TRU waste is limited by the agreement between DOE and the State of New Mexico to 7,079 m<sup>3</sup> (0.25 x 10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>) (U.S. DOE and NM, 1984). RH waste will likely be placed in 0.89-m<sup>3</sup> (31.4-ft<sup>3</sup>) canisters in the walls of the rooms and access drifts. (Placement of canisters is discussed in Section 3.1.6.)

The parameter values for unmodified waste that is expected to be shipped (i.e., to meet the current waste acceptance criteria discussed below) are provided in Table 3.4-1. The basis for these values is provided in the tables included in this section (see Tables 3.4-3 through 3.4-14). However, the significant figures for masses that are reported in these tables should not be interpreted as known accuracy. (Indeed, the majority of waste to be emplaced in the WIPP has not been generated; hence, the amounts are uncertain.) The significant figures in the tables for masses are presented as a means to trace the work until a report detailing the assumptions and calculations pertaining to these amounts has been prepared. On the other hand, the significant figures on design volumes are important since the limits on volumes agreed upon by the DOE and the State of New Mexico (U.S. DOE and NM, 1984) were in English units and are an exact conversion.

All CH- and RH-TRU waste must meet the WIPP *Waste Acceptance Criteria* (WEC, 1989). This criteria includes requirements for the waste form. For example, the waste material shall (1) include only residual liquids in well-drained containers and limit this waste to less than 1% (volume), (2) not permit explosives or compressed gases, and (3) limit radionuclides in pyrophoric form to less than 1% by weight in each waste package. There also are limitations on the curie content in a drum, SWB, and canister based on transportation considerations (Table 3.4-2). These criteria were summarized from a draft of the *TRU Waste Acceptance Criteria for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant*, Revision 4, WIPP-DOE-069.

Table 3.4-1. Parameter Values for Unmodified TRU Waste Categories, Containers, and Salt Backfill

Parameter	Median	Range			Units	Distribution Type	Source
<b>CH Waste</b>							
<b>Molecular weight</b>							
Cellulose	0.030				kg/mol	Constant	CH <sub>2</sub> ; Weast and Astle, 1981
Iron	0.05585				kg/mol	Constant	Fe; Weast and Astle, 1981
<b>Density, grain (<math>\rho_g</math>)</b>							
Metal/glass	3.44 x 10 <sup>3</sup>				kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Butcher, 1990, Table 2
Combustibles	1.31 x 10 <sup>3</sup>				kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Butcher, 1990, Table 2
Sludge	2.15 x 10 <sup>3</sup>				kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Butcher, 1990, Table 2
Salt backfill	2.14 x 10 <sup>3</sup>				kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	See Table 2.3-1
Steel, cold-drawn	7.83 x 10 <sup>3</sup>				kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Perry et al., 1969, Table 3-137
Air @ 300.15K, 1 atm	1.177				kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Vennard and Street, 1975, p. 709
<b>Volumes of IDB Categories</b>							
Metal/glass fraction	3.76 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	2.76 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	4.76 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>		none	Normal	See Table 3.4-10
<b>Combustibles</b>							
fraction	3.84 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	2.84 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	4.84 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>		none	Normal	See Table 3.4-10
Salt backfill	1.712 x 10 <sup>5</sup>				m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	See Figure 3.1-3
Air @ 300.15K, 1 atm	8.908 x 10 <sup>4</sup>				m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	See Figure 3.1-3
<b>Average per Drum</b>							
Metal/glass	6.44 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	3.05 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	9.83 x 10 <sup>1</sup>		kg/drum	Normal	Butcher, 1989, Table 7
Combustibles	4.00 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	1.73 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	6.26 x 10 <sup>1</sup>		kg/drum	Normal	Butcher, 1989, Table 6
Sludge	2.25 x 10 <sup>2</sup>				kg/drum	Constant	See Table 3.4-10
<b>Mass of IDB Categories</b>							
Metal/glass	1.984 x 10 <sup>7</sup>						See Tables 3.4-10 and 3.4-12
Combustibles	1.348 x 10 <sup>7</sup>						See Tables 3.4-10 and 3.4-12
<b>Mass of Steel Containers in IDB Categories</b>							
Metal/glass	1.076 x 10 <sup>7</sup>				kg	Constant	See Table 3.4-10
Combustibles	1.178 x 10 <sup>7</sup>				kg	Constant	See Table 3.4-10
Sludge	3.598 x 10 <sup>6</sup>				kg	Constant	See Table 3.4-10
<b>Mass of Steel Containers and Liners in IDB Categories</b>							
Metal/glass	4.458 x 10 <sup>6</sup>				kg	Constant	See Table 3.4-10
Combustibles	1.214 x 10 <sup>7</sup>				kg	Constant	See Table 3.4-10
Sludge	1.329 x 10 <sup>7</sup>				kg	Constant	See Table 3.4-10
<b>Mass of Contents</b>							
Iron, steel, paint cans, shipping cans							
Steel in containers	1.431 x 10 <sup>7</sup>				kg	Constant	See Table 3.4-12
Steel in containers							
Cellulosics, + 50% gloves, Hypalon, Neoprene, rubber	2.613 x 10 <sup>7</sup>				kg	Constant	See Table 3.4-10
Neoprene, rubber	7.475 x 10 <sup>6</sup>				kg	Constant	See Table 3.4-12
<b>Capillary pressure (<math>p_c</math>) and relative permeability (<math>k_{lr}</math>)</b>							
<b>Threshold displacement pressure (<math>p_t</math>)</b>							
pressure ( $p_t$ )	2.02 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	2.02 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	2.02 x 10 <sup>5</sup>		Pa	Lognormal	Davies, 1991; Davies, June 2, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)
<b>Residual Saturations</b>							
<b>Wetting phase (<math>S_{lr}</math>)</b>							
( $S_{lr}$ )	2.76 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.38	5.52 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>		none	Cumulative	Brooks and Corey, 1964
<b>Gas phase (<math>S_{gr}</math>)</b>							
( $S_{gr}$ )	7 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.5 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.4 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>		none	Cumulative	Brooks and Corey, 1964
<b>Brooks-Corey Exponent (<math>n</math>)</b>							
( $n$ )	2.89	1.44	5.78		none	Cumulative	Brooks and Corey, 1964

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2 Table 3.4-1. Parameter Values for Unmodified TRU Waste Categories, Containers, and Salt Backfill  
3 (Concluded)

6	Parameter	Median	Range		Units	Distribution Type	Source
11	<b>Drilling Erosion Parameters</b>						
12	Absolute						
13	roughness ( $\epsilon$ )	$2.5 \times 10^{-2}$	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	$4 \times 10^{-2}$	m	Uniform	Streeter and Wylie, 1975, Figure 5.32.
14	Shear strength ( $\tau_{fail}$ )	1	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	$1 \times 10^1$	Pa	Cumulative	Sargunam et al., 1973; Henderson, 1966
15	<b>Partition Coefficient for clays in salt backfill</b>						
16	$A_m$	$1 \times 10^{-4}$			$m^3/kg$	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
17	$N_p$	$1 \times 10^{-5}$			$m^3/kg$	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
18	$P_b$	$1 \times 10^{-6}$			$m^3/kg$	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
19	$P_u$	$1 \times 10^{-4}$			$m^3/kg$	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
20	$R_a$	$1 \times 10^{-6}$			$m^3/kg$	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
21	$T_h$	$1 \times 10^{-4}$			$m^3/kg$	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
22	$U$	$1 \times 10^{-6}$			$m^3/kg$	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-5 (K <sub>d</sub> clay/1000)
23	<b>Permeability (k)</b>						
24	Average	$1 \times 10^{-13}$			$m^2$	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table 4-6
25	Combustibles	$1.7 \times 10^{-14}$	$2 \times 10^{-15}$	$2 \times 10^{-13}$	$m^2$	Cumulative	Butcher et al., 1991
26	Metals/glass	$5 \times 10^{-13}$	$4 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-12}$	$m^2$	Cumulative	Butcher et al., 1991
27	Sludge	$1.2 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-17}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-16}$	$m^2$	Cumulative	Butcher et al., 1991
28	<b>Porosity (<math>\phi</math>)</b>						
29	Average	$1.9 \times 10^{-1}$			none	Constant	See text; Butcher, 1990; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 4-6
30	Combustibles	$1.4 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.7 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Data	Butcher et al., 1991
31	Metals/glass	$4 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.4 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Data	Butcher et al., 1991
32	Sludge	$1.1 \times 10^{-1}$	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Data	Butcher et al., 1991
33	Saturation, initial ( $S_{fi}$ )	$1.38 \times 10^{-1}$	0	$2.76 \times 10^{-1}$		Uniform	See text.

2 Table 3.4-2. Summary of Waste Acceptance Criteria and Requirements Applicable to Performance  
3 Assessment

Description	Waste Type	WAC Criterion or Requirement
Particulates	CH	Immobilize if greater than 1% by weight below 10 microns
	RH	Immobilize if greater than 15% by weight below 200 microns
Liquids	CH & RH	Liquids that result from liquid residues remaining in well-drained containers; condensation moisture; and liquid separation from sludges or resin settling shall be less than 1% by volume of the waste container
Pyrophoric Materials	CH	Radionuclides in pyrophoric form are limited to less than 1% by weight in each waste package. No non-radionuclide pyrophorics permitted.
	RH	
Explosives and compressed gas	CH & RH	No explosives or compressed gases are permitted.
Specific Activity	CH	The specific activity shall be greater than 100 nCi/g TRU radionuclides, excluding the weight of added shielding, rigid liners, and waste containers.
	RH	The specific activity shall be greater than 100 nCi/g TRU radionuclides, excluding the weight of external shielding, rigid liners, and the waste containers. The container average maximum activity concentration shall not exceed 23 curies/liter.
Nuclear Criticality* (Pu-239 FGE)**	CH	The fissile or fissionable radionuclide content shall be less than 200 FGE for a 55-gallon drum. The fissile or fissionable radionuclide content shall be less than 325 FGE for a SWB. The fissile or fissionable radionuclide content shall be less than 325 FGE for a TRUPACT-II
	RH	The fissile or fissionable radionuclide content shall be less than 325 FGE.
Pu-239 Activity*	CH & RH	Waste packages shall not exceed 1000 Ci to Pu-239 equivalent activity.

43 \* Transportation requirement

44 \*\* Fissile gram equivalent of Pu-239

2 **3.4.1 Composition of CH-TRU Contaminated Trash (Non-Radionuclide/  
3 Non-RCRA Inventory)**  
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6 TRU waste destined for the WIPP is generated or currently stored by ten DOE nuclear  
7 weapon facilities. Although we know that this TRU waste consists in general of laboratory  
8 and production line trash, such as glassware, metal pipes, solvents, disposal laboratory  
9 clothing, cleaning rags, and solidified sludges, the precise composition of the trash (e.g.,  
10 percentages by weight and volume) is not well defined. Estimates of metals/glass combustible  
11 and sludge reported here were made based on information on volumes submitted annually to  
12 the IDB by the generator sites and therefore are from the same source as the radionuclide  
13 inventory. (A potential source in the future is the data collected specifically for the PA  
14 Division from the generators.)  
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1 **Volumes of Various Categories of CH-TRU Contaminated Trash**

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4 **Parameter:** Volume fraction, combustibles  
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6 **Median:** 3.84  
7 **Range:** 2.84  
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9 **Units:** Dimensionless  
10 **Distribution:** Normal  
11 **Source(s):** See text and Table 3.4-10.  
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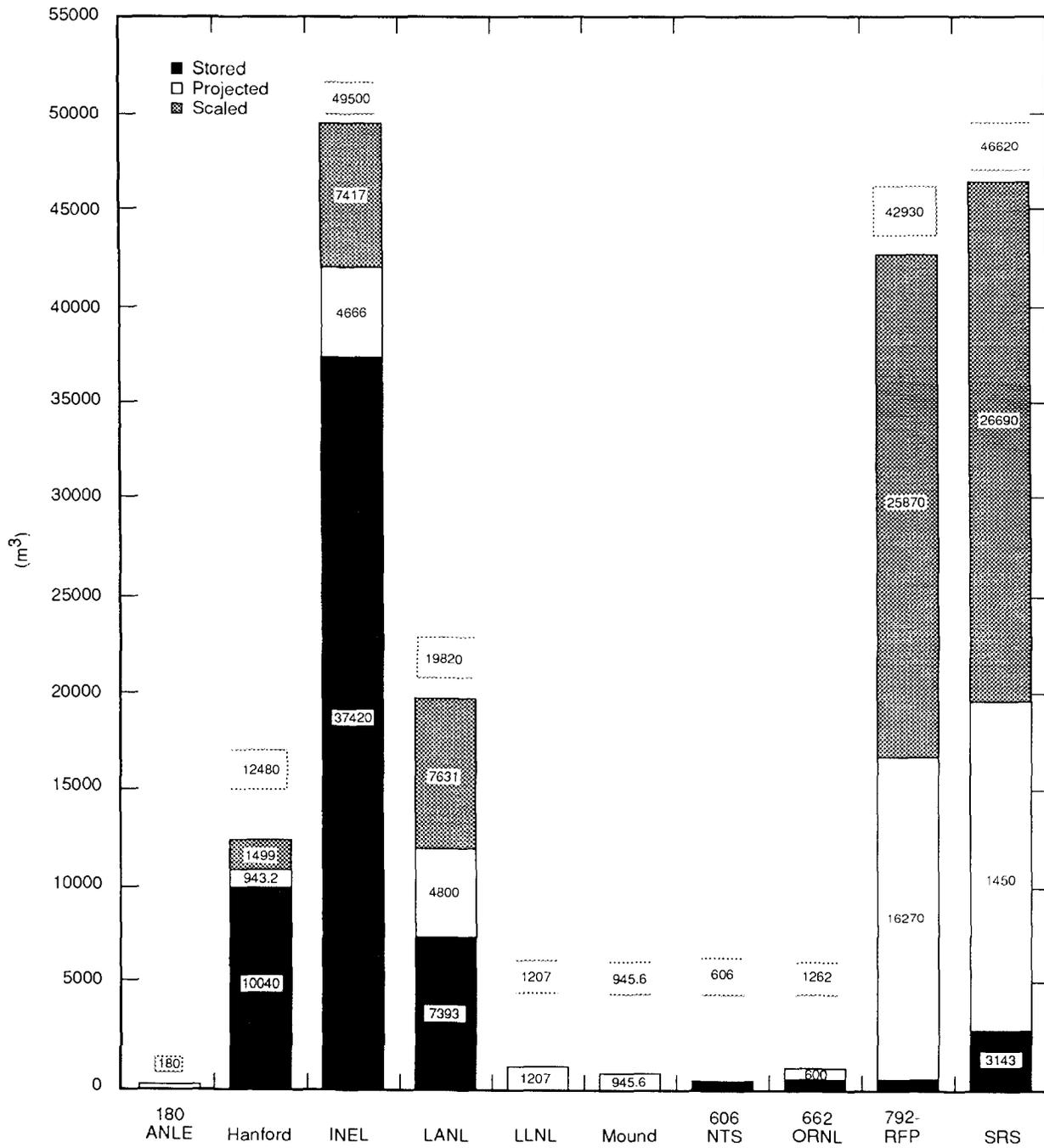
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14 **Parameter:** Volume fraction, metals/glass  
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16 **Median:** 3.76  
17 **Range:** 2.76  
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20 **Units:** Dimensionless  
21 **Distribution:** Normal  
22 **Source(s):** See text and Table 3.4-10.  
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25 **Parameter:** Volume, backfill  
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27 **Median:**  $1.712 \times 10^5$   
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29 **Range:** None  
30 **Units:**  $m^3$   
31 **Distribution:** Constant  
32 **Source(s):** See Figure 3.1-3 and text.  
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35 **Parameter:** Air @ 300.15 K, 1 atm  
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37 **Median:**  $8.908 \times 10^4$   
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39 **Range:** None  
40 **Units:**  $m^3$   
41 **Distribution:** Constant  
42 **Source(s):** See Figure 3.1-3 and text.  
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46 Figure 3.4-1 indicates CH waste volumes by site and status.  
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Figure 3.4-1. Estimates of CH Waste Volumes by Site and Status

2 **Discussion:**

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4 Estimates of the masses and volumes of the constituents of TRU waste that affect gas  
5 generation, transport, and room properties are required for performance assessment. Since  
6 the majority of the waste to be emplaced in the WIPP has not been generated, the waste  
7 characterization is an estimate with a potentially large uncertainty. The estimated waste  
8 characterization is used as a base for analyses that include the uncertainty in waste  
9 characterization. The following discussion presents the method that was used to estimate the  
10 characterization of the waste. The intent was to use available information and to use a  
11 reasonable method to scale it up to a design volume, which was used in performance  
12 assessment. This method resulted in estimates of volumes and masses of waste by generator  
13 site; however, these results should not necessarily be considered as indicative of the actual  
14 masses and volumes that the sites will generate.

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16 The total anticipated volume (stored waste and projected annual volumes) of the TRU waste  
17 calculated from information reported in the yearly IDB has been decreasing over the last four  
18 years (Table 3.4-3 and Figure 3.4-2). The most significant change from 1987 to 1990 is the  
19 percentage of concreted or cemented sludge; the estimated volume decrease was about 30%.  
20 Furthermore, the information contained in the 1990 IDB indicates that generators anticipate  
21 there will be less volume of absorbed sludges and more volume of concreted and cemented  
22 sludges in the projected waste than is contained in the stored waste.

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24 The 1990 IDB was used as the basis for the estimate of the total volume of CH-TRU waste  
25 for the 1991 PA calculations. Table 3.4-4 lists the stored and projected (generated in the  
26 future) waste volume by generator site listed in the 1990 IDB. The IDB uses the terms  
27 "stored" and "newly generated" waste. In the discussion that follows, the term "projected" is  
28 used in place of "newly generated."

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30 For performance assessment calculations, we assume that a design volume of 175,564 m<sup>3</sup> (6.2  
31 x 10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>) will be emplaced in the WIPP. The following discussion presents the method that  
32 was used to estimate the volumes of the waste types if the current design volume of waste  
33 was emplaced. To estimate the volume of waste by generator site to fill the WIPP, it was  
34 assumed that the five largest generators\* of projected waste would provide the additional  
35 volume. The percentage of the total projected waste for each site was calculated and, based  
36 on this percentage, volumes for the five sites were calculated to provide an additional 69,105  
37 m<sup>3</sup> (2.4 x 10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>). The scaled volume for the five sites is shown in Table 3.4-4.

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39 Details of the volumes and physical composition of CH waste as calculated from the  
40 information from the 1990 IDB (Tables 3.5, 3.7, and 3.10) are listed in Table 3.4-5.

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44 \* These five DOE defense facilities for 1990 are Hanford Reservation (HANF), Washington; Idaho National Engineering  
45 Laboratory (INEL), Idaho; Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), New Mexico; Rocky Flats Plant (RFP), Colorado; and  
46 Savannah River Site (SRS), South Carolina. In 1991, INEL was reclassified as a storage site rather than a generator site because  
47 a project that would generate waste was indefinitely delayed/cancelled.  
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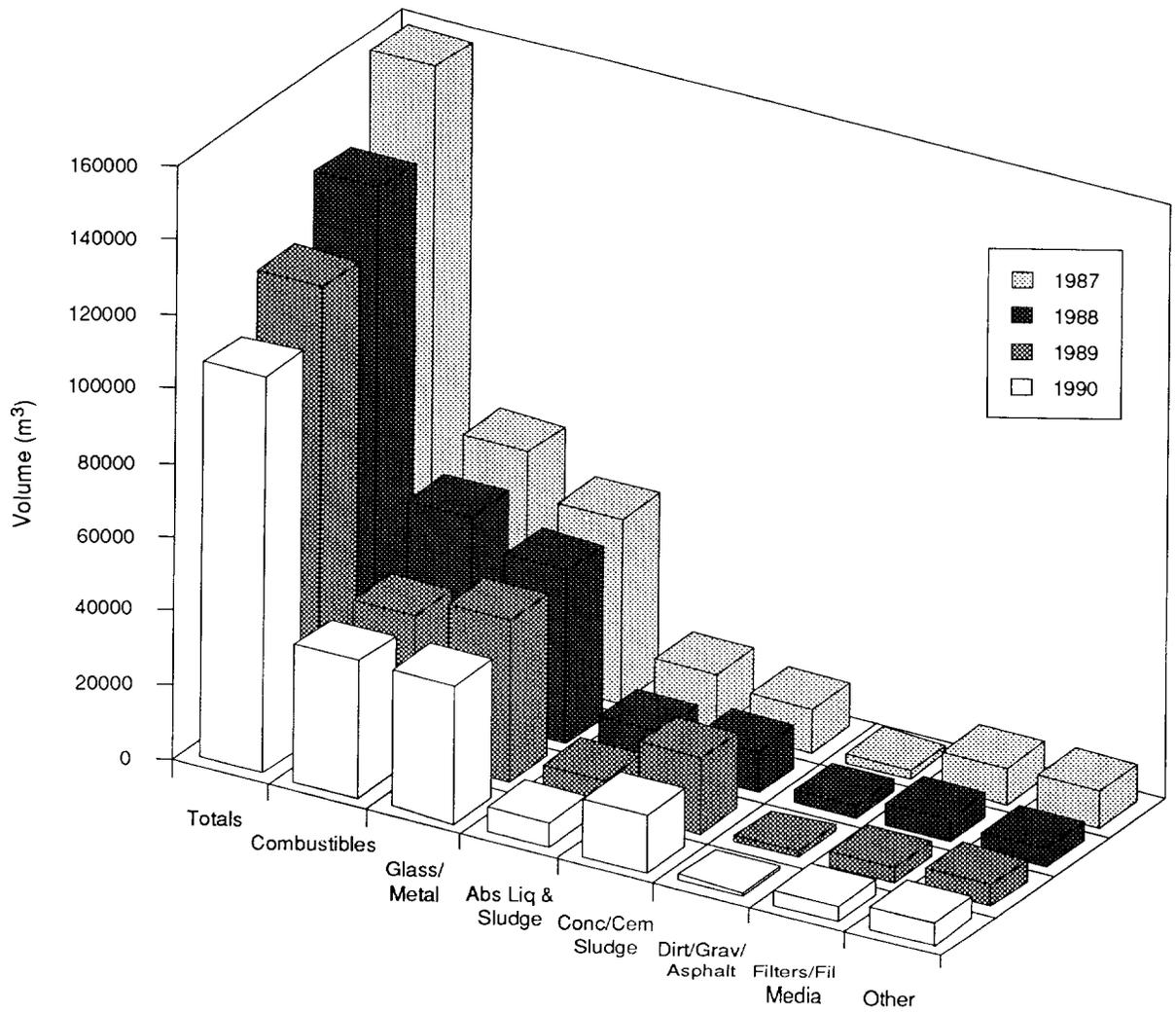
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1 For performance assessment calculations, room properties are required. To estimate the  
2 volume fraction of the sludges, combustibles, and metals and glass in CH waste, it was  
3 assumed the volume of the sludges included the absorbed liquid and sludges, concreted or  
4 cemented sludges, and dirt, gravel and asphalt categories of Table 3.4-5. The volume of  
5 filter, filter media, and "other" categories of Table 3.4-5 were distributed into the volume of  
6 sludges, combustibles, and metals and glass based on the relative volume of the initial  
7 amounts of each of these categories. Estimates for the volume fraction of stored; projected;  
8 projected plus scaled; and stored, projected, and scaled are tabulated in Table 3.4-6. The  
9  $\pm 10\%$  ranges on the volume fractions for the various categories in Table 3.4-6 were based on  
10 the historical change observed in the categories over the past 4 yr (Table 3.4-3; Figure 3.4-2).  
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2 Table 3.4-3. Estimated Composition by Volume of CH-TRU Contaminated Trash from 1987 to 1990.

8	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	22	28
	Combustibles (%)	Metal and Glass (%)	Absorbed Liquid and Sludge (%)	Concrete/Cemented Sludge (%)	Dirt/Gravel/Asphalt (%)	Filters/Filter Media (%)	Other (%)	Total Volume* (m <sup>3</sup> )								
	1987	38.87	31.53	8.99	7.37	1.33	5.81	6.11	158,526							
	1988	39.84	34.18	7.28	8.00	2.44	4.53	3.73	136,402							
	1989	32.01	36.41	6.09	16.41	1.31	3.00	4.78	120,243							
	1990	34.24	34.31	6.28	14.43	1.30	3.67	5.77	106,459							
	* Design volume is 175,564 m <sup>3</sup> .															

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Figure 3.4-2. Changes in Volume Estimates of CH-TRU Contaminated Trash Between 1987 and 1990.

Table 3.4-4. Estimate of a Design Volume for CH-TRU Waste

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Site	Stored Volume (1990 IDB) (m <sup>3</sup> )	Projected Volume (1990 IDB) (m <sup>3</sup> )	Total Volume (1990 IDB) (m <sup>3</sup> )	Scaled Volume* (m <sup>3</sup> )	Estimated Design Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )
ANL-E	--	180	180	--	180
HANF	10,041	943	10,984	1,499	12,484
INEL	37,420	4,666	42,086	7,417	49,503
LANL	7,393	4,800	12,193	7,631	19,824
LLNL	--	1,207	1,207	--	1,207
MOUND	--	945	945	--	945
NTS	606	--	606	--	606
ORNL	662	600	1,262	--	1,262
RFP	792	16,272	17,064	25,869	42,933
SRP	3,143	16,788	19,931	26,689	46,620
Total	60,057	46,402	106,459	69,105	175,564

\* Assuming that HANF, INEL, LANL, RFP, and SRP provide the difference between the current total inventory and the design volume. The difference between the total volume of 106,458 m<sup>3</sup> in the 1990 IDB and the design volume of 175,564 m<sup>3</sup> (6.2x10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>) was ratioed between the five sites based on their estimated annual generation rates. These five sites provide 94% of the estimated total annual volume of 1,993.4 m<sup>3</sup> per year.

Table 3.4-5. Estimated Composition of CH-TRU Contaminated Trash in 1990 by Generator (IDB, 1990, Tables 3.5, 3.7, 3.10)

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Category	ANL-E	HANF	INEL	LANL	LLNL	NTS	MOUND	ORNL	RFP	SRS	Percent	Total (m <sup>3</sup> )	Percent of Total
STORED													
Absorbed Liquid and Sludge	--	0.0	4490.4	1626.5	--	0.0	--	0.0	122.8	0.0	10.39	--	--
Combustibles	--	4317.6	9355.0	961.1	--	312.2	--	390.3	287.5	2200.1	29.68	--	--
Concreted or Cemented Sludge	--	602.5	4864.6	2217.9	--	6.1	--	0.0	5.5	0.0	12.82	--	--
Dirt, Gravel, or Asphalt	--	301.2	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	6.6	5.5	0.0	0.52	--	--
Filters or Filter Media	--	0.0	1871.0	369.7	--	0.0	--	33.1	327.1	0.0	4.33	--	--
Glass/Metal/Similar Noncombustibles	--	4819.7	13097.0	2217.9	--	288.0	--	231.6	43.6	942.9	36.03	--	--
Other	--	0.0	3742.0	0.0	--	0.0	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.23	--	--
TOTAL	--	10041.0	37420.0	7393.1	--	606.3	--	661.6	792.0	3143.0	--	--	--
Percent of Total	--	9.43	35.15	6.94	--	0.57	--	0.62	0.74	2.95	--	--	--
PROJECTED													
Absorbed Liquid and Sludge	64.8	0.0	0.0	48.0	0.0	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	335.8	0.97	6688.2 <sup>a</sup>	6.28 <sup>a</sup>
Combustibles	57.6	377.3	2020.2	1944.0	881.3	--	9.5	72.0	2522.2	10744.3	40.15	36452.2	34.24
Concreted or Cemented Sludge	0.0	132.0	737.2	864.0	12.1	--	9.5	0.0	5906.7	0.0	16.51	15358.1	14.43
Dirt, Gravel, or Asphalt	0.0	113.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	841.6	6.0	113.9	0.0	2.32	1388.1	1.30
Filters or Filter Media	0.0	94.3	23.3	120.0	84.5	--	0.0	30.0	113.9	839.4	2.81	3906.3	3.67
Glass/Metal/Similar Noncombustibles	57.6	226.4	681.2	1824.0	181.1	--	85.1	492.0	6720.3	4616.7	32.08	36525.0	34.31
Other	0.0	0.0	1203.7	0.0	48.3	--	0.0	0.0	895.0	251.8	5.17	6140.8	5.77
TOTAL	180.0	943.2	4665.6	4800.0	1207.2	--	945.6	600.0	16272.0	16788.0	--	106458.6	100.00
Percent of Total	0.17	0.89	4.38	4.51	1.13	--	0.89	0.56	15.28	15.77	--	100.00	--
PROJECTED PLUS SCALED													
Absorbed Liquid and Sludge	64.8	0.0	0.0	124.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	869.5	0.92	7298.3 <sup>b</sup>	4.16 <sup>b</sup>
Combustibles	57.6	977.1	5231.9	5034.5	881.3	0.0	9.5	72.0	6531.8	27825.3	40.36	64444.8	36.71
Concreted or Cemented Sludge	0.0	342.0	1909.1	2237.6	12.1	0.0	9.5	0.0	15297.1	0.0	17.15	27503.8	15.67
Dirt, Gravel, or Asphalt	0.0	293.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	841.6	6.0	295.0	0.0	1.24	1749.1	1.00
Filters or Filter Media	0.0	244.3	60.4	310.8	84.5	0.0	0.0	30.0	295.0	2173.9	2.77	5799.6	3.30
Glass/Metal/Similar Noncombustibles	57.6	586.2	1764.1	4723.7	181.1	0.0	85.1	492.0	17404.1	11956.2	32.25	58890.8	33.54
Other	0.0	0.0	3117.4	0.0	48.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2317.7	652.2	5.31	9877.5	5.63
TOTAL	180.0	2442.7	12082.8	12430.9	1207.2	0.0	945.6	600.0	42140.7	43477.1	--	175564.0	100.00
Percent of Total	0.1	1.39	6.88	7.08	0.69	0.0	0.54	0.34	24.00	24.76	--	100.00	--
<sup>a</sup> Stored plus projected													
<sup>b</sup> Stored, plus projected, plus scaled													

Table 3.4-6. Calculation of Constituent Volume Distribution in CH Waste\*

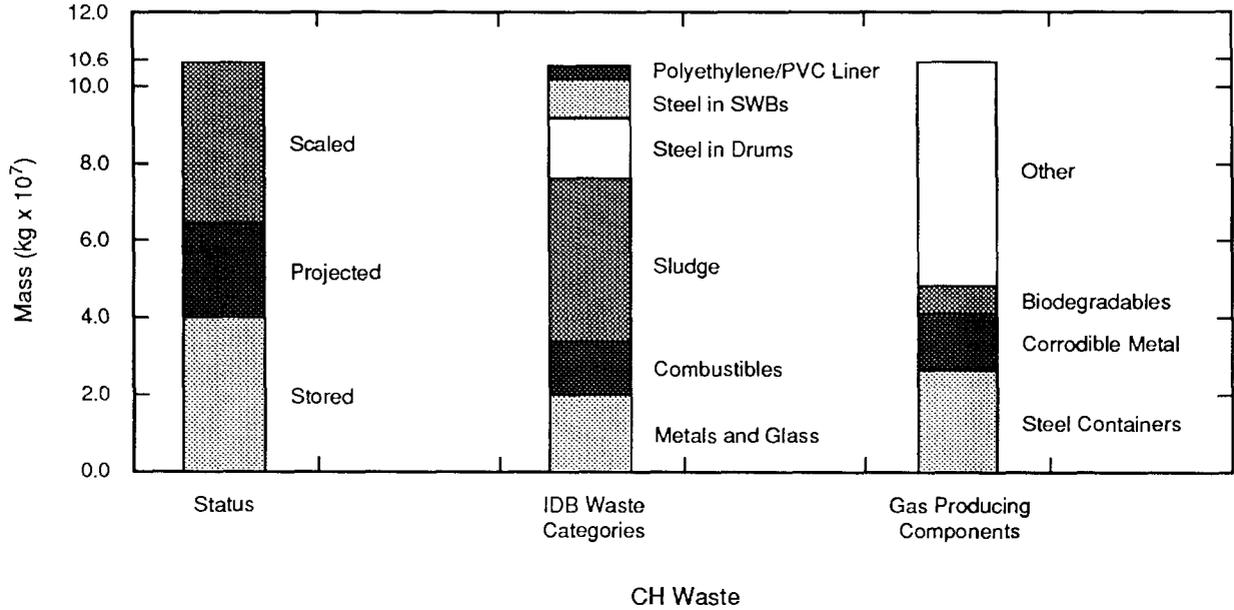
Category	Initial	Distributed Amount of Filter and Filter Media	Total
<b>Stored</b>			
Sludge**	0.2373	0.0280	0.265
Combustible	0.2968	0.0350	0.332
Glass/Metal	0.3603	0.0425	0.403
Total	0.8944	--	1.000
<b>Projected</b>			
Sludge**	0.1980	0.0171	0.215
Combustible	0.4015	0.0348	0.436
Glass/Metal	0.3208	0.0278	0.349
Total	0.9203	--	1.000
<b>Stored plus Projected</b>			
Sludge**	0.2201	0.0229	0.243
Combustible	0.3424	0.0357	0.378
Glass/Metal	0.3431	0.0358	0.379
Total	0.9056	--	1.000
<b>Stored, Projected, plus Scaled</b>			
Sludge**	0.2083	0.0204	0.229
Combustible	0.3671	0.0360	0.403
Glass/Metal	0.3354	0.0328	0.368
Total	0.9108	--	1.000

\* The values for the initial volume percents were obtained from Table 3.4-5.

\*\* Total of absorbed liquid and sludge, concreted and cemented sludge, and dirt, gravel, or asphalt.

### Masses of Various Categories of CH-TRU Contaminated Trash

Figure 3.4-3 shows the breakdown of CH waste mass by status, IDB waste categories, and gas-producing components.



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Figure 3.4-3. Breakdown of CH Waste Masses by Status, IDB Waste Categories, and Gas-Producing Components.

2 **Discussion:**

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4 The PA calculations require an estimate of the mass of the major constituents of CH-TRU  
5 waste that affect gas generation. Because the PA analyses are based on a design volume, the  
6 mass of the waste constituents for a design volume were estimated. The generator sites  
7 provided estimates of the number, total volume, and mass of stored and projected waste to  
8 the 1990 IDB. Based on the number of containers, the masses of container steel, PVC liners,  
9 polyethylene liners, fiberglass reinforced wood, and plywood were estimated. Drez (May 9,  
10 1989, Letter [Appendix A]) provided masses for these components.

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12 Since detailed information was not available, it was assumed that each drum had one 4-kg  
13 polyvinyl chloride liner bag and each standard waste box (SWB) had one high-density 6.8-kg  
14 polyethylene liner. Masses for the larger boxes and bins were estimated by volume scaling to  
15 the mass of a 1.2 x 1.2 x 2.1 m (4 x 4 x 7 ft) box, which was obtained from Drez (May 9,  
16 1989, Letter [Appendix A]). The empty mass of a drum was estimated to be 29.5 kg (65  
17 lbm); a SWB, 310.7 kg (685 lbm). Table 3.4-7 summarizes the estimated masses.

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19 Since currently only drums and SWBs can be transported in a TRUPACT II, excluding test  
20 bins, an estimate was made of the number of SWBs that would be required if the bins and  
21 boxes were repackaged in SWBs. The details of the masses and volumes of the waste in boxes  
22 and bins other than SWBs are summarized in Table 3.4-8. A total of 12,152 SWBs would be  
23 required to repackage the waste in the bins and boxes. Because of the mass of the SWBs, this  
24 repackaging would significantly increase the amount of steel emplaced in the WIPP. The  
25 calculations for repackaging in SWBs show (1) number of SWBs (1.9 m<sup>3</sup> volume), 12,150; (2)  
26 mass of SWB steel, 3.776 Gg (8.3 x 10<sup>6</sup> lbm); (3) mass of SWB PVC, 0.0486 Gg (1.1 x 10<sup>5</sup>  
27 lbm); (4) mass of waste, 5.591 Gg (1.2 x 10<sup>7</sup> lbm); and (5) total repackaged mass of about 9.0  
28 Gg (2.0 x 10<sup>7</sup> lbm).

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30 To obtain an estimate of the number of drums and SWBs that could be emplaced in the WIPP,  
31 the number of drums and SWBs at each generator site listed in Table 3.4-4 for stored and  
32 projected waste was calculated. Since the estimated volume for each generator from the  
33 number of containers was not consistent with the volume in Table 3.4-4, the number of  
34 containers for both stored and projected waste was adjusted to the volume of Table 3.4-4.  
35 To calculate this adjustment, the ratio of the volume of waste in each type of container in  
36 Table 3.4-7 was calculated and the number of containers increased or decreased to make the  
37 total volume consistent with the values in Table 3.4-4. The results of this estimate are  
38 summarized in Table. 3.4-9. Based on these assumptions, and assuming that the waste that  
39 cannot be currently transported is repackaged into SWBs, the inventory would contain 532,600  
40 drums and 33,540 SWBs.

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1 Estimates of the mass fractions were made based on the volume fractions tabulated in Table  
2 3.4-6. Since the information that was available was the total mass of the waste and the  
3 volume fraction of sludge, combustibles, and glass/metals, other information was required to  
4 make estimates of the mass fraction. For these estimates, it was assumed that the combustible  
5 and metal and glass components had the average density listed in Butcher, 1989. An average  
6 mass of 40 kg (88.2 lbm) per drum for the combustibles and 64.5 kg (142.2 lbm) per drum  
7 for metals and glass was assumed. The mass of combustibles and metals/glass was estimated  
8 by calculating the number of drums in each category and multiplying by the average mass.  
9 The difference between the total mass of 30.18 Gg ( $6.6 \times 10^7$  lbm) of stored waste from  
10 Table 3.4-7 and the mass of the combustibles, metals/glass, polyethylene/PVC liners, and  
11 container steel was assumed to be the mass of the sludge, which resulted in the average mass  
12 of a sludge drum being 282.8 kg (623.6 lbm). A similar estimate was made for projected  
13 waste. The total mass of projected waste was estimated to be 17.48 Gg ( $3.9 \times 10^7$  lbm) as  
14 shown in Table 3.4-7. The estimated average mass of a drum of sludge of projected waste  
15 was 190.7 kg (420.5 lbm).

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17 For the mass fraction for the design volume estimate, the mass of the sludge was estimated  
18 from the average masses of stored and projected waste. The volume of stored sludge and of  
19 projected and scaled sludge was estimated. Based on these volumes and the average masses,  
20 an average mass of 225 kg (496.1 lbm) per drum was calculated. The mass of sludge was  
21 estimated by calculating the number of drums of sludge and multiplying by the average mass.  
22 The same average mass of combustibles and metals/glass was assumed for the design volume  
23 as for the stored and projected volumes.

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25 The calculated mass fractions for stored waste, projected waste, combined stored and  
26 projected waste, and combined stored, projected, and scaled waste are shown in Table 3.4-10.  
27 These results indicate the range of mass fractions that could be emplaced in the WIPP. As  
28 expected, the mass fraction for sludge is considerably less for projected waste than for stored  
29 waste. Note that the mass fraction for combined stored and projected waste has a somewhat  
30 higher mass fraction for sludge than was used in Lappin et al., 1989. As indicated in Table  
31 3.4-6, the volume fraction of sludges has increased somewhat from 1987, on which earlier  
32 estimates were made, to 1990.

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Table 3.4-7. Estimated Inventory of Containers in 1990

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Description	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Number	Total Mass (Gg)	Total Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Mass Steel (kg)	Mass PVC (kg)	Mass Polyethelene (kg)	Mass Fiberglass Reinforced Wood (kg)	Mass Plywood (kg)
<u>Stored CH Inventory</u>									
Drums	0.208	110120	25.060	23125	3.249	0.7488	--	--	--
SWBs	1.9	5327	5.198	10121	1.655	--	0.0213	--	--
Boxes	3.17	5925	6.819	18782	0.360	0.0296	--	1.3759	0.2899
Bins	3.4	415	0.421	1411	0.097	0.0022	--	--	--
Boxes	3.8	672	0.600	2554	0.175	0.0040	--	--	--
Boxes	3.9	35	0.036	137	0.009	0.0002	--	--	--
Boxes	5.9	23	0.047	136	0.009	0.0002	--	--	--
Boxes	6.35	11	0.025	70	0.005	0.0001	--	--	--
TOTALS			38.206	56335	5.559	0.7852	0.0213	1.3759	0.2899
Estimated mass of stored waste (Gg) 30.18									
<u>Projected CH Inventory</u>									
Drums	0.208	155420	18.882	32638	4.585	--	1.057	--	--
SWBs	1.9	6105	6.166	11600	1.897	0.2442	--	--	--
TOTALS			25.046	44238	6.489	0.2442	1.057	--	--
Estimated mass of projected waste (Gg) 17.48									
<u>TOTALS</u>									
Total Mass (Gg)				63.252					
Total Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )				0.101					
Total Mass Steel (Gg)				12.04					
Total Mass PVC (Gg)				0.810					
Total Mass Polyethylene (Gg)				1.078					
Total Mass Fiberglass									
Reinforced Wood (Gg)				1.376					
Total Mass Plywood (Gg)				0.29					
Estimated Total Mass of Waste (Gg)				47.658					
Total Drums				265,540					
Total SWBs				11,432					
Total Bins & Boxes				7,081					

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Table 3.4-8. Summary of Bins and Boxes

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Description	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Number	Total Mass (Gg)	Container Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Mass Steel (Gg)	Mass PVC (Gg)	Mass Fiberglass Reinforced Wood (Gg)	Mass Plywood (Gg)
Boxes	3.17	5925	6.8193	18782.2	3.60	0.0296	1.3759	0.2899
Bins (1)	3.4	415	0.4210	1411.0	0.96	0.0022	--	--
Boxes (2)	3.8	672	0.6000	2553.6	1.75	0.0040	--	--
Boxes (3)	3.9	35	0.0362	136.5	0.09	0.0002	--	--
Boxes (4)	5.9	23	0.0468	135.7	0.09	0.0002	--	--
Boxes (5)	6.35	11	0.0254	69.9	0.05	0.0001	--	--
TOTALS			7.9487	23088.9	6.55	0.0364	1.3759	0.2899
Estimated metal box masses:								
(1) 233.5 kg								
(2) 261 kg								
(3) 268 kg								
(4) 405 kg								
(5) 436 kg								
Calculations for repackaging in SWBs:								
Number of SWBs (1.9 m <sup>3</sup> vol)			0.012					
Mass of SWB steel (Gg)			3.776					
Mass of SWB PVC (Gg)			0.049					
Mass of waste (Gg)			5.591					
Total repackaged mass (Gg)			9.379					

Table 3.4-9. Estimate of the Number of Drums and SWBs in a Design Volume

Category	Volume	Total	Adjusted Total
Stored Drums	23113	110064	121113
Stored SWBs	10121	5327	6007
Adjustment to stored* Drums	2320	11049	--
Adjustment to stored* SWBs	1425	750	--
Projected Drums	32717	155795	161294
Projected SWBs	12132	6385	6595
Adjustment to Projected* Drums	1155	5499	--
Adjustment to Projected* SWBs	399	210	--
Scaled Drums	52534	250164	250164
Scaled SWBs	16566	8719	8719
Repackaged SWBs**	23089	12152	12152
Total Drums	532571		
Total SWBs	33543		

\* Adjusted to make total volume equal volume in Table 3.4-3.  
 \*\* Assumed volume in Bins and Boxes were repackaged into SWBs.

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Table 3.4-10. Estimated Composition of CH-TRU Contaminated Trash Including Containers in 1990

	Mass (Gg)	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Volume Fraction	Steel Containers (Gg)	SWB Steel (Gg)	Poly/ PVC (Gg)	Total Mass (Gg)	Mass Fraction
<b>Stored Inventory</b>								
Sludge <sup>a</sup>	20.106	14,928.9	0.265	2.300	--	0.217	22.623	0.570
Metals and Glass <sup>b</sup>	5.745	18,703.4	0.332	2.881	--	0.272	8.898	0.224
Combustibles <sup>c</sup>	4.324	22,703.2	0.403	3.498	--	0.330	8.152	0.205
Steel Containers	8.679							
Polyethylene/PVC liner	0.819							
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.673</b>	<b>56,335.4</b>		<b>8.679</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>0.819</b>	<b>39.673</b>	
<b>Projected</b>								
Sludge	8.618	9,511.1	0.215	1.394	--	0.227	10.239	0.409
Metals and Glass <sup>b</sup>	5.924	19,287.6	0.436	2.826	--	0.461	9.211	0.368
Combustibles <sup>c</sup>	2.941	15,439.0	0.349	2.262	--	0.369	5.572	0.223
Steel Containers	6.482							
Polyethylene/PVC liner	1.057							
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.022</b>	<b>44,237.7</b>		<b>6.482</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1.057</b>	<b>25.022</b>	
<b>Stored and Projected</b>								
Sludge	28.717	24,444.1	0.243	3.684	--	0.462	32.863	0.508
Metals and Glass <sup>b</sup>	11.679	38,024.2	0.378	5.731	--	0.718	18.128	0.280
Combustibles <sup>c</sup>	7.262	38,124.8	0.379	5.746	--	0.720	13.728	0.212
Steel Containers	15.161							
Polyethylene/PVC liner	1.900							
<b>Total</b>	<b>64.719</b>	<b>100,593.1</b>		<b>15.161</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1.900</b>	<b>64.719</b>	
<b>Stored, Projected, and Scaled</b>								
Sludge <sup>d</sup>	43.076	40,204.2	0.229	3.598	--	0.860	47.534	0.447
Metals and Glass <sup>b</sup>	19.844	64,607.6	0.368	5.782	4.974	1.382	31.982	0.301
Combustibles <sup>c</sup>	13.477	70,752.3	0.403	6.331	5.447	1.513	26.769	0.252
Steel in drums	15.711							
Steel in SWBs	10.422							
Polyethylene/ PVC liner	3.755							
<b>Total</b>	<b>106.285</b>	<b>175,564.0</b>		<b>15.711</b>	<b>10.422</b>	<b>3.755</b>	<b>106.285</b>	

<sup>a</sup> The mass of sludge is the difference between a total estimated mass of 30.18 Gg for the total waste package and the mass of the combustibles and metals and glass.

<sup>b</sup> The mass of metals and glass is based on an average mass of 64.5 kg per drum (Butcher, 1989).

<sup>c</sup> The mass of combustibles is based on an average mass of 40 kg per drum (Butcher, 1989).

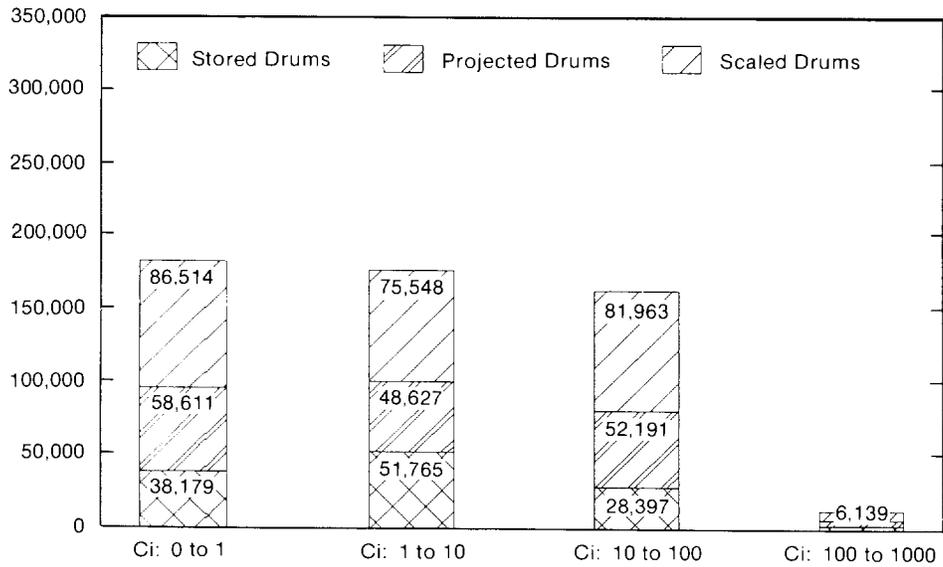
<sup>d</sup> The mass of sludge is based on the ratio of the 14,929 m<sup>3</sup> of stored waste with an average mass of 282.8 kg per drum and the 25,275 m<sup>3</sup> of projected and scaled waste with an average mass of 190.7 kg per drum. This ratio results in an average mass of 225 kg per drum for sludge.

1 **Estimated Curie Content of Drums and Standard Waste Boxes**

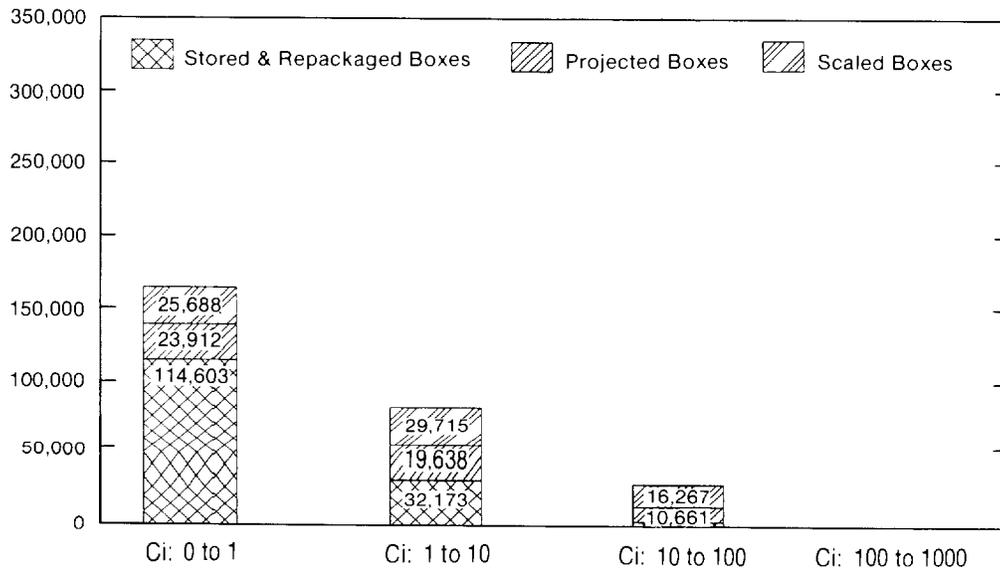
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3 Submittals from the generator sites to the 1990 IDB included estimates of the number of  
4 stored and projected waste containers in a range of total initial plutonium curie content. The  
5 current analyses were based on the design volume of waste emplaced in the WIPP. To  
6 estimate the number of drums and SWBs in the four ranges of total plutonium curie content  
7 used in the analyses, the estimates from the ranges from the generators were combined and  
8 estimates were made for total quantity of drums and SWBs for a design volume based on the  
9 quantities from Table 3.4-9. The estimated number of drums and SWBs for the stored,  
10 projected, and scaled inventory are shown in Figure 3.4-4 and listed in Table 3.4-11. Since  
11 it was assumed for the current analyses that the waste in bins and boxes would be  
12 repackaged, an estimate for the repackaged boxes was also made. The current analyses  
13 further combined the number of drums and boxes in the range of curie content. It was  
14 assumed for the removal of cuttings during drilling for human intrusion that the surface area  
15 encountered by the drill for a SWB was about 8.2 times the surface area of a drum.  
16 Therefore, the curies removed by drilling into a SWB would be about 8.2 times less than for a  
17 drum in the same range. To combine them into an equivalent number of drums, the total  
18 number of SWBs was increased by a factor of 8.22 and the curie range was decreased by a  
19 factor of ten. This results in no contribution of SWBs in the range above 100 curies and the  
20 total SWBs in the 0-to-1 and 1-to-10 range being combined in the 0-to-1 curie category for  
21 the combined drums and SWBs shown in Table 3.4-11.

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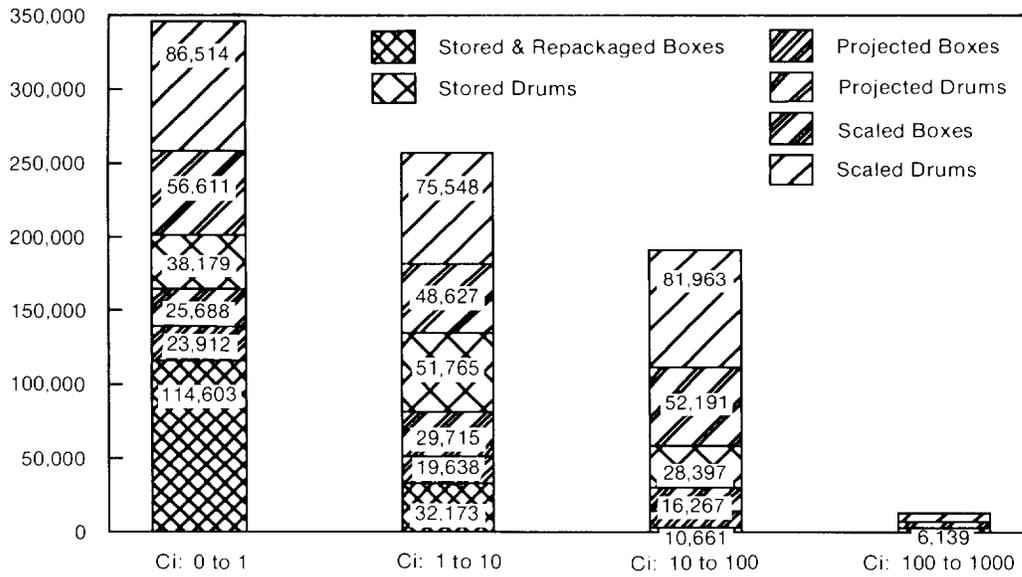
(a) Drums



(b) SWBs

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Figure 3.4-4. Estimated Number of Drums and SWBs for Stored, Projected, and Scaled Inventory in Each Activity Range.



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(c) Total, Drums and Boxes

Figure 3.4-4. Estimated Number of Drums and SWBs for Stored, Projected, and Scaled Inventory in Each Activity Range (Concluded).

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2 Table 3.4-11. Estimate of Curie Content of Drums and Standard Waste Boxes in a Design Volume

8		0 to 1	1 to 10	10 to 100	100 to 1000	Total
6		(Ci)	(Ci)	(Ci)	(Ci)	(Ci)
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10	Stored Drums					
11	Totals	38179	51765	28397	2772	121113
12	Percent	31.5	42.7	23.4	2.3	
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14	Projected Drums					
15	Totals	56611	48627	52191	3865	161294
16	Percent	35.1	30.1	32.4	2.4	
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18	Scaled Drums					
19	Totals	86514	75548	81963	6139	250164
20	Percent	34.6	30.2	32.8	2.5	
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22	Total Drums					
23	Totals	181304	175940	162551	12776	532571
24	Percent	34.0	33.0	30.5	2.4	
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26	Stored Boxes					
27	Totals	4070	1222	596	189	6077
28	Percent	67.0	20.1	9.8	3.1	
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30	Projected Boxes					
31	Totals	1234	1675	2389	1297	6595
32	Percent	18.7	25.4	36.2	19.7	
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34	Scaled Boxes					
35	Totals	775	2350	3615	1979	8719
36	Percent	8.9	27.0	41.5	22.7	
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38	Repackaged (Stored) Boxes					
39	Totals	1608	7042	3318	184	12152
40	Percent	13.2	57.9	27.3	1.5	
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42	Total Boxes					
43	Totals	7687	12289	9918	3649	33543
44	Percent	22.9	36.6	29.6	10.9	
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46	Combination of Drums and Boxes (Equivalent Drums)					
47	Totals	345507	257466	192546	12776	808294
48	Percent	42.7	31.9	23.8	1.6	
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2 **Gas Generation Potential**

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4 Without a detailed knowledge of the mechanisms by which gas may be produced, the gas  
5 generation potentials can only be calculated based on the amount of waste received at the  
6 WIPP. Based on information in 1988 (IDB, 1988; Lappin et al., 1989, p. A-119), Sandia  
7 estimated a gas generation potential from corrosion of about 900 mole/drum equivalent and  
8 from microbial degradation of about 600 mole/drum equivalent. Because estimates of the  
9 volume of CH waste are decreasing, but the volume of RH waste is increasing, these values  
10 have changed.

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12 An estimate of the amounts of waste that contribute to gas generation are required for PA  
13 calculations. The masses of the constituents in combustible and metals/glass were estimated  
14 in Drez (May 9, 1989, Letter [Appendix A]). The results of these estimates are shown in  
15 column 2 of Table 3.4-12. The total volume for the current PA analysis is based on the  
16 design volume of 175,564 m<sup>3</sup> (6.2 x 10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>). The total volume on which the estimates in  
17 Drez (May 9, 1989, Letter [Appendix A]) were made was 95,111 m<sup>3</sup> (3.4 x 10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>). Volume  
18 scaling the masses from 95,111 m<sup>3</sup> (3.4 x 10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>) to a design volume of 175,564 m<sup>3</sup> (6.2 x 10<sup>6</sup>  
19 ft<sup>3</sup>), a factor of 1.846, results in the masses listed in column 4 of Table 3.4-12. Butcher  
20 (1989) reported estimates of the percentage of various components of combustible and  
21 metals/glass. Based on these percentages and volume scaling the masses to a design volume  
22 results in the masses listed in column 6.

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24 Another method for estimating the masses is to base the total mass of the combustibles and  
25 metals and glass on the mass estimated in Table 3.4-10 for the stored, projected, and scaled  
26 estimates. Scaling the masses of the combustibles in column 1 by the ratio of the total  
27 combustible mass of 8.593 Gg (1.9 x 10<sup>7</sup> lbm) to 13.467 Gg (3.0 x 10<sup>7</sup> lbm) from Table  
28 3.4-10, a factor of 1.567, the estimated masses shown in columns 7 and 8 were calculated. A  
29 similar scaling was calculated for the metals and glass based on the total mass of metals and  
30 glass in Table 3.4-10 and are also tabulated in columns 7 and 8. The significant figures in  
31 Table 3.4-12 should not be interpreted as an indication of the accuracy of the estimates.  
32 These are estimates with a potentially large uncertainty and were made as a base for  
33 uncertainty analyses. The significant figures were included only for consistency with Table  
34 3.4-10. The results listed in column 8 of Table 3.4-12 were used as the estimates of these  
35 constituents in the PA calculations because they are the same as were used in the estimates of  
36 the mass fractions for a design volume in Table 3.4-10. Figure 3.4-3 displays the breakdown  
37 of the CH waste mass including the gas-producing components. Not all of the components  
38 listed in Table 3.4-12 were included as gas-producing components. The components for  
39 microbial activity included the total cellulose mass and one-half of the mass of surgeon's  
40 gloves, Hypalon, Neoprene, and other undefined rubber. The components for corrosion  
41 included iron, paint cans, steel, and shipping cans.

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Table 3.4-12. Estimates of Masses for a CH Design Volume<sup>a</sup>

	Source 1 <sup>b</sup> (kg)	Source 1 (%)	Design (kg)	Source 2 <sup>c</sup> (%)	Source 2 (kg)	Source 2 <sup>d</sup> (kg)	Design <sup>d</sup> (kg)
<b>COMBUSTIBLES</b>							
<b>Cellulosics</b>							
Paper/Kimwipes	3,890,000	45.27	7,223,730	24.0	3,829,619	3,234,390	6,100,964
Cloth	226,000	2.63	419,682	4.0	638,270	539,065	354,452
Other paper	51	0.00	95	--	--	--	80
Lumber (untreated)	73,100	0.85	135,747	--	--	--	114,648
Lumber (treated)	36,700	0.43	68,152	--	--	--	57,559
Plywood	98,400	1.15	182,729	--	--	--	154,328
Other wood (rulers)	--	0.00	0	--	--	--	0
Other wood (all types)	23,700	0.28	44,011	--	--	--	37,170
Other cellulose (phenolic binder)	1,720	0.02	3194	--	--	--	2,698
Cellulosics subtotal	4,349,671	50.62	8,077,339	28.0	4,467,888	3,773,456	6,821,898
<b>Plastics</b>							
Polyethylene	1,540,000	17.92	2,859,780	--	--	--	2,415,291
PVC	1,040,000	12.10	1,931,280	--	--	--	1,631,106
Surgeon's gloves (latex)	582,000	6.77	1,080,774	15.0	2,393,512	2,021,494	912,792
Leaded rubber gloves (Lead-Hypalon- Neoprene)	596,000	6.94	1,106,772	2.0	319,135	269,533	934,749
Hypalon	114,000	1.33	211,698	--	--	--	178,794
Neoprene	129,000	1.50	239,553	--	--	--	202,320
Viton	133	0.00	247	--	--	--	209
Teflon	41,000	0.48	76,137	--	--	--	64,303
Plexiglass	18,900	0.22	35,097	--	--	--	29,642
Styrofoam	330	0.00	613	--	--	--	518
Plastic prefilters	33,600	0.39	62,395	--	--	--	52,697
Polystyrene	2,560	0.03	4,754	--	--	--	4,015
Conwed pads	2,030	0.02	3,770	--	--	--	3,184
Other plastics	75,500	0.88	140,204	--	--	--	118,412
Other rubber (kalrez)	--	0.00	0	--	--	--	0
Other rubber undefined	7,530	0.09	13,983	--	--	--	11,810
Plastics subtotal	4,182,583	48.68	7,767,057	55.0	8,776,209	7,412,145	6,559,842

<sup>a</sup> The estimated mass of the INEL and LANL containers (3.590 Gg) was subtracted from the 9.170 Gg of metal (Drez, May 9, 1989, Letter [Appendix A]) to obtain the estimated steel mass of 5.580 Gg.

The volume of the inventory for the estimates from Drez (1989) was based on 283,298 drums, 0.21 m<sup>3</sup>, 5,541 4x4x7 boxes, 3.17 m<sup>3</sup>, and 9,502 SWBs 1.9 m<sup>3</sup>. Using this estimate results in the volume as 95,111 m<sup>3</sup>. The ratio between the estimated volume and the design volume is 1.846.

<sup>b</sup> Drez, P. 1989. "Preliminary Nonradionuclide Inventory of CH-TRU waste," letter to L. Brush, May 9, 1989 (Appendix A).

<sup>c</sup> Butcher, B. 1989. Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Simulated Waste Compositions and Mechanical Properties. SAND89-0372. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

<sup>d</sup> For these estimates, the percentages were assumed to be correct and the total mass was based on combustibles having an average mass of 40 kg per drum for a total mass of 13.477 Gg; the metals and glass having an average mass of 64.5 kg per drum for a total mass of 19.844 Gg.

Table 3.4-12. Estimates of Masses for a CH Design Volume (Concluded)<sup>a</sup>

	Source 1 <sup>b</sup> (kg)	Source 1 (%)	Design (kg)	Source 2 <sup>c</sup> (%)	Source 2 (kg)	Source 2 <sup>d</sup> (kg)	Design <sup>d</sup> (kg)
<b>Other</b>							
Blacktop	18,800	0.22	34,912	--	--	--	29,485
Other	41,700	0.49	77,437	17.0	2,712,647	2,291,027	65,401
Other subtotal	60,500	0.70	112,349	17.0	2,712,647	--	94,886
<b>Total Combustible</b>	<b>8,592,754</b>		<b>15,956,744</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>15,956,744</b>	<b>13,476,627</b>	<b>13,476,627</b>
<b>METALS</b>							
Aluminum	666,000	5.44	1,229,436	14.0	3,164,476	2,778,125	1,079,334
Beryllium	8,640	0.07	15,949	--	--	--	14,002
Cadmium	5	0.00	9	--	--	--	8
Chromium	5	0.00	9	--	--	--	8
Copper	300,000	2.45	553,800	11.0	2,486,374	2,182,812	486,187
Iron	2,620,000	21.40	4,836,520	--	--	--	4,246,029
Lead		0.00	0	7.0	1,582,238	1,389,062	0
Metallic	513,000	4.19	946,998	--	--	--	831,379
Glass (including glass mass)	1,120,000	9.15	2,067,520	--	--	--	1,815,096
Glove (including glove mass)	596,000	4.87	1,100,216	--	--	--	965,891
Lithium	1,030	0.01	1,901	--	--	--	1,669
Mercury	120	0.00	222	--	--	--	194
Paint cans	547,000	4.47	1,009,762	--	--	--	886,480
Platinum	1,500	0.01	2,769	--	--	--	2,431
Selenium	5	0.00	9	--	--	--	8
Silver	5	0.00	9	--	--	--	8
Steel	5,580,000	45.57	10,300,680	64.0	14,466,174	12,699,999	9,043,070
Shipping cans	217	0.00	401	--	--	--	352
Tantalum	125,000	0.02	230,750	4.0	904,136	793,750	202,578
Tungsten	20,000	0.16	36,920	--	--	--	32,412
Other	146,000	1.19	269,516	--	--	--	236,611
<b>Total Metals</b>	<b>12,244,527</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>22,603,397</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>22,603,397</b>	<b>19,843,748</b>	<b>19,843,748</b>

<sup>a</sup> The estimated mass of the INEL and LANL containers (3.590 Gg) was subtracted from the 9.170 Gg of metal (Drez, May 9, 1989, Letter [Appendix A]) to obtain the estimated steel mass of 5.580 Gg.

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<sup>d</sup> For these estimates, the percentages were assumed to be correct and the total mass was based on combustibles having an average mass of 40 kg per drum for a total mass of 13.477 Gg; the metals and glass having an average mass of 64.5 kg per drum for a total mass of 19.844 Gg.

1 **Comparison with Other Estimates**  
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3 The estimates that were made and discussed for the combustibles and the metals and glass for  
4 Table 3.4-10 used the average mass from Butcher (1989) for these components. The total  
5 volume for the stored and projected waste in Table 3.4-10 was 100,593 m<sup>3</sup> (3.6 x 10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>).  
6 The estimates from Drez (May 9, 1989, Letter [Appendix A]) were based on a total waste  
7 volume of 95,111 m<sup>3</sup> (3.4 x 10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>). A comparison of the results of the two estimates  
8 indicates some consistency. The total mass of combustibles was 8.59 Gg (1.9 x 10<sup>7</sup> lbm) in  
9 Drez (May 9, 1989, Letter [Appendix A]) and the estimates in Table 3.4-10 were about 7.30  
10 Gg (1.6 x 10<sup>7</sup> lbm). The mass of the metals and glass in Table 3.4-10 is about 11.60 Gg (2.6  
11 x 10<sup>7</sup> lbm). The estimate in Drez (1989) was a total mass of 15.80 Gg (3.5 x 10<sup>7</sup> lbm). This  
12 estimate included the mass of the containers for the INEL and LANL. If the estimated mass  
13 of the INEL and LANL containers in Table 3.4-7 (3.59 Gg [7.9 x 10<sup>6</sup> lbm] is subtracted from  
14 the total in Drez (1989), the estimated mass of the glass and metal waste is 12.21 Gg (2.7 x  
15 10<sup>7</sup> lbm).

2 **3.4.2 Composition of RH-TRU Contaminated Trash (Non-Radionuclide/  
3 Non-RCRA Inventory)**  
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6 **Volumes of Various Categories of RH-TRU Contaminated Waste**  
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10 Estimates of the weights and volumes of RH-TRU constituents that affect gas generation,  
11 transport, and room properties are required for performance assessment. However, the  
12 weight of RH inventory was not included in the current analyses. The total RH inventory  
13 has changed considerably in the last several years. The following discussion presents a  
14 method that was used to estimate the characterization of the RH inventory. The method  
15 resulted in estimates of the volume and weights of waste by generator site; however, these  
16 results should not be interpreted as indicative of the weights and volumes that a specific site  
17 may generate.

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19 From the information in the IDBs, an estimate of the total volume and the percentage of  
20 selected constituent forms may be identified. Table 3.4-13 summarizes the information for  
21 the last four years and shows that the estimated total volume increase from 2,500 m<sup>3</sup> (8.83 x  
22 10<sup>4</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>) in 1988 to about 5,300 m<sup>3</sup> (1.87 x 10<sup>5</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>) in 1990 (Figure 3.4-5). The reasons for  
23 the large increase are discussed in the 1990 IDB.

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25 For the current PA calculations, it was assumed that the maximum allowed RH volume of  
26 7,079 m<sup>3</sup> (0.25 x 10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>) will be emplaced in the WIPP. The following discussion presents  
27 the method that was used to estimate the total volumes of the waste constituents if the  
28 maximum volume of RH waste was emplaced. Input to the 1990 IDB was used as the basis  
29 for these estimates. The IDB presents estimates of the stored volume and projected (newly  
30 generated) volume for each generator site. The stored and projected volumes for the five  
31 sites that have or will generate RH waste are tabulated in Table 3.4-14. To estimate the  
32 additional volume required to reach the maximum volume, it was assumed that the generators  
33 of projected waste would provide the additional volume. The percentage of projected waste  
34 for each site was calculated and, based on this percentage, volumes for the five sites were  
35 calculated to provide an additional 1,735 m<sup>3</sup> (6.13 x 10<sup>4</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>). The scaled volumes for the five  
36 sites are shown in Table 3.4-14.

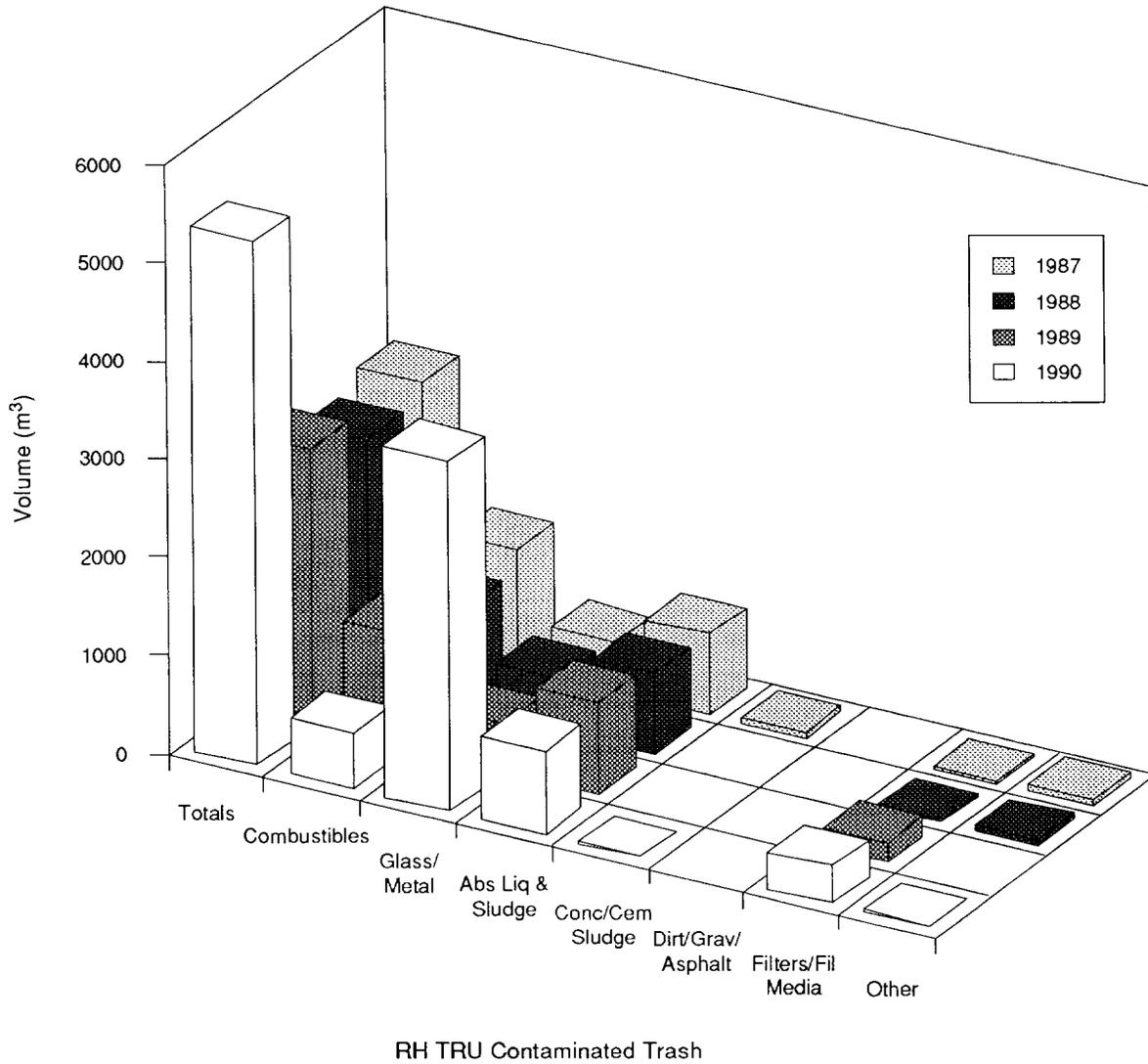
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38 The stored and newly generated (projected) RH volume in the 1990 IDB sum to about 5,300  
39 m<sup>3</sup> (8.83 x 10<sup>4</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>). The containers that will be placed in an RH canister have a different  
40 volume depending on the generator site. Therefore, a canister may not contain 0.89 m<sup>3</sup> (31.4  
41 ft<sup>3</sup>) of RH waste. U.S. DOE (1991) indicates that the submittals to the 1990 IDB total 7,622  
42 canisters. The total volume based on this number of canisters is 6,784 m<sup>3</sup> (2.4 x 10<sup>5</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>).  
43 U.S. DOE (1991) also discusses the number of uncertainties in the projection of the RH  
44 inventory and acknowledges that the details of the RH-TRU waste canister design should be  
45 revisited for re-evaluation. Because of the uncertainty in the RH inventory and the  
46 discussion in U.S. DOE (1991) on canister design, the smaller total stored plus projected  
47 volume of waste—not the volume of the canisters—was used as a scaling factor to estimate  
48 the RH radionuclide inventory for an RH design volume.

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Parameters for Unmodified Waste Form Including Containers

2 Table 3.4-13. Estimated Composition by Volume of RH-TRU Contaminated Trash from 1987 to 1990

3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1987	45.10	19.00	30.60	2.2	0.0	0.7	2.3	2690
1988	41.20	21.80	33.00	0.0	0.0	1.4	2.5	2500
1989	41.40	17.40	33.60	0.0	0.0	7.6	0.0	2812
1990	10.50	66.50	15.70	0.1	0.0	7.1	0.3	5344

\* Design volume is 7,079 m<sup>3</sup>.



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Figure 3.4-5. Changes in RH Waste Volume Estimates Between 1987 and 1990.

Table 3.4-14. Estimate of a Design Volume for RH-TRU Waste

Site	Stored Volume (1990 IDB) (m <sup>3</sup> )	Projected Volume (1990 IDB) (m <sup>3</sup> )	Total Volume (1990 IDB) (m <sup>3</sup> )	Scaled Volume* (m <sup>3</sup> )	Estimated Design Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )
ANL-E	--	81.6	81.6	36.8	118.4
HANF	137	3535.2	3672.2	1,596.0	5,268.2
INEL	29.5	76.8	106.3	34.7	141.0
LANL	28.4	4.8	33.2	2.2	35.4
ORNL	1307	144.0	1,451.0	65.0	1,516.0
Total	1,501.9	3,842.4	5,344.3	1,734.7	7,079

\* Assuming that ANL, HANF, INEL, LANL, and ORNL provide the difference between the current total inventory and the design volume. The difference between the total volume of 5,344 m<sup>3</sup> in the 1990 IDB and the design volume of 7,079 m<sup>3</sup> (0.25x10<sup>6</sup> ft<sup>3</sup>) was ratioed between the five sites based on their estimated annual generation rates.

1 **3.4.3 Inventory of Organic RCRA Contaminants**

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3 Hazardous materials are not regulated under *40 CFR 191*, but are regulated separately by the  
4 EPA and New Mexico. Some trace organic chemicals could affect the ability of radionuclides  
5 to migrate out of the repository, at least initially, until microbial activity destroyed them.  
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7 A major RCRA constituent of CH-TRU waste is lead that is present as incidental shielding,  
8 glovebox parts, and linings of gloves and aprons (U.S. DOE, 1990d). Trace quantities of  
9 mercury, barium, chromium, and nickel have also been reported in some sludges (U.S. DOE,  
10 1990d).  
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12 Two RH-TRU waste forms contain hazardous chemical constituents. A solid waste  
13 containing mixtures of combustibles and noncombustibles was removed from a hot cell  
14 facility at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. This waste will not contain free liquids or  
15 particulates. In addition, fuel sludges and process sludges will be solidified. This waste will  
16 be a solid monolith (U.S. DOE, 1990d). Quantities of the above-mentioned RCRA  
17 constituents are being compiled for calculations necessary for the No-Migration Variance  
18 Petition but are not available at this time.  
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1 **3.4.4 Capillary Pressure and Relative Permeability**

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4 **Threshold Displacement Pressure,  $p_t$**

5	<b>Parameter:</b>	Threshold displacement pressure ( $p_t$ )
6	<b>Median:</b>	$2.02 \times 10^3$
7	<b>Range:</b>	$2.02 \times 10^2$
8		$2.02 \times 10^5$
9	<b>Units:</b>	Pa
10	<b>Distribution:</b>	Lognormal
11	<b>Source(s):</b>	Davies, P. B. 1991. <i>Evaluation of the Role of Threshold Pressure in Controlling Flow of Waste-Generated Gas into Bedded Salt at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</i> . SAND90-3246. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.
12		Davies, P. B. 1991. "Uncertainty Estimates for Threshold Pressure for 1991 Performance Assessment Calculations Involving Waste-Generated Gas." Internal memo to D. R. Anderson (6342), June 2, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume)

2 **Residual Saturations**

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5 **Parameter:** **Residual wetting phase (liquid) saturation ( $S_{lr}$ )**  
6 **Median:**  $2.76 \times 10^{-1}$   
7 **Range:**  $5.52 \times 10^{-1}$   
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10 **Units:** Dimensionless  
11 **Distribution:** Cumulative  
12 **Source(s):** Brooks, R. H. and A. T. Corey. 1964. "Hydraulic Properties of  
13 Porous Media," Hydrology Papers, No. 3. Fort Collins, CO:  
14 Colorado State University  
15 Davies, P. B. and A. M. LaVenue. 1990b. "Additional Data for  
16 Characterizing 2-Phase Flow Behavior in Waste-Generated Gas  
17 Simulations and Pilot Point Information for Final Culebra 2-D  
18 Model," Memo 11 in Appendix A of Rechar et al., 1990. *Data  
19 Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste  
20 Isolation Pilot Plant*. SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia  
21 National Laboratories  
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24 **Parameter:** **Residual gas saturation ( $S_{gr}$ )**  
25 **Median:**  $7 \times 10^{-2}$   
26 **Range:**  $3.5 \times 10^{-2}$   
27  $1.4 \times 10^{-1}$   
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29 **Units:** Dimensionless  
30 **Distribution:** Cumulative  
31 **Source(s):** Brooks, R. H. and A. T. Corey. 1964. "Hydraulic Properties of  
32 Porous Media," Hydrology Papers, No. 3. Fort Collins, CO:  
33 Colorado State University  
34 Davies, P. B. and A. M. LaVenue. 1990b. "Additional Data for  
35 Characterizing 2-Phase Flow Behavior in Waste-Generated Gas  
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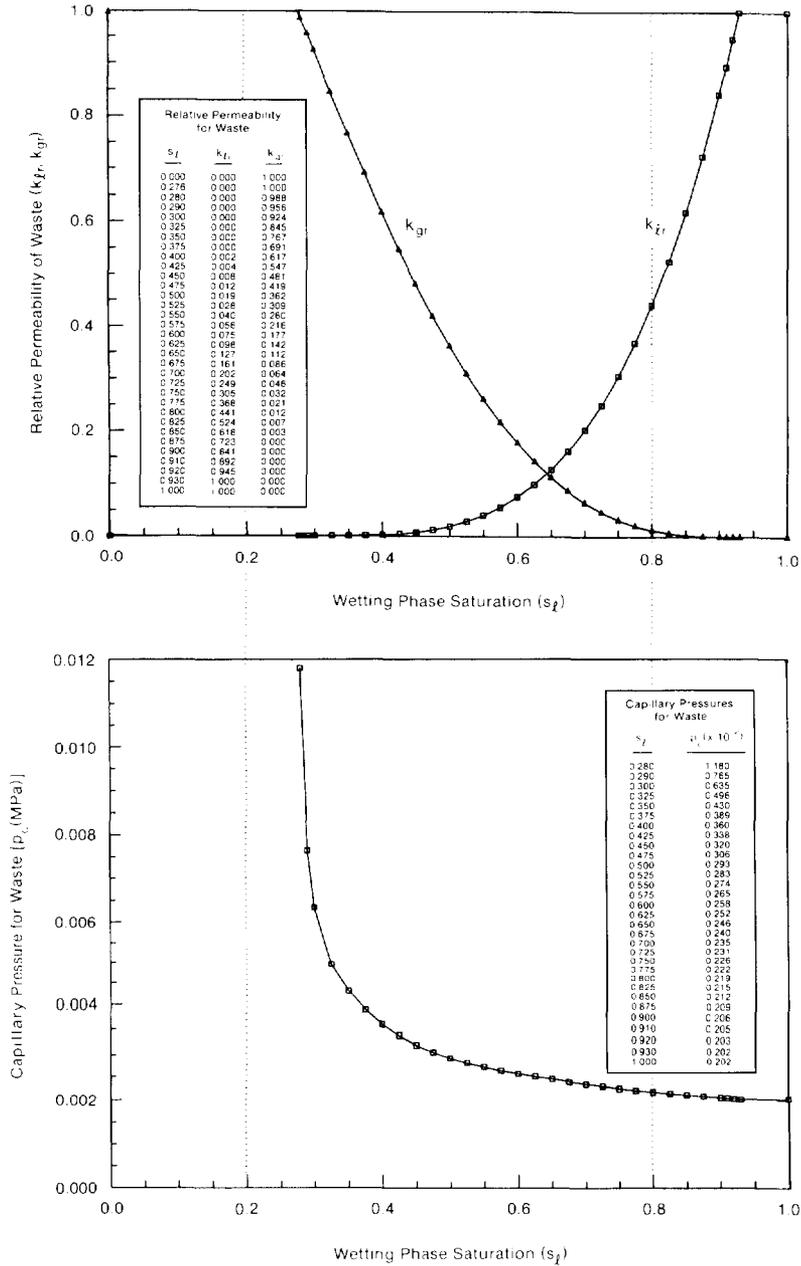
1 **Brooks and Corey Exponent**

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Brooks and Corey exponent (<math>\eta</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	2.89
<b>Range:</b>	1.44
	5.78
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Based on information in Brooks, R. H. and A. T. Corey. 1964. "Hydraulic Properties of Porous Media," Hydrology Papers, No. 3. Fort Collins, CO: Colorado State University.

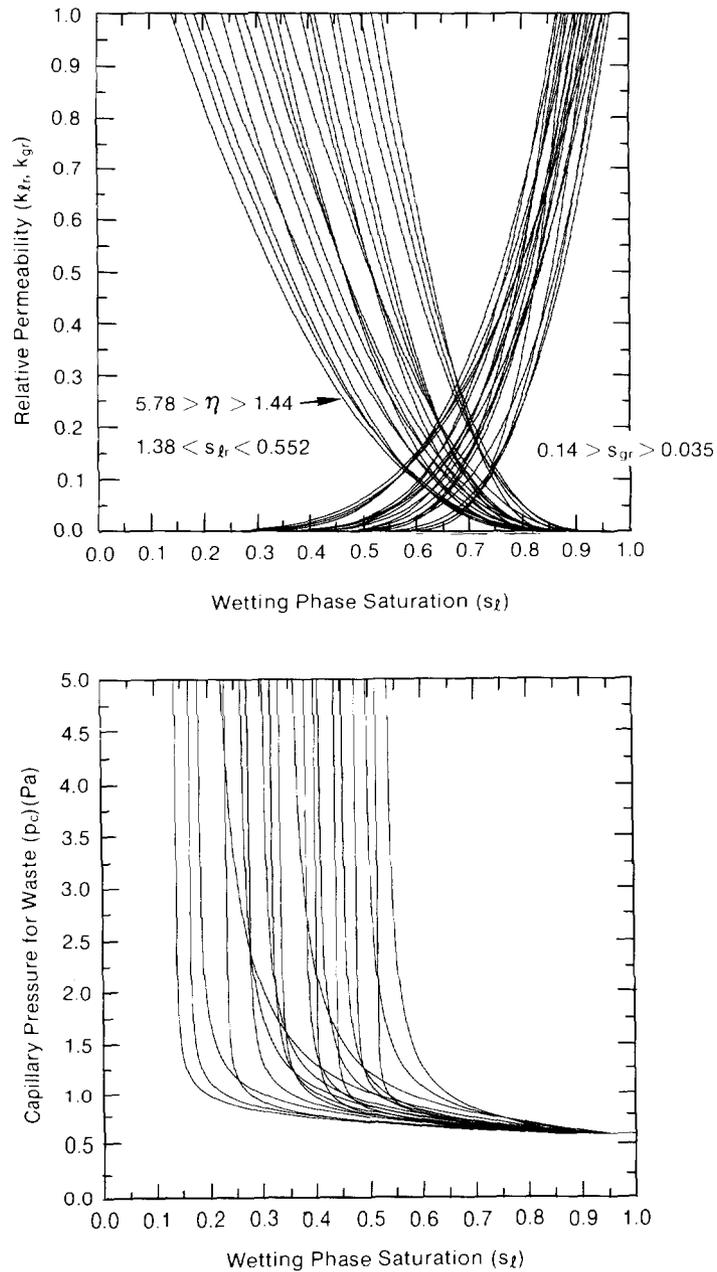
2 Capillary Pressure and Relative Permeability

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6 Figures 3.4-6a and 3.4-6b show the assumed values for capillary pressure and relative  
7 permeability, respectively. Figure 3.4-7 is an example of the variation in relative  
8 permeability and capillary pressure when Brooks and Corey parameters are varied.



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Figure 3.4-6. Estimated Capillary Pressure and Relative Permeability for Unmodified Waste.



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Figure 3.4-7. Example of Variation in Relative Permeability and Capillary Pressure for Unmodified Waste When Brooks and Corey Parameters Are Varied.

2 **Discussion:**

3 The correlations for these values were developed as discussed in the Chapter 2 section,  
4 "Hydrologic Parameters for Halite and Polyhalite within the Salado Formation." Preliminary  
5 parameter values were obtained from Brooks and Corey (1964). Their experimental data for a  
6 "poorly sorted, fragmented mixture of granulated clay, fragmented sandstone, and volcanic  
7 sand" were used as the natural analog.

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9 An initial range was selected for the purpose of being able to run sensitivity parameter  
10 studies. The ranges shown for the parameters are quite arbitrary, corresponding to a simple  
11 doubling and halving of the median values.

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13 Because the threshold displacement pressure ( $p_t$ ) is so small, current PA calculations set the  
14 value to zero (only in the waste). This allows pressure to equilibrate faster within the waste  
15 by permitting the easy movement of phases throughout the waste and thereby reducing the  
16 computational burden of codes modeling the two-phase phenomenon.

### 3.4.5 Drilling Erosion Parameters

Two waste-dependent parameters influencing the amount of material that erodes from the borehole wall during drilling are shear stress generated by the drilling fluid (mud) and waste shear strength.

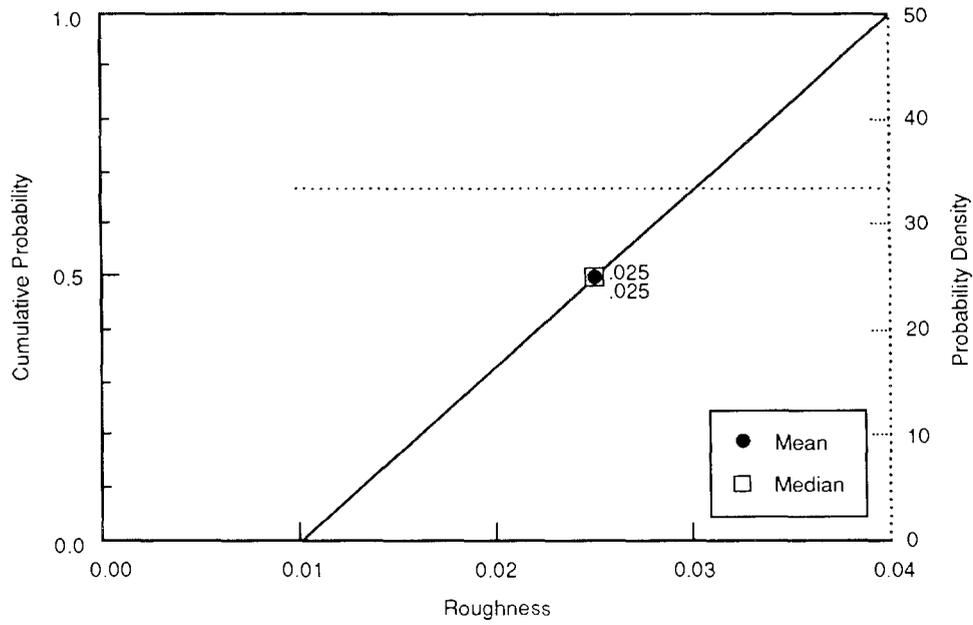
#### Absolute Roughness

<b>Parameter:</b>	Absolute roughness of waste ( $\epsilon$ )
<b>Median:</b>	$2.5 \times 10^{-2}$
<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-2}$ $4 \times 10^{-2}$
<b>Units:</b>	m
<b>Distribution:</b>	Uniform
<b>Source(s):</b>	Streeter, V. L., and E. B. Wylie. 1975. <i>Fluid Mechanics</i> . Sixth Edition. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill Book Co. (Figure 5.32)

#### Discussion:

For turbulent flow, the shear stress of the drilling fluid (mud) acting on the borehole wall is dependent upon the relative surface roughness ( $\epsilon/d$ ) at the repository level, where  $\epsilon$  is the absolute roughness or the average depth of well irregularities, and for flow within an annulus  $d$  is the hydraulic diameter. The variable,  $d$ , is defined as the difference in borehole diameter and collar diameter. As erosion increases the borehole diameter, the relative roughness decreases if  $\epsilon$  is fixed. The current value chosen for PA calculations exceeds that of riveted steel piping, one of the roughest pipes for which data is frequently given (Moody diagram) (Streeter and Wylie, 1975, Figure 5.32).

Figure 3.4-8 provides the distribution for waste absolute roughness.



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Figure 3.4-8. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Waste Absolute Roughness.

2 **Effective Shear Strength for Erosion**

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Effective shear strength for erosion (<math>\tau_{fail}</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	1
<b>Range:</b>	1 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> 1 x 10 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Units:</b>	Pa
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Sargunam, A., P. Riley, K. Arulanadum, and R. B. Krone. 1973. "Physico-Chemical Factors in Erosion of Cohesive Soils." <i>Journal of the Hydraulics Division, American Society of Civil Engineers</i> 99: 555-558. Henderson, F. M. 1966. <i>Open Channel Flow</i> . New York: Macmillan Publishing Co. (Figure 10-5)

20 **Discussion:**

22 The effective shear strength for erosion (allowable tractive force) equals the threshold\* value of fluid shear stress required to sustain general erosion at the borehole wall. Parthenaides and Paaswell (1970), in discussing investigations on the erosion of seabed sediments and in channels, has noted that this effective soil shear strength is not related to the soil shear strength as normally determined from conventional soil tests. The effective shear strength for erosion is smaller by several orders of magnitude than the macroscopic soil shear strength.

29 Following the experimental work of Sargunam et al. (1973) on erosion of cohesive soils (see Figure 4.2-6 in Chapter 4), the PA Division assumed an effective shear strength for erosion ( $\tau_{fail}$ ) for the unmodified waste of 1 Pa (1.45 x 10<sup>-4</sup> psi), a value at the low end of the range for loose (uncompacted) montmorillonite clay. The erodible shear strength of a noncohesive, fine sand (diameter near 2.5 x 10<sup>-4</sup>) is also about 1 Pa (1.45 x 10<sup>-4</sup> psi) (Henderson, 1966, Figure 10-5). Because the erodibility of the material at any given velocity is highly dependent on the effective diameter of the material—and for cohesive materials, its degree of compaction and plasticity index (Henderson, 1966)—the upper limit can be quite large (greater than 100 Pa). However, PA calculations assume only an order-of-magnitude range since values much greater than 10 Pa preclude erosion.

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The threshold of sediment movement (erosion) cannot be defined with absolute precision, because as the fluid shear stress gradually increases (due to velocity increase) there is no precise point at which sediment movement suddenly becomes general. Rather, at first only a few grains are dislodged every few seconds, then grain movement becomes more frequent until it affects the entire bed.

1 **3.4.6 Partition Coefficients for Clays in Salt Backfill**  
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4 Table 3.4-15 provides assumed partition coefficients for salt backfill.  
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7 Table 3.4-15. Partition Coefficients for Salt Backfill  
8 Containing Trace (0.1%) Amounts of  
9 Clay (after Lappin et al., 1989, Table D-  
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15	Radionuclide	Partition Coefficient* (m <sup>3</sup> /kg)
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18	Am	1 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
19	Np	1 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
20	Pb	1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
21	Pu	1 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
22	Ra	1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
23	Th	1 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
24	U	1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
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35 See discussion in Section 3.2.4.  
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### 3.4.7 Permeability

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Permeability (k), combustibles</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$1.7 \times 10^{-14}$
<b>Range:</b>	$2 \times 10^{-15}$ $2 \times 10^{-13}$
<b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Butcher, B. M., T. W. Thompson, R. G. Van Buskirk, and N. C. Patti. 1991. <i>Mechanical Compaction of WIPP Simulated Waste</i> . SAND90-1206. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Permeability (k), metals/glass</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$5 \times 10^{-13}$
<b>Range:</b>	$4 \times 10^{-14}$ $1.2 \times 10^{-12}$
<b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Butcher, B. M., T. W. Thompson, R. G. Van Buskirk, and N. C. Patti. 1991. <i>Mechanical Compaction of WIPP Simulated Waste</i> . SAND90-1206. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Permeability (k), sludge</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$1.2 \times 10^{-16}$
<b>Range:</b>	$1.1 \times 10^{-17}$ $1.7 \times 10^{-16}$
<b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Butcher, B. M., T. W. Thompson, R. G. Van Buskirk, and N. C. Patti. 1991. <i>Mechanical Compaction of WIPP Simulated Waste</i> . SAND90-1206. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

1 **Discussion:**

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3 The permeability for the combustibles was estimated from a few tests on simulated waste  
4 (Butcher, 1990). After crushing a mixture of 60% by weight of pine cubes and 40% of rags  
5 for 30 days at 14 MPa, the permeability started at  $2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ m}^2$  (200 mD) and dropped to  $2 \times$   
6  $10^{-15} \text{ m}^2$  (2 mD), which defined the maximum range for combustibles. (A similar test had a  
7 steady permeability of  $1.3 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}^2$  (13 mD); two tests on a mixture of 40% plastic bottles,  
8 40% PVC parts, and 20% gloves had permeabilities of 0 and  $2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$  [0 and 25 mD].)  
9 The median permeability of  $1.7 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}^2$  (17 mD) for combustible waste was estimated  
10 from the average of two tests on a simulated waste mixture consisting of 45% of the above  
11 plastics and 37% of the above wood mixture plus 9% 1-inch metal parts and 9% dry Portland  
12 cement.

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14 The maximum and median values for permeability of the metals and glass component of the  
15 waste were estimated using 50% 1-inch metal parts and 50% magnetite that were crushed for  
16 one day. The latter material represented the corroded metal. One test had an initial  
17 permeability of  $5.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{ m}^2$  (500 mD) (used as the median value), but dropped to  $4 \times 10^{-15}$   
18  $\text{m}^2$  (4 mD) (used as the minimum value). (A second test had a steady permeability of  $1.1 \times$   
19  $10^{-14} \text{ m}^2$  [11 mD].) The maximum permeability is the value estimated for uncorroded metal  
20 waste in Lappin et al. (1989, p 4-56).

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22 **Mean Permeability of Drum.** For computational ease, the PA Division assumed that the  
23 permeabilities of each component were uniformly distributed from the minimum to the  
24 maximum values given above in evaluating the permeability of an average drum.  
25 Consequently, the distribution of local permeability (i.e., the effective permeability of a  
26 collapsed drum) was the weighted sum of uniform distributions, the weights being percent by  
27 volume of each component.

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29 Assuming that the volume fractions of the components are 40% combustibles, 40%  
30 metals/glass, and 20% sludge (values reported in Table 3.4-1 rounded to one significant digit),  
31 it is easily calculated that the expected permeability on the scale of a drum ( $0.27 \text{ m}^3$  or  $9.5$   
32  $\text{ft}^3$ ) is

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$$E(k) = \mu_{\text{perm}} = \int k f(\eta) d\eta = 1.7 \times 10^{-13} \text{ m}^2 \quad (3.4-1)$$

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36 and the coefficient of variation  $[V(k)]^{1/2}/E(k)$  is

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$$\begin{aligned} ([V(k)]^{1/2}/E(k))^2 &= (\sigma/\mu_{\text{perm}})^2 \\ &= (\int m^2 f(\eta) d\eta)^{1/2} / \mu_{\text{perm}} = [E(k - \mu)^2]^{1/2} / \mu_{\text{perm}} = 1.22 \end{aligned} \quad (3.4-2)$$

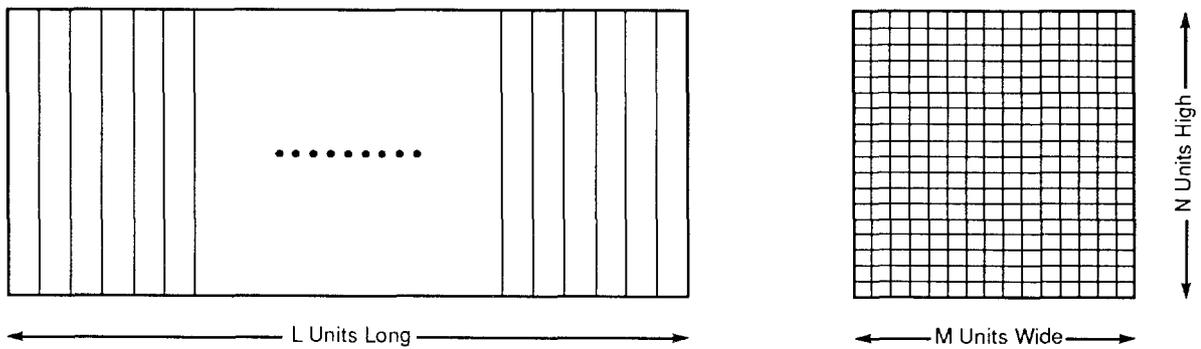
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- 41  $E(k)$  = expectation of  $k$   
42  $V(k)$  = variance of  $k$

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1 The foregoing estimates establish the statistical properties of the permeability of a *single*,  
2 typical collapsed waste drum. These properties are next used to estimate the distribution of  
3 the material-property parameter: effective hydraulic conductivity of an entire, collapsed  
4 WIPP room. To estimate distribution of effective hydraulic conductivity of a room, we must  
5 make further assumptions about the way waste drums are sorted and placed into particular  
6 rooms: in the absence of any firm plans for sorting waste drums, we are forced to assume  
7 that any waste drum is equally likely to be placed in any of the (approximately) 120 rooms.  
8 Hence, there is no spatial correlation between two adjacent drums in the same room, and the  
9 "cookie cutter" autocorrelation function (see Chapter 1) is applicable with a correlation  
10 volume,  $a^3$ , of the order of the volume of a collapsed waste drum.

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12 **Model of WIPP Room.** The collapsed WIPP room is modeled as a rectangular parallelepiped  
13 composed of many, small rectangular parallelepipeds (the collapsed drums) (Figure 3.4-9).  
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18 Figure 3.4-9. Model of Collapsed WIPP Room

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The collapsed drums will be called "units." In Figure 3.4-8 above,  $LMN = 6804$ , or

- L = number of replications of the unit down length of a room (~162, Figure 3.1-3)
- M = number of replications of the unit across a room (~14, Figure 3.1-3)
- N = number of replications of the unit vertically (3, Figure 3.1-3).

With each unit is associated a local porosity

$$\phi_{lmn} \text{ - local porosity (assumed isotropic)}$$

and a local hydraulic conductivity

$$k_{lmn} \text{ - local hydraulic conductivity (assumed isotropic)}$$

As previously stated, it is assumed that  $\phi_{lmn}$  and  $k_{lmn}$  are independent, identically distributed random variables; i.e., the  $\phi_{lmn}$  have a density function  $f(c)$  and the  $k_{lmn}$  have density function  $g(k)$ .

1 **Effective Permeability.** The first problem is to find the distribution of  $k_{\text{eff}}$ , where

$$2 \quad J = k_{\text{eff}} \frac{\Delta h}{x},$$

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7  $\Delta h$  being the applied pressure-head difference across the room in the  $x$ -direction. Now, from  
8 Freeze & Cherry (1979, p. 34, Eq. 2.32), the effective permeability,  $k_{\ell}$ , of the  $\ell^{\text{th}}$  slab  
9 follows (flow parallel to layering):

$$10 \quad k_{\ell} = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{n=1}^N k_{\ell mn} \quad (3.4-3)$$

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19 Thus, viewing the slabs  $\ell = 1, 2, \dots, L$  as layers and the flow being perpendicular to these layers,  
20 we have from Freeze & Cherry (1979, p. 34, Eq. 2.31)

$$21 \quad k_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{L \sum_{\ell=1}^L \frac{1}{k_{\ell}}} \quad (3.4-4)$$

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32 Now if  $E[k_{\ell mn}] = \mu$  and  $\text{Var}[k_{\ell mn}] = \sigma^2$  (i.e., it is assumed that the  $k_{\ell mn}$  are independent,  
33 identically distributed [iid] random variables with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ ), and if  $MN \gg 1$ ,  
34 then by the Central Limit Theorem (Ross, 1985, p. 70), the random variable  $K_{\ell}$  is  
35 approximately normally distributed, i.e.,

$$36 \quad \Pr(k_{\ell} \leq x) \rightarrow \Phi \left( \frac{\sqrt{MN} (x - \mu)}{\sigma} \right) \text{ as } MN \rightarrow \infty$$

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where

$$54 \quad \Phi(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^y e^{-x^2/2} dx \text{ (the standard normal distribution)}$$

55 In other words,  $k_{\ell}$  is approximately normally distributed with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma_k^2 =$   
56  $\sigma^2/MN$ .

57 Gauss' approximation formulae (Blom, 1989, p. 125) are next used to estimate the mean and  
58 variance of the distribution of  $k_{\text{eff}}$ , given that the mean and variance of the  $k_{\ell}$  are  
59 respectively  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2/MN$ . Using these formulae and Eq. 3.4-4 gives, for the mean value,

$$60 \quad E[k_{\text{eff}}] \sim \frac{1}{\frac{1}{L} \sum_{\ell=1}^L \frac{1}{\mu}} = \mu \quad (3.4-5)$$

and for the variance,

$$\text{Var}[k_{\text{eff}}] \sim \sum_{\ell=1}^L \text{Var}[k_{\ell}] \cdot \left[ \left( \frac{\delta k_{\text{eff}}}{\delta k_{\ell}} \right)_{k_{\ell}=\mu} \right]^2 = \sum_{\ell=1}^L \frac{\sigma^2}{MN} \cdot \frac{1}{L^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{MNL}$$

(3.4-6)

Magnitudes of these quantities can be estimated using the preliminary permeability estimates (Eqs. 3.4-1 and 3.4-2),

$$\mu_{\text{perm}} = 1.7 \times 10^{-13} \text{ m}^2 (1.25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m/s})$$

$$\sigma_{\text{perm}} = 2.07 \times 10^{-13} \text{ m}^2 (1.52 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m/s}),$$

and taking  $L = 162$ ,  $M = 14$ , and  $N=3$ . The results are

$$E[k_{\text{eff}}] \sim \mu = 1.7 \times 10^{-13} \text{ m}^2 (1.25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m/s})$$

and coefficient of variation of

$$\frac{E(k_{\text{eff}})}{V(k_{\text{eff}})} \sim [(MNL)^{-1/2}] \cdot (\sigma/\mu) = 1.48 \times 10^{-2}.$$

The small coefficient of variation suggests that the distribution of  $k_{\text{eff}}$  is highly concentrated about the mean value,  $\mu$ . The mean varies only slightly with the permeability estimate in Lappin et al., 1989. To be consistent with this and other previous work, the PA Division used a value of  $1 \times 10^{-13} \text{ m}^2$  (100 mD).

Because the coefficient of variation is so small, the PA Division did not sample on waste permeability nor adjust its value according to the waste composition as was done for porosity. The waste permeability was so high that a large decrease (~4 orders of magnitude) would be required to have a noticeable effect on results (Rechard et al., 1989, Figure 4-2), too large a decrease to be obtained from the currently assumed variation in waste composition. (The variance of the volume fraction of waste components adds directly [not reduced by the Central Limit Theorem] to the waste unit variance.)

1 **3.4.8 Porosity**  
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6	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Porosity (<math>\phi</math>), combustibles</b>
7	<b>Median:</b>	0.014
8	<b>Range:</b>	0.087
9		0.18
10	<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
11	<b>Distribution:</b>	Data
12	<b>Source(s):</b>	Butcher, B. M., T. W. Thompson, R. G. Van Buskirk, and N. C. Patti. 13 1991. <i>Mechanical Compaction of WIPP Simulated Waste.</i> 14 SAND90-1206. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

16	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Porosity (<math>\phi</math>), metals/glass</b>
18	<b>Median:</b>	0.40
19	<b>Range:</b>	0.33
20		0.44
21	<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
22	<b>Distribution:</b>	Data
23	<b>Source(s):</b>	Butcher, B. M., T. W. Thompson, R. G. Van Buskirk, and N. C. Patti. 24 1991. <i>Mechanical Compaction of WIPP Simulated Waste.</i> 25 SAND90-1206. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

27	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Porosity (<math>\phi</math>), sludge</b>
28	<b>Median:</b>	0.11
29	<b>Range:</b>	0.01
30		0.22
31	<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
32	<b>Distribution:</b>	Data
33	<b>Source(s):</b>	Butcher, B. M., T. W. Thompson, R. G. Van Buskirk, and N. C. Patti. 34 1991. <i>Mechanical Compaction of WIPP Simulated Waste.</i> 35 SAND90-1206. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

1 **Discussion:**

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3 The objective of the procedure described here for calculating panel porosity is to enable  
4 Performance Assessment to determine initial and final porosities of the panel in a manner  
5 that is consistent with the estimated actual inventory of the repository and with the need to  
6 vary the composition of the waste in PA calculations. First, the initial porosity will be  
7 calculated based on the design capacity of the repository and the design waste inventory  
8 estimates discussed in Section 3.4.1. Then the final porosity of a perfectly sealed panel (no  
9 gas escapes) will be determined. Finally, the procedure will be extended to variable waste  
10 compositions.

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12 **Initial Porosity.** The waste inventory is broken down into three IDB categories: metals and  
13 glass, combustibles, and sludge. In Section 3.4.1, a volume fraction of each of these  
14 categories,  $f_m = 0.368$ ,  $f_c = 0.403$ , and  $f_s = 0.229$ , respectively, was estimated from which the  
15 volume of each category is calculated:

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17  $V_m = f_m V_w = 64,610 \text{ m}^3$

18  $V_c = f_c V_w = 70,750 \text{ m}^3$

19  $V_s = f_s V_w = 40,200 \text{ m}^3$

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21 where  $V_w = 175,600 \text{ m}^3$  ( $6.2 \times 10^6 \text{ ft}^3$ ), the design capacity of the repository.

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23 The mass of each category is then computed assuming a fixed average mass of waste category  
24 in each drum and the known volume of a drum,  $V_d = 0.21 \text{ m}^3$ . The average mass of each  
25 category per drum (not including the containers), as used in Table 3.4-9, is:

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27  $M_{dm} = 64.5 \text{ kg/drum}$

28  $M_{dc} = 40.0 \text{ kg/drum}$

29  $M_{ds} = 225. \text{ kg/drum}$

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31 A fixed average mass of container is also assumed to be portioned to each category, the  
32 values obtained from Table 3.4-9 being:

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34  $M_{cm} = 12.40 \text{ Gg}$

35  $M_{cc} = 13.29 \text{ Gg}$

36  $M_{cs} = 4.458 \text{ Gg}$

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38 The total mass of each category, including containers, in the full repository is then:

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40  $M_m = M_{dm} V_m / V_d + M_{cm} = 31.98 \text{ Gg}$

41  $M_c = M_{dc} V_c / V_d + M_{cc} = 26.77 \text{ Gg}$

42  $M_s = M_{ds} V_s / V_d + M_{cs} = 47.53 \text{ Gg}$

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1 The total mass of waste, including containers, is the sum of the masses of these three  
2 categories:

$$3 \quad M_w = M_m + M_c + M_s = 106.3 \text{ Gg}$$

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6 These figures can all be found in Table 3.4-9 (under the heading "Stored, Projected, and  
7 Scaled") and in Table 3.4-1, which summarizes the data.

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9 In addition to the waste, the repository will also contain salt backfill and an air gap between  
10 the top of the backfill and the ceiling of the repository. The masses of backfill and the  
11 initial air gap are:

$$12 \quad M_b = \rho_{bb} V_b = 219.2 \text{ Gg}$$
$$13 \quad M_a = \rho_a V_a = 0.1051 \text{ Gg}$$

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16 where  $\rho_{bb}$  and  $\rho_a$  are, respectively, the bulk density of backfill and the density of air (ideal  
17 gas with molecular weight 0.02897 kg/mol at atmospheric pressure [101.3 kPa] and 300.15 K):

$$18 \quad \rho_{bb} = 1280 \text{ kg/m}^3$$
$$19 \quad \rho_a = 1.18 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

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22 and the volume of salt backfill and air gap initially present when the repository is filled are  
23 (see Section 3.1.6):

$$24 \quad V_b = 171,200 \text{ m}^3$$

$$25 \quad V_a = 89,080 \text{ m}^3$$

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28 The total mass of waste, backfill, and air gap initially present in the repository is:

$$29 \quad M_t = M_w + M_b + M_a = 325.6 \text{ Gg}$$

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32 The bulk density of each category (including containers) and of the waste are:

$$33 \quad \rho_{bm} = M_m/V_m = 495 \text{ kg/m}^3$$
$$34 \quad \rho_{bc} = M_c/V_c = 378 \text{ kg/m}^3$$
$$35 \quad \rho_{bs} = M_s/V_s = 1182 \text{ kg/m}^3$$
$$36 \quad \rho_{bw} = V_w = 605 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

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39 The initial porosity of each category (including containers) and of the backfill are calculated  
40 from the above bulk densities and assumed values for the solid (grain) densities of each  
41 category (Butcher et al., 1991):

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1  $\rho_m = 3440 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
2  $\rho_c = 1310 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
3  $\rho_s = 2150 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
4  $\rho_b = 2140 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
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6 The solid densities of the three waste categories presumably include containers; this enables  
7 calculation of porosities in which a bulk density (including containers) is divided by a solid  
8 density (also including containers). The solid density of salt includes a 1% irreducible  
9 porosity that remains in compacted halite. To be fully consistent, the true grain density,  
10 2,160 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, should be used. This minor inconsistency will be corrected in the 1992 PA  
11 calculations. The porosities are then

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13  $\phi_m = 1 - \rho_{bm}/\rho_m = 0.856$   
14  $\phi_c = 1 - \rho_{bc}/\rho_c = 0.711$   
15  $\phi_s = 1 - \rho_{bs}/\rho_s = 0.450$   
16  $\phi_b = 1 - \rho_{bb}/\rho_b = 0.402$   
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18 Now the initial pore volumes of each category can be determined:

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20  $V_{pm} = \phi_m V_m = 55,310 \text{ m}^3$   
21  $V_{pc} = \phi_c V_c = 50,320 \text{ m}^3$   
22  $V_{ps} = \phi_s V_s = 18,100 \text{ m}^3$   
23  $V_{pb} = \phi_b V_b = 68,820 \text{ m}^3$   
24  $V_{pa} = V_a = 89,080 \text{ m}^3$   
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26 Summing, the net waste pore volume (including containers) is

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28  $V_{pw} = V_{pm} + V_{pc} + V_{ps} = 123,700 \text{ m}^3$   
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30 and the pore volume of the entire repository is initially

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32  $V_{pt} = V_{pw} + V_{pb} + V_{pa} = 281,600 \text{ m}^3$   
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34 The initial porosity of the repository for the design inventory is then

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36  $\phi_t = V_{pt}/V_t = 0.646$   
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38 where  $V_t$  is the initial excavated volume of the repository, excluding seals (Table 3.1-1)

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40  $V_t = 436,000 \text{ m}^3$   
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42 A number also of interest, though not needed for PA calculations, is the porosity of the waste  
43 alone, including containers, but excluding backfill and air gap:

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45  $\phi_w = V_{pw}/V_w = 0.705$   
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47 Table 3.4-16 summarizes the calculation of initial porosity of the repository.  
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Table 3.4-16. Summary of Initial Porosity Calculations

	Waste Volume Fraction	Initial Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Initial Mass (kg)	Bulk Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Solid Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Initial Porosity --	Pore Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Solids Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )
Metal+Glass	0.368	64,608	31,981,774	495	3,440	0.856	55,311	9,297
Combustibles	0.403	70,752	26,769,084	378	1,310	0.711	50,318	20,434
Sludge	0.229	40,204	47,533,716	1,182	2,150	0.450	18,095	22,109
Waste subtotal	1.000	175,564	106,284,574	605	2,050	0.705	123,724	51,840
Backfill		171,241	219,188,480	1,280	2,140	0.402	68,816	102,425
Air Gap		89,081	105,116	1	--	1.000	89,081	--
Total		436,023	325,578,170	747	2,109	0.646	281,621	154,265

Note: Figures for waste categories and subtotal include containers.

**Final Porosity.** The final porosity is calculated by assuming that no gas leaks from the repository and that the final gas pressure is equal to lithostatic pressure, 14.9 MPa. It is also assumed that the volume of solids in the repository is conserved. Knowing the corrodible metal content of the waste and the amount of biodegradables enables the total gas potential to be calculated. Adjusting for lithostatic pressure, this final potential gas volume, together with the air initially present (both in the air gap and in the initial pore spaces), constitutes the final pore volume of the repository.

The initial solids volume is the difference between the bulk volume and the pore volume of each category:

$$V_{sm} = V_m - V_{pm} = 9,297 \text{ m}^3$$

$$V_{sc} = V_c - V_{pc} = 20,430 \text{ m}^3$$

$$V_{ss} = V_s - V_{ps} = 22,110 \text{ m}^3$$

The initial solids volume in the waste is:

$$V_{sw} = V_w - V_{pw} = 51,840 \text{ m}^3$$

and the initial backfill solids volume is:

$$V_{sb} = V_b - V_{pb} = 102,400 \text{ m}^3$$

1 The total solids volume is the sum of waste solids volume and backfill solids volume:

$$2 \quad V_{st} = V_{sw} + V_{sb} = 154,300 \text{ m}^3$$

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5 Additional assumptions concerning the composition of the waste are needed. In the metals  
6 and glass category, only a portion of the total mass is corrodible and thus capable of  
7 producing gas. Of the metals listed in Table 3.4-11 (Design column), the following are  
8 considered corrodible: Iron, paint cans, steel, and shipping cans. The total mass of these  
9 materials in the Design inventory is

$$10 \quad M_{F_{ew}} = 14.31 \text{ Gg}$$

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12 and for gas potential calculations, the materials are assumed to be pure iron (Fe). The waste  
13 containers contain an even greater amount of corrodible metal. From Table 3.4-8, the  
14 container steel in the repository Design volume is

$$15 \quad M_{F_{ec}} = 26.13 \text{ Gg}$$

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17 This mass is also assumed to be pure iron for gas potential purposes. The total iron in the  
18 repository is

$$19 \quad M_{F_{et}} = M_{F_{ew}} + M_{F_{ec}} = 40.44 \text{ Gg}$$

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21 In the Combustibles category, only a portion is believed to be biodegradable. This portion  
22 includes all cellulose and 50% of certain rubbers, including surgeon's gloves (latex),  
23 hypalon, neoprene, and other rubber undefined. The total mass of biodegradables in the  
24 Design inventory, from Table 3.4-11, is

$$25 \quad M_{B_{io}} = 7.475 \text{ Gg}$$

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27 Details of the gas potential from iron corrosion are discussed in Section 3.3.8. It is assumed  
28 that corrosion and biodegradation reactions produce hydrogen gas. The median  
29 stoichiometric coefficient for hydrogen using the average corrosion reaction, Eq. 3.3-4, is

$$30 \quad s_{Fe} = 7/6 = 1.167 \text{ mol H}_2/\text{mol Fe}$$

31 and the molecular weight of iron is

$$32 \quad M_{Fe} = 0.05585 \text{ kg/mol Fe}$$

33 Then the gas potential from corrosion is

$$34 \quad M_{H_2Fe} = M_{F_{et}} s_{Fe} / M_{Fe} = 844.8 \text{ Mmol H}_2$$

1 Details of the gas potential from biodegradation are discussed in Section 3.3.9. The median  
2 stoichiometric coefficient for hydrogen using the average biodegradation reaction, Eq. 3.3-6,  
3 is

$$4 \quad s_{\text{Bio}} = 0.835 \text{ mol H}_2/\text{mol cellulose is}$$

7 and the molecular weight of cellulose is

$$9 \quad M_{\text{cell}} = 0.030 \text{ kg/mol cellulose}$$

11 Then the gas potential from corrosion is

$$13 \quad m_{\text{H}_2 \text{ Bio}} = M_{\text{Bio}} s_{\text{Bio}} / M_{\text{cell}} = 208 \text{ Mmol H}_2$$

17 The total gas potential using the design inventory and median reaction parameters is

$$19 \quad m_{\text{H}_2 \text{ t}} = m_{\text{H}_2 \text{ Fe}} + m_{\text{H}_2 \text{ Bio}} = 1.053 \text{ Gmol H}_2$$

23 Using a molar volume for H<sub>2</sub> of 1.822 x 10<sup>-4</sup> m<sup>3</sup>/mol H<sub>2</sub> (see Section 4.1.4), the volume of  
24 this hydrogen at 14.9 MPa and 300.15 K is

$$26 \quad V_{\text{H}_2} = 191,800 \text{ m}^3$$

30 In addition, the air initially present in the repository both in the air gap and in pore space is  
31 compressed from initial pressure, p<sub>i</sub>, of 101.325 kPa to final lithostatic pressure, p<sub>f</sub>, of 14.9  
32 MPa, resulting in a volume (assuming ideal gas behavior) of

$$34 \quad V_{\text{af}} = V_{\text{pt}} p_i / p_f = 1,915 \text{ m}^3$$

36 The total gas volume in the final repository at 14.9 MPa is

$$38 \quad V_{\text{g}} = V_{\text{H}_2} + V_{\text{af}} = 193,700 \text{ m}^3$$

42 Then the final porosity of a gas-tight repository containing the full amount of gas that is  
43 potentially producible is

$$45 \quad \phi_f = V_{\text{g}} / (V_{\text{g}} + V_{\text{st}}) = 0.557$$

47 **Final Porosity for Variable Waste Composition.** The porosity of a room or panel will vary  
48 with time as salt creep compresses the pore spaces while gas generation creates a time-  
49 dependent resistance to creep closure. These phenomena cannot yet be simulated accurately  
50 within the PA calculations, so some simplifying assumptions must be made. The first is that  
51 the porosity will not change over time, but instead will immediately attain the final porosity.

1 Second, it is assumed that the final porosity is the porosity of a gas-tight, perfectly sealed  
2 repository. Although this second assumption appears somewhat arbitrary, since almost any  
3 porosity between a sealed-room porosity and a completely open porosity (i.e., all gas escapes  
4 and causes no additional resistance to creep closure beyond what the solids impose) might be  
5 justified, preliminary calculations indicated that, barring any pressure release resulting from  
6 intrusions, the pressure in the repository generally reaches a value close to lithostatic, quite  
7 rapidly, and stays there for the duration of the 10,000-yr period. Furthermore, the  
8 permeabilities of the likeliest gas flow paths (the anhydrite layers and Marker Bed 139) are  
9 so low that little gas will escape over the 10,000 yr. Therefore, the repository will generally  
10 behave more like a gas-tight enclosure than like a very leaky one, so assuming it is gas-tight  
11 is reasonable.

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13 Because the composition of the waste that will ultimately fill the repository is not known  
14 with complete certainty, it is varied in the 1991 PA calculations. Variations in the  
15 composition of the waste result in different final porosities, because the gas potential  
16 changes, depending on how much corrodible metal and biodegradable material is present. In  
17 addition to the volume fractions of metals and glass and of combustibles, two other  
18 parameters that effect the final porosity are also varied in the PA calculation: the  
19 stoichiometric coefficients  $x_{Fe}$  and  $x_{Bio}$ .

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21 The procedure described above is used to calculate the final porosity. Three additional  
22 assumptions are required. First, the mass of containers is assumed to remain fixed; in  
23 particular, the mass of iron in the containers,  $M_{cm}$ , is assumed constant. Second, the mass  
24 fraction of metals and glass that is corrodible metal is assumed to be constant. This fraction  
25 is

$$26 \quad f_{mc} = M_{F_{ew}} / (M_m - M_{cm}) = 14.31 \text{ Gg} / 19.84 \text{ Gg} = 0.721$$

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29 Third, the mass fraction of combustibles that is biodegradable is assumed to be constant.  
30 This fraction is

$$31 \quad f_{cb} = M_{Bio} / (M_c - M_{cc}) = 7.475 \text{ Gg} / 13.48 \text{ Gg} = 0.555$$

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34 Then the total iron content in the repository is

$$35 \quad M_{F_{et}} = f_{mc} M_{dm} V_m / V_d + M_{F_{ec}}$$

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38 and the total biodegradable mass is

$$39 \quad M_{Bio} = f_{cb} M_{dc} V_c / V_d + M_{Bio_c}$$

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42 where  $M_{Bio_c}$ , the mass of biodegradable container material, is currently zero. The rest of  
43 the porosity calculation is the same as described above (except that the stoichiometric  
44 coefficients vary).

1 Brine saturation will also affect the final porosity. This effect has not been taken into  
2 account in these calculations because the brine saturation varies greatly during the 10,000 yr,  
3 and a consistent and accurate way to incorporate this effect has not been developed.

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5 Final room or panel height is calculated from the initial and final porosity. It is assumed  
6 that creep closure occurs only in the vertical direction, not horizontally. While not correct,  
7 this assumption has little effect on the results, except to make calculation of the final panel  
8 height much easier, since the floor area does not change.

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10 Assuming solids volume is conserved during closure,

$$11 \quad (1 - \phi_i)Ah_i = (1 - \phi_f)Ah_f$$

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14 where A is the floor area,  $h_i$  is the initial panel height, and  $h_f$  is the final panel height. The  
15 final panel height is then

$$16 \quad h_f = h_i(1 - \phi_i)/(1 - \phi_f)$$

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19 **Panel Averaging.** Some PA calculations, done on a panel scale, require that certain  
20 properties be averaged over the entire panel. This is particularly true for the two-phase  
21 flow calculations, which, because of time and size constraints, must be done using two-  
22 dimensional cylindrical geometry. This necessitates using properties for a full panel that  
23 combine properties of the waste and backfill with those of the intact salt pillars that  
24 separate rooms in a panel. Properties used in the models are generally area-weighted  
25 averages of the waste properties and the pillar properties. (A notable exception is  
26 permeability; waste permeability is used as the average permeability of a panel.)

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28 The average porosity of a panel is calculated from

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$$30 \quad \phi_{pav} = \frac{\phi_f A_{panx} + \phi_p A_{pil}}{A_{panx} + A_{pil}}$$

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36 where  $A_{panx}$  is the excavated floor area of a panel (11,640 m<sup>2</sup>, from Table 3.1-1),  $\phi_p$  is the  
37 constant median porosity of an undisturbed halite pillar (0.01, from Table 2.3-1), and  $A_{pil}$  is  
38 the area of the pillars in a panel,

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$$40 \quad A_{pil} = A_{pann} - A_{panx} = 17,780 \text{ m}^2$$

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42 where  $A_{pann}$  is the enclosed area of a panel (29,420 m<sup>2</sup>, from Table 3.1-1). Note that the  
43 height of the panel does not enter into the equation. This is true because of the assumption  
44 the salt creep occurs only vertically.

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46 The average initial brine saturation of a panel is calculated from  $S_{bw}$ , the initial brine  
47 saturation of the waste (a varied parameter), and the fixed brine saturation of undisturbed  
48 halite,  $S_{bpil}$  (1.0, i.e., fully saturated):

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$$50 \quad S_{bpav} = (S_{bw}\phi_f A_{panx} + S_{bpil}\phi_p A_{pil})/(\phi_f A_{panx} + \phi_p A_{pil})$$

1 **Minimum Porosity.** The minimum porosity is the porosity of the waste that is reached within  
2 about 200 yr without gas generation and sometime later (perhaps after 10,000 yr) with gas  
3 generation.

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5 Similar to the calculations presented for permeability, the porosity of the overall waste was  
6 estimated by combining, by volume, the estimated individual porosities (on the scale of a  
7 drum) of combustibles (plastic, gloves, pine wood, and rags), metal/glass (including corroded  
8 and uncorroded steel), and sludges (liquid waste mixed with cement). Estimates for the  
9 individual components from estimates of the density at 15 MPa (148 atm) are shown above  
10 (Butcher et al., 1991).

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12 Performance Assessment assumed that the porosities of each component were uniformly  
13 distributed between the minimum and maximum values given above. Consequently the  
14 distribution of local porosity (i.e., the porosity of a collapsed drum) was the weighted sum of  
15 uniform distributions.

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17 The resulting mean porosity depends on the final volume fraction of the individual  
18 components, which varies in the current PA calculations. For example, we may assume that  
19 the initial volume fractions are 40% combustibles, 40% metals/glass, and 20% sludge.

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21 Using the ranges of component porosity (Table 3.4-9), the pdf for porosity of a collapsed  
22 drum becomes

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$$p(\phi)d\phi = f_c \frac{d\phi}{0.093} + f_m \frac{d\phi}{0.11} + f_s \frac{d\phi}{0.21}$$

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27 where

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29  $f_c, f_m, f_s$  = volume fractions of combustibles, metals/glass, and sludges, respectively

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32 Holding these fractions fixed, the expected value of porosity of a collapsed drum,  $\mu_e$ , can be  
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$$\mu_e = \frac{f_c}{0.093} \int_{0.087}^{0.18} \phi d\phi + \frac{f_m}{0.11} \int_{0.33}^{0.44} \phi d\phi + \frac{f_s}{0.21} \int_{0.01}^{0.22} \phi d\phi \quad (3.4-7)$$

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$$= 0.134 f_c + 0.385 f_m + 0.115 f_s$$

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48 If the waste-component volume fractions are those given in Table 3.4-1, then

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$$\mu_e = 0.134 (.40) + 0.385 (.40) + 0.115 (.20) = 0.23$$

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1 The variance of the porosity of a collapsed drum,  $\sigma_e^2$ , can also be calculated:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_e^2 &= \frac{f_c}{0.093} \int_{0.087}^{0.18} \phi^2 d\phi + \frac{f_m}{0.11} \int_{0.33}^{0.44} \phi^2 d\phi + \frac{f_s}{0.21} \int_{0.01}^{0.22} \phi^2 d\phi - \mu_e^2 \\ &= 1.85 \times 10^{-2} f_c + 1.49 \times 10^{-1} f_m + 1.69 \times 10^{-2} f_s - \mu_e^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.4-8)$$

18 If the waste-component volume fractions are those given in Table 3.4-1,  $\sigma_e = 0.13$  and the  
19 coefficient of variation is 0.56.

22 **Effective Minimum Porosity.** The effective porosity of the collapsed WIPP room is given by  
23 (see Section 3.4.6, Permeability)

$$\phi_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{n=1}^N \phi_{\ell mn} \quad (3.4-9)$$

where

- 36 M = number of replications of units (waste drums) across a room (~14)
- 37 N = number of replications of units vertically (3)

40 Thus, if  $E[\phi_{\ell mn}] = \mu_e$  and  $\text{Var}[\phi_{\ell mn}] = \sigma_e^2$ , the Central Limit Theorem (Ross, 1985, p. 70)  
41 guarantees that

$$P_r \left\{ \phi_{\text{eff}} \leq x \right\} \rightarrow \Phi \left[ \frac{\sqrt{MN} (x - \mu_e)}{\sigma_e} \right] \text{ as } MN \rightarrow \infty$$

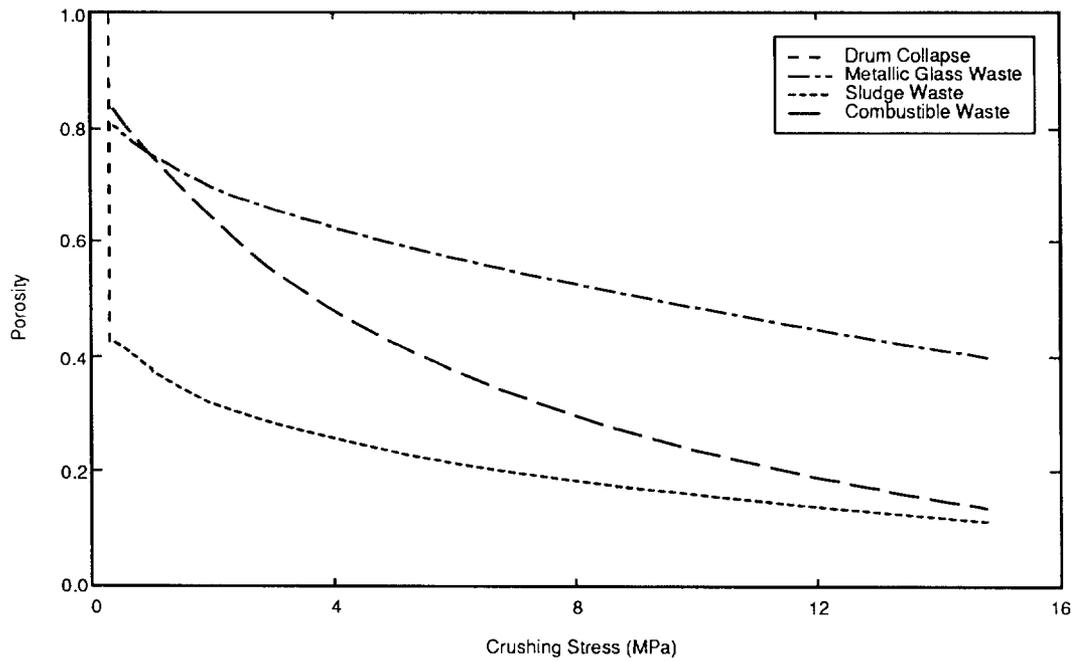
51 In other words,  $\phi_{\text{eff}}$  is approximately normally distributed with mean  $\mu_e$  and variance =  
52  $\sigma_e^2/MN$ .

54 The coefficient of variation of the effective porosity is therefore

$$(MN)^{-1/2} \sigma_e / \mu_e \quad (3.4-10)$$

60 where  $\mu_e$  and  $\sigma_e$  are given respectively by Eqs. 3.4-7 and 3.4-8. Numerical exploration of  
61 Eq. 3.4-10 with  $M=14$  and  $N=3$ , using several possible values of  $f_c$  and  $f_m$  will show that the  
62 coefficient of variation of the effective porosity is small enough (less than 10%) to justify not  
63 sampling on it. Instead, in the 1991 preliminary comparison, the PA Division sampled on the  
64 waste component volume fractions,  $f_c$ ,  $f_m$ , and  $f_s$ .

Figure 3.4-10 shows predicted consolidation curves for specific waste types.



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Figure 3.4-10. Predicted Consolidation Curves for Specific Waste Types, including Combustibles, Metals/Glass, and Sludge Wastes (after Butcher et al., 1991, Figure 4-1).

1 **3.4.9 Saturation**

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3	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Saturation, initial (<math>s_{\ell i}</math>)</b>
4	<b>Median:</b>	$1.38 \times 10^{-1}$
5	<b>Range:</b>	0
6		$2.76 \times 10^{-1}$
7	<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
8	<b>Distribution:</b>	Uniform
9	<b>Source(s):</b>	See text.

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14 **Discussion:**

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16 The initial fluid saturation ( $s_{\ell i}$ ) of the waste (trash, containers, and backfill) could

17 conceivably vary from 0 up to the residual saturation ( $s_{r\ell}$ ) assumed for the waste

18 provided no fluid is purposefully added. Although these endpoints are probably less

19 likely than some intermediate point, the PA Division did not attempt to more precisely

20 define this distribution and thus used a uniform distribution.

2 **3.5 Parameters for Salt-Packed Waste Form**

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Preliminary calculations suggest compliance with 40 CFR 191, Subpart B can be achieved for the repository as currently designed (Volume 1 of this report; Bertram-Howery et al., 1990; Bertram-Howery and Swift, 1990). However, potential modifications to the present design of the repository and waste are being explored. In last year's PA calculations, waste modification was simulated using modified values for waste permeability, porosity, and shear strength (Table 3.5-1). These values correspond to hypothetical properties of combustible and metallic waste that has been shredded, mixed with crushed salt to reduce void space, and repackaged in new containers. All other parameters for the modified waste remained identical to those of the unmodified waste (Table 3.4-1).

Table 3.5-1. Parameter Values for Salt-Packed Waste

Parameter	Median	Range	Units	Distribution Type	Source
Drilling Erosion Parameter					
Shear strength ( $\tau_{fail}$ )	5		Pa	Constant	Sargunam et al., 1973
Permeability(k)	$2.4 \times 10^{-17}$		m <sup>2</sup>	Constant	See text
Porosity ( $\phi$ )	$8.5 \times 10^{-2}$		none	Constant	See text; Butcher, 1990a

1 **3.5.1 Drilling Erosion Parameter**

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4 **Effective Shear Strength for Erosion**

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6 <b>Parameter:</b>	Effective shear strength for erosion ( $\tau_{fail}$ )
7 <b>Median:</b>	5
8 <b>Range:</b>	None
9 <b>Units:</b>	Pa
10 <b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
11 <b>Source(s):</b>	Sargunam, A., P. Riley, K. Arulanadum, and R. B. Krone. 1973. 12 "Physico-Chemical Factors in Erosion of Cohesive Soils." <i>Journal</i> 13 <i>of the Hydraulics Division, American Society of Civil Engineers</i> 99: 14 555-558. 15 16

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19 **Discussion:**

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21 The PA Division assumed a shear strength for erosion ( $\tau_{fail}$ ) for the modified waste of 5 Pa  
22 (49 atm), a value at the upper end of the range for montmorillonite clay (Sargunam et al.,  
23 1973).

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25 (See also Section 3.4.5.)  
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3.5.2 Permeability and Porosity

Permeability

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Permeability (k)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	2.4 x 10 <sup>-17</sup>
<b>Range:</b>	None
<b>Units:</b>	m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
<b>Source(s):</b>	See text.

Porosity

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Porosity (φ)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	8.5 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>
<b>Range:</b>	None
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
<b>Source(s):</b>	See text. Butcher, B. M., T. W. Thompson, R. G. Van Buskirk, and N. C. Patti. 1991. <i>Mechanical Compaction of WIPP Simulated Waste</i> . SAND90-1206. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. In preparation.

Discussion:

Effective permeability and porosity of a collapsed WIPP room filled with modified waste were calculated in a manner similar to the calculations for unmodified waste (Section 3.4.6, Permeability; Section 3.4.7, Porosity); i.e., the Central Limit Theorem (Ross, 1985, p. 70) was used to show that the distributions of effective permeability and porosity are highly concentrated about the mean values of permeability and porosity that apply to a waste unit (collapsed waste drum). Hypothetical distributions of permeability and porosity for a modified waste unit are tabulated in Table 3.5-2.

Table 3.5-2. Estimated Permeability and Porosity Distributions

Permeability	Porosity	Probability
10 <sup>-16</sup>	0.12	1.0
10 <sup>-19</sup>	0.08	0.5
10 <sup>-21</sup>	0.06	0.0

1 Using information in Table 3.5-2, it is easily verified that expected permeability ( $\mu_{\text{perm}}$ ) and  
2 porosity ( $\mu_{\text{por}}$ ) on the scale of a drum ( $0.27 \text{ m}^3$  or  $9.4 \text{ ft}^3$ ) are

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$$\mu_{\text{perm}} = 2.4 \times 10^{-17} \text{ m}^2 \quad (3.5-1)$$

$$\mu_{\text{por}} = 0.085 \quad (3.5-2)$$

13 and the coefficients of variation ( $\sigma/\mu$ ) are approximately 0.20.

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15 The effective porosity of a collapsed WIPP room filled with modified waste is therefore  
16 (Section 3.4.7) approximately normally distributed with mean  $\mu_{\text{por}} = 0.085$  and coefficient of  
17 variation  $\sim 0.20(\text{MN})^{-1/2} = 2.7 \times 10^{-2}$ ; the effective permeability is also approximately  
18 normally distributed (Section 3.4.6) with mean  $\mu_{\text{perm}} = 2.4 \times 10^{-17} \text{ m}^2$  and coefficient of  
19 variation  $\sim 0.20(\text{LMN})^{-1/2} = 2.2 \times 10^{-3}$ .

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21 Because the coefficients of variation are so small, the PA Division did not sample on either  
22 effective waste permeability or porosity.  
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1 **3.5.3 Solubility**

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4 **Discussion:**

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7 The solubility and leachability of the radionuclides will likely change, because the repository  
8 conditions (e.g., pH, Eh) will change. However, quantifying this change is difficult and has  
9 not yet been attempted for the PA calculations. Consequently, as with the unmodified,  
10 reference waste, the overall solubility ranges are the same as the extreme local scale  
11 (subregions within the drum) solubility; the leach rate from the contaminated material is  
12 assumed infinite.

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## 4. PARAMETERS OF GLOBAL MATERIALS AND AGENTS ACTING ON DISPOSAL SYSTEM

This chapter contains parameters for fluid properties, climate variability, and intrusion characteristics.

### 4.1 Fluid Properties

The fluid parameters tabulated in Table 4.1-1 include Salado and Culebra brine, drilling mud, and hydrogen gas.

Table 4.1-1. Fluid Properties

Parameter	Median	Range		Units	Distribution Type	Source
Brine, Salado (T = 27°C [300.15 K], p = 1 atm [0.101325 MPa])						
Compressibility	2.5 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	2.4 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	2.6 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	Pa <sup>-1</sup>	Normal	McTigue et al., March 14, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A).
Density ( $\rho_f$ )	1.23 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	1.207 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	1.253 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Normal	McTigue et al., March 14, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A).
Viscosity ( $\mu$ )	1.8 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>			Pa*s	Constant	Kaufman, 1960, p. 622
Brine, Culebra (T = 27°C [300.15 K], p = 1 atm [0.101325 MPa])						
Density ( $\rho_f$ )	1.09 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	9.99 x 10 <sup>2</sup>	1.154 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Spatial	Cauffman et al., 1990, Table E.1
Viscosity ( $\mu$ )	1 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>			Pa*s	Constant	Haug et al., 1987, p.3-20
Brine, Castile (T = 27°C [300.15 K], p = 1 atm [0.101325 MPa])						
Compressibility	9 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>			Pa <sup>-1</sup>	Constant	Popielak et al., 1983, p. H-32
Density	1.215 x 10 <sup>3</sup>			kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	Popielak et al., 1983, Table C-2
Hydrogen (T = 27°C [300.15 K])						
Density	1.1037 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	8.1803 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.4442 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Table	See text (Density and Formation Volume Factor)
Viscosity ( $\mu$ )	9.2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	8.92 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	9.33 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	Pa*s	Table	Vargaftik, 1975, p. 39.
Solubility in brine ( $\chi$ )	3.84 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.412 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	4.901 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	none	Table	See text (Hydrogen Solubility). Cygan, 1991.
Drilling Mud Properties (T = 22°C [295.15 K], p = 1 atm [0.101325 MPa])						
Density ( $\rho_f$ )	1.211 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	1.139 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	1.378 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Cumulative	Pace, 1990
Viscosity	9.17 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	3 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	Pa*s	Cumulative	Pace, 1990
Yield stress	4	2.4	1.92 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	Pa	Cumulative	Fredrickson, 1960, p.252; Savins et al., 1966; Pace, 1990

1 **4.1.1 Salado Brine**

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4 **Salado Brine Compressibility**

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8 <b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Compressibility @ 27°C (300.15 K)</b>
9 <b>Median:</b>	2.5 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>
10 <b>Range:</b>	2.4 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>
11	2.6 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>
12 <b>Units:</b>	Pa <sup>-1</sup>
13 <b>Distribution:</b>	Normal
14 <b>Source(s):</b>	McTigue, D. F., S. J. Finley, J. H. Gieske, and K. L. Robinson. 15 "Compressibility Measurements on WIPP Brines." Internal 16 memorandum to Distribution, March 14, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: 17 Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume)

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20 **Discussion:**

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22 McTigue et al. (March 14, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]) measured the compressibility of Salado  
23 Formation brines over a temperature range of 20 to 40°C. They found that brine  
24 compressibility exhibits no significant dependence on temperature over this range. The  
25 compressibilities of six Salado brines ranged from 2.40 x 10<sup>-10</sup> Pa<sup>-1</sup> to 2.54 x 10<sup>-10</sup> Pa<sup>-1</sup>, with  
26 the error in each measurement estimated at 0.6%. They found a strong correlation with brine  
27 density, in that compressibility decreased with increasing density. The following linear  
28 relationship correlates well for the data for Salado brines over the small range of densities  
29 tested.  
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$$\beta_f = 7.662 \times 10^{-10} - 4.217 \times 10^{-13} \rho_f \quad (4.1-1)$$
  
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$$\beta_f = \text{the compressibility (Pa}^{-1}\text{) (defined as } \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho_f}{\partial p}$$
  
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$$\rho_f = \text{the brine density (kg/m}^3\text{).}$$
  
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44 The correlation coefficient is  $r^2 = 0.91$ . McTigue et al. also developed a quadratic  
45 relationship that gives  $\beta_f$  for densities that include pure water and lower-concentration NaCl  
46 brines as well as Salado brines:  
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$$\beta_f = 4.492 \times 10^{-10} - 1.138 \times 10^{-12} (\rho_f - 1000) + 1.155 \times 10^{-15} (\rho_f - 1000)^2$$
  
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$$(4.1-2)$$

55 For a Salado brine density of 1230 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (see Salado Brine Density discussion), both Eqs.  
56 4.1-1 and 4.1-2 give a compressibility of 2.5 x 10<sup>-10</sup> Pa<sup>-1</sup>.  
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1 **Salado Brine Formation Volume Factor**

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3 The formation volume factor is the ratio of the volume at reservoir conditions to the volume  
4 at reference conditions (300.15 K [27°C], 0.101325 MPa [1 atm]). Equivalently, it is the ratio  
5 of density at reference conditions to the density at reservoir conditions. Assuming the  
6 temperature and brine compressibility do not vary, the pressure dependence of Salado brine  
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$$\beta_f = \frac{1}{\rho_f} \frac{\partial \rho_f}{\partial p} \quad (4.1-3)$$

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gives the brine density,  $\rho_f$ , as a function of pressure,  $p$ :

$$\rho_f = \rho^o e^{\beta_f(p - p^o)} \quad (4.1-4)$$

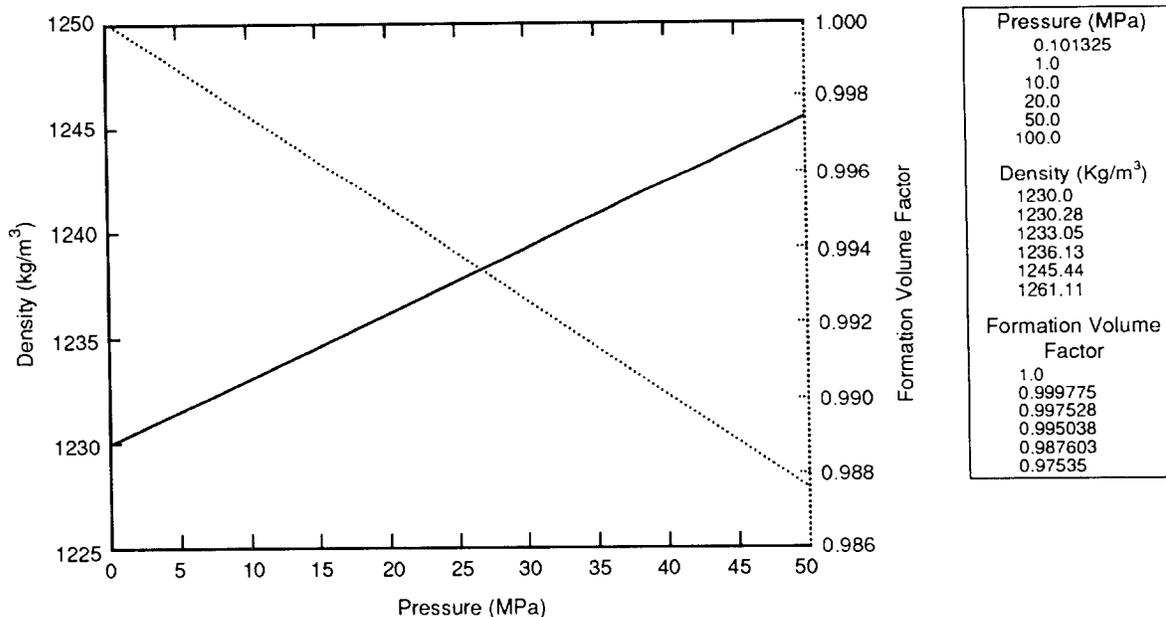
where

- $\rho^o$  = brine density at reference condition (1,230 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) (see Salado Brine Density discussion)
- $p^o$  = reference pressure (0.101325 MPa)
- $\beta_f$  = compressibility of Salado brine (2.5 x 10<sup>-10</sup> Pa<sup>-1</sup>) (see Salado Brine Compressibility discussion)

From the definition of formation volume factor,  $B_b$ ,

$$B_b = \frac{\rho^o}{\rho_f} = e^{-\beta_f(p - p^o)}$$

- 1 Figure 4.1-1 shows the variation of Salado brine density and formation volume factor with
- 2 pressure.



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Figure 4.1-1. Variation of Salado Brine Density and Formation Volume Factor with Pressure.

1 **Salado Brine Density**

5	<b>Parameter:</b>	Density ( $\rho_f$ ) @ 0.101325 MPa, 300.15 K
6	<b>Median:</b>	1.230 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
7	<b>Range:</b>	1.207 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
8		1.253 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
9	<b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
10	<b>Distribution:</b>	Normal
11	<b>Source(s):</b>	McTigue, D. F., S. J. Finley, J. H. Gieske, and K. L. Robinson. "Compressibility Measurements on WIPP Brines." Internal 12 memorandum to Distribution, March 14, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: 13 Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume)

18 **Discussion:**

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20 The density of brine in the Salado Formation at the repository level was reported by McTigue  
21 et al. (March 14, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]). They measured the density of six samples at  
22 22°C and 1 atm pressure, with values ranging from 1,224 to 1,249 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. To determine the  
23 precision of the density measurement of each individual sample, they repeated the  
24 measurement on one sample 14 times; for that sample, the average brine density was 1,249  
25 kg/m<sup>3</sup> with a standard deviation of 2.6 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and a 95% confidence interval on the mean of  
26 1,247 to 1,251 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, based on Student's t distribution. The average density for the six  
27 samples was 1,232 kg/m<sup>3</sup> at 22°C with an overall range of 1,208 to 1,255 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (s = 10.1  
28 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). These values were corrected to the temperature of the Salado Formation at the  
29 repository level, assumed to be a uniform and constant 27°C. McTigue et al. developed the  
30 following expression to correct the densities measured at 22°C:

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$$\frac{\rho_f}{\rho_{fo}} = 1 + a_1(T - 22) + a_2(T - 22)^2 + a_3(T - 22)^3 \quad (4.1-5)$$

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41  $\rho_{fo}$  = density at 22°C  
42 T = temperature of interest (°C)  
43  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  = coefficients ( $a_1 = -4.4294 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $a_2 = -6.3703 \times 10^{-7}$ , and  $a_3 = -1.3148 \times$   
44  $10^{-9}$ .)  
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46 This expression is based on pure saturated NaCl solutions, rather than on WIPP brines;  
47 however, McTigue et al. believe the behavior of the brines will not differ significantly from  
48 pure NaCl brines. With this correction, the density of Salado brine at 27°C and 1 atm  
49 pressure is 1,230 kg/m<sup>3</sup> with an overall range of 1,207 to 1,253 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (s = 10.0 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).  
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1 **Factors Affecting Brine Density**

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3 Empirical correlations developed for petroleum reservoir brines give the dependence of brine  
4 density on salinity, gas content, temperature, and pressure (Numbere et al., 1977; Hewlett  
5 Packard, 1984). The correlation of Numbere et al. is valid over the range of conditions  
6 (temperature, pressure, and salinity) encountered in the Salado Formation, but does not agree  
7 with the measured values discussed above. At 27°C, 1 atm, and 26.5 wt% NaCl, the  
8 Numbere correlation gives a density of 1,197 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, compared with the measured value  
9 (corrected to 27°C) of 1,230 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

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11 Because the composition of Salado brines varies considerably (Krumhansl et al., 1991), simple  
12 correlations for the dependence of density on salinity (such as the Numbere and HP  
13 correlations) do not offer more accuracy or reliability than assuming that the composition  
14 does not vary from that of McTigue et al.'s samples.

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16 The effect of dissolved gas on the density of Salado brine cannot be predicted at present.  
17 The HP correlations presumably are for natural gas, rather than H<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub>, which are  
18 relevant to the WIPP. Water (not brine) density is calculated using correlations for either gas-  
19 free or gas-saturated water. This density is then corrected for salinity. The effect of salinity  
20 on the degree of gas saturation is ignored, yet, as Cygan (1991) shows, the solute composition  
21 and concentration both have major effects on the amount of gas that dissolves in the brine,  
22 which in turn should affect the density of the brine.

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24 The Salado Formation is assumed to have a constant and uniform temperature of 27°C, so the  
25 temperature dependence of brine density is not considered.

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27 The effect of pressure on brine density is discussed under Salado Brine Compressibility.  
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1 **Salado Brine Viscosity**

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<b>Parameter:</b>	Viscosity ( $\mu$ ) @ 300 K
<b>Median:</b>	$1.8 \times 10^{-3}$
<b>Range:</b>	None
<b>Units:</b>	Pa•s
<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
<b>Source(s):</b>	Kaufman, D. W. ed. 1960. <i>Sodium Chloride, the Production and Properties of Salt and Brine</i> . Monograph No. 145. Washington, DC: American Chemical Society. (p. 622)

15 **Discussion:**

17 Literature values for brines extrapolating to density of  $1,230 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and a temperature of 300 K yields a viscosity of  $1.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s}$  ( $3.76 \times 10^{-3} \text{ lbf}\cdot\text{ft/s}$ ) (Kauffman, 1960, p. 622).

1 **4.1.2 Culebra Brine**

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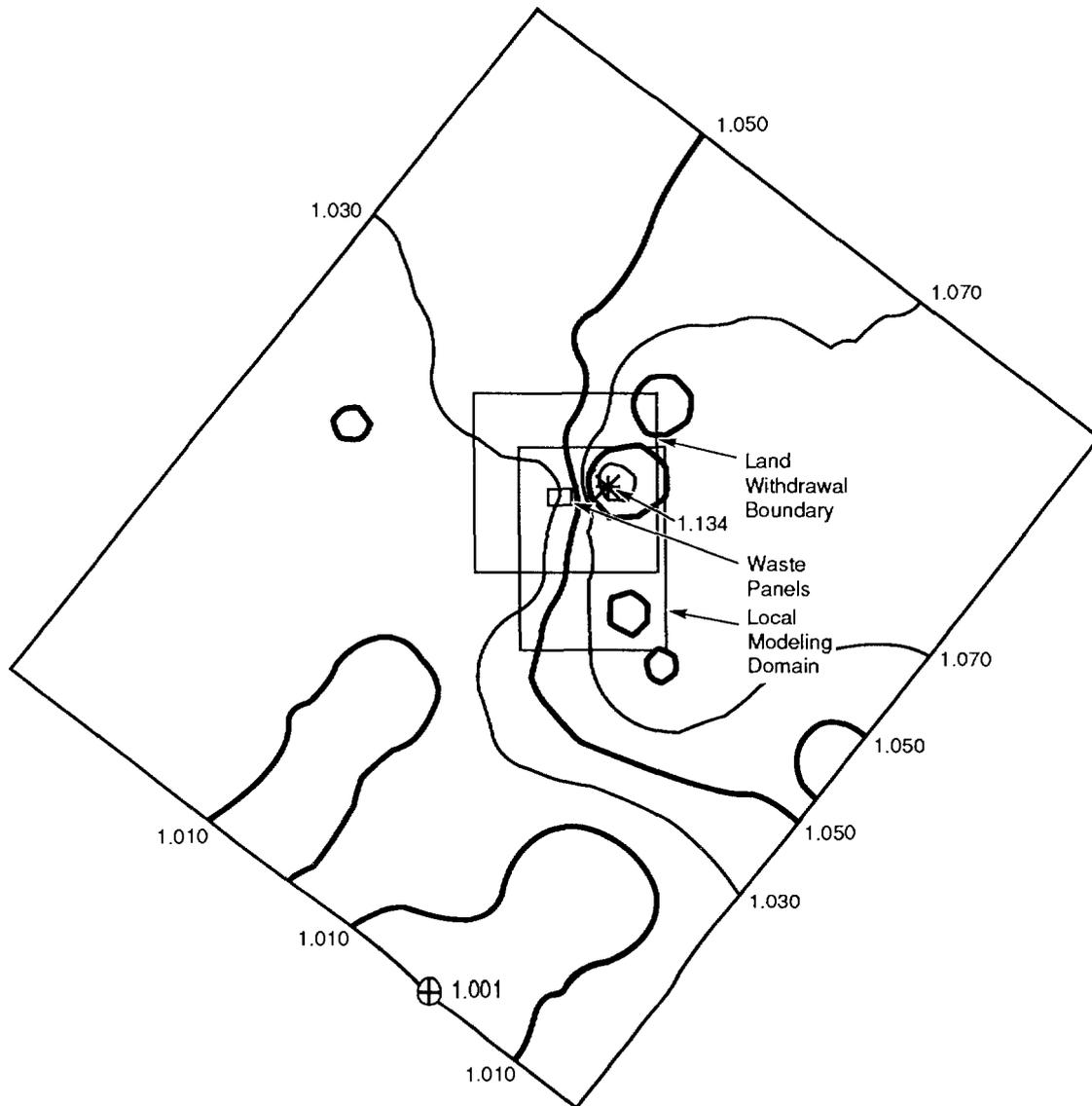
8 <b>Parameter:</b>	Density ( $\rho_f$ ) @ 0.101325 MPa, 300.15 K
9 <b>Median:</b>	$1.09 \times 10^3$
10 <b>Range:</b>	$9.99 \times 10^2$
11	$1.154 \times 10^3$
12 <b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
13 <b>Distribution:</b>	Spatial
14 <b>Source(s):</b>	Cauffman, T. L., A. M. LaVenue, and J. P. McCord. 1990. <i>Ground-</i>
15	<i>Water Flow Modeling of the Culebra Dolomite: Volume II - Data</i>
16	<i>Base.</i> SAND89-7068/2. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National
17	Laboratories. (Table E.1)
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21 Table 4.1-2 provides the brine densities at wells within the Culebra Dolomite Member.  
22 Figure 4.1-2 shows the spatial variation of brine densities.  
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Table 4.1-2. Average Brine Density at Wells within Culebra Dolomite Member (after Cauffman et al., 1990, Table E.1)

Well ID	Fluid Density* (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
DOE1	1.088 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
DOE2	1.041 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
ENGLE	1.001 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H1	1.022 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H2	1.006 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H3	1.035 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H4	1.014 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H5	1.102 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H6	1.038 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H7B	0.999 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H8B	1 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H9B	1 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H10B	1.047 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H11	1.078 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H12	1.095 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H14	1.01 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H15	1.154 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H17	1.1 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
H18	1.017 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
P14	1.018 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
P15	1.015 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
P17	1.061 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
USGS1	1 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
USGS4	1 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
USGS8	1 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
WIPP13	1.046 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
WIPP19	1.059 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
WIPP25	1.009 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
WIPP26	1.009 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
WIPP28	1.032 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
WIPP30	1.018 x 10 <sup>3</sup>

\* Average of measurements from indicated well



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Figure 4.1-2. Variation of Brine Density within Culebra Member Estimated by 10 Nearest Neighbors Using Inverse-Distance-Squared Weighting.

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<b>Parameter:</b>	Viscosity ( $\mu$ )
<b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-3}$
<b>Range:</b>	None
<b>Units:</b>	Pa•s
<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
<b>Source(s):</b>	Haug, A., V. A. Kelley, A. M. LaVenue, and J. F. Pickens. 1987. <i>Modeling of Groundwater Flow in the Culebra Dolomite at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Site: Interim Report.</i> Contractor Report SAND86-7167. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (p. 3-20)

17 **Discussion:**

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19 Similar to other modeling studies of the Culebra Dolomite (LaVenue et al., 1990, 1988; Haug  
20 et al., 1987), PA calculations assume that the Culebra Brine viscosity is identical to pure  
21 water,  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  Pa•s ( $2.089 \times 10^{-3}$  lbf•ft/s).

1 **4.1.3 Castile Brine**

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7 <b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Compressibility (<math>\beta_f</math>)</b>
8 <b>Median:</b>	9 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>
9 <b>Range:</b>	None
10 <b>Units:</b>	Pa <sup>-1</sup>
11 <b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
12 <b>Source(s):</b>	Popielak, R. S., R. L. Beauheim, S. R. Black, W. E. Coons, C. T. Ellingson, and R. L. Olsen. 1983. <i>Brine Reservoirs in the Castile Formation, Southeastern New Mexico, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Project</i> . TME-3153. Carlsbad, NM: U.S. Department of Energy.

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23 Popielak et al. (1983) estimated the compressibility,

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$$\beta_f = \frac{1}{\rho_f} \frac{\partial \rho_f}{\partial p}$$

32 of Castile Formation brine to be 9 x 10<sup>-10</sup> Pa<sup>-1</sup> (6 x 10<sup>-6</sup> psi<sup>-1</sup>) for brine from well WIPP-12.  
33 Only a single value is reported with no estimate of its precision. Some indication of accuracy  
34 is obtained by comparing the value with the compressibility value cited for the nearby well  
35 ERDA-6: 3 x 10<sup>-10</sup> Pa<sup>-1</sup> (2 x 10<sup>-6</sup> psi<sup>-1</sup>) (Popielak et al., 1983). (Note, however, that  
36 Popielak et al. concluded that there was no hydraulic connection between the Castile brine  
37 reservoir encountered by WIPP-12 and ERDA-6.)  
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1 **Castile Brine Formation Volume Factor**

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3 Following the discussion and assumptions under Salado Brine Formation Volume Factor, the  
4 formation volume factor,  $B_b$ , for Castile brine is given by

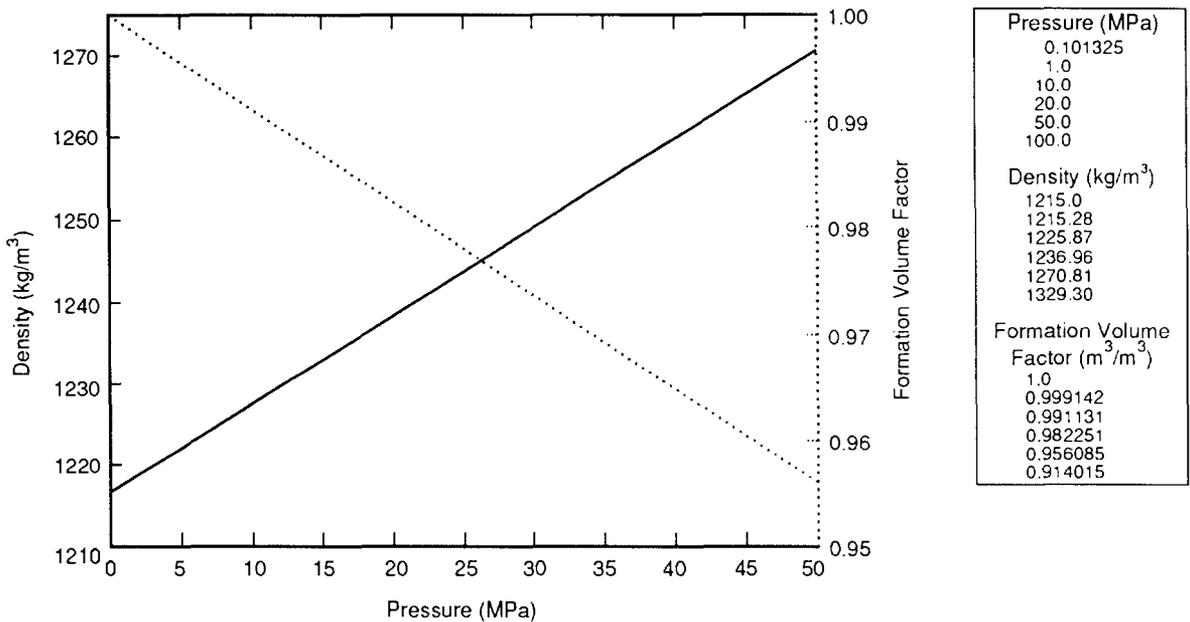
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$$B_b = e^{-\beta_f(p - p^0)}$$

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13  $\beta_f$  = compressibility ( $9 \times 10^{-10} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$ ) See discussion under Castile Brine Compressibility.  
14  $p$  = pressure (Pa)  
15  $p^0$  = reference pressure (0.101325 MPa)

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17 Figure 4.1-3 shows the variation of Castile brine density and formation volume factor with  
18 pressure.

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Figure 4.1-3. Variation of Castile Brine Density and Formation Volume Factor with Pressure.

1 **Castile Brine Density**

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3	<b>Parameter:</b>	Density ( $\rho_f$ ) @ 0.101325 MPa, 300.15 K
4	<b>Median:</b>	1.215 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
5	<b>Range:</b>	1.209 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
6		1.221 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
7	<b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
8	<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
9	<b>Source(s):</b>	Popielak, R. S., R. L. Beauheim, S. R. Black, W. E. Coons, C. T. Ellingson, and R. L. Olsen. 1983. <i>Brine Reservoirs in the Castile Formation, Southeastern New Mexico, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Project</i> . TME-3153. Carlsbad, NM: U.S. Department of Energy.
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18 **Discussion:**

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20 Popielak et al. (1983) measured the density of 59 flow samples of Castile Formation brine  
21 from well WIPP-12. The density at atmospheric pressure ranged from 1,210 to 1,220 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.  
22 At an average temperature of 26.7°C, the average density was 1,215 kg/m<sup>3</sup> with a standard  
23 deviation of 2.4 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and a 95% confidence interval, based on Student's t distribution, of  
24 1,214 to 1,216 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Using the expression discussed under Salado Brine Density, the  
25 average density corrected to 27°C is 1,215 kg/m<sup>3</sup> at 1 atm (0.101325 MPa) pressure. The  
26 WIPP-12 brine reservoir is the closest to the disposal region and is assumed representative of  
27 Castile brines in any reservoir under the WIPP. Other Castile brine reservoirs have minor  
28 differences, e.g., ERDA-6 brine has an average density of 1,216 kg/m<sup>3</sup> at 26.7°C and 1 atm  
29 pressure (Popielak et al., 1983).  
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1 **4.1.4 Hydrogen Gas**

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4 **Hydrogen Density and Formation Volume Factor**

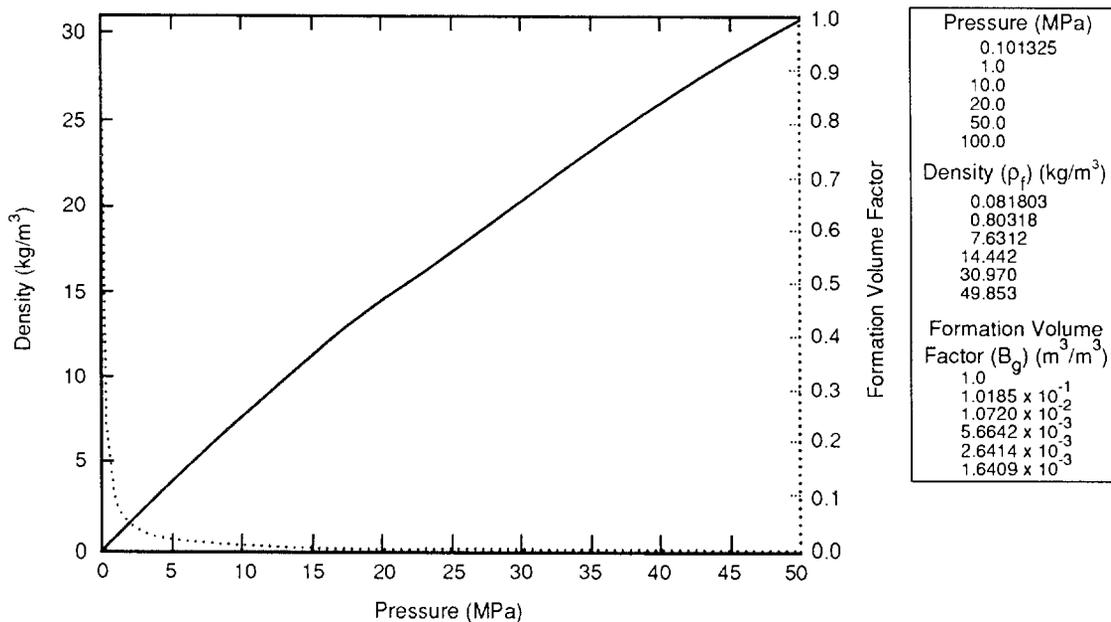
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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Density</b>
<b>Median:</b>	11.037 @ 15 MPa
<b>Range:</b>	0.081803 @ 0.101325 MPa 14.442 @ 20 MPa
<b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Distribution:</b>	Table
<b>Source(s):</b>	See text.

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19 Figure 4.1-4 shows the variation with pressure of density ( $\rho_f$ ) and the formation volume factor for hydrogen gas ( $B_g$ ). The formation volume factor,  $B_g$ , is the ratio of specific volume of a gas at reservoir conditions to specific volume of the gas at reference or standard conditions ( $\rho/\rho_f$ ).

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Figure 4.1-4. Formation Volume Factor for Hydrogen Gas.

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4 The formation volume factor is the ratio of the volume at reservoir conditions to the volume  
5 at reference conditions (300.15 K [27°C], 0.101325 MPa [1 atm]). The molar volume of  
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$$Z = \frac{pv}{R^*T} = \frac{v}{v-b_R} - \frac{a_R \alpha_R}{R^*T(v+b_R)} \quad (4.1-6)$$

where

$$a_R = 0.42747 R^* T_{cr}^2 / p_{cr} \text{ (cm}^6 \cdot \text{bar/mol}^2\text{)}$$

$$b_R = 0.08664 R^* T_{cr} / p_{cr} \text{ (cm}^3\text{/mol)}$$

$p$  = pressure (bar)

$R^*$  = universal gas constant = 83.1441 (cm<sup>3</sup> • bar/mol • K)

$T$  = temperature (K)

$v$  = molar volume (cm<sup>3</sup>/mol)

$p_{cr}$  = critical pressure (bar)

$T_{cr}$  = critical temperature (K)

$$\alpha_R = [1 + (0.48508 + 1.55171 \omega_R - 0.1561 \omega_R^2) (1 - T_r^{0.5})] \text{ (dimensionless)}$$

$\omega_R$  = acentric factor (dimensionless)

$T_r$  = reduced temperature =  $T/T_{cr}$  (dimensionless)

$Z$  = compressibility factor (dimensionless)

for hydrogen:

$$T_{cr} = \frac{43.6}{1 + \frac{21.8}{TM}} \text{ (K)}$$

$$p_{cr} = \frac{20.47}{1 + \frac{44.2}{TM}} \text{ (bar)}$$

$M$  = molecular weight = 2.01594 g/mol

$$\alpha_R = 1.202 \exp(-0.30288 T_r)$$

$$\omega_R = 0.0$$

1 Note that temperature-dependent effective critical properties are used for hydrogen  
2 (Prausnitz, 1969). Hydrogen also requires a special expression for  $(\alpha_R)$  (Graboski and  
3 Daubert, 1979), and an acentric factor  $(\omega_R)$  of zero (Knapp et al., 1982).

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5 Equation 4.1-6 is solved numerically for molar volume,  $v$ , at the reference condition and at  
6 reservoir conditions to provide the values used to calculate the formation volume factor  
7 (Figure 4.1-1). At the reference conditions (300.15 K, 0.101325 MPa), the density ( $\rho_{H_2}$ ) of  
8 H<sub>2</sub> gas is 0.081803 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and the molar volume ( $v$ ) is 0.024644 m<sup>3</sup>/mol.  
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2 **Alternative Gas Equation of State**

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4 At pressures near lithostatic, the gas in the repository deviates significantly from the behavior  
5 described by the ideal gas law,  $p V = n R T$ . The behavior is described accurately by several  
6 real gas equations. A simple yet moderately accurate gas law was developed by Iuzzolino  
7 (1983):  
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$$10 \quad p = \frac{n R T}{V} \frac{(V + b_I V_{cr})}{(V - b_I V_{cr})} - a_I p_c \left(\frac{V_{cr}}{V}\right)^2 \quad (4.1-7)$$

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- 17  $p$  = pressure (Pa)
- 18  $n$  = number of moles
- 19  $R^*$  = gas constant = 8.31441 Pa•m<sup>3</sup>/mol-K
- 20  $V$  = volume (m<sup>3</sup>)
- 21  $T$  = temperature (K)
- 22  $T_c$  = critical temperature (K) for the gas
- 23  $p_c$  = critical pressure (Pa) for the gas
- 24  $V_{cr} = n R T_{cr}/p_{cr}$
- 25  $a_I$  and  $b_I$  = constants.

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28 The constants  $a$  and  $b$  are obtained from a least-squared-error fit to standard gas  
29 compressibility curves. The results from the original curve fit (1981) were  $a_I = 0.4184$  and  
30  $b_I = 0.078104$ . A recent fit (1990) using more accurate compressibility data gives  $a_I = 0.4377$   
31 and  $b_I = 0.08186$ . The fit is good to within about 5% at temperatures above 1.3  $T_{cr}$  and  
32 pressures up to 40  $p_{cr}$ . Near the critical point the errors are about 25%. Since repository  
33 gases are at temperatures above 0°C (273 K), they will be significantly above 1.3  $T_{cr}$ , and the  
34 fit should be good to within about 5%.

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36 The gas equation fits compressibility data with about half the mean-squared error of the  
37 standard Redlich-Kwong-Soave equation of state (EOS) (discussed earlier). The error of this  
38 gas equation is larger than that of the Redlich-Kwong-Soave EOS near the critical point and  
39 smaller at higher temperatures.

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42 **Derivation of the Gas Equation.** Iuzzolino's gas equation is derived from a real-gas  
43 modification of the canonical partition function for a gas. The partition function  $Z$  for an  
44 ideal gas is

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$$46 \quad Z = \frac{1}{N!} \left[ \left[ \frac{(2 \pi m_A k^* T)^{3/2}}{h^{*2}} \right] V \right]^N \quad (4.1-8)$$

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3 N = number of molecules  
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8 The ideal gas equation is derived using the thermodynamic relation

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$$p = k^* T \frac{\delta \ln Z}{\delta V} \quad (4.1-9)$$

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14 applying this relation to the partition function gives  $p = N k^* T / V$ . Since  $N k^* = n R$ , the  
15 usual form  $p V = n R T$  is obtained.

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17 Iuzzolino uses two modifications to the partition function. The volume term is multiplied by  
18  $(1 - b_I V_{cr}/V)^2$  to provide a quadratic (soft-molecule) correction for the volume taken up by  
19 the molecules. The parameter  $b_I$  is proportional to the volume of the gas at the critical point  
20 and is an excluded-volume correction. Earlier work using a two-constant quadratic  
21 correction of the form  $1 - b_I V_{cr}/V + c (V_{cr}/V)^2$  indicated that a factor of the form  
22  $(1 - b_I V_{cr}/V)^2$  gave the better fit.

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24 A second correction is applied to take into account attractive forces between molecules: the  
25 volume term is multiplied by  $\exp(a_I p_{cr} V_{cr}^2 / N k^* T V)$ . The form of this correction is the  
26 best result of several arbitrary trials. The real-gas partition function is

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$$Z = \frac{1}{N!} \left[ \left( \frac{2 \pi m_A k^* T}{(h^*)^2} \right)^{3/2} V (1 - b_I V_{cr}/V)^2 e^{(a_I p_{cr} V_{cr}^2 / N k^* T V)} \right]^N \quad (4.1-10)$$

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Gas Mixtures. To preserve the form of the gas equation for a mixture of gases, the critical pressure of the mixture should be

$$p_{cr} = \sum_i n_i p_{cr_i}$$

where

- $p_{cr_i}$  = the critical pressure of the i-th gas  
 $n_i$  = the number of moles of the i-th gas.

The summation runs over each gas in the mixture.

To preserve the concept that  $V_{cr}$  is proportional to an excluded volume, for a mixture

$$V_{cr} = \sum_i \frac{n_i R T_{cr_i}}{p_{cr_i}} \quad (4.1-11)$$

where

$T_{cr_i}$  = the critical temperature of the i-th gas.

Then

$$\frac{n R T_{cr}}{p_{cr}} = \sum_i \frac{n_i R T_{cr_i}}{p_{cr_i}} \quad (4.1-12)$$

implies that

$$\frac{T_{cr}}{p_{cr}} = \sum_i n_i \left( \frac{T_{cr_i}}{p_{cr_i}} \right) \quad (4.1-13)$$

so that, for the mixture,

$$T_{cr} = p_{cr} \sum_i n_i \left( \frac{T_{cr_i}}{p_{cr_i}} \right) \quad (4.1-14)$$

**Quantum Effects.** Several gases deviate significantly from the real gas compressibility curves, most notably very light gases and highly polar gases. For  $H_2$  and He, the deviation is primarily a result of quantum effects. For  $NH_3$  the deviation is caused by hydrogen bonding. In both cases the fit to the real gas equation can be improved by using values of  $p_{cr}$  and  $T_{cr}$  that are not the actual critical constants. For  $H_2$ , a good fit results using  $T_{cr} = 50$  K and  $p_{cr} = 2.35 \times 10^6$  Pa.

1 **Viscosity**

8	<b>Parameter:</b>	Viscosity ( $\mu$ ) @ 300.15 K
6	<b>Median:</b>	$9.20 \times 10^{-6}$ @ 15 MPa
7	<b>Range:</b>	$8.92 \times 10^{-6}$ @ 0.101325 MPa
8		$9.33 \times 10^{-6}$ @ 20 MPa
9	<b>Units:</b>	Pa•s
10	<b>Distribution:</b>	Table
11	<b>Source(s):</b>	Vargaftik, N. B. 1975. <i>Tables on the Thermophysical Properties of</i>
12		<i>Liquids and Gases in Normal and Dissociated States.</i> New York:
13		John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

17 **Discussion:**

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19 Vargaftik (1975) tabulates numerous measurements of hydrogen viscosity covering a wide  
20 range of temperatures and pressures. At pressures of 0.100 MPa (1 bar) to 0.101325 MPa (1  
21 atm), eight independent measurements are reported at 293 to 293.15 K (20°C), with values  
22 ranging from  $8.73 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $8.86 \times 10^{-6}$  Pa•s. Hydrogen viscosity increases with temperature;  
23 two values reported at 300 K are  $8.89 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $8.91 \times 10^{-6}$  Pa•s. Vargaftik (1975, p. 39)  
24 presents two tables with hydrogen viscosity ranging from -200°C to 1000°C and 0.1 MPa to  
25 50 MPa. (The table value of viscosity at 20°C and 0.1 MPa is  $8.80 \times 10^{-6}$  Pa•s.) Linear  
26 interpolation within these tables between 0 and 100°C provides sufficiently precise viscosity  
27 values at the temperatures of interest; at 20°C, the viscosity is  $8.79 \times 10^{-6}$  Pa•s, which is in  
28 the middle of the range of measured values cited above. At 300 K, the temperature of the  
29 repository, the viscosity at 0.1 MPa is  $8.92 \times 10^{-6}$  Pa•s. Quadratic interpolation based on  
30 table values at pressures of 0.1, 10, and 20 MPa (interpolated linearly to 300.15 K) results in  
31 the following expression giving H<sub>2</sub> viscosity at 300.15 K (27°C, 80.6°F) as a function of  
32 pressure:

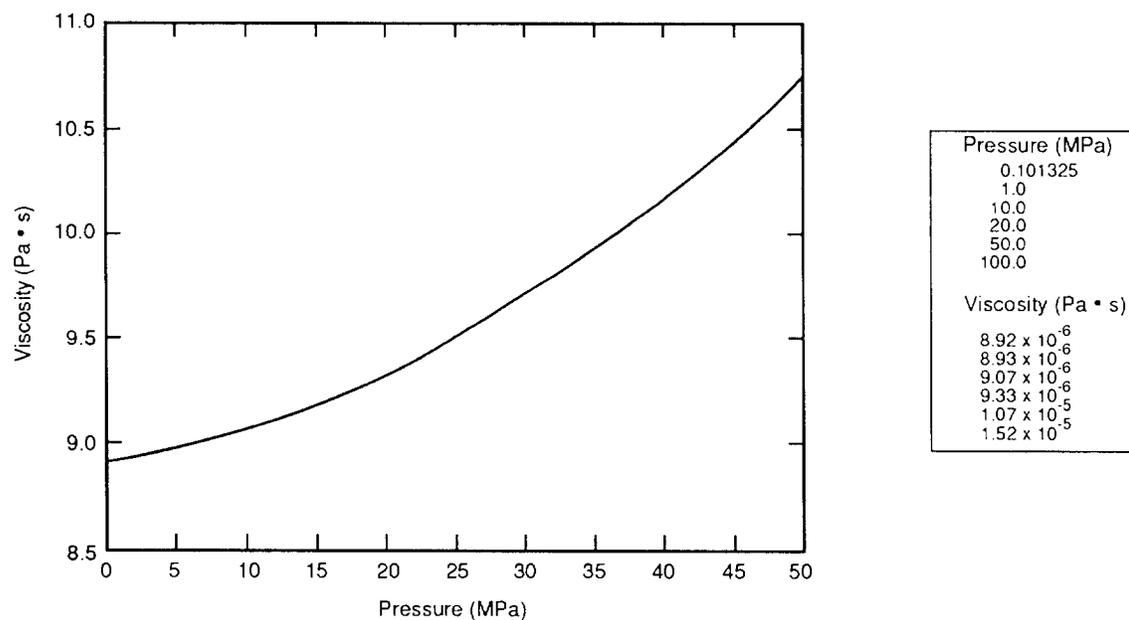
$$\mu = 8.920074 \times 10^{-6} + 1.020892 \times 10^{-8} p + 5.273692 \times 10^{-10} p^2 \quad (4.1-15)$$

37 where

38  $\mu$  = viscosity (Pa•s)

39  $p$  = pressure (MPa)

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42 Figure 4.1-5 shows the variation of hydrogen viscosity with pressure.



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Figure 4.1-5. Variation of Hydrogen Viscosity with Pressure.

1 **Hydrogen Solubility**

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>H<sub>2</sub> Solubility in brine</b>
<b>Median:</b>	3.84 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
<b>Range:</b>	6.412 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
	4.901 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Table
<b>Source(s):</b>	Cygan, R. T. 1991. <i>The Solubility of Gases in NaCl Brine and a Critical Evaluation of Available Data.</i> SAND90-2848. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

**Discussion:**

Cygan (1991) estimated the solubility of H<sub>2</sub> in NaCl solutions at elevated pressure and developed the following correlation relating H<sub>2</sub> mole fraction in solution,  $\chi_{H_2}$ , to pressure, p, in MPa:

$$\ln \chi_{H_2} = a_0 + a_1 \ln p \tag{4.1-16}$$

where

- a<sub>0</sub> = -8.8980 (pure water); -10.0789 (5 N NaCl brine at 298.15 K)
- a<sub>1</sub> = 0.9538 (pure water); 0.8205 (5 N NaCl brine at 298.15 K)

Cygan emphasizes that this correlation is only an "educated estimate," but probably we are justified in applying it to Salado brine at 300.15 K.

Some multiphase flow models, e.g., BOAST and BRAGFLO (Rechard et al., 1989), require gas solubility expressed in terms of gas volume at reference conditions per unit volume of solution (brine), also at reference conditions. This "gas/brine ratio,"  $r_{g/\ell}$ , is calculated from

$$r_{g/\ell} = \chi_{H_2} \frac{V_{H_2}^\circ}{\bar{V}_b^\circ} \tag{4.1-17}$$

where

- $V_b^\circ$  = volume of a mole of brine at reference conditions ( $\bar{M}/\rho^\circ$ )
- $V_{H_2}^\circ$  = volume of a mole of H<sub>2</sub> gas at reference conditions, 300.15 K and 0.101325 MPa
- $\rho^\circ$  = density of Salado brine (1230 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- $\bar{M}$  = molar average molecular weight of brine.

1 For NaCl brine,  $\bar{M}$  is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M} &= x_{\text{NaCl}} M_{\text{NaCl}} + x_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} M_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \\ &= x_{\text{NaCl}} (M_{\text{NaCl}} - M_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}) + M_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \end{aligned} \quad (4.1-18)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \text{mole fraction of NaCl and H}_2\text{O} \\ x_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} &= 1 - x_{\text{NaCl}} \end{aligned}$$

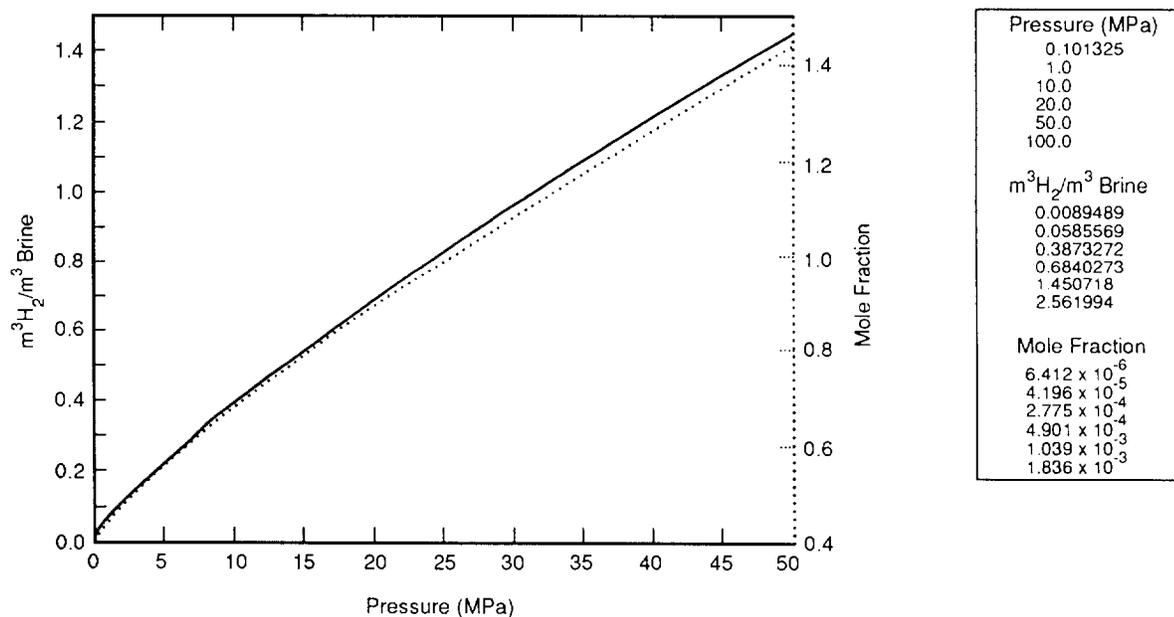
Molecular weights are  $M_{\text{NaCl}} = 58.44$  g/mol and  $M_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 18.015$  g/mol.

$$x_{\text{NaCl}} = \frac{\omega}{\omega + 1} \quad (4.1-19)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \text{molar ratio of NaCl to H}_2\text{O (} M_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} N / C_w \text{)} \\ N &= \text{molarity of the solution (5 mol NaCl/}\ell \text{)} \\ C_w &= \text{total water concentration in the solution.} \end{aligned}$$

$C_w$  is obtained by quadratic interpolation from tabulated data relating  $C_w$  to molarity for NaCl solutions (Weast and Astle, 1981, p. D-232). For  $N$  equals 5 mol NaCl/ $\ell$ ,  $C_w$  equals 893.53 g H<sub>2</sub>O/ $\ell$  brine, which in turn gives  $\omega = 0.10081$  mol NaCl/mol H<sub>2</sub>O;  $x_{\text{NaCl}} = 0.09158$  mol NaCl/mol brine;  $\bar{M} = 21.718$  g/mol brine molecular weight; and  $V_b^\circ = \bar{M}/\rho^\circ = 1.7657 \times 10^{-5}$  m<sup>3</sup>/mol. The molar volume of H<sub>2</sub> at reference conditions (see discussion under Hydrogen Density) is  $V_{\text{H}_2}^\circ = 0.0246347$  m<sup>3</sup>/mol. Applying Eqs. 4.1-18 and 4.1-19 for 5N NaCl brine results in the following values for gas/brine ratio,  $r_{g/\ell}$ , at 300.15 K (Figure 4.1-6).



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Figure 4.1-6. Variation of Hydrogen Solubility with Pressure.

#### 4.1.5 Drilling Mud Properties

In assessing the long-term performance of the WIPP containment system, we must predict the transport of radionuclides to the accessible environment during and after a drilling procedure in which a company drills an exploratory drillhole through the underground disposal region in search of resources (40 CFR 191, Appendix B). Given two assumptions -- (1) the resource is either gas or oil and (2) standard rotary drilling equipment in use today will be used in the future -- an important consideration in determining the consequence of the drilling is an estimation of the amount of material brought to the surface during the drilling procedure. The parameters for drilling mud density, viscosity, and yield point are shown below. A discussion of these parameters follows.

##### Density

<b>Parameter:</b>	Density, mud ( $\rho_f$ ) @ 225.15 K, p = 0.101325 MPa
<b>Median:</b>	$1.2 \times 10^3$
<b>Range:</b>	$1.14 \times 10^3$ $1.38 \times 10^3$
<b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Pace, R. O. 1990. "Letter 1b: Changes to bar graphs," in Rechar et al. 1990. <i>Data Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (1990)</i> . SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

##### Viscosity

<b>Parameter:</b>	Viscosity ( $\mu$ ) @ 225.15 K, p = 0.101325 MPa
<b>Median:</b>	$9.17 \times 10^{-3}$
<b>Range:</b>	$5 \times 10^{-3}$ $3 \times 10^{-2}$
<b>Units:</b>	Pa•s
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Pace, R. O. 1990. "Letter 1b: Changes to bar graphs," in Rechar et al. 1990. <i>Data Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (1990)</i> . SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

##### Yield Stress Point

<b>Parameter:</b>	Yield stress point
<b>Median:</b>	4
<b>Range:</b>	2.4 $1.92 \times 10^1$
<b>Units:</b>	Pa
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Pace, R. O. 1990. "Letter 1b: Changes to bar graphs," in Rechar et al. 1990. <i>Data Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (1990)</i> . SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

1 **Discussion:**

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3 **Standard Rotary Drilling.** In standard rotary drilling, a cutting bit is attached to a series of  
4 hollow drill pipe and then rotated and directed downward to cut through underlying strata.  
5 To remove the cuttings, a fluid ("mud") is pumped down the hollow drill pipe, through the  
6 bit, and up the annulus formed by the drill pipe and borehole wall. In addition to removing  
7 the cuttings, the mud cools and cleans the bit, reduces drilling friction, and helps to support  
8 the borehole. The mud also forms a thin, low-permeability filter cake on the borehole walls,  
9 thus preventing inflow of unwanted fluids from permeable formations.

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11 Although the amount of waste removed by direct cutting is simple to calculate, calculating  
12 the amount of waste eroded from the borehole wall is more difficult. A number of factors  
13 may influence borehole erosion (e.g., eccentricity of pipe and hole, impact of solid particles  
14 in mud on the walls, physical and chemical interaction between mud and walls, and time of  
15 contact between the mud and walls [Broc, 1982]); however, industry opinion singles out fluid  
16 shear stress as the most important factor (Walker and Holman, 1971; Darley, 1969).

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18 Three drilling mud properties (density, viscosity, and yield stress) are necessary to evaluate  
19 the fluid shear stress, which in turn is one of several parameters used to evaluate the amount  
20 of material eroded from the borehole wall by scouring from the swirling drilling fluid (e.g.,  
21 CUTTINGS [Rechard et al., 1989]). (Section 4.3, Intrusion Borehole Characteristics; Chapter  
22 3, Engineered Barriers; and Chapter 6, Probability Models, present other parameters for this  
23 anthropogenic event.)

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25 **Flow Regime.** The flow regime within the annulus (laminar or turbulent) is governed by the  
26 Reynolds number,  $N_R$ . The Reynolds number is dependent upon the properties of the  
27 drilling mud (density, viscosity, and velocity) and the size of the annulus. The Reynolds  
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$$N_R = \frac{\bar{\rho} \bar{V} d_e}{\bar{\mu}} \quad (4.1-20)$$

where

$d_e$  = length dimension = equivalent diameter for annulus =  $d_{\text{hole}} - d_{\text{collar}}$

$\bar{\rho}$  = average fluid density

$\bar{V}$  = average fluid velocity

$\bar{\mu}$  = average fluid viscosity (for non-newtonian fluids, the average viscosity will depend upon the viscosity model used)

1 The ultimate diameter of the hole,  $d_{hole}$ , is the quantity to be evaluated, and is determined  
2 through an iterative process. The velocity is estimated from the drilling pump rates provided  
3 in Section 4.3. The fluid density and viscosity (and yield stress for non-newtonian fluids) are  
4 discussed below.

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6 **Density.** The current drilling procedure for an exploratory oil or gas well in the Delaware  
7 Basin (see Figure 1.6-2) involves using a drilling fluid, which is usually a saturated brine.  
8 The brine density is maintained during the transport of cuttings by adding an emulsified oil  
9 (Pace, 1990). Consequently, the fluid density is near 1,200 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (75 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> or 10 lb/gal)  
10 with a narrow range between 1,138 and 1,377 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (9.5 and 11.5 lb/gal) (Figure 4.1-7).

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12 When drilling for oil or gas, particularly in the area around the WIPP, there is the possibility  
13 of encountering a blowout. The drilling companies can respond in a relatively short time. If  
14 the drill hole intercepts a brine reservoir with sufficient pressure to cause copious amounts of  
15 brine flow to the surface, the company will add weight (usually barite) to the drilling fluid to  
16 stop the flow from the reservoir. The mud density could increase to as much as 1900 kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
17 (16 lb/gal). This density increase would occur long after the drill passed through the  
18 repository area, the time of greatest erosion.

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20 **Shear Stress.** For both laminar and turbulent flow, the shear stress can be expressed as  
21 (Vennard and Street, 1975, p. 381):

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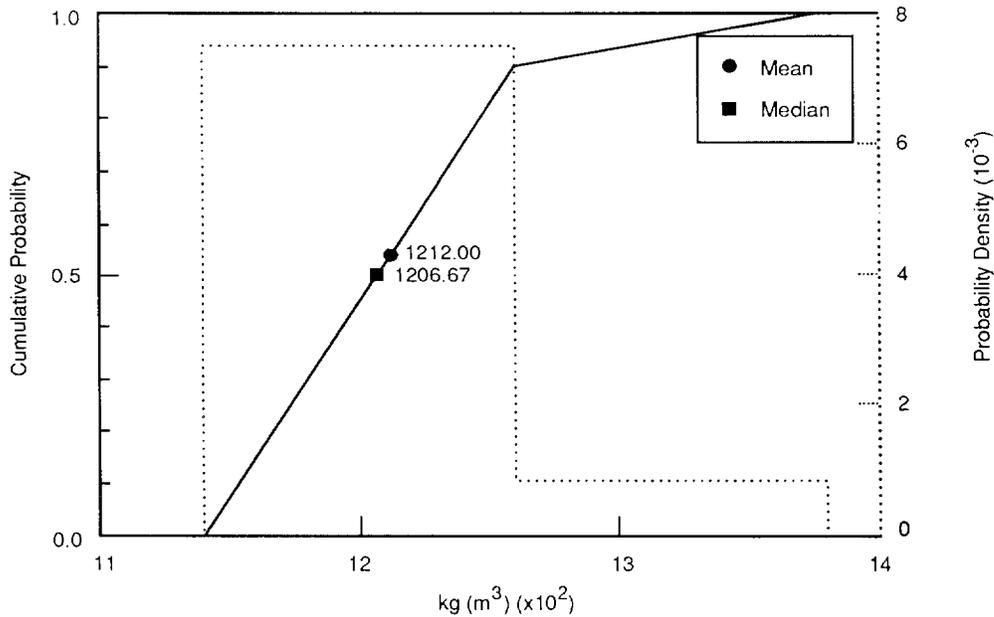
$$\tau = \frac{f\rho V^2}{2} \quad (4.1-21)$$

30 The fanning friction factor,  $f$ , is discussed below for turbulent and laminar shear stress.

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33 *Turbulent Shear Stress.* In turbulent flow (Reynolds number  $N_R > N_{R_{crit}}$  where  $N_{R_{crit}}$   
34 varies between 2,100 for newtonian fluids and 2,400 for some non-newtonian fluids [Vennard  
35 and Street, 1975, p. 384; Walker, 1976, p. 89]) the fanning friction factor is dependent on  
36 both  $N_R$ , and surface roughness (e.g., Moody diagram [Vennard and Street, 1975, Figure 9.5;  
37 Streeter and Wylie, 1975, Figure 5.32]), with  $N_R$  having a minor influence. Consequently, the  
38 shear stress is dependent primarily upon absolute surface roughness,  $\epsilon$ , and kinetic energy  
39 ( $\rho V^2/2$ ). An empirical expression for  $f$  is (Colebrook, 1938):

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -4 \log \left[ \frac{\epsilon/d}{3.72} + \frac{1.255}{N_R \sqrt{f}} \right] \quad (4.1-22)$$



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Figure 4.1-7. Distribution of Drilling Mud (Saturated Brine) Density.

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12  $\epsilon$  = absolute roughness of material

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14  $d$  = hydraulic diameter = difference between borehole diameter and collar diameter

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16 The assumed absolute roughness of waste ( $\epsilon$ ) is tabulated in the description of the waste in  
17 Chapter 3, Engineered Barriers.

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19 *Laminar Shear Stress.* For laminar flow, the fanning friction factor,  $f$ , is a function of only  
20  $N_R$ . The shear stress in laminar flow (Reynolds number  $N_R < 2,100$  [Vennard and Street,  
21 1975, p. 384]) depends solely on the fluid viscosity and strain rate (velocity gradient);  
22 however, for a non-newtonian fluid such as drilling mud, the viscosity varies with strain rate  
23 (Figure 4.1-8). Several functional forms are used to model this variation (Ideal Bingham  
24 Plastic, Power Law, and Oldroyd Model). The PA Division currently uses the Oldroyd model.

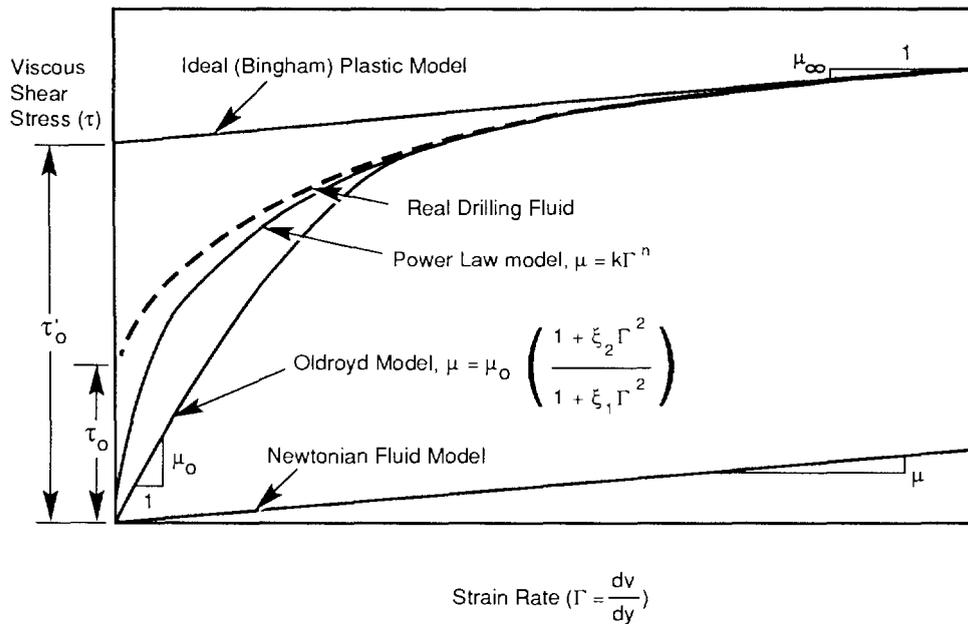
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26 *Ideal Bingham Plastic* -- A linear (Ideal Bingham Plastic) model approximates the actual  
27 yield stress ( $\tau_o$ ) (Figure 4.1-8) at high strain rate

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$$\tau = \tau'_o + \mu_l \Gamma \tag{4.1-23}$$

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Figure 4.1-8. Various Models for Modeling Drilling Fluid Shear Stress.

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11  $\mu_\ell$  = linear viscosity (= "average" viscosity for evaluating  $N_R$ )

12  $\tau'_o$  = yield point (shear stress at zero strain rate)

13  $\Gamma$  = strain rate

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15 *Oldroyd Model* -- Oldroyd's (1958) shear softening model of the viscosity can also  
16 approximate the drilling fluid behavior away from the yield stress ( $\tau_o$ ) by the appropriate  
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$$\tau = \mu_0 \left[ \frac{1 + \zeta_2 \Gamma^2}{1 + \zeta_1 \Gamma^2} \right] \Gamma \quad (4.1-24)$$

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$\mu_\infty$  =  $\mu_0(\zeta_2/\zeta_1)$  = limiting viscosity at infinite strain rate =  $\mu_\ell$  (= "average" viscosity for evaluating  $N_R$ )

$\Gamma$  = strain rate

$\zeta_1, \zeta_2$  = Oldroyd model parameters

$\mu_0$  = limiting viscosity at zero rate of strain

1 Note that for the PA calculations,  $\zeta_1$  was assumed equal to 2  $\zeta_2$ , based on viscosity  
2 measurements for an oil-based, 1.7-kg/m<sup>3</sup> (14-lb/gal) mud (Darley and Gray, 1988, Table  
3 5-2). The assumption can be somewhat arbitrary since the behavior at high strain rate (away  
4 from the yield point) is of primary interest.

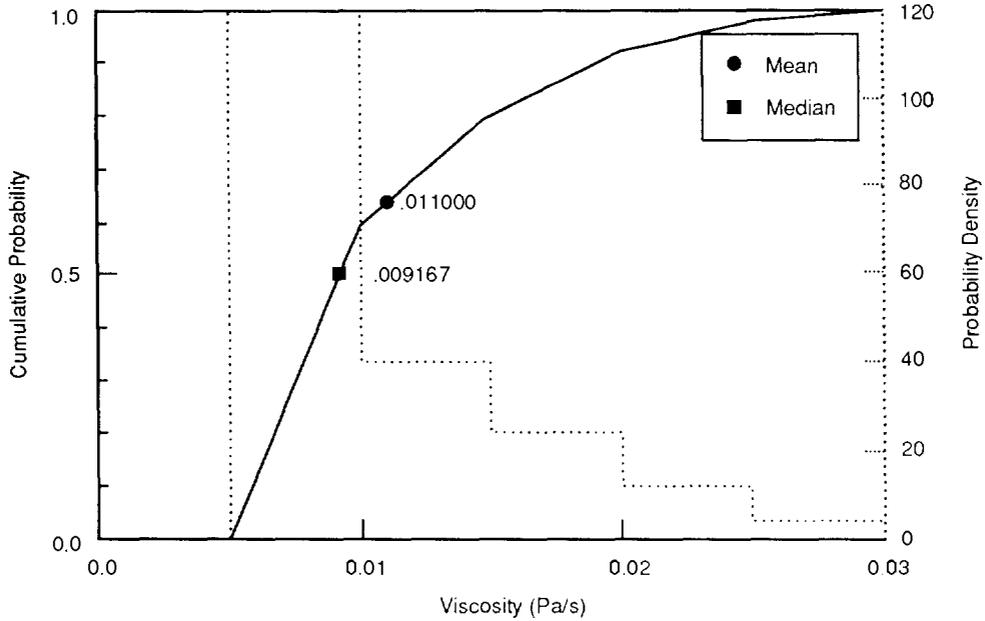
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6 Using the above assumption, the parameter  $\zeta_2$  was estimated by equating the linear ideal  
7 plastic model, Eq. 4.1-23 with the Oldroyd model, Eq. 4.1-24, at a high strain rate. After  
8 simple algebraic manipulation

$$\zeta_2 = (\mu_\infty \Gamma_m - \tau_o') / 2 \Gamma_m^2 \tau_o' \quad (4.1-25)$$

14 The high strain rate selected for the match point ( $\Gamma_m$ ) was 1020 s<sup>-1</sup>.

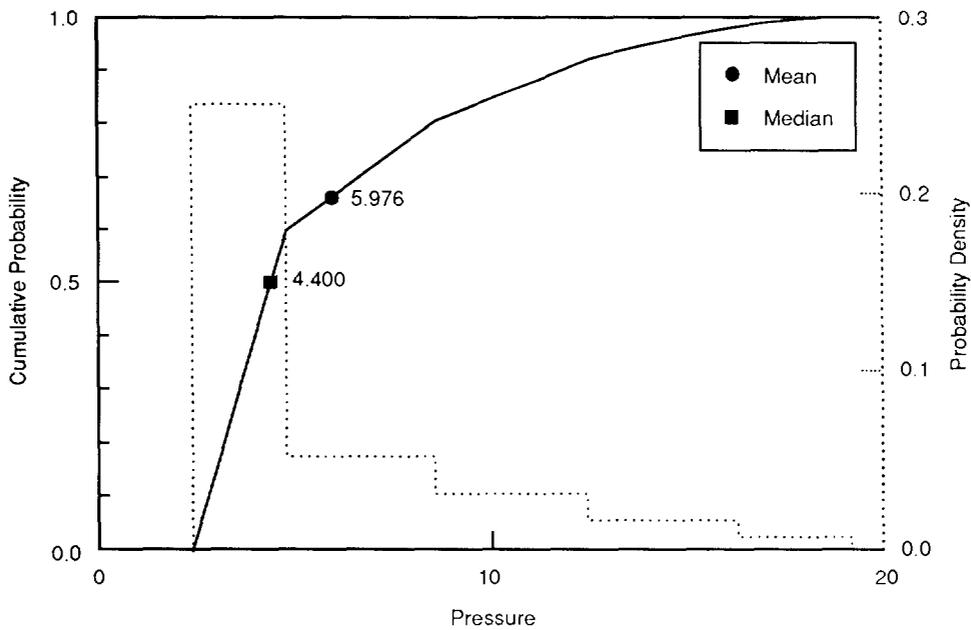
16 **Linear Viscosity.** For a saturated brine with the density maintained by emulsified oil and  
17 modeled as an ideal Bingham plastic, Pace (1990) estimates that  $\mu_\ell$  varies between 0.005 and  
18 0.030 Pa•s (0.003 and 0.020 lbf•s/ft<sup>2</sup>) with a median of 0.009 Pa•s (0.006 lbf•s/ft<sup>2</sup>). Figure  
19 4.1-9 shows the estimated pdf and cdf for drilling mud viscosity.

21 **Yield Stress.** For a saturated brine with the density maintained by emulsified oil and  
22 modeled as an ideal Bingham plastic, Pace (1990) estimates the yield point ( $\tau_o'$ ) varies between  
23 2.4 and 19 Pa (5 and 42 lb/100 ft<sup>2</sup>) with a median of 4 Pa (9.2 lb/100 ft<sup>2</sup>) (Figure 4.1-10).



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Figure 4.1-9. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Drilling Mud Viscosity.



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Figure 4.1-10. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Drilling Mud Yield Stress (Ideal Plastic).

3 **4.2 Human-Intrusion Borehole**

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Table 4.2-1. Characteristics of Human-Intrusion Borehole

10	Parameter	Median	Range		Units	Distribution Type	Source
16	Borehole Fill Properties						
17	Creep ( $r_0-r/r_0$ )		$2 \times 10^{-2}$	$8 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Table	Sjaardema and Krieg, 1987, Figure 4.6
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19	Density, average ( $\rho_{ave}$ )	$2.3 \times 10^3$			kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	See text (Salado).
20	Density, bulk ( $\rho_{bulk}$ )	$2.14 \times 10^3$			kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	See text (Salado).
21	Permeability, final (k)	$3.16 \times 10^{-12}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$	$1 \times 10^{-11}$	m <sup>2</sup>	Lognormal	Freeze and Cherry, Table 2.2 (silty sand)
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23	Initial						
24	Plug in Castile Fm.	$10^{-15}$			m <sup>2</sup>	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table C-1
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26	Plugs in Salado Fm.	$10^{-18}$			m <sup>2</sup>	Constant	Lappin et al., 1989, Table C-1
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28	Porosity ( $\phi$ )	$3.75 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-1}$	$5 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Normal	Freeze and Cherry, Table 2.4 (sand)
29							
30	Drilling Characteristics						
31	Drill bit diameter (d)						
32	Intrusion	$3.55 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.67 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.44 \times 10^{-1}$	m	Uniform	See text.
33	Historical	$2 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.21 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.45 \times 10^{-1}$	m	Delta	Brinster, 1990c
34	Drill string angular velocity ( $\dot{\theta}$ )	7.7	4.2	$2.3 \times 10^1$	rad/s	Cumulative	Pace, 1990; Austin, 1983
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37	Drilling mud flowrate ( $Q_f$ )	$9.935 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.45 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.24 \times 10^{-1}$	m <sup>3</sup> /(s•m)	Uniform	Pace, 1990; Austin, 1983
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## 4.2.1 Borehole Fill Properties

### Creep

<b>Parameter:</b>	Creep
<b>Median:</b>	None
<b>Range:</b>	2 x 10 <sup>-2</sup> 8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Table
<b>Source(s):</b>	Sjaardema, G. D. and R. D. Krieg. 1987. <i>A Constitutive Model for the Consolidation of WIPP Crushed Salt and Its Use in Analysis of Backfilled Shaft and Drift Configurations</i> . SAND87-1977. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Figure 4.6)

### Storage Density near Repository

<b>Parameter:</b>	Density, average ( $\rho_{ave}$ )
<b>Median:</b>	2.3 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Range:</b>	None
<b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
<b>Source(s):</b>	Krieg, R. D. 1984. <i>Reference Stratigraphy and Rock Properties for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Project</i> . SAND83-1908. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table 4)

### Bulk Density of Halite in Salado

<b>Parameter:</b>	Density, bulk ( $\rho_{bulk}$ )
<b>Median:</b>	2.14 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Range:</b>	None
<b>Units:</b>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
<b>Source(s):</b>	Holcomb, D. J. and M. Shields. 1987. <i>Hydrostatic Creep Consolidation of Crushed Salt with Added Water</i> . SAND87-1990. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (p. 17)

2 **Final Permeability**

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Permeability, final (k)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$3.16 \times 10^{-12}$
<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-14}$ $1 \times 10^{-11}$
<b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Lognormal
<b>Source(s):</b>	Freeze, R. A. and J. C. Cherry. 1979. <i>Groundwater</i> . Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc. (Table 2.4, silty sand)

18 **Porosity**

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Porosity (<math>\phi</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$3.75 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	$2.5 \times 10^{-1}$ $5 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Normal
<b>Source(s):</b>	Freeze, R. A. and J. C. Cherry. 1979. <i>Groundwater</i> . Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc. (Table 2.4, sand)

1 **Discussion:**

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3 Because of the speculative nature of inadvertent human intrusion, PA calculations depend on  
4 the guidance provided by regulations on factors such as length, severity, and resulting  
5 conditions after intrusion. The EPA Standard, *40 CFR 191*, in Appendix B states

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7 "...the implementing agency can assume that passive institutional controls or the  
8 intruders' own exploratory procedures are adequate for the intruders to soon  
9 detect, or be warned of, the incompatibility of the area with their activities ...  
10 Furthermore, the Agency assumes that the consequences of such inadvertent  
11 drilling need not be assumed to be more severe than: ... (2) creation of a ground  
12 water flow path with a permeability typical of a borehole filled by the soil or  
13 gravel that would normally settle into an open hole over time--not the  
14 permeability of a carefully sealed borehole."

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16 Thus while intruders "soon detect" the repository, the guidance in Appendix B suggests that  
17 the implementing agency should not take credit for any special precautions that the drilling  
18 company might pursue as the result of detection that could alter long-term borehole behavior.

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20 **Initial Conditions after Abandonment.** Some PA calculations require that initial conditions be  
21 established for the time period immediately after intrusion; no regulatory guidance has been  
22 provided for these conditions. In defining initial conditions in the borehole, the PA  
23 calculations assume that future societies establish government regulations on drilling similar to  
24 those in effect today to protect natural resources. Thus, for any borehole through the  
25 repository and hypothetical brine reservoir, drillers would be required to place casing and  
26 several cement and sand plugs as follows:

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28 *Casing.* The normal procedure for drilling an oil and gas well is to drill the hole to the base  
29 of the Rustler Formation (the top of salt) and set casing, called a salt string. The State  
30 Engineer Office dictates the use of this casing because the WIPP is located in a closed  
31 ground-water basin, and all hydrocarbon wells are required to protect the aquifers in the  
32 basin (e.g., Culebra Dolomite). After the hole has been drilled and the casing placed in the  
33 hole, the casing is cemented from bottom to top with an API Class C grout (intended for use  
34 in oil and gas wells from surface to a depth of 2,400 m [8,000 ft] and having a sulfate  
35 resistance).

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37 *Plug Locations.* The Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation  
38 Division (OCD) controls plugging when abandoning a borehole in the Delaware Basin in and  
39 around the WIPP. Exact specifications are negotiated between the drilling company and the  
40 OCD. The OCD then inspects for compliance. Because the WIPP repository is located in the  
41 potash enclave, recommended plugging procedures protect the potash horizon from foreign

1 fluids. Prior to 1988, specifications likely included sealing off any encountered brine  
2 reservoir in the Castile Formation with cement grout and capping the seal with a 60-m  
3 (200-ft) cement-grout plug. About 15 m (50 ft) of sand was usually emplaced above grout  
4 plugs. Weighted drilling fluid above the sand was usually emplaced to ~60 m (~200 ft) below  
5 the potash horizon, where another plug extended through the potash horizon. A second sand  
6 cap was emplaced, followed by weighted drilling mud to within ~60 m (~200 ft) of the top of  
7 the Salado Formation salt, where another plug of cement grout was emplaced, followed by  
8 sand and weighted mud. When the base of the casing was reached, the specifications either  
9 required grouting or filling with weighted mud to the surface, where a cap and abandonment  
10 marker were often placed (Lappin et al, 1989, Appendix C).

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12 In April 1988, the OCD amended order R-111 and specified that the plug be a "solid cement  
13 plug through the salt section" (Salado Formation); the amendment was in response to conflicts  
14 between the potash and oil/gas industries (OCD, 1988, p. 10). The 1991 PA calculations  
15 assumed these latter plugging conditions.

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17 *Initial Plug Permeability.* The initial plug permeabilities depend strongly on the host rock in  
18 which the plug is emplaced (e.g., clean vs. chemically altered steel casing or anhydrite vs.  
19 halite). Because most experimental studies of plug-borehole interactions extend for only  
20 hundreds of days or less, data are limited (Christensen and Petersen, 1981; Buck, 1985; Bush  
21 and Piele, 1986; Scheetz et al., 1986). Any PA calculations starting from initial conditions  
22 assume permeabilities of  $10^{-15}$  m<sup>2</sup> (1 mD) for plugs in the Castile Formation and  $10^{-18}$  m<sup>2</sup>  
23 ( $10^{-3}$  mD) in the Salado and Rustler Formations (Lappin et al., 1989, Table C-1).

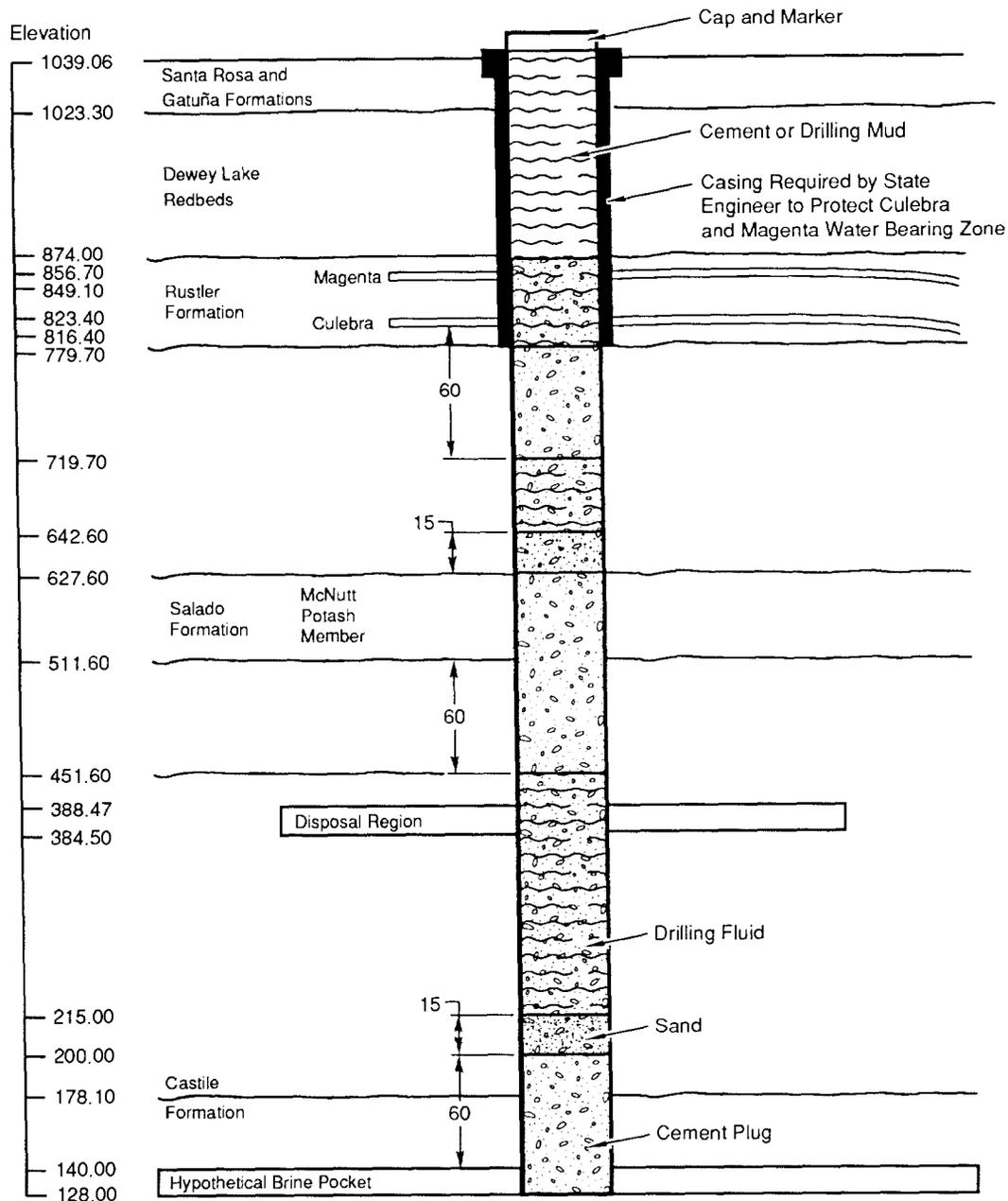
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25 **Borehole Permeability and Porosity.** Of primary concern to the PA calculations is the  
26 borehole permeability over most of the 10,000 yr. Three components of these calculations are  
27 (1) the length of time that the plug and casing remain intact, (2) the change in permeability  
28 of the deteriorating plugs with time, and (3) the ultimate deformation of the borehole.

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30 *Plug Life.* Cementing companies suggest that the cement plugs should last for at least 100 yr,  
31 as would casing. PA calculations assume a life of 75 yr followed by 75 yr of degradation  
32 (Figure 4.2-2).

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34 *Degraded Plugs and Borehole Debris Permeability.* PA calculations assume that the degrading  
35 concrete plugs and other debris initially present in the hole would have a permeability  
36 (Figure 4.2-3) and porosity (Figure 4.2-4) of silty sand (Freeze and Cherry, 1979), but with a  
37 bulk and average density equal to that of the Salado Formation (Table 4.2-1). The  
38 permeability and porosity were assumed to vary lognormally and normally, respectively,  
39 between the typical range for silty sand, typical of distributions of the parameters in the  
40 literature (Harr, 1987, Table 1.8.1).

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42 Note that any drilling mud initially in the borehole or brine that drains into the borehole  
43 would have to be able to migrate through the degrading plugs before the borehole could be a  
44 viable conduit. In other words, if the fluid is trapped, the borehole is not a conduit.

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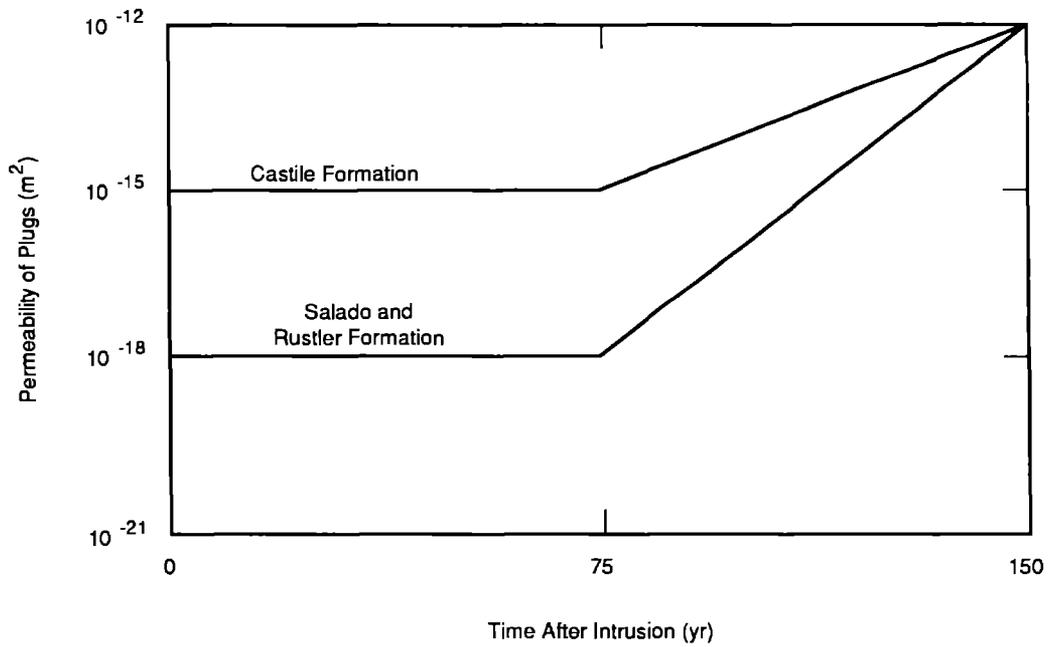


Contact Elevations (in Meters) are Taken from Borehole  
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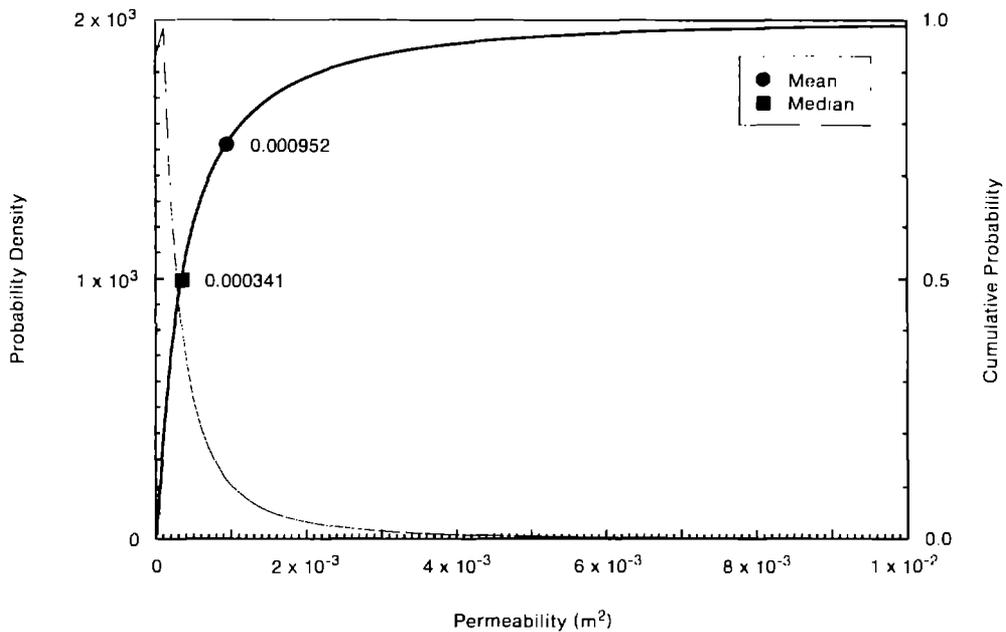
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Figure 4.2-1. Required Casing and Plugs. New Mexico State Engineer requires casing through Rustler Fm. when drilling exploratory boreholes; New Mexico Energy, Mineral, and Natural Resources Department currently requires solid cement plugs in Salado Fm. to protect potash horizon when abandoning a borehole.



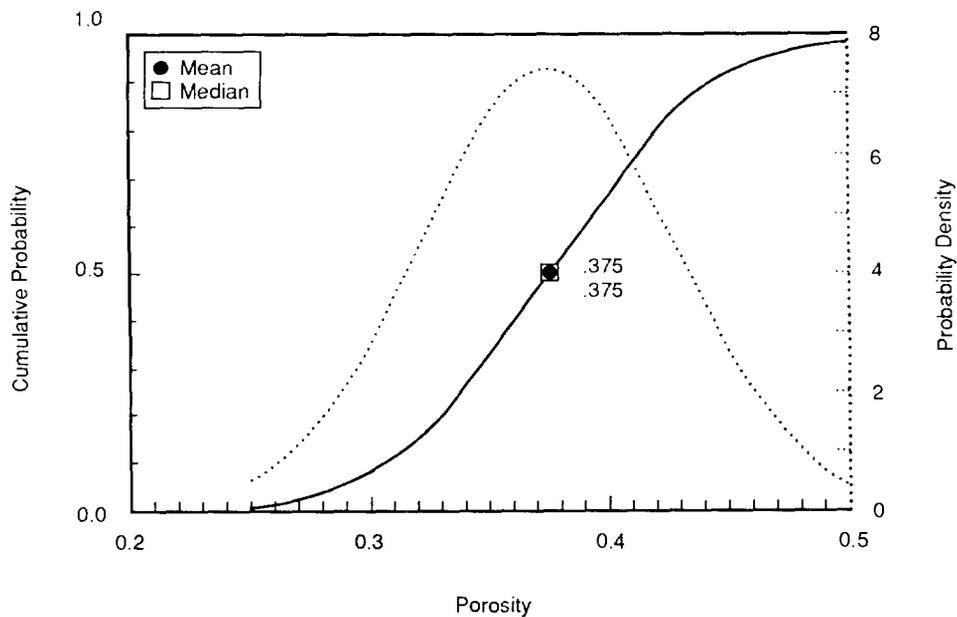
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Figure 4.2-2. Increased Permeability of Cement Grout Plugs in Intrusion Borehole with Time because of Degradation.



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Figure 4.2-3. Lognormal Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Borehole Permeability after Degradation but before Creep Deformation.



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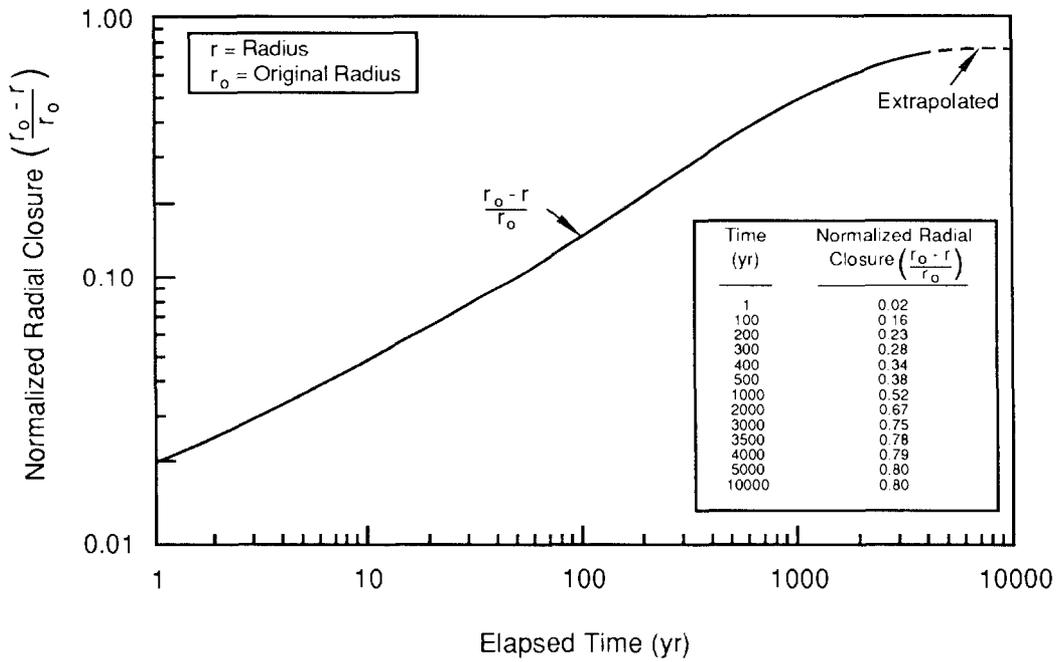
5 Figure 4.2-4. Normal Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Borehole Porosity after Degradation but before  
6 Creep Deformation.

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10 *Borehole Deformation.* Because of the change in borehole abandonment procedures, the 1991  
11 PA calculations did not assume any borehole deformation. This assumption contributed to a  
12 more conservative calculation.

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14 With the previous order, salt "would normally settle into an open hole" and naturally seal the  
15 hole shut in the uncemented section of the borehole. Thus, with time, the borehole would  
16 attain very low permeabilities similar to the host salt. However, if the amended orders are  
17 followed and the borehole is filled, the use of a solid cement plug through the Salado  
18 Formation greatly decreases the likelihood that the borehole will be permanently sealed by  
19 salt creep over the long term (>100 yr).

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21 The numerically predicted creep closure used in the 1990 PA calculations is shown in Figure  
22 4.2-5 (Sjaardema and Krieg, 1987, Figure 4.6). Although a homogenous transient creep  
23 model may not completely predict borehole closure -- because local variations such as  
24 anhydrite layers and clay lenses play an important role in the ultimate deformation -- the  
25 homogenous model of creep will err on the conservative side, predicting much slower creep  
26 closure than actually occurs (Munson et al., 1988; 1989; 1990c). On the other hand, Figure  
27 4.2-5 assumes no fluid is in the hole. The presence of hydrostatic pressure will greatly  
28 decrease the closure rate.

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Figure 4.2-5. Normalized Closure for Shaft (Sjaardema and Krieg, 1987, Figure 4.6).

## 4.2.2 Drilling Characteristics

### Diameter of Intrusion Drill Bit (Deep Hydrocarbon Target)

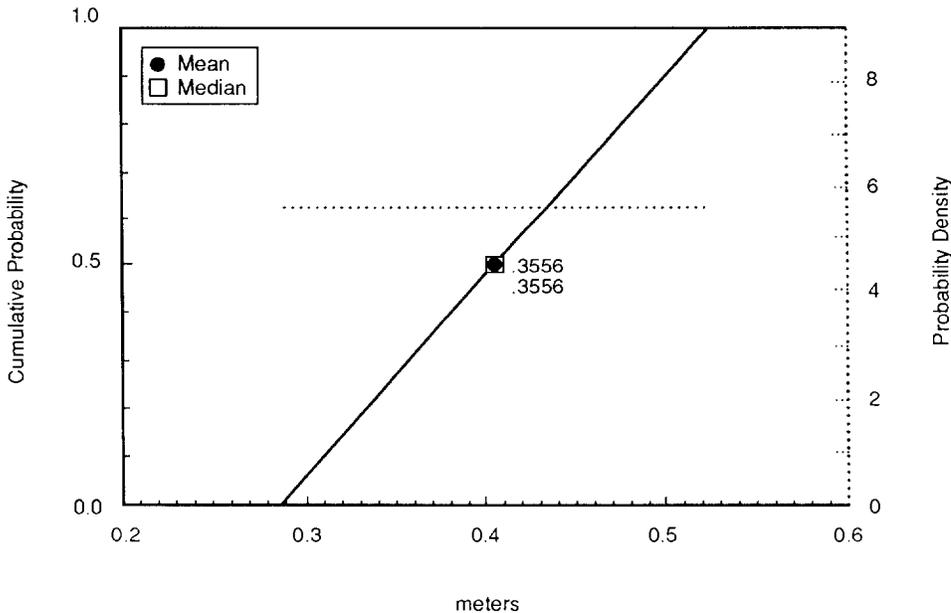
<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Intrusion drill bit diameter (d)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$3.55 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	$2.67 \times 10^{-1}$ $4.44 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Units:</b>	m
<b>Distribution:</b>	Uniform
<b>Source(s):</b>	See text.

### Historical Drill Bit Diameter

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Historical drill bit diameters (d)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$2 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	$1.21 \times 10^{-1}$ $4.45 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Units:</b>	m
<b>Distribution:</b>	Delta
<b>Source(s):</b>	Brinster, K. 1990c. "Well data from electric logs," Memo 10 in Appendix A of Rechar et al. 1990. <i>Data Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (1990)</i> . SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.

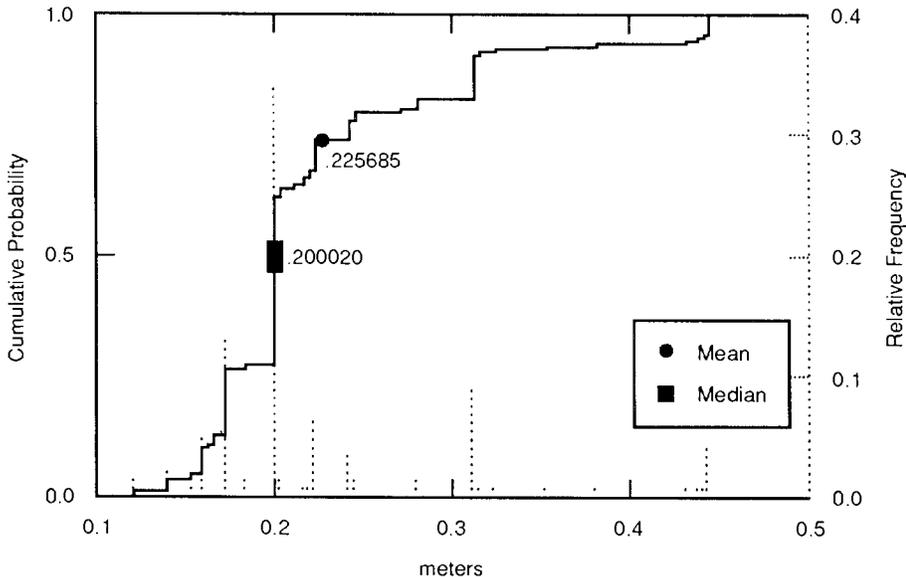
Figure 4.2-6 shows the uniform distribution for the diameter of the intrusion drill bit.

Figure 4.2-7 shows the distribution of drill bits used in the past.



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Figure 4.2-6. Estimated Probability of Drilling an Intrusion Borehole with a Specific Diameter.



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Figure 4.2-7. Distribution of Historical Drill Bit Diameter.

1 **Discussion:**

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3 The guidance for the EPA Standard, *40 CFR 191*, (Appendix B) states that the EPA

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5 "...believes that the most productive consideration of inadvertent intrusion concerns  
6 those realistic possibilities that may be usefully mitigated by repository design, site  
7 selection, or use of passive controls (although passive institutional controls should  
8 not be assumed to completely rule out the possibility of intrusion). Therefore,  
9 inadvertent and intermittent intrusion by exploratory drilling for resources (other  
10 than any provided by the disposal system itself) can be the most severe intrusion  
11 scenario assumed..."

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13 The future histories (scenarios) that must be considered are not necessarily exhaustive, but  
14 rather those that if examined might differentiate between repository sites or perhaps identify  
15 ways to improve repository design.

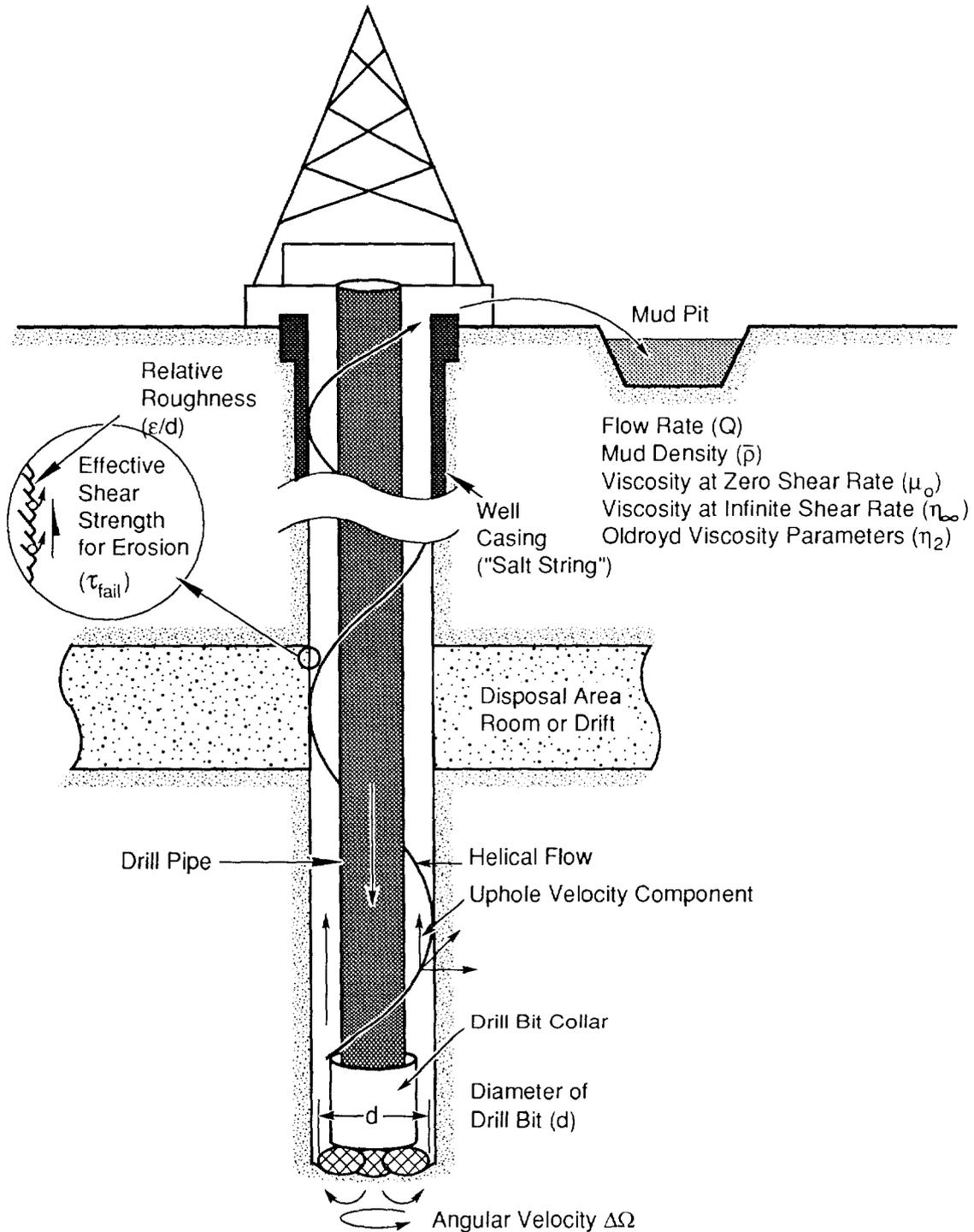
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17 Consequently, the PA Division of the WIPP assumes that current standard drilling procedures  
18 for gas and oil exploration will continue into the future, and that future drillers will observe  
19 regulations similar to those currently imposed by federal and state agencies to protect  
20 resources.

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22 Drilling for oil and gas has two main objectives: to drill the hole to the production zone as  
23 quickly and economically as safely possible, and to install casing from the reservoir to the  
24 surface for well production. The procedures used to accomplish these objectives are fairly  
25 well standardized in the drilling industry.

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27 Currently when a company drills an exploratory oil or gas well, the operation uses a standard  
28 rotary drill rig with a mud circulation system. The differences between drilling for oil and  
29 gas depend on the depth of the well, which controls the size of casing used. Figures 4.2-6  
30 and 4.2-7 show the distribution used in the past in the Delaware Basin for oil and gas  
31 exploration. The data are reported as a discrete distribution because bit diameters cannot  
32 vary continuously between 0.1206 m and 0.4445 m diameter (4-3/4 in. and 17-1/2 in.), but  
33 must be the diameter of a bit that was actually used (Brinster, 1990c). The median bit  
34 diameter is 0.2000 m (7-7/8 in. diameter) (Figures 4.2-6 and 4.2-7).

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36 Currently, the normal depth for an oil well in the Delaware Basin near the WIPP site ranges  
37 from 1,200 to 1,800 m (4,000 to 6,000 ft), but gas-well depths usually exceed 3,000 m  
38 (10,000 ft). Consequently, oil wells normally have a standard 0.413-m (16 1/4-in.) drilled  
39 hole to the top of salt to accommodate 0.340-m (13 3/8-in.) steel casing, and gas wells  
40 normally have a standard 0.4445-m (17 1/2-in.) drilled hole to accommodate 0.356-m (14-in.)  
41 casing. After casing is set with grout, the company drills either a standard 0.311-m (12  
42 1/4-in.) hole, if the target is oil, or a 0.356-m (14-in.) hole, if the target is gas (Table 4.2-2).  
43 Rather than sample from the historical diameters for evaluating the borehole as was done in  
44 the 1990 PA calculations, the 1991 PA calculations sample from a perturbation about the  
45 currently used diameter for deep gas wells (i.e., 0.356 m  $\pm$  0.0889 [14 in.  $\pm$  3.5]). This  
46 practice ensures that fairly large borehole diameters are used and thus is more conservative  
47 than the 1990 calculations.





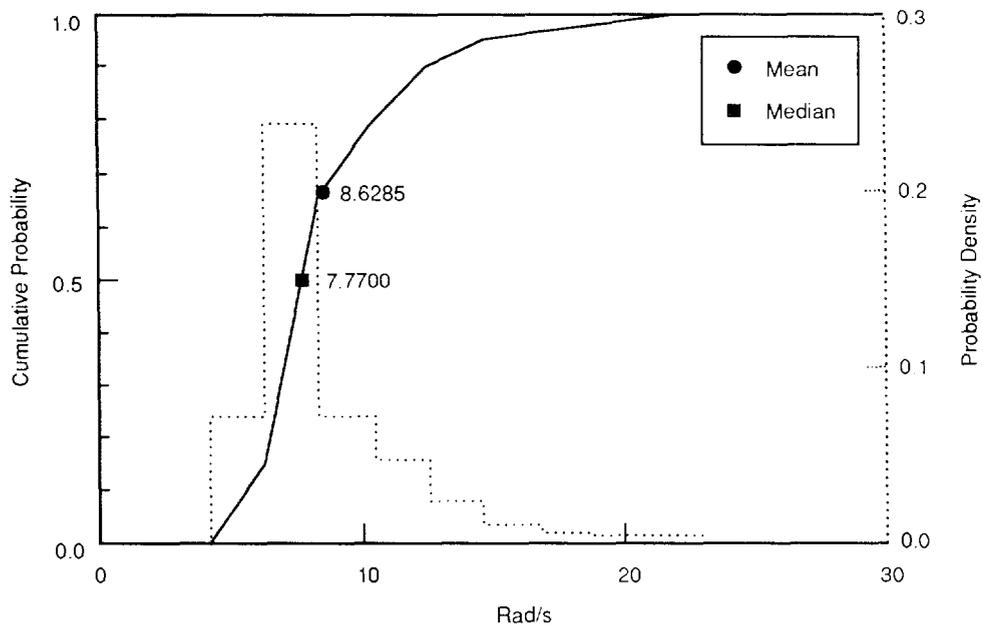
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Figure 4.2-8. Definition of Parameters Describing Human Intrusion by Drilling.

1 **Drill String Angular Velocity**

5	<b>Parameter:</b>	Drill string angular velocity ( $\dot{\theta}$ )
6	<b>Median:</b>	7.7
7	<b>Range:</b>	4.2
8		$2.3 \times 10^1$
9	<b>Units:</b>	rad/s
10	<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
11	<b>Source(s):</b>	Pace, R. O. 1990. Manager, Technology Exchange Technical Services, Baroid Drilling Fluids, Inc., 3000 N. Sam Houston Pkwy. E., Houston, TX. (Expert Opinion). Letter of 18 September 1990. Letter 1b in Appendix A of Recharad et al. 1990. <i>Data Used in Preliminary Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (1990)</i> . SAND89-2408. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories.
12		Austin, E. H. 1983. <i>Drilling Engineering Handbook</i> . Boston, MA: International Human Resources Development Corporation.

21 Figure 4.2-9 shows the distribution of the drill string angular velocity.



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Figure 4.2-9. Distribution (pdf and cdf) of Drill String Angular Velocity.

30 **Discussion:**

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32 For drilling through salt, the drill string angular velocity ( $\dot{\theta}$ ) can vary between 4.18 and 23  
33 rad/s (40 and 220 rpm) (Austin, 1983, Figure 4.5 ), with a median speed of about 7.75 rad/s  
34 (75 rpm) (Pace, 1990).

1 **Mud Flowrate**

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Drilling mud flowrate (<math>Q_f</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$9.925 \times 10^{-2}$
<b>Range:</b>	$7.45 \times 10^{-2}$ $1.24 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Units:</b>	$m^3/(s \cdot m)$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Uniform
<b>Source(s):</b>	Austin, E. H. 1983. <i>Drilling Engineering Handbook</i> . Boston, MA: International Human Resources Development Corporation.

16 **Discussion:**

18 Flowrates of the drilling fluid usually vary between  $7.45 \times 10^{-2}$  and  $1.24 \times 10^{-1} m^3/(s \cdot m)$  of  
19 drill diameter (30 and 50 gal/min/in.) (Austin, 1983, Table 1.15). PA calculations assumed  
20 that the annulus between the drill collar and borehole was initially about 2.5 cm (1 in.).  
21 Thus, for the minimum and maximum diameters typically used in the drilling near the WIPP,  
22 the uphole velocity varies between 0.99 and 1.73 m/s (3.2 and 5.7 ft/s).

### 4.3 Parameters for Castile Formation Brine Reservoir

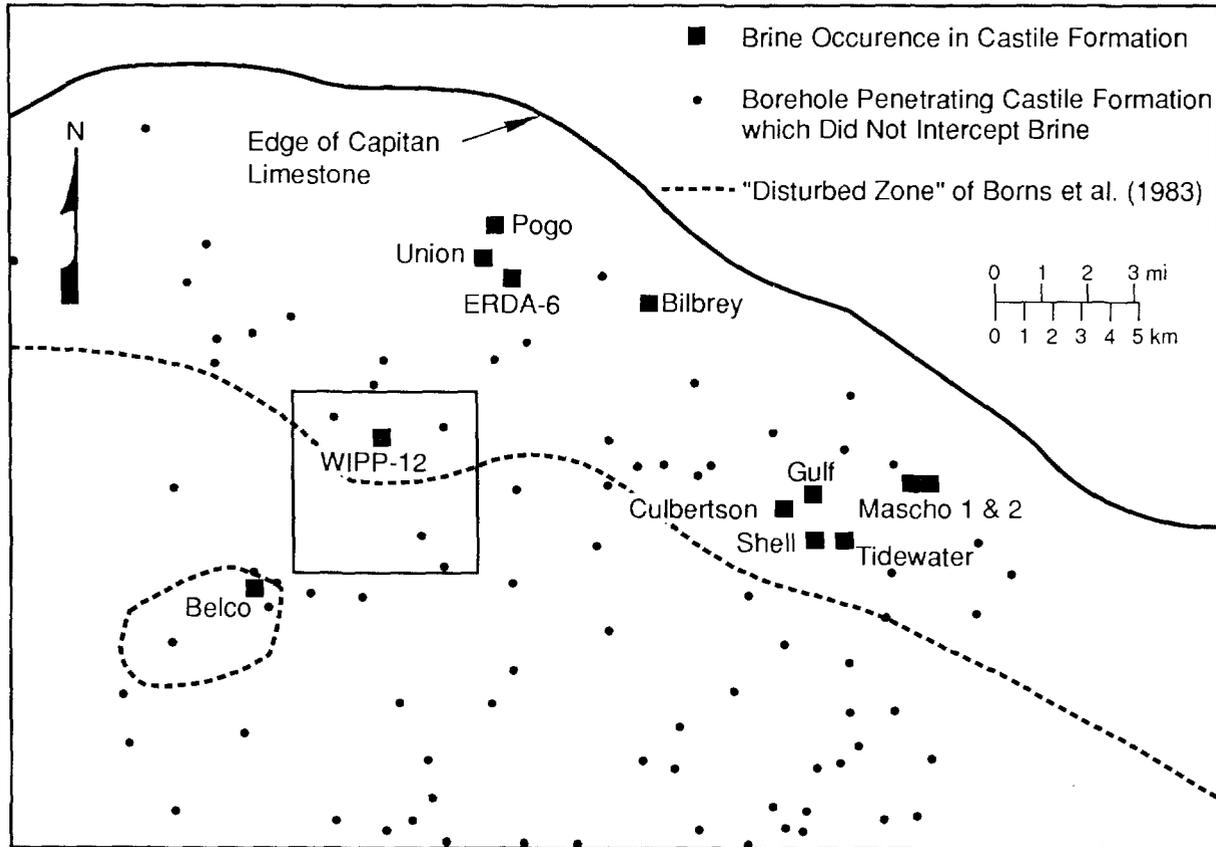
Pressurized brine in the northern Delaware Basin has been encountered in fractured anhydrites of the Castile Formation in boreholes both north and northeast of the WIPP over the past 50 yr. In addition, Castile brines were encountered southwest of the WIPP at the Belco Well, about 6.5 km (4 mi) from the center of the WIPP. During WIPP site characterization, Castile Formation brine reservoirs were encountered in the WIPP-12 borehole, about 1.6 km (1 mi) north of the center of the WIPP, and the ERDA-6 borehole, about 8 km (5 mi) northeast of the center of the WIPP (Figure 4.3-1).

Also, a geophysical study that correlated with the known occurrence of brine at WIPP-12 indicated the presence of brine fluid within the Castile Formation under the WIPP (Earth Technology Corp., 1988). Based on borehole experience and the geophysical study, the PA calculations assume that a brine reservoir exists underneath at least a portion of the disposal region. The assumed presence of a Castile brine reservoir beneath the repository is of concern only in the event of human intrusion. (The area and thus the probability of hitting a brine reservoir and the disposal area are discussed in Chapter 5.)

Table 4.3-1 provides the parameter values for the Castile Formation Brine Reservoir.

Table 4.3-1. Parameter Values for Castile Formation Brine Reservoir

Parameter	Median	Range		Units	Distribution Type	Source
Elevation, top	$1.4 \times 10^2$	$-2.00 \times 10^2$	$1.78 \times 10^2$	m	Cumulative	See text.
Density, grain ( $\rho_g$ )	$2.963 \times 10^3$			kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Constant	See anhydrite, Section 24.
Analytic Model						
Pressure, initial ( $p_i$ )	$1.26 \times 10^7$	$1.1 \times 10^7$	$2.1 \times 10^7$	Pa	Cumulative	$\rho_f g \Delta z$ , $\rho_b g \Delta z$ ; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-19; Popielak et al., 1983, p. H-52
Storativity, bulk $\hat{S}_b$	$2 \times 10^{-1}$	$2 \times 10^{-2}$	$2 \times 10^1$	m <sup>3</sup> /Pa	Loguniform	See text.
Numerical Model						
Permeability						
Intact matrix	$1 \times 10^{-19}$	$1 \times 10^{-20}$	$1 \times 10^{-18}$	m <sup>2</sup>	Cumulative	See Table 2.4-1.
Fractured matrix	$1 \times 10^{-13}$	$1 \times 10^{-16}$	$1 \times 10^{-10}$	m <sup>2</sup>	Cumulative	Freeze and Cherry, 1979; Reeves et al., 1991.
Porosity	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	none	Cumulative	Reeves et al., 1991.
Radius, equivalent	$2.32 \times 10^2$	$3 \times 10^1$	$8.6 \times 10^3$	m	Cumulative	Reeves et al., 1991.
Thickness	$1.2 \times 10^1$	7	$6.1 \times 10^1$	m	Constant	Reeves et al., 1991.



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Figure 4.3-1. Deep Boreholes that Encountered Brine Reservoirs within the Castile Formation, Northern Delaware Basin (Lappin et al., 1989, Figure 3-26).

2 **4.3.1 Analytic Brine Reservoir Model**

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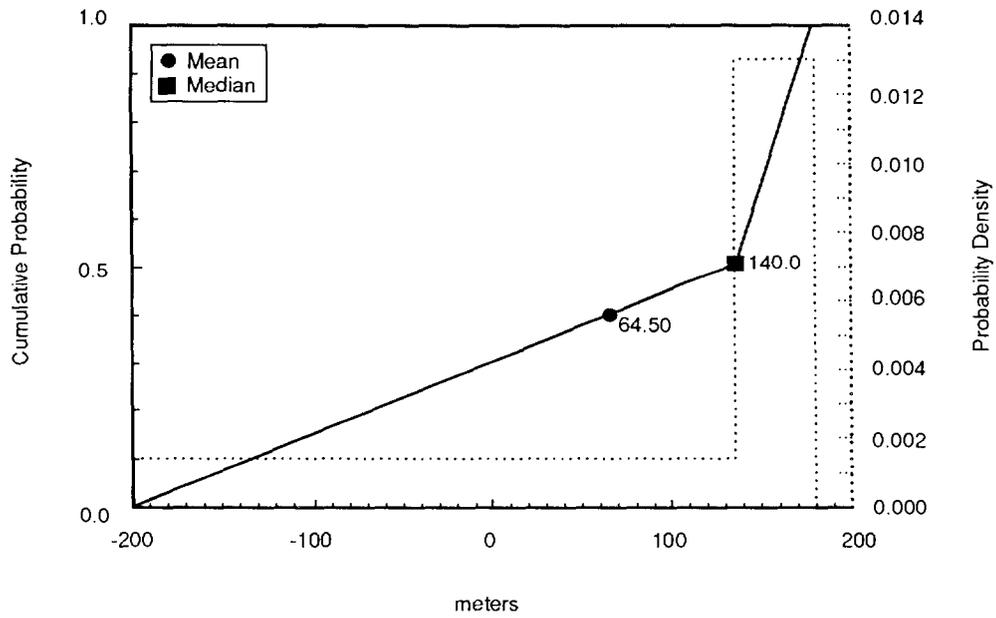
<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Elevation of top</b>
<b>Median:</b>	1.4 x 10 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Range:</b>	-2.0 x 10 <sup>2</sup> 1.78 x 10 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Units:</b>	m
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	See Figure 2.2-1. Lappin, A. R., R. L. Hunter, D. P. Garber, and P. B. Davies, eds. 1989. <i>Systems Analysis Long-Term Radionuclide Transport, and Dose Assessments, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Southeastern New Mexico; March 1989.</i> SAND89-0462. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table 3-19)

**Discussion:**

As discussed in Section 5.1.1, the elevation of the brine reservoir is directly tied to the areal extent. The elevation of the brine reservoir potentially varies between -200 and 178 m (-656 and 584 ft), the estimated bottom and measured top elevation, respectively, of the Castile Formation in ERDA-9. The elevation of the top of the WIPP-12 brine reservoir (140 m [457.8 ft]) was chosen as the median. For 1991 PA calculations, the hypothetical brine reservoir elevation was fixed at the median, while the areal extent was allowed to vary, independently.

Figure 4.3-2 shows the estimated distribution for elevation.

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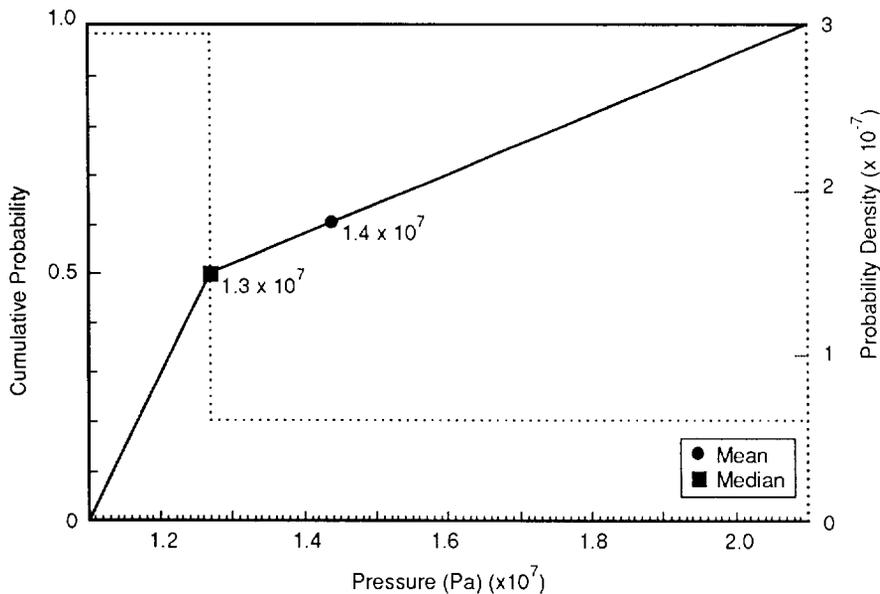
Figure 4.3-2. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Elevation of Castile Formation Brine Reservoir.

2 **Brine Pressure**

6	<b>Parameter:</b>	Pressure, initial ( $p_i$ )
7	<b>Median:</b>	$1.26 \times 10^7$
8	<b>Range:</b>	$1.1 \times 10^7$
9		$2.1 \times 10^7$
10	<b>Units:</b>	Pa
11	<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
12	<b>Source(s):</b>	Popielak, R. S., R. L. Beauheim, S. R. Black, W. E. Coons, C. T. Ellingson, and R. L. Olsen. 1983. <i>Brine Reservoirs in the Castile Fm., Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Project, Southeastern New Mexico</i> . TME-3153. Carlsbad, NM: U.S. Department of Energy.
13		Lappin, A. R., R. L. Hunter, D. P. Garber, and P. B. Davies, eds. 1989. <i>Systems Analysis Long-Term Radionuclide Transport, and Dose Assessments, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Southeastern New Mexico; March 1989</i> . SAND89-0462. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table 3-19)

22 Figure 4.3-3 shows the estimated distribution for initial brine reservoir pressure.

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Figure 4.3-3. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Castile Brine Reservoir Initial Pressure.

1 **Discussion:**

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3 **Median.** The measured initial pressure of 12.6 MPa (125 atm) for WIPP-12 (Popielak, 1983,  
4 p. H-52) was used as the median brine reservoir initial pressure.

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6 **Range.** Lappin et al. (Table 3-19, 1989, derived from Popielak et al., 1983, Table H.1)  
7 estimated the initial brine reservoir pressure from several wellhead measurements at WIPP-12  
8 and other boreholes that encountered pressurized Castile brine. The range was between 7.0  
9 and 17.4 MPa (69 and 172 atm). Because the range of pressures includes measurements in  
10 wells completed at various elevations, a correction for differences in elevation is required.

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12 The origin of Castile brine reservoirs is not conclusively known. Present interpretations are  
13 that their origin is either local, by limited movement of intergranular brines from adjacent  
14 Castile halites, or regional, by the previous existence of a lateral hydraulic connection of the  
15 Castile Formation with the Capitan reef (Lappin et al., 1989). However, the initial pressure  
16 observations at other wells are only directly pertinent if (1) the reservoir fluids are from the  
17 same source (past interconnection of reservoir fluid) or (2) they had a common genesis (e.g.,  
18 brine trapped along bedding planes in areas of high permeability).

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20 For the first case (interconnection), an elevation correction assuming a hydrostatic variation  
21 with depth is most appropriate. For the second case (common genesis), an elevation  
22 correction assuming a lithostatic variation depth is most appropriate. The range using both  
23 types of elevation corrections is 10.7 to 16.8 MPa (106 to 166 atm) (Table 4.3-2). A brine  
24 density of 1,215 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (75.85 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) (Section 4.1) was assumed for the first case; an average  
25 formation density of 2,400 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (149.8 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) was assumed for the second case. Elevations  
26 (except WIPP-12 and ERDA-6) were estimated from the well location and a topographic map  
27 of the area (USGS 15 min quads, Carlsbad, NM, 1971, Nash Draw, NM, 1965).

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29 This calculated range is similar to the maximum and minimum possible range of 11 and 21  
30 MPa assuming hydrostatic and lithostatic pressures at the elevation of the WIPP-12 brine  
31 reservoir (140 m [457.8 ft]) (see Figure 2.2-3) and consequently this latter range was used in  
32 the PA calculations.

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2 Table 4.3-2. Estimated Initial Pressures of Brine Reservoirs Encountered in the Region around the  
3 WIPP Corrected to the Depth at the WIPP-12 Brine Reservoir (after Popielak et al., 1983)  
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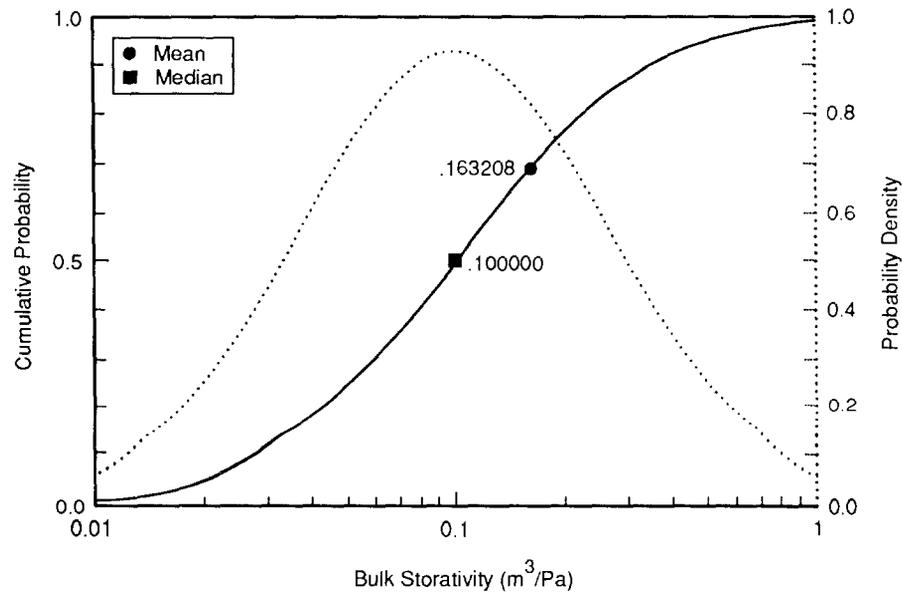
6		Pressure	Pressure	Reported	Elevation	Depth to	Surface
8	Well	with	with	Pressure at	of	Observation	Elevation*
9	Name	Hydrostatic	Lithostatic	Observation	Observation	(m)	(m)
10		Correction	Correction	(MPa)	(m)		
11		(MPa)	(MPa)				
12							
14	WIPP-12	12.7	12.7	12.7	140	918	1058
15	ERDA-6	15.5	16.8	14.1	253	826	1079
16	Belco	14.5	14.6	14.3	152	854	1006
17	Gulf	12.1	10.7	13.6	16	1097	1113
18	Pogo	> 16.6	> 15.8	> 17.4	69	1013	1082
19	Tidewater	> 14.0	> 12.2	> 16.0	-24	1137	1113
20	Union	> 11.2	> 12.2	> 10.1	226	856	1082
21	H&W Danford 1	11.5	15.8	7.0	512	588	1100(?)
22	**Bilbrey	12.1	13.8	11.2	209	942	1151
23	**Culbreston	11.8	10.9	12.8	57	1071	1128
24	**Mascho 1	11.6	10.8	12.4	69	1013	1082
25	**Mascho 2	11.3	10.6	12.0	77	1005	1082
26	**Shell	11.8	10.4	13.4	9	1119	1128

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30 \* Elevation from well location and USGS 15 min quad topographic map, Carlsbad, NM, 1971, Nash  
31 \*\* According to Popielak et al. (1983, Table H.1), these wells should not be used to estimate static pressure.  
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**Bulk Storativity**

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Bulk storativity (<math>S_b</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$2 \times 10^{-1}$
<b>Range:</b>	$2 \times 10^{-2}$
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<b>Units:</b>	$m^3/Pa$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Lognormal
<b>Source(s):</b>	See text. Popielak, R. S., R. L. Beauheim, S. R. Black, W. E. Coons, C. T. Ellingson, and R. L. Olsen. 1983. <i>Brine Reservoirs in the Castile Formation, Southeastern New Mexico, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Project</i> . TME-3153. Carlsbad, NM: U.S. Department of Energy.

Figure 4.3-4 shows the estimated distribution for bulk storativity.



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Figure 4.3-4. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Bulk Storativity of Castile Brine Reservoir.

1 **Discussion:**

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3 Bulk storativity ( $S_b$ ) as defined herein is the total volume of fluid discharged from the  
4 reservoir per unit decrease in reservoir pressure ( $\Delta V/\Delta p$ ). The bulk storativity can be  
5 estimated from wellhead measurements (long-term change in pressure and total discharge  
6 volume), or from the compressibility of the reservoir matrix and fluid and the total volume  
7 and porosity of the reservoir.

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9 The pressure recovery of the WIPP-12 reservoir is characteristic of a dual-porosity medium.  
10 An initial rapid response is attributed to a highly permeable fracture set, while a more  
11 gradual component of recovery is due to repressurization of the higher permeability fracture  
12 set by intersecting lower permeability fractures. Because the human-intrusion scenarios  
13 contemplate that the Castile will be connected to the Culebra over the long term (compared to  
14 the duration of well tests), estimates of bulk storativity from long-term pressure changes are  
15 more appropriate than those made using short-term pressure changes, which may represent  
16 only the storativity of the highest permeability fractures. Estimates of bulk storativity using  
17 wellhead measurements range from  $5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{Pa}$  (from ERDA-6 testing through October,  
18 1982) to  $2 \times 10^{-1} \text{ m}^3/\text{Pa}$  (from estimated total discharge volume, maximum estimated  
19 formation pressure, and apparent long-term recovery pressure at WIPP-12). Because WIPP-12  
20 is closer to the waste disposal areathan ERDA-6, the latter number is considered more  
21 appropriate for a sub-repository reservoir.

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23 Reservoir compressibility ( $\beta_s/\phi$ ) and total volume ( $V_{tot}$ ) may also be used to estimate bulk  
24 storativity:

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$$S_b = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta p} = V_{tot} \frac{1}{V_{tot}} \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta p} = V_{tot} \frac{1}{K} = V_{tot} \beta_s \quad (4.3-1)$$

32 The area of the anticline associated with the WIPP-12 reservoir is approximately  $1.7 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2$   
33 (Popielak et. al., 1982 p. H-53). Popielak depicts brine occurrence in the lower 40% of the  
34 100-m thickness of Anhydrite III-IV at WIPP-12 (Popielak et al., 1983, Figure G-2), giving a  
35 rough estimate of the reservoir total volume of  $6.5 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^3$ . (Note that other published  
36 estimates of reservoir volume [e.g., Lappin et al., 1989, p. E-32] were made from wellhead  
37 measurements assuming some value of compressibility. These volume estimates will therefore  
38 not lead to independent estimates of  $S_b$ ). Estimates of the bulk modulus  $K_{bulk} = E/3(1-2\nu)$   
39 (where E is Young's modulus and  $\nu$  is Poisson's ratio) of Anhydrite III at WIPP-12 were used  
40 by Popielak et al. (1983, p. G-34) to derive a range of  $\beta_s$  from  $3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$  to  $1.4 \times 10^{-10}$   
41  $\text{Pa}^{-1}$ . The resulting range in bulk storativity from Eq. 4.3-1 is  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  to  $9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{Pa}$ .  
42 The reason this range does not include the wellhead estimate from WIPP-12 may be due to  
43 errors in the estimate of bulk volume or compressibility. For example, the apparent  $\beta_s$  may  
44 be larger than estimated here because of fractures in the anhydrite or trapped gas in the  
45 reservoir. However, at present there is no reason to suppose that bulk storativity is  
46 substantially higher than estimated from WIPP-12 wellhead measurements.

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48 Based on the above considerations, the bulk storativity is assumed to lie between  $2 \times 10^{-2}$  and  
49  $2 \times 10 \text{ m}^3/\text{Pa}$ . The likelihood of the actual value falling in a given interval is described by a  
50 loguniform distribution between these limits. The median of this distribution is  $0.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{Pa}$ .

2 The high effective transmissivity of the Castile brine reservoir inferred from flow tests at the  
3 WIPP-12 borehole (Lappin et al., 1989; Popielak et al., 1983) implies that, in the event of its  
4 connection to the Culebra Dolomite through a sand-filled borehole, fluid flow rates from the  
5 brine reservoir will be controlled by the conductivity of the borehole fill and the area of the  
6 borehole (Rechard et al., 1990b, Figure 4-14; Reeves et al., 1991); pressure gradients within  
7 the brine reservoir will be small compared to gradients along the intrusion borehole.  
8 Observed correlation between brine occurrence and anticlines in the Castile (Lappin, 1988),  
9 and the larger differences in pressure among brine reservoirs at various locations, imply that  
10 Castile brine reservoirs have finite extent and are effectively isolated from one another over  
11 the long term. These observations suggest that in the context of discharge through an  
12 intrusion borehole(s) during the regulatory lifetime of the repository, Castile brine reservoirs  
13 would behave as finite reservoirs with effectively infinite conductivity. The reservoir state at  
14 any time could therefore be characterized by a single pressure.

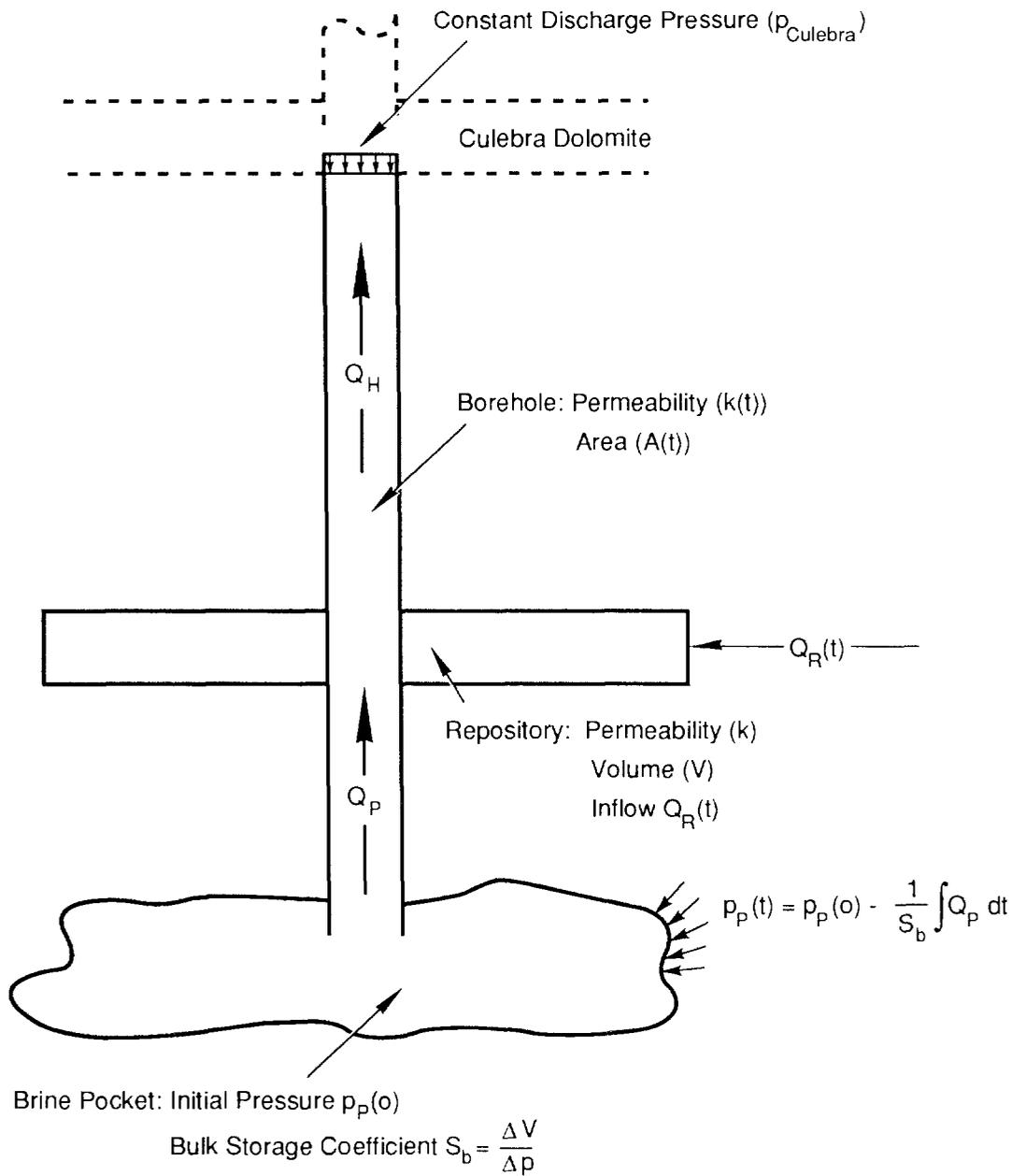
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16 Assuming constant compressibility of the brine reservoir components (fluid, matrix, and gas),  
17 the pressure in the brine reservoir will vary linearly with the volume of brine removed as  
18 follows:  $dp/dV = 1/S_b$  where  $dp$  is the change in brine reservoir pressure,  $dV$  is the change  
19 in brine volume in the brine reservoir, and  $S_b$  is the bulk storage coefficient for the whole  
20 brine reservoir.

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22 Therefore, the essential characteristics of the brine reservoir are contained in two parameters  
23 (Figure 4.3-5): the initial pressure of the brine reservoir,  $p_i$ , and bulk storativity,  $S_b$ .

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Figure 4.3-5. Conceptual Model of Castile Brine Reservoir, Repository, and Borehole Requires a Specified Initial Brine Reservoir Pressure and a Bulk Storage Coefficient (Change in Discharge Volume with Change in Brine Reservoir Pressure).

### 4.3.2 Numerical Brine Reservoir Model

#### Permeability, Intact Matrix

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Permeability, intact matrix</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-19}$
<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-20}$ $1 \times 10^{-18}$
<b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	See Table 2.4-1.

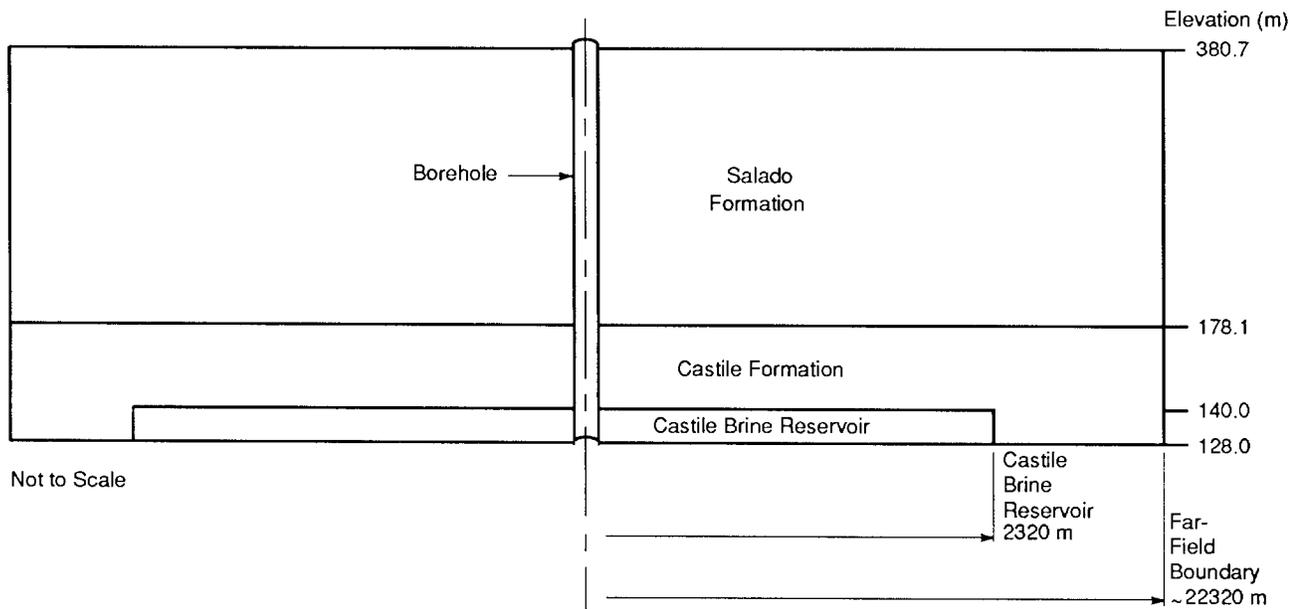
#### Permeability, Fractured Matrix

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Permeability, fractured matrix</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-13}$
<b>Range:</b>	$1 \times 10^{-16}$ $1 \times 10^{-10}$
<b>Units:</b>	$m^2$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Freeze, R. A. and J. C. Cherry. 1979. <i>Groundwater</i> . Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc. (Table 2.6) Reeves, M., G. Freeze, V. Kelley, J. Pickens, D. Upton, and P. Davies. 1991. <i>Regional Double-Porosity Solute Transport in the Culebra Dolomite under Brine-Reservoir-Breach Release Conditions: An Analysis of Parameter Sensitivity and Importance</i> . SAND89-7069. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table 2.1)

#### Discussion:

The mesh for the numerical model used two layers for the Castile Formation (see Figure 4.3-6). The upper layer and the lower layer beyond a radius of 2,320 m (7,586 ft) were intact Castile anhydrite matrix. The lower layer out to a radius of 2,320 m (7,586 ft) was the fractured brine reservoir. The permeability used for the reservoir was  $1 \times 10^{11} m^2$ . Test simulations using the median permeability of intact anhydrite,  $1 \times 10^{-19} m^2$ , and pressures in the brine reservoir within the range of sampled values (11 MPa to 21 MPa), showed that those pressures decayed relatively quickly by flow through the intact matrix (upper layer) and into the Salado Formation. It was apparent that, when using the reported median permeability of Castile anhydrite and assuming Darcy flow everywhere, one cannot maintain a pressurized brine reservoir in the Castile for more than a few hundred years. In order to

1 simulate a pressurized brine reservoir, it was necessary to isolate it completely from the  
2 Salado and from the far field by assigning a permeability of zero to the intact Castile matrix  
3 (upper Castile mesh layer and far field lower layer). When isolated in this manner, the  
4 numerical model of the Castile brine reservoir can simulate the behavior observed during well  
5 tests done by Popielak et al. (1983) with the properties described in this section and in  
6 Sections 4.3 and 4.3.2.  
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Figure 4.3-6. Numerical Model of Castile Brine Reservoir.

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Porosity</b>
<b>Median:</b>	0.005
<b>Range:</b>	0.001
	0.01
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	Reeves, M., G. Freeze, V. Kelly, J. Pickens, D. Upton, and P. Davies. 1991. <i>Regional Double-Porosity Solute Transport in the Culebra Dolomite under Brine-Reservoir-Breach Release Conditions: An Analysis of Parameter Sensitivity and Importance.</i> SAND89-7069. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table 2.1)

18 **Discussion:**

19 Bulk storativity was varied in the 1991 PA calculations. However, calculations done using the  
20 two-dimensional, two-phase porous flow model, BRAGFLO, require compressibilities of  
21 brine and rock, rather than bulk storativity to determine the storage capacity of a porous  
22 medium. A porosity,  $\phi$ , of 0.005 was used for both the brine reservoir and the Castile  
23 Formation, and the brine compressibility,  $S_b$ , was  $2.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$  (Salado brine was used in  
24 the model, since brine density has to be constant in BRAGFLO; see Section 4.1.1). Brine  
25 reservoir matrix compressibility,  $\beta_s$ , was obtained from sampled values of bulk storativity,  $S_b$ ,  
26 using the formula

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$$\phi = S_b/V - \phi\beta$$

30 where V is the volume of the reservoir,  $\pi r^2 L$ . Dimensions of the reservoir (radius, r, and the  
31 thickness, L) are discussed below. The compressibility discussed here is defined by

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$$\beta_s = \frac{1}{1-\phi} \frac{d\phi}{dp}$$

37 whereas BRAGFLO requires a compressibility,  $\beta'_s$ , defined as

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$$\beta'_s = \frac{1}{\phi} \frac{d(\phi)}{dp}$$

43 so one more step is needed to obtain  $\beta'_s$ :

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$$\beta'_s = \beta_s(1-\phi)/\phi$$

1 For the brine reservoir, the bulk storativity ranged from 0.02 to 2.0, resulting in matrix  
2 compressibility,  $\beta'_g$ , ranging from  $2.2 \times 10^{-8}$  to  $1.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$ .

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4 The value used in the two-phase flow model for the intact Castile matrix compressibility was  
5  $1.99 \times 10^{-7} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$ , although the zero permeability meant that this parameter was effectively  
6 unused.

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8 Values of other material properties for the Castile Formation and the brine reservoir are  
9 discussed elsewhere in Sections 4.3 and 2.4 (Hydrologic Parameters for Anhydrite Layers  
10 within Salado Formation). Parameters used in the two-phase flow model for the intact  
11 Castile matrix include: residual brine saturation of 0.2; residual gas saturation of 0.2; Brooks-  
12 Corey relative permeability correlation exponent of 0.7; and threshold capillary pressure of  
13 1.869 MPa. Because the permeability of the intact matrix was set to zero, none of these  
14 parameters has any effect; however, if nonzero permeabilities were used, these are the values  
15 that would be used. For the fractured brine reservoir, the following were used: residual  
16 brine and gas saturations of 0.2; Brooks-Corey exponent of 0.7; and a threshold capillary  
17 pressure of zero. Zero capillary pressure in the brine reservoir proved to be necessary for  
18 numerical stability; nonzero values caused excessively long run times, but otherwise had little  
19 effect on the results.

1 **Radius and Thickness**

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3 <b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Radius</b>
4 <b>Median:</b>	2320
5 <b>Range:</b>	30
6	8600
7 <b>Units:</b>	m
8 <b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
9 <b>Source(s):</b>	Reeves, M., G. Freeze, V. Kelly, J. Pickens, D. Upton, and P. Davies. 10 11 1991. <i>Regional Double-Porosity Solute Transport in the Culebra</i> 12 <i>Dolomite under Brine-Reservoir-Breach Release Conditions: An</i> 13 <i>Analysis of Parameter Sensitivity and Importance.</i> SAND89-7069. 14 Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table 2.1) 15 16

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18 <b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Thickness</b>
19 <b>Median:</b>	12.0
20 <b>Range:</b>	7.0
21	61
22 <b>Units:</b>	m
23 <b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
24 <b>Source(s):</b>	Reeves, M., G. Freeze, V. Kelly, J. Pickens, D. Upton, and P. Davies. 25 26 1991. <i>Regional Double-Porosity Solute Transport in the Culebra</i> 27 <i>Dolomite under Brine-Reservoir-Breach Release Conditions: An</i> 28 <i>Analysis of Parameter Sensitivity and Importance.</i> SAND89-7069. 29 Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table 2.1) 30 31 Popielak, R. S., R. L. Beauheim, S. R. Black, W. E. Coons, C. T. 32 Ellingson, and R. L. Olsen. 1983. <i>Brine Reservoirs in the Castile</i> 33 <i>Formation, Southeastern New Mexico, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</i> 34 <i>(WIPP) Project.</i> TME-3153. Carlsbad, NM: U.S. Department of 35 Energy. (p. H-55) 36 37

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39 **Discussion:**

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41 The size of the brine reservoir was based on several factors, including the bulk storativity  
42 (which was varied in the 1991 PA calculations), earlier estimates of the extent of the  
43 reservoir (specifically, the radius of the "outer ring" of the brine reservoir, as determined  
44 in Reeves et al. [1989]), and the size of grid blocks in the mesh. The dimensions finally  
45 used were arrived at iteratively and somewhat arbitrarily as the conceptual model and the  
46 mesh were developed and as the original data of Popielak et al. (1983) were reexamined.  
47 After establishing the grid and selecting a radius for the reservoir, the value for the  
48 thickness of the reservoir was chosen in order to accommodate the sampled range of  
49 storativities. A value of 12 m (39 ft) was selected as appropriate for use in the numerical

1 storativities. A value of 12 m (39 ft) was selected as appropriate for use in the numerical  
2 model for the Castile brine reservoir. As a comparison, Popielak et al. (1983) originally  
3 assumed a thickness of 61 m (199 ft), which coincided with the thickness tested during  
4 their drill stem tests, whereas Reeves et al. estimated an effective thickness of 7 to 24 m  
5 (23 to 78 ft) in their analysis of the data for Popielak et al., (1983).

## 4.4 Climate Variability and Culebra Member Recharge

Climate variability is a continuous process (agent) acting on and thus affecting the state of the disposal system. The primary concerns are precipitation variation and, ultimately, recharge to strata above the Salado Formation, specifically, to the Culebra Dolomite Member. The parameters for climate variability and Culebra Member recharge are shown in Table 4.4-1.

Table 4.4-1. Climate Variability and Culebra Member Recharge

Parameter	Median	Range		Units	Distribution Type	Source
Annual precipitation ( $\bar{r}_p$ )	$3.436 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.09 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.563 \times 10^{-1}$	m	Normal	Hunter, 1985
Precipitation variation						
Amplitude factor ( $A_m$ )	2			none	Constant	Swift, October 10, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A).
Short-term fluctuation ( $\Phi$ )	$2 \times 10^{-10}$			Hz	Constant	Swift, October 10, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A).
Glacial fluctuation ( $\Theta$ )	$1.7 \times 10^{-12}$			Hz	Constant	Swift, October 10, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A).
Recharge amplitude						
factor ( $A_m$ )	$8 \times 10^{-2}$	0	$1.6 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Uniform	See text.

Precipitation variability is modeled as a simple combination of sine and cosine functions representing high-frequency precipitation fluctuations and low-frequency glacial (e.g., Pleistocene) fluctuations. The function is not a prediction of future precipitation but rather is a simple way to explore the influence of precipitation variation:

$$\frac{\bar{r}_f}{\bar{r}_p} = \left[ \left[ \frac{3A_m + 1}{4} \right] - \left[ \frac{A_m - 1}{2} \right] \left[ \cos \theta t + \frac{1}{2} \cos \Phi t - \sin \frac{\Phi}{2} t \right] \right] \quad (4.4-1)$$

1 **4.4.1 Annual Precipitation**

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4	<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Mean annual precipitation</b>
5	<b>Mean median:</b>	$3.436 \times 10^{-1}$
6	<b>Range:</b>	$3.09 \times 10^{-2}$
7		$6.563 \times 10^{-1}$
8	<b>Units:</b>	m
9	<b>Distribution:</b>	Normal
10	<b>Source(s):</b>	Hunter, R. L. 1985. <i>A Regional Water Balance for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Site and Surrounding Area.</i> SAND84-2233. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Table 2)

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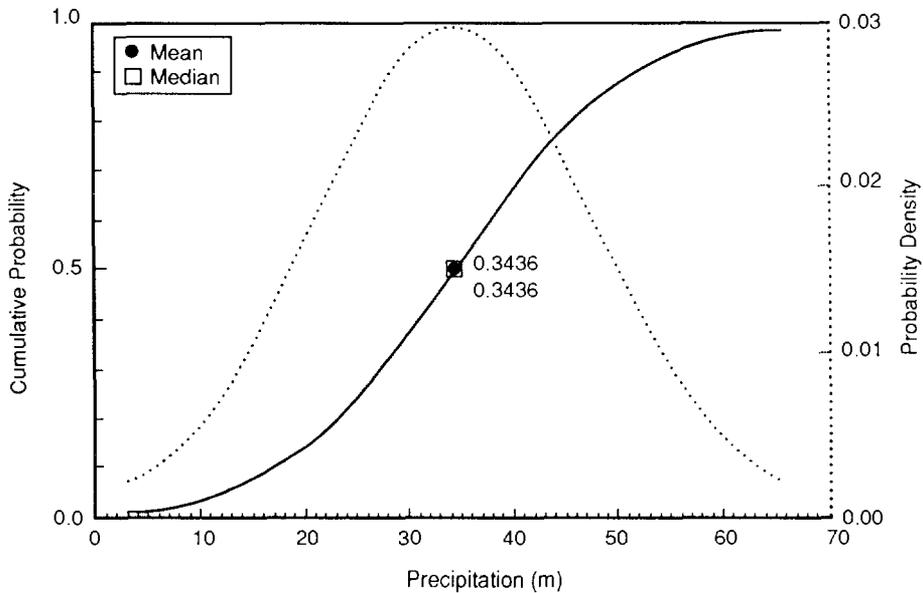
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17 Figure 4.4-1 shows the distribution for mean annual precipitation at the WIPP station. Figure

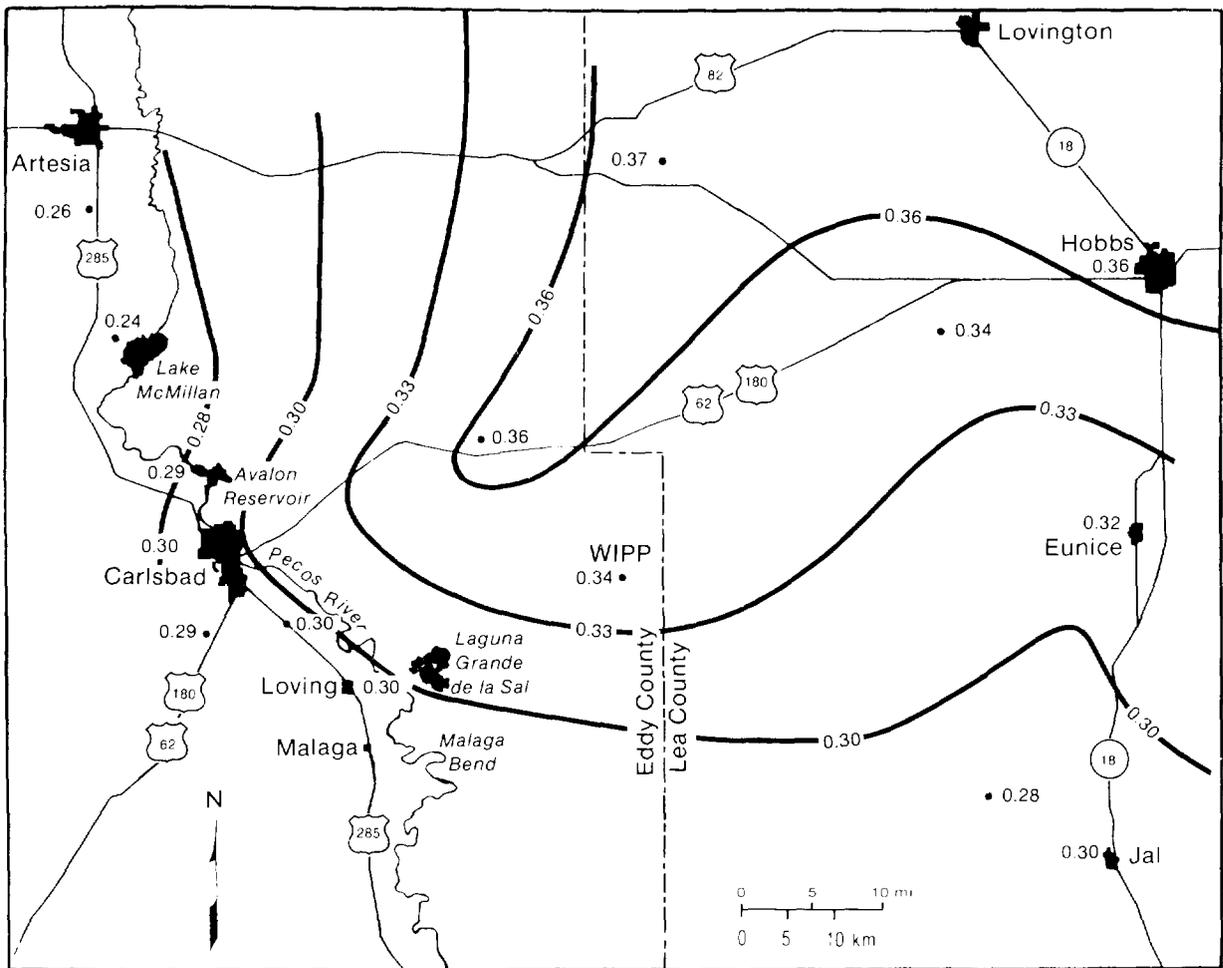
18 4.4-2 shows the contours for the mean annual precipitation near the WIPP.

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Figure 4.4-1. Normal Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Mean Annual Precipitation.



• Mean Precipitation in Meters

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Figure 4.4-2. Contours of Normal (Mean Annual between 1940 and 1970) Precipitation near the WIPP (after Hunter, 1985, Figure 3).

1 **Discussion:**

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3 Southeastern New Mexico is an arid-to-semiarid fringe of the Chihuahuan Desert that  
4 receives about 0.30 m (12 in.) of annual precipitation. Three complete years of record (1977  
5 through 1979) collected at a station located at the WIPP for the Environmental Impact  
6 Statement show that the average annual precipitation is 0.3436 m (13.53 in.), with a range of  
7 0.0309 and 0.6563 m (1.22 and 25.84 in.), assuming a normal distribution (Figure 4.4-1) (EIS,  
8 1980).\* In general, most of the precipitation falls in the summer between May and September  
9 (Hunter, 1985, Table 2). The range of the mean from stations close to the WIPP varies  
10 between 0.28 and 0.38 m (11 and 15 in.) (Figure 4.4-2).

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12 Precipitation at weather stations near the WIPP varies greatly from year to year. For  
13 example, Roswell's record low annual precipitation since 1878 is about 0.11 m (4.4 in.); the  
14 record annual high is about 0.84 m (33 in.) (Hunter, 1985, Figure 2). Consequently, an  
15 average precipitation for the WIPP based on three complete years of record is only a rough  
16 estimate of the long-term mean. However, this estimate is adequate for typical PA  
17 calculations.

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19 Precipitation in the vicinity of the WIPP for years 1977 and 1979 was near normal, and 1978  
20 was very wet. (The National Weather Service defines "normal precipitation" as the mean  
21 value for the past 30 yr, updated every 10 yr.) Hunter calculated an adjusted mean  
22 precipitation of 0.2771 m (10.91 in.) (20% difference) for the WIPP based on the mean  
23 departure during the years 1977 through 1979 of precipitation measurements from seven  
24 nearby stations (Hunter, 1985, p. 12).

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29 \* The WIPP began collecting precipitation data on a regular basis in 1986. This additional data will be reported in future volumes.

## 4.4.2 Precipitation Variation

The basic premise for assessing climatic change at the WIPP is the assumption that, because of the long-term stability of glacial cycles, future climates will remain within the range defined by the Pleistocene and Holocene. Data from deep-sea sediments indicate that fluctuations in global climate corresponding to glaciation and deglaciation of the northern hemisphere have been regular in both frequency and amplitude for at least 780,000 yr. Published results of global-warming models do not predict climatic changes of greater magnitude than those of the Pleistocene (Bertram-Howery et al., 1990).

### Amplitude Factor

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Amplitude factor (<math>A_m</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	2
<b>Range:</b>	None
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
<b>Source(s):</b>	Swift, P. 1991. "Climate Recharge Variability Parameters for the 1991 WIPP PA Calculations, Internal memo to distribution, October 10, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume)

### Discussion:

Field data from the American Southwest and global-climate models indicate that the wettest conditions in the past at the WIPP occurred when the North American ice sheet reached its southern limit (roughly 1,200 km [746 mi] north of the WIPP during the last glacial maximum 18,000 to 22,000 yr before present), which moved the jet stream much further south than now. The average precipitation in the Southwest increased to about twice its present value. Wet periods have occurred since the retreat of the ice sheet, but none has exceeded glacial limits.

Although the amplitude of the glacial precipitation is relatively well constrained by data (Bertram-Howery et al., 1990, p. V-37; Swift, October 10, 1991, Memo, [Appendix A]), amplitudes of the Holocene peaks are less easily determined. However, data indicate that none of the Holocene precipitation peaks exceeded glacial levels. Continuous climatic data from ice cores in Antarctica and Greenland suggest that at these locations temperature fluctuated significantly during glacial maximums (e.g., Jouzel et al., 1987). These fluctuations may reflect global climatic changes, and in the absence of high-resolution data from the American Southwest for precipitation fluctuations during glacial maximums, we have assumed that peaks comparable to those of the Holocene could have been superimposed on the glacial maximum. Therefore, there may have been relatively brief (i.e., on the order of hundreds to perhaps thousands of years) periods during the glacial maximum when precipitation at the WIPP may have averaged three times present levels.

1 **Model of Precipitation Variation.** Paleoclimatic data permit reconstruction of a precipitation  
2 curve for the WIPP for the last 30,000 yr (Figure 4.4-3). This curve shows two basic styles  
3 of climatic fluctuation: relatively low-frequency increases in precipitation that coincide with  
4 the maximum extent of the North American ice sheet; and higher-frequency precipitation  
5 increases of uncertain causes that have occurred several times in the last 10,000 yr since the  
6 retreat of the ice sheet. Variability has also occurred in the seasonality and intensity of  
7 precipitation. Most of the late Pleistocene moisture fell as winter rain. Most of the Holocene  
8 moisture falls during during a summer monsoon, in local and often intense thunderstorms.

9  
10 The curve shown in Figure 4.4-3 cannot be extrapolated into the future with any confidence.  
11 The curve can be used, however, in combination with the general understanding of glacial  
12 periodicity (see Bertram-Howery et al., 1990), to make a reasonable approximation of likely  
13 future variability. The proposed function does not in any sense predict precipitation at a  
14 future time. Rather, it is a function to approximate the variability in precipitation that may  
15 occur.

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17 Specifically, the currently proposed precipitation function is as follows:

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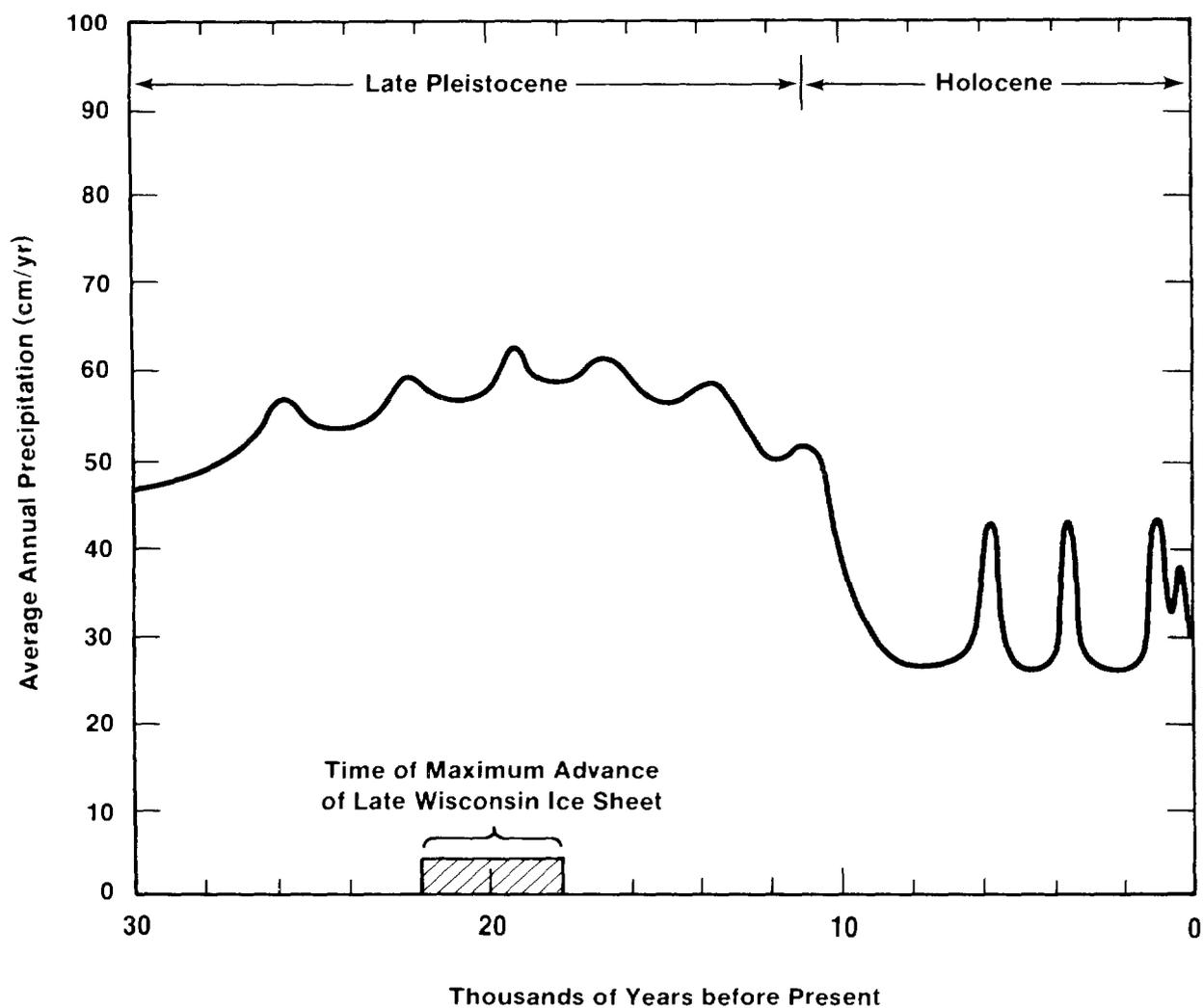
$$\frac{\bar{r}_f}{\bar{r}_p} = \left[ \left( \frac{3A_m + 1}{4} \right) - \left( \frac{A_m - 1}{2} \right) \left( \cos \Theta t + \frac{1}{2} \cos \Phi t - \sin \frac{\Phi}{2} t \right) \right] \quad (4.4-1)$$

27 where

- 28  
29  $r_f$  = future mean annual precipitation  
30  $r_p$  = present mean annual precipitation  
31  $A_m$  = amplitude scaling factor (i.e., past precipitation maximum was  $A_m$  times the  
32 present)  
33  $\Theta$  = frequency parameter for Holocene-type climatic fluctuations (Hz)  
34  $\Phi$  = frequency parameter for Pleistocene glaciations (Hz)  
35  $t$  = time (s)

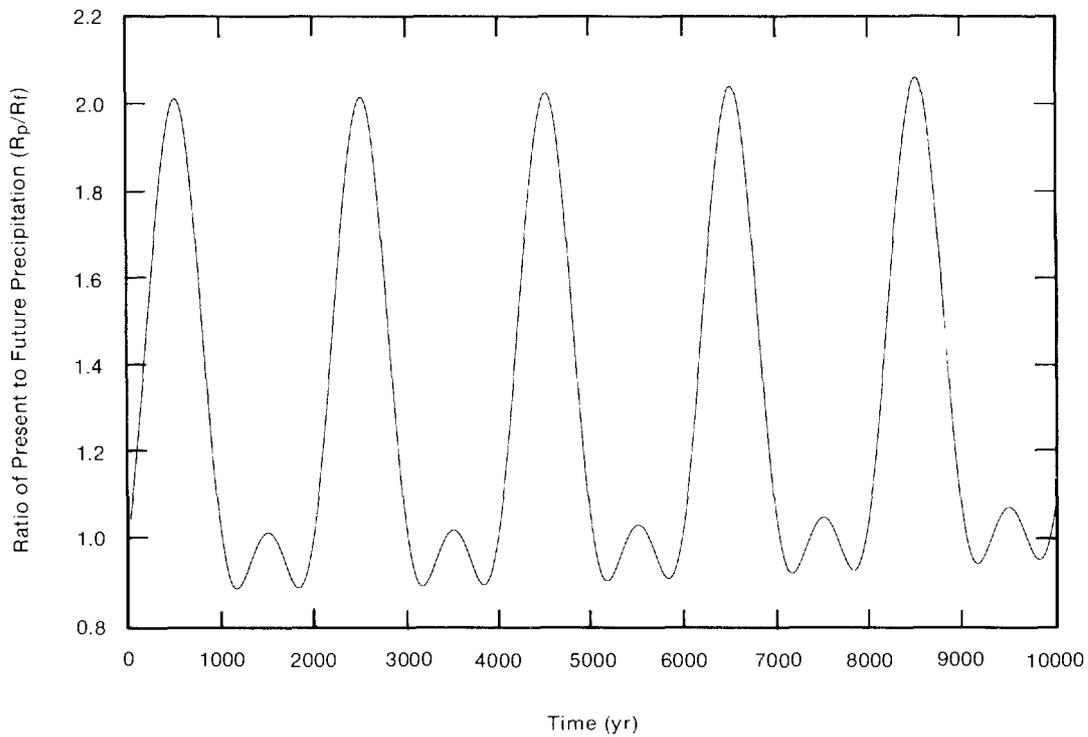
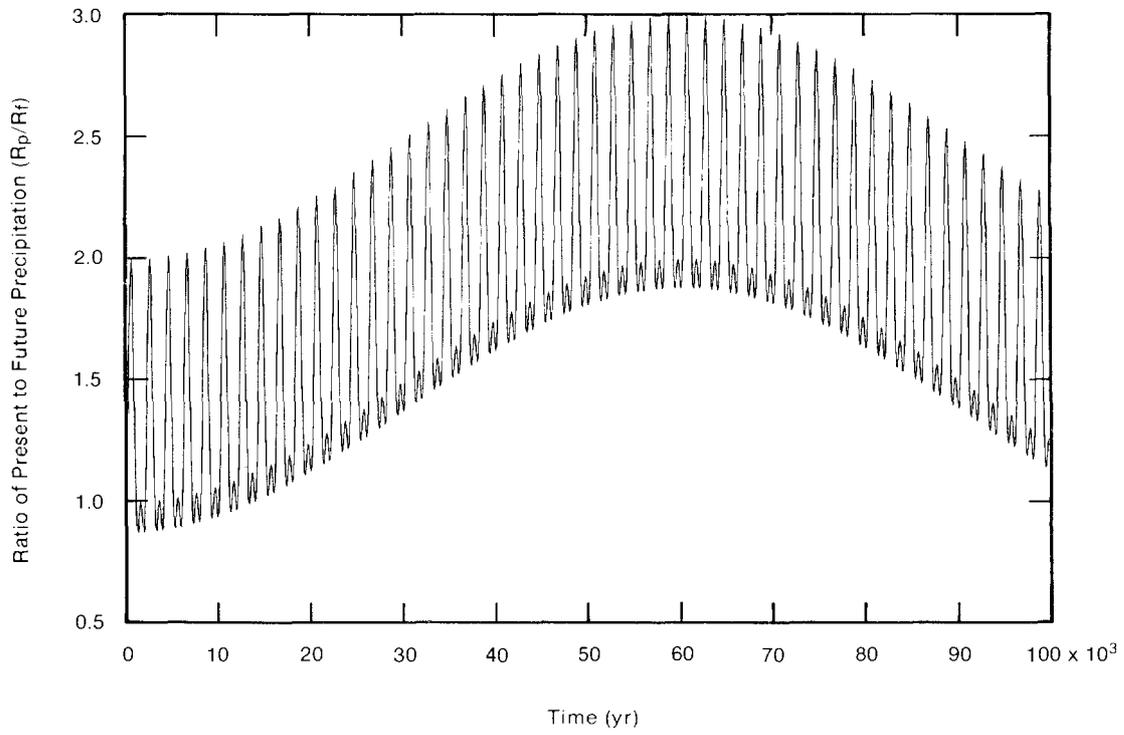
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38 The preferred values for  $\Theta$  and  $\Phi$  have been chosen from examination of the past  
39 precipitation curve (Figure 4.4-3) and the glacial record. If  $\Phi = 2 \times 10^{-10}$  Hz, wet maximums  
40 will occur every 2,000 yr, approximately with the same frequency shown on Figure 4.4-3.  
41 Note that we are presently near a dry minimum, and the last wet maximum occurred roughly  
42 1000 yr ago. If  $\Theta = 1.7 \times 10^{-12}$  Hz, the next full glacial maximum will occur in 60,000 yr,  
43 approximately the time predicted by simple models of the astronomical control of glacial  
44 periodicity (e.g., Imbrie and Imbrie, 1980). Figure 4.4-4 shows a plot of the climate function  
45 for these values.

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Figure 4.4-3. Estimated Mean Annual Precipitation at the WIPP during the Late Pleistocene and Holocene (after Bertram-Howery et al., 1990, Figure V-18).



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Figure 4.4-4. Precipitation Fluctuations Assumed at the WIPP for Next 10,000 Yr.

1 **Short-Term Fluctuation**

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3	<b>Parameter:</b>	Short-term precipitation fluctuation frequency ( $\Phi$ )
6	<b>Median:</b>	$2 \times 10^{-10}$
7	<b>Range:</b>	None
8	<b>Units:</b>	Hz
9	<b>Distribution:</b>	Constant
10	<b>Source(s):</b>	Swift, P. 1991. "Climate and Recharge Variability Parameters for the
11		1991 WIPP PA Calculations," Internal memo to distribution,
12		October 10, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National
13		Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume)

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16 **Discussion:**

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18 The approximate frequency of wet maximum is every 2,000 yr, or a value of  $\Phi$  of about 0.2

19 nHz ( $2\pi/(1000 \text{ yr} \cdot 3.155 \cdot 10^7 \text{ s/yr})$ ). Note that we are presently near a dry minimum; the

20 last wet maximum occurred roughly 1,000 yr ago.

21

22 Holocene climates have been predominantly dry, with wet peaks much briefer than dry

23 minimums (Figure 4.4-3). The  $\Phi$  terms in the model equation (4.4-1) give an oscillation in

24 which the future climate is wetter than the present one-half of the time. This value appears

25 to be somewhat greater than the actual ratio, and, assuming that wet conditions are more

26 likely to result in releases from the WIPP, these terms provide a conservative approximation

27 of Holocene variability. The functions and values used give an "average" precipitation

28 roughly 1.3 times present precipitation, with peaks of just over 2 times present precipitation.

1 **Glacial Fluctuation**

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5	<b>Parameter:</b> Glacial fluctuation ( $\Theta$ )
6	<b>Median:</b> $1.7 \times 10^{-12}$
7	<b>Range:</b> None
8	<b>Units:</b> Hz
9	<b>Distribution:</b> Constant
10	<b>Source(s):</b> Swift, P. 1991. "Climate and Recharge Variability Parameters for the
11	1991 WIPP PA Calculations," Internal memo to distribution,
12	October 10, 1991. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National
13	Laboratories. (In Appendix A of this volume)
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16 **Discussion:**

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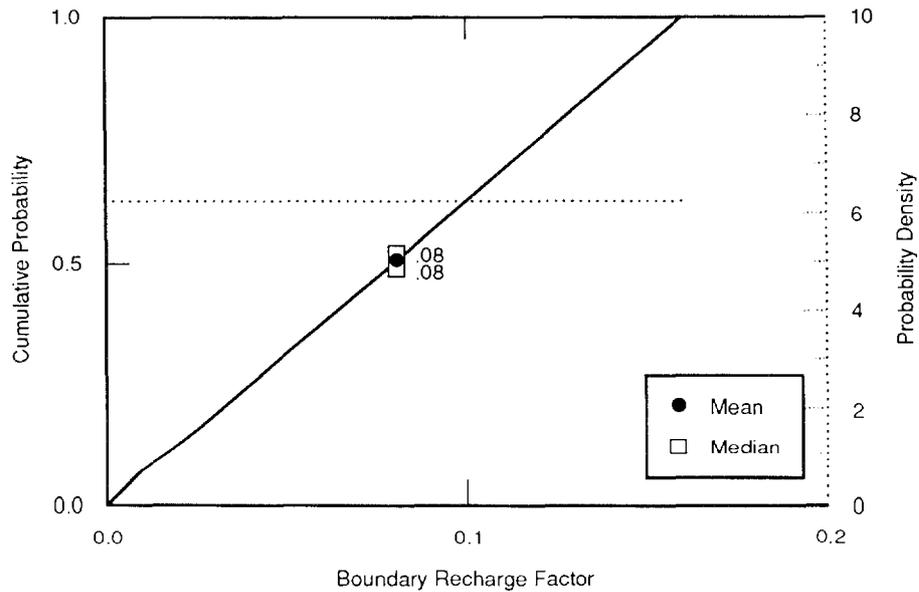
18 The approximate time predicted by simple models assuming astronomical control of glacial  
19 periodicity suggest the next glacial maximum may occur in about 60,000 yr or a value of  $\Theta$  of  
20 about 1.7 pHz ( $\pi/60,000$  yr) (Imbrie and Imbrie, 1980). A value of  $\Theta$  of 10 pHz ( $\pi/10,000$   
21 yr) gives a wet maximum in 10,000 yr, and results in extreme precipitation values 3 times  
22 those of the present. This is not a realistic value for  $\Theta$  -- ice sheets grow relatively slowly,  
23 and it would be difficult to achieve full continental glaciation within 10,000 yr.

24

**4.4.3 Boundary Recharge Variation**

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Recharge amplitude factor (<math>A_m</math>)</b>
<b>Median:</b>	0.08
<b>Range:</b>	0
	0.16
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless
<b>Distribution:</b>	Uniform
<b>Source(s):</b>	See text.

Figure 4.4-5 shows the distribution for the recharge amplitude factor.



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Figure 4.4-5. Uniform Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Recharge Boundary Amplitude Factor for Culebra Dolomite Member.

1 **Discussion:**

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3 At present, the location and areal extent of the surface recharge area for the Culebra and the  
4 present amount of infiltration are not known. Hydraulic head and isotopic data indicate that  
5 very little, if any, moisture reaches the Culebra directly from the ground surface above the  
6 WIPP (Lambert and Harvey, 1987; Lambert and Carter, 1987; Lappin et al., 1989; Beauheim,  
7 1987c). Researchers believe that regional recharge occurs several tens of kilometers to the  
8 north of the WIPP, where the Culebra is near the ground surface (Mercer, 1983; Brinster,  
9 1991). Whether water from this hypothesized recharge area could reach the current model  
10 domain area is not known (Swift, October 10, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]).

11  
12 Available literature on the relationship between precipitation and recharge is limited to  
13 examinations of recharge to a water table by direct infiltration. There is no particular reason  
14 to assume a 1-to-1 correlation between increases in precipitation and increases in model  
15 recharge. Environmental tracer research (e.g., Allison, 1988) suggests that long-term increases  
16 in precipitation in deserts may result in significantly larger increases in infiltration,  
17 particularly if the increases in precipitation coincide with lower temperatures and decreased  
18 evapotranspiration. As an extreme example, Stone (1984) estimated a 28-fold increase in  
19 infiltration for one location at the Salt Lake coal field in western New Mexico during the late  
20 Pleistocene wet maximum. Bredenkamp (1988a,b) compared head-levels in wells and  
21 sinkholes with short-term (decade-scale) precipitation fluctuations in the Transvaal, and  
22 suggested that for any specific system there may be a minimum precipitation level below  
23 which recharge does not occur. Above this uncertain level, recharge to the water table may  
24 be a linear function of precipitation.

25  
26 Both the range and the distribution for the recharge factor are preliminary and should be  
27 adjusted as new data or interpretations warrant.

28  
29 **Recharge Model.** Because of the unknown factors regarding recharge, a very simple model of  
30 recharge to the Culebra is used. The model consists of evaluating the head by scaling the  
31 relative change in precipitation with a recharge factor. The head is then applied at the  
32 hypothesized recharge area.

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34 The current model is

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$$\frac{h_f}{h_p} = \frac{3A_m + 1}{4} - \frac{A_m - 1}{2} \left( \cos \theta t + \frac{1}{2} \cos \Phi t - \sin \frac{1}{2} \Phi t \right) \quad (4.4-2)$$

1 **Recharge Amplitude Factor.** The recharge amplitude factor represents uncertainty in  
2 numerous parameters, including (a) the location and extent of the surface recharge area, (b)  
3 groundwater flow between the surface recharge area and the boundary of the model domain,  
4 and (c) the relationship between precipitation and infiltration in the surface recharge area,  
5 which in turn is dependent on factors such as vegetation, temperature, local topography, and  
6 soil characteristics.

7  
8 To cover variability in model recharge, the PA Division incorporates recharge uncertainty in  
9 the 1991 calculations by sampling a uniformly distributed amplitude parameter ( $A_m$ ) over a  
10 range that permits the range to vary from present hydraulic heads to heads equal to the land  
11 surface. Justification for the range is as follows:

12  
13 *Lower bound,  $r = 1$ .* This value corresponds to present hydraulic head conditions.  
14 Circumstances can be imagined in which increases in precipitation result in a decrease in  
15 infiltration (e.g., development of plant cover on previously barren land, or changes in  
16 topography resulting in runoff from a previously closed drainage), but none appears likely for  
17 the WIPP area. It is more likely that an increase in the cool-season component of  
18 precipitation will result in higher infiltration.

19  
20 *Upper bound,  $r = 0.16$ .* This value sets hydraulic heads equal to the land surface. This value  
21 is consistent with fossil evidence that springs existed in the region near the northwest corner  
22 of the regional grid (Bachman, 1981; Brinster, 1991, p. IV-7).

23

## 5. PARAMETERS FOR SCENARIO PROBABILITY MODELS

This chapter presents data used in those probability models that estimate elementary probabilities of events and processes that appear in future WIPP histories, specifically, those histories in which the WIPP is penetrated by exploratory boreholes. Elementary probabilities furnished by these models are used to calculate probabilities  $P(S_j)$  of computational scenarios  $S_j$ . The mathematical approach to scenario-based performance assessment is discussed in Volume 1, Chapter 3, and Volume 2, Chapters 2 and 3, of this report; Tierney (1991); Helton et al. (1991); and Section 1.4 of this volume.

Because innumerable scenarios exist, an infinite number of groupings of scenarios exist. As in 1990, the analyzed scenarios for 1991 were grouped into four summary scenarios (see Volume 1): one base-case scenario (without human intrusion) and three human-intrusion scenarios (i.e., E1, E2, and E1E2). To more carefully explore the cause and effect relationship from hypothetical events and processes (as opposed to those that will occur but for which we do not know the precise parameter values), the three human-intrusion summary scenarios have been further refined (discretized) into computational scenarios. While this partitioning of summary scenario space is new and, consequently, the details of the probability model, are dramatically different in 1991, the parameters ( $x$ ) of the probability model  $P(S_j(x))$  are the same as in 1990 and the same Poisson probability model was used to evaluate the time and number of potential intrusions. The parameters are discussed in the following sections.

## 5.1 Area of Brine Reservoirs

### 5.1.1 Area of Castile Brine Reservoir below WIPP Disposal Area

<b>Parameter:</b>	Areal extent of brine reservoir
<b>Median:</b>	0.40
<b>Range:</b>	0.25 0.552
<b>Units:</b>	Dimensionless (%)
<b>Distribution:</b>	Cumulative
<b>Source(s):</b>	See text.

Figure 5.1-1 shows the distribution of the areal extent.

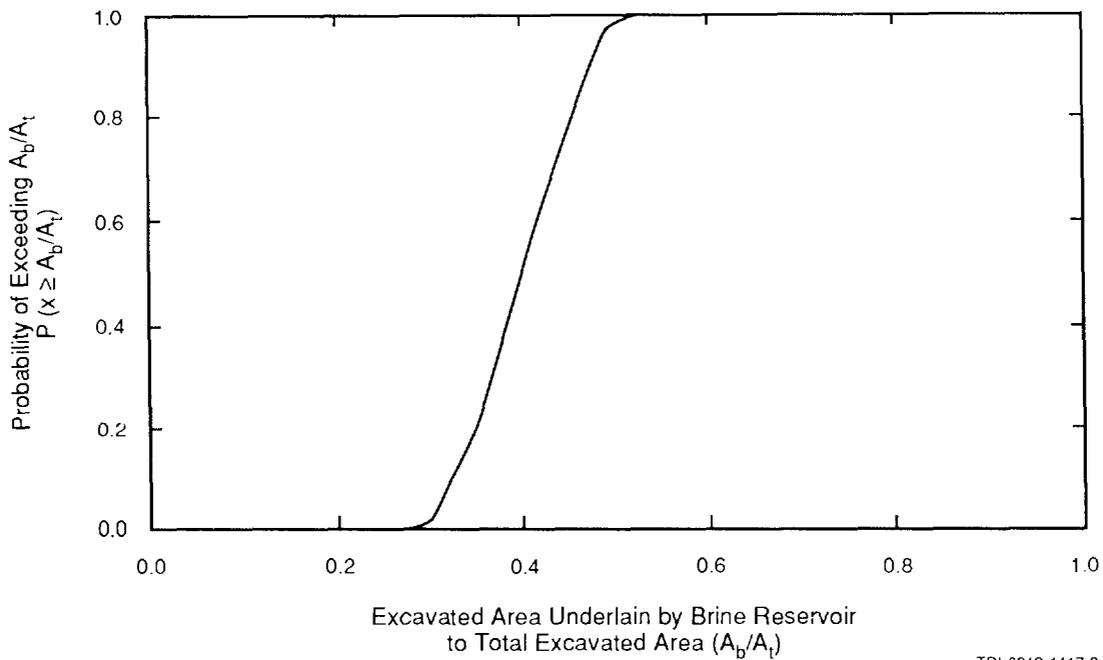


Figure 5.1-1. Distribution of Fraction of WIPP Disposal Area Overlapped by Brine Reservoir. Simulated construction uses inclusive definition of brine reservoir and block model (see text).

2 **Discussion:**

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4 A geophysical survey, using transient electromagnetic methods, was made in 1987 to  
5 determine the presence or absence of brines within the Castile Formation under the WIPP  
6 disposal area (Earth Technology Corp., 1988). Briefly, the electromagnetic method associates  
7 high electric conductivity with fluid. (The stated precision was to within  $\pm 75$  m.) The entire  
8 Bell Canyon Formation directly beneath the Castile Formation is a good conductor. However,  
9 in several places underneath the WIPP disposal area, the elevation to the first major  
10 conducting media detected lay above the top of the Bell Canyon Formation ( $\sim 200 \pm 30$  m  
11 [ $-654 \pm 100$  ft] in the ERDA-9 well) but below the bottom of the Salado Formation (178 m  
12 [ $582$  ft] in ERDA-9) (see Figure 2.2-1 and Section 2.2).

13  
14 The probability of hitting a brine reservoir can be evaluated for the waste disposal area as a  
15 whole or for subunits such as the panels. The current human-intrusion probability model  
16 (Volume 2, Chapters 1 and 2) uses the former data (the probability of hitting a brine  
17 reservoir over the entire waste panel) and assumes that this same probability applies to each  
18 panel. However, an examination of this assumption required the probability for each panel as  
19 well (Volume 2, Chapters 1 and 2). The following discussion emphasizes the probability over  
20 the entire disposal area, but provides data on a per panel basis as well.

21  
22 Two methods were considered for determining the area of the brine reservoir. The first  
23 involved using the interpolated conductor elevations and the Anhydrite III of the Castile  
24 Formation and the Bell Canyon Formation elevations without considering uncertainty in the  
25 data. Although not used, it is discussed first because of its simplicity. The second method  
26 considers uncertainty in the data through geostatistics.

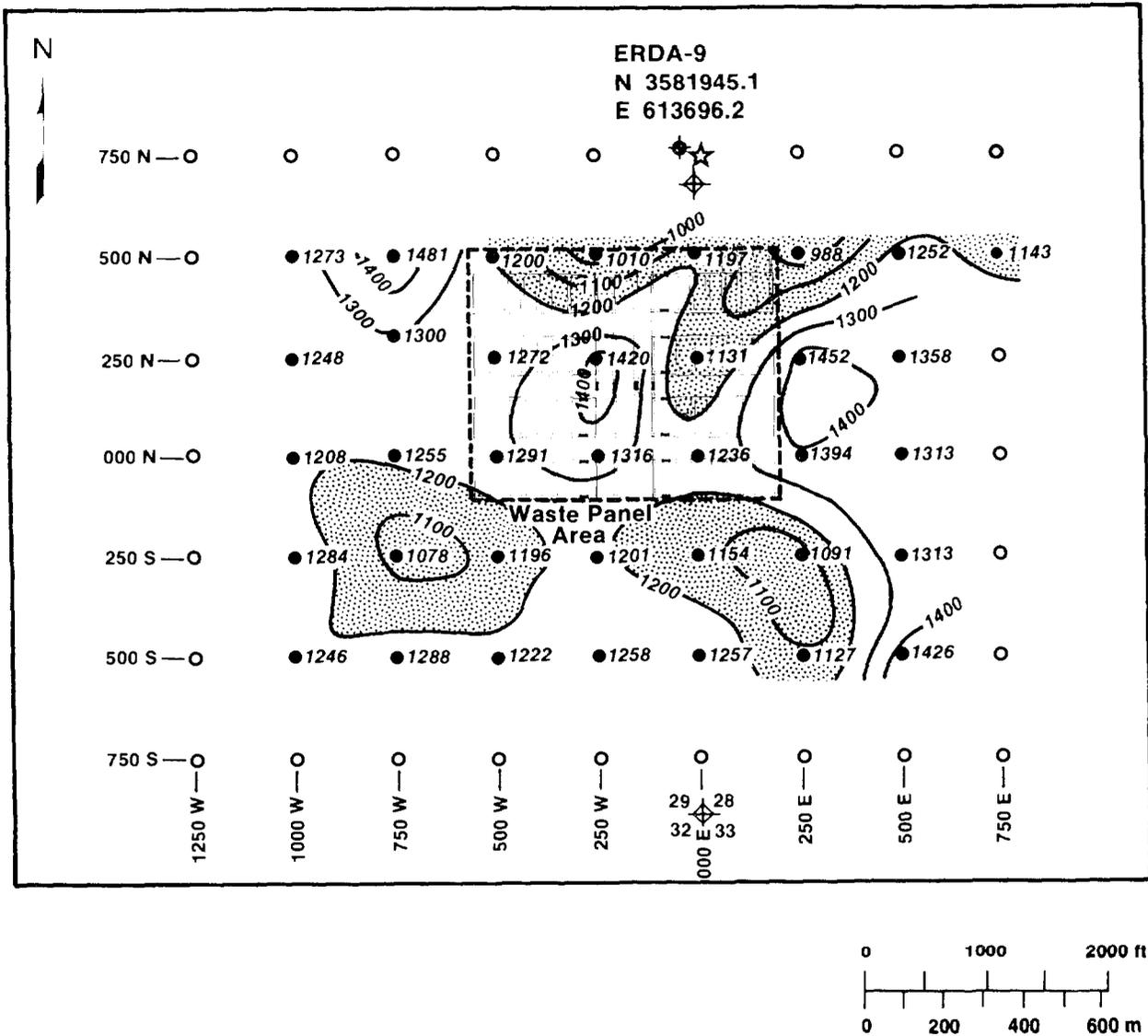
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28 **Area Estimate Assuming No Uncertainty in Data.** Contours of the depth or elevation to the  
29 first major conductor are plotted in Figures 5.1-2 and 5.1-3. The data in Figure 5.1-2 was  
30 the interpretation originally reported (Earth Technology Corporation, 1988). However, Figure  
31 5.1-3 is an equally valid interpretation of the data; it is somewhat more conservative and was  
32 computer generated from the same data.

33  
34 *Minimum Area (Anhydrite III Level).* The brine reservoirs are usually found in fracture  
35 zones of anticlinal structures in the uppermost anhydrite layer in the Castile (Lappin, 1988)  
36 (e.g., Anhydrite III as in WIPP-12 or when Anhydrite III is absent such as Anhydrite II in  
37 ERDA-6).

38  
39 In ERDA-9, the elevation to the bottom of Anhydrite III in the Castile Formation is  
40 estimated at 105 m (250 ft). Consequently, there is a possibility that no brine is present  
41 beneath the disposal area (Figure 5.1-1).

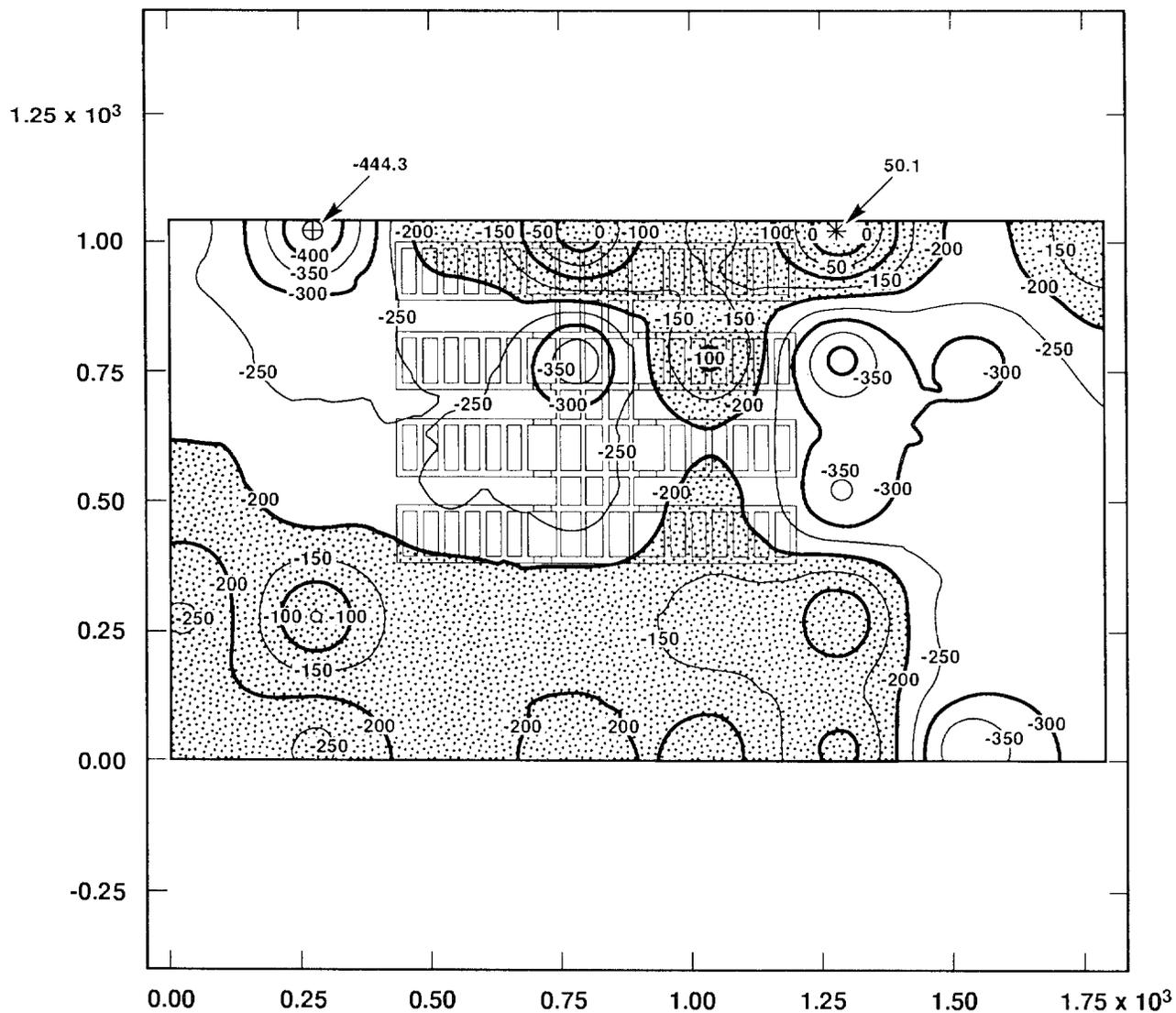
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43 *Maximum Area (Bell Canyon Level).* Pressurized brine reservoirs cannot be entirely  
44 discounted until the Bell Canyon Formation is reached at about  $-200$  m ( $-660$  ft) (Figure  
45 2.2-1), implying that conductors higher than about  $-200$  m ( $-660$  ft) could indicate brine  
46 within the Castile Formation. PA calculations use the  $-200$  m ( $-660$  ft) contour for defining  
47 the maximum area of any brine reservoirs under the WIPP disposal area (Figure 5.1-2),  
48 resulting in a maximum area at 45% (Table 5.1-1).

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 Area of Brine Reservoirs



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Figure 5.1-2. Frequently Reported Contour Map of Depth of First Major Conductor below WIPP Disposal Area. (Map drawn by hand.) (after Earth Technology Corp., 1988).



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Figure 5.1-3. Conservative Contour Map of Elevation of First Major Conductor below WIPP Disposal Area.

2 Table 5.1-1. Cumulative Percentages of the Disposal Region Underlain by a Brine Reservoir, Assuming  
 3 Various Maximum Depths

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9 Depth (m)	Cumulative Percent (%) at Indicated Maximum Depths										Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	
	0	-50	-100	-150	-180	-200	-250	-300	-350	-400		
10 Panel 1			5.37	61.95	97.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	11,530.0
12 Panel 2			4.00	44.57	69.33	73.08	87.47	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	11,530.0
14 Panel 3						18.23	85.73	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	11,530.0
15 Panel 4					35.85	75.57	96.17	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	11,530.0
16 Panel 5						19.76	94.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	11,530.0
17 Panel 6							26.57	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	11,530.0
18 Panel 7							67.45	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	11,530.0
19 Panel 8			0.79	9.01	34.64	52.86	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	11,530.0
20 Southern						3.24	45.01	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	8,413.0
21 Northern	3.97	12.49	21.67	27.49	34.86	45.29	54.79	69.25	94.52	100.00	100.00	8,701.0
22												
23 Cumulative												
24 Percent	0.316	0.994	2.796	14.367	27.828	39.648	77.219	97.553	99.564	100.000		
25 Cumulative												
26 Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	345.3	1,086.8	3,057.6	15,711.1	30,431.4	43,357.1	84,442.3	106,678.2	108,877.4	109,354.0		
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32 *Combined Distribution.* Without knowing the likelihood that either endpoint is more valid, a  
 33 discrete distribution with points at 0 and 45% of equal probability is suggested.

34

35 **Area Estimate Incorporating Uncertainty in the Data.** Described above is a method of  
 36 estimating the fractional area of the waste-panel region underlain by a Castile brine reservoir  
 37 using contours of the conductor elevation. This method assumes that elevation contours  
 38 drawn from the observed data correctly represent the variation of conductor depth between  
 39 observation locations. The following discussion describes an alternative method that does not  
 40 rely on reported depth contours, and the resulting area fraction distribution.

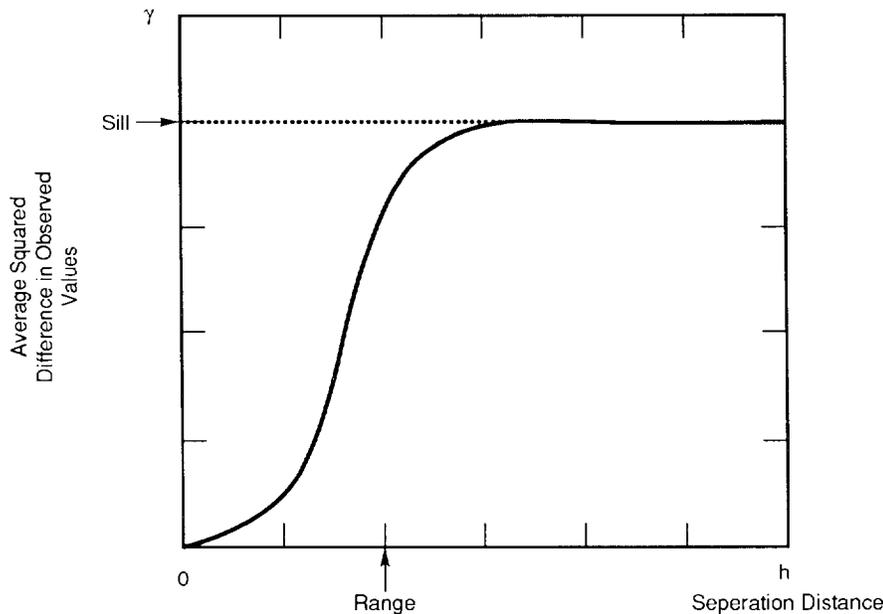
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42 Conductor elevation measurements are available at 36 points (Figure 5.1-3). These data were  
 43 used to estimate conductor elevation at all points within the waste panel region. Any estimate  
 44 of the conductor depth at an unmeasured location had an uncertainty associated with it. The  
 45 objective of this procedure is to incorporate relevant uncertainties in the estimate of area  
 46 fraction.

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48 *Spatial Variability and Interpolation.* Uncertainty in interpolated elevations is a consequence  
 49 of spatial variability of the observed data. Quantifying spatial variability helps in estimating  
 50 the error of an interpolated value. If two observations are made close together, it is  
 51 reasonable to expect that similar values will be obtained (autocorrelation function, Chapter 1).  
 52 As the distance between observations increases, the similarity of observed values decreases.  
 53 This behavior of spatially varying fields is often represented as a variogram (Figure 5.1-4).  
 54 The variogram shows the average squared difference in observed values between observations  
 55 separated by a given distance vs. the distance between observations. For a given separation  
 56 distance h, the average is taken over all pairs of observations that are separated by distance h.

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Figure 5.1-4. Example Variogram Illustrating Typical Behavior of  $\gamma$  with  $h$ .

5 The variogram in Figure 5.1.4 is a generic example illustrating two common features seen in  
6 real data. Close to the origin (i.e., small separation distances), values are similar, so that the  
7 average squared difference is small. As the distance between observations increases, observed  
8 values tend to become uncorrelated, resulting in an increase in average squared difference in  
9 observed values. The distance at which observations tend to become uncorrelated is referred  
10 to as the range of the variogram. As separation distance increases beyond the range, the  
11 average squared difference tends to a limiting value, called the sill.

12  
13 Not all fields exhibit clearly defined range and sill. Systematic trends in the data, for  
14 example, can produce variograms that continually increase with separation distance. In  
15 addition, the spatial variability of the data may be different along different directions, so that  
16 a variogram constructed from separations along one direction may be different from a  
17 variogram constructed along another direction.

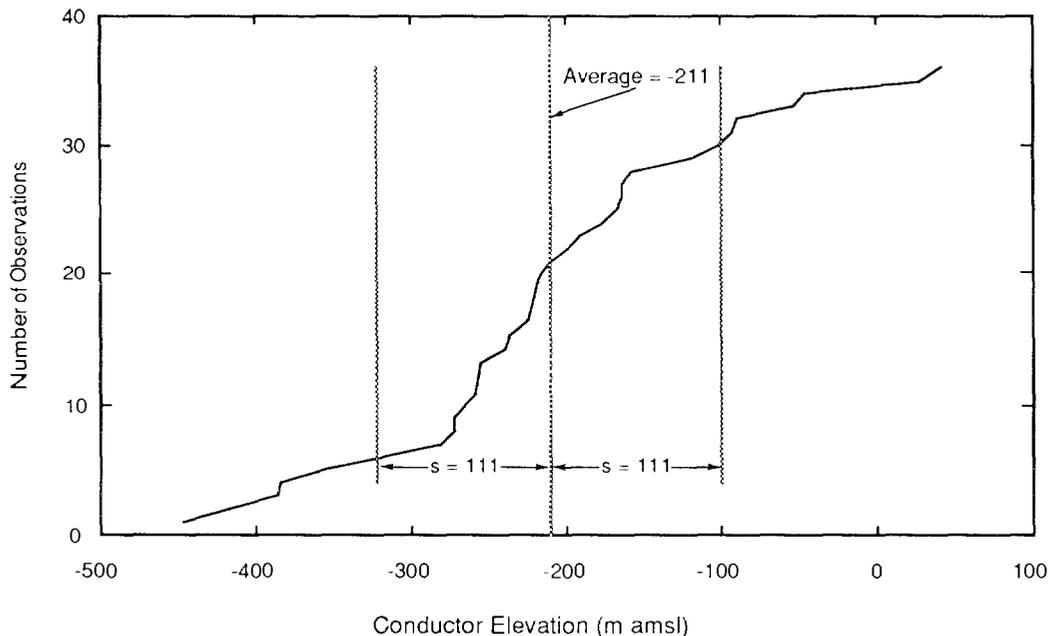
18  
19 Information contained in the variogram is useful in interpolating from observed values for  
20 two reasons:

- 21
- 22 (1) The range of the variogram identifies the maximum distance over which observations  
23 tend to be correlated. This information is important for selecting the data points near  
24 the interpolation location having values that may be related to the actual value at the  
25 interpolation location.
  - 26  
27 (2) The average squared difference between data values, along with the distances between  
28 the interpolation location and the locations of the selected observations, may be used to  
29 estimate the potential variability of the real value from the interpolated value.

1 *Analysis of TDEM Data.* Figure 5.1-2 shows conductor elevations interpreted from the  
2 TDEM survey at 36 locations near and within the waste panel region. Figure 5.1-5 shows a  
3 cumulative distribution of observed elevations, along with the average elevation and sample  
4 standard deviation. Scatter plots of conductor elevation vs. X (E-W) location and Y (N-S)  
5 location are shown in Figure 5.1-6. There is no suggestion of a significant simple trend in  
6 elevation along either direction.

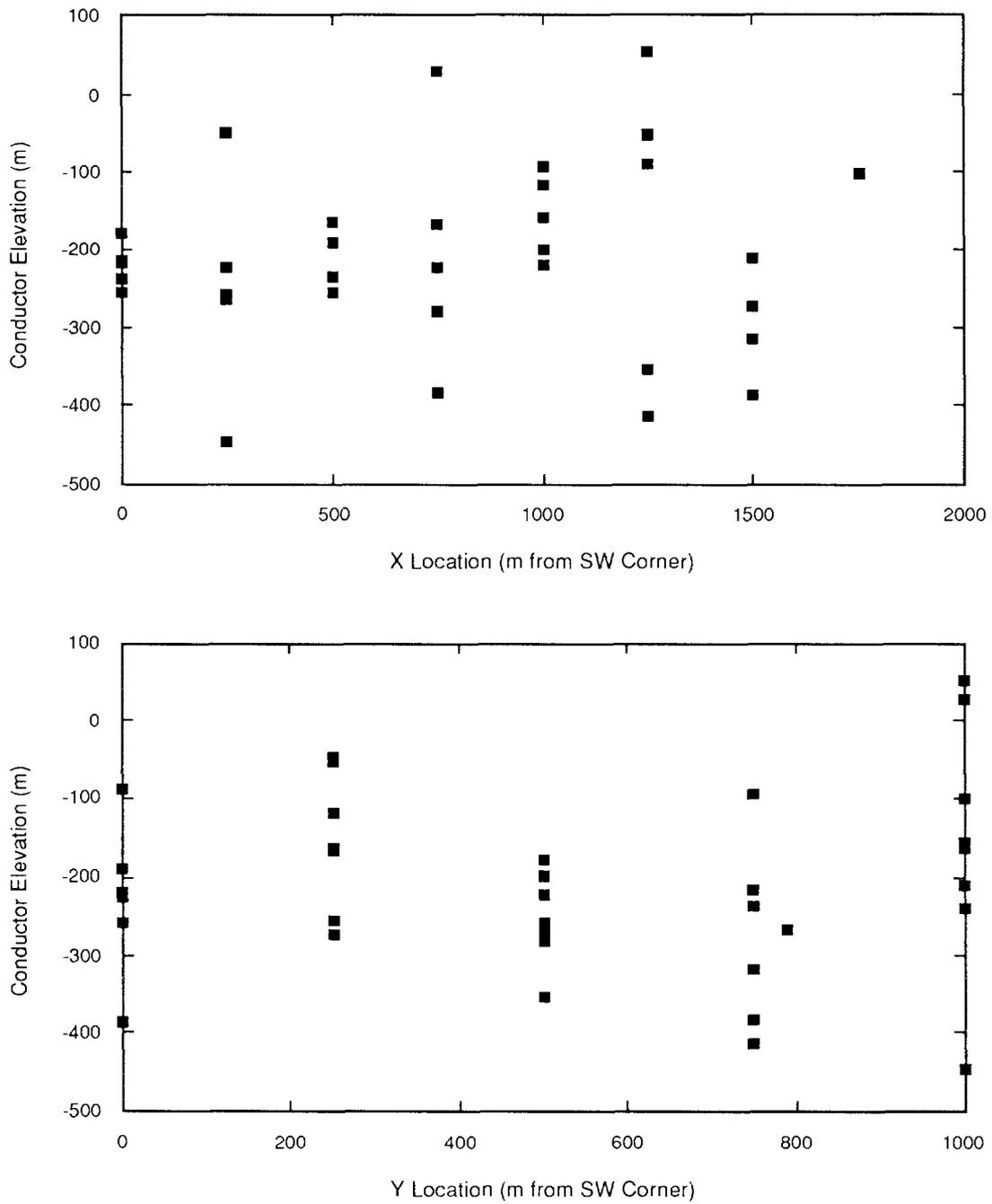
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8 A variogram of elevations was constructed in the E-W, N-S, NE-SW, and NW-SE directions.  
9 The regular arrangement of observation points facilitates this calculation: the variogram value  
10 for a separation of 250 m in the E-W direction, for example, is simply the average of the  
11 squared difference of elevation values at points adjacent to each other in the E-W direction.  
12 Similar averages can be made for multiples of the observation grid spacing (250 m) in the E-  
13 W and N-S directions. Points in the NE-SW and NW-SE directions are separated by  
14 multiples of ~353 m. In calculating the elevation variogram, the observation at (750W, 290N)  
15 was assumed to have been made at (750W, 250N). This displacement has no important effect  
16 on the resulting variogram.

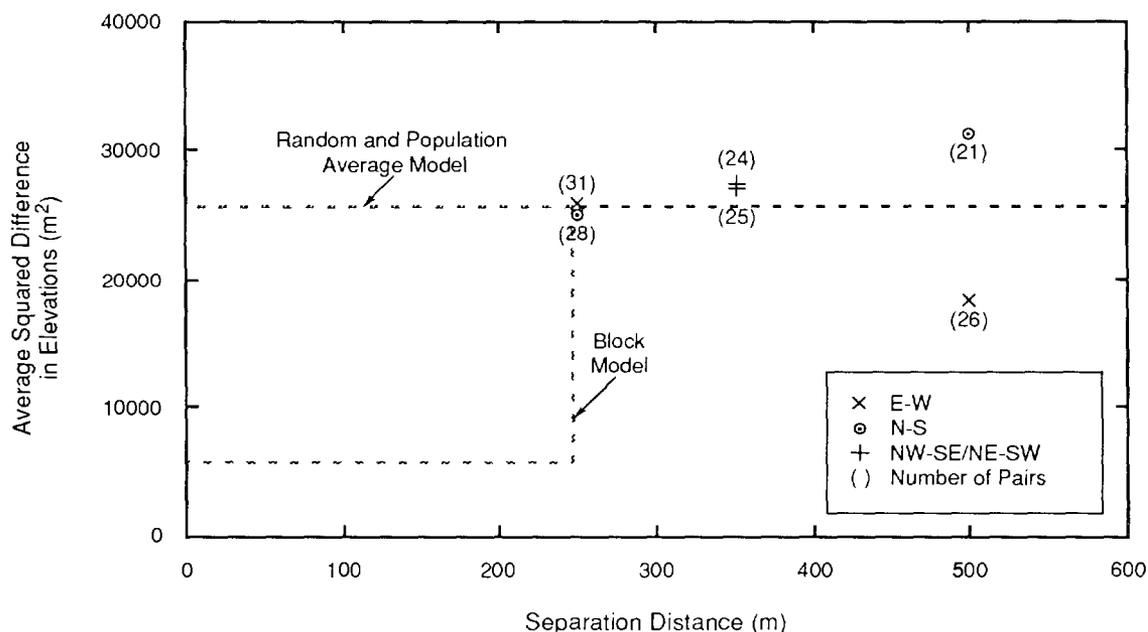
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18 Figure 5.1-7 shows the variogram of the elevation data along the directions mentioned. The  
19 separation distances considered were 250 m and 500 m in the E-W and N-S directions, and  
20 353 m in the diagonal directions. Larger separations have too few pairs to provide a reliable  
21 estimate of mean squared difference. The horizontal line, which shows the average squared  
22 difference over all pairs of points regardless of separation, is an estimate of the variogram  
23 sill.  
24



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Figure 5.1-5. Population Distribution and Statistics for Conductor Elevations.





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Figure 5.1-7. Empirical Variogram of Conductor Elevations.

7 The striking feature of the variogram is the lack of evidence for a range of correlation of  
 8 observations. The average squared difference for adjacent measurements and the expected  
 9 squared difference for randomly selected measurements (i.e., the sill) are indistinguishable.  
 10 In other words, there is no evidence for spatial correlation of elevation over distances as small  
 11 as 250 m. (In a separate analysis, the program AKRIP was used to estimate a generalized  
 12 covariance for the elevation data. The identified model contained only a "nugget" term, i.e.,  
 13 the generalized covariance was not found to depend on separation distance.)

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15 *Estimation of Conductor Elevation.* The variogram suggests that, in attempting to estimate  
 16 conductor elevation at non-measured locations, observations made 250 m from the  
 17 interpolation location contain no more information about the real value at the interpolation  
 18 location than more distant observations. For all points within the waste panel region, at least  
 19 one observation less than 250 m away will be available. The variogram analysis does not  
 20 indicate whether observations less than 250 m distant can be expected to provide information  
 21 about elevation at the interpolation point. In particular, the assumption of linear variation of  
 22 elevation between data points made in constructing contours of conductor elevation has no  
 23 support (i.e., Figures 5.1-2 and 5.1-3).

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25 Two bounding alternatives, corresponding to different assumptions about the behavior of the  
 26 variogram between 0 and 250 m have been considered (see Figure 5.1-7):

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28 (1) "Random elevation" assumption: Conductor elevation correlation length is very small  
 29 <<250 m. The variogram is equal to the sill value between 0 and 250 m.

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1 (2) "Block elevation" assumption: The observation grid spacing is just outside the actual  
2 correlation length. Below 250 m, observations become highly correlated, with an  
3 expected squared difference equal to twice the measurement error variance ("cookie  
4 cutter" autocorrelation).

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6 These assumptions lead to two different methods of estimating conductor elevation. Both  
7 assumptions have been carried through in estimating brine reservoir area fraction.

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9 In the random elevation assumption, nearby data points contribute no special information  
10 about the real value at the interpolation point in virtue of their proximity. The best estimate  
11 for elevation at any point is simply the average elevation over all observations. The variance  
12 of the error of this estimate is the population variance.

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14 In the block elevation assumption, elevation is highly correlated over distances smaller than  
15 the measurement interval. The estimate of elevation at an interpolation point is simply the  
16 observed value at the nearest observation point. The variance of the error of this estimate is  
17 the variance of the error of the observation (75 m<sup>2</sup>).

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20 If the interpolated value is thought of as a weighted linear combination of observed values (as  
21 in inverse distance interpolation or in kriging), the random and block assumptions lead to the  
22 extremes of uniform weighting of all observations and exclusive weighting of the nearest  
23 observation.

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25 *Estimation of Area Fraction.* The area fraction is defined as the area of the waste panel  
26 excavation overlying a brine reservoir divided by the total excavation area. A point is  
27 considered to overlie a brine reservoir if there is an electrically conductive zone in a  
28 hydrologically conductive layer of the Castile Formation. Although Castile brine reservoirs  
29 encountered during drilling appear to be always associated with the uppermost Castile  
30 anhydrite (Anhydrite III at the WIPP site), there is the possibility that brine reservoirs may  
31 occur in lower Castile Anhydrites. For the purpose of estimating area fraction using the  
32 existing data, two formulations are possible:

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34 (1) A point overlies a brine reservoir if the sub-Salado conductor elevation is greater than  
35 the elevation of the base of Anhydrite III, or  
36 (2) A point overlies a brine reservoir if the sub-Salado conductor elevation is greater than  
37 the elevation of the base of the Castile.

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39 For any point in the waste panel region, none of the elevations used to identify a brine  
40 reservoir by either formulation are known with certainty. In addition, there is uncertainty in  
41 which of the above formulations is appropriate. The area fraction estimate should  
42 incorporate these uncertainties.

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44 *Description of Method.* Uncertainties associated with estimation of the area fraction were  
45 addressed through Monte Carlo simulations as follows:

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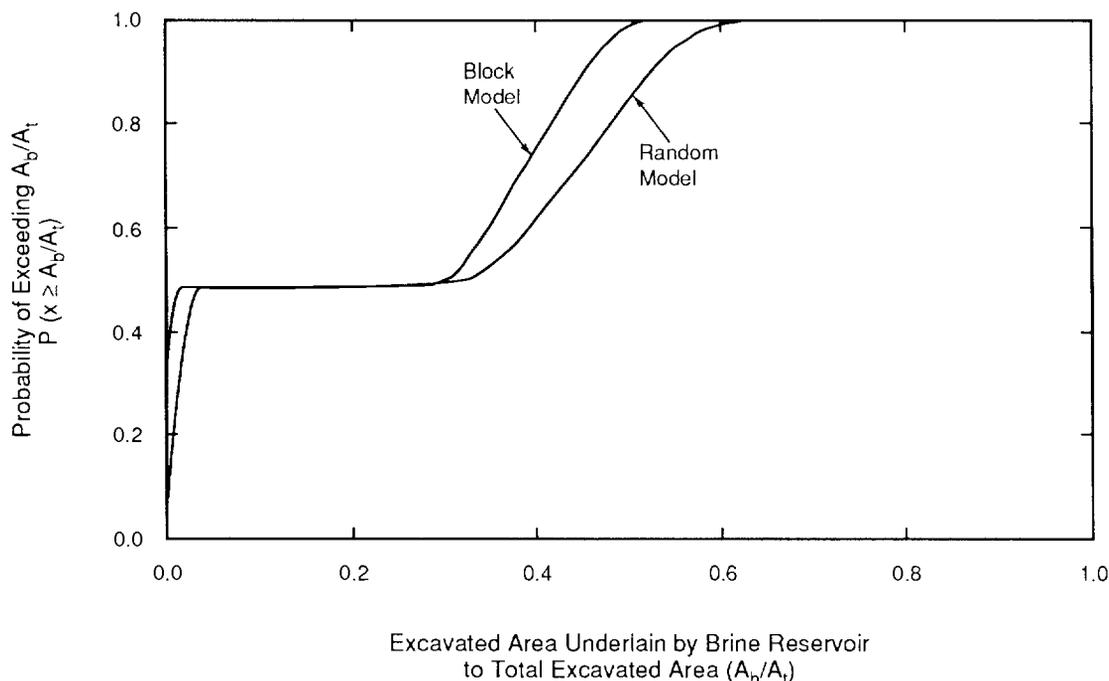
- 1 • 200 samples from two uncorrelated uniformly distributed random variables were taken as  
2 possible values for the base elevations of the Castile and Anhydrite III. These distributions  
3 ranged from -230 m to -170 m for the base of the Castile, and from 70 m to 140 m for  
4 the base of Anhydrite III. The estimates of base elevation were uniformly distributed over  
5 the given range and were not correlated. The base elevation for the Castile and for  
6 Anhydrite III were assumed to be constant over the waste panel area.  
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- 8 • Along with these elevations, one of the two formulations for identifying a brine reservoir  
9 were selected at random.  
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- 11 • For each set of sampled base elevations and brine reservoir definition, 2000 realizations of  
12 conductor elevation were created on a uniform mesh. The relative area overlying the brine  
13 reservoir was then calculated using the sampled realizations and the selected definition of a  
14 brine reservoir.  
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- 16 • The relative number of simulations having a given area fraction was then used to construct  
17 an area fraction distribution. The derived area fraction distribution reflects uncertainty in  
18 conductor elevation, lithology, and the existence of brine reservoirs in lower Castile  
19 anhydrites.  
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21 The above process was applied twice, using the "random" and "block" assumptions for spatial  
22 correlation of conductor elevation in the generation of conductor realizations. In either case,  
23 conductor elevations at each mesh cell were assumed to be normally distributed around the  
24 estimated value.  
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26 *Maximum Area (Bell Canyon Level).* Based on the geostatistical analysis and data uncertainty  
27 described above, the use of the more conservative block model, and the assumption that a  
28 brine reservoir cannot be discounted until the Bell Canyon is reached, there is a chance that  
29 the brine reservoir has an area between 25 and 55% of the excavated area with a median of  
30 40%. This contrasts with the best estimate of 45% from the contour method. The  
31 distribution is bell-shaped (Figure 5.1-1).  
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33 *Minimum Area (Anhydrite III Level).* Based on the geostatistical analysis and data  
34 uncertainty described above, the probability of the brine reservoir residing in the uppermost  
35 anhydrite layer is very small.  
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37 *50% Combination.* Figure 5.1.8 shows the derived cumulative distribution of area fraction  
38 using both the "random" and "block" assumptions and assuming that 50% of the time  
39 Anhydrite III is the maximum depth and 50% of the time the Bell Canyon is the maximum  
40 depth. Both distributions show a distinct bi-modality assuming very small values of area  
41 fraction correspond to the requirement that the brine reservoir be in Anhydrite III, while  
42 larger area fractions correspond to the requirement that the brine reservoir must be in the  
43 Castile Formation. The relative weighting of the two formulations for the brine reservoir  
44 controls the elevation of the plateau in the cumulative distribution, and is clearly more  
45 important than the model of spatial variability of conductor elevation (random or block).  
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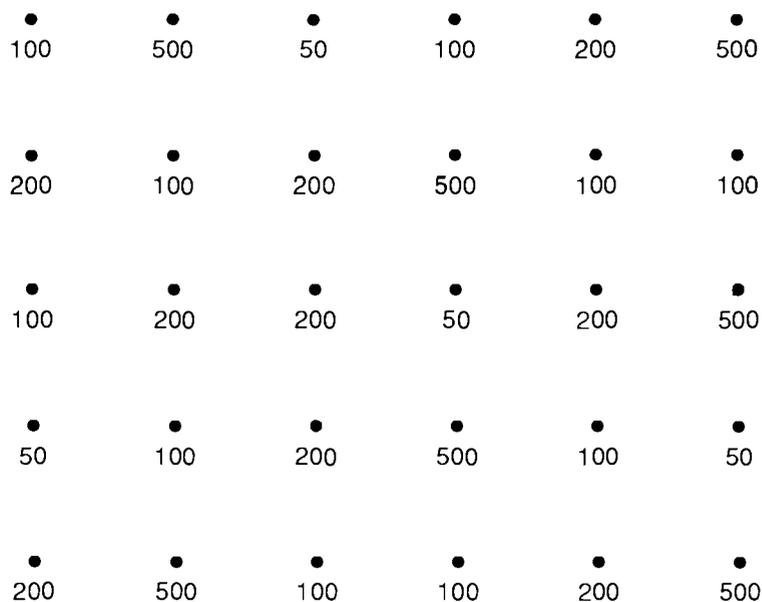
Figure 5.1-8. Cumulative Distribution of Area Fraction using the "Random" and "Block" Assumptions.

7 In the 1991 PA calculations, we used the maximum area distribution of 25 to 55% because the  
 8 results are more conservative. We could not readily establish the likelihood that the elevation  
 9 of Anhydrite III in the Castile Formation could be used as a cutoff for indicating whether a  
 10 brine reservoir existed under the disposal area without further examination of the occurrence  
 11 of brine reservoirs in the region.

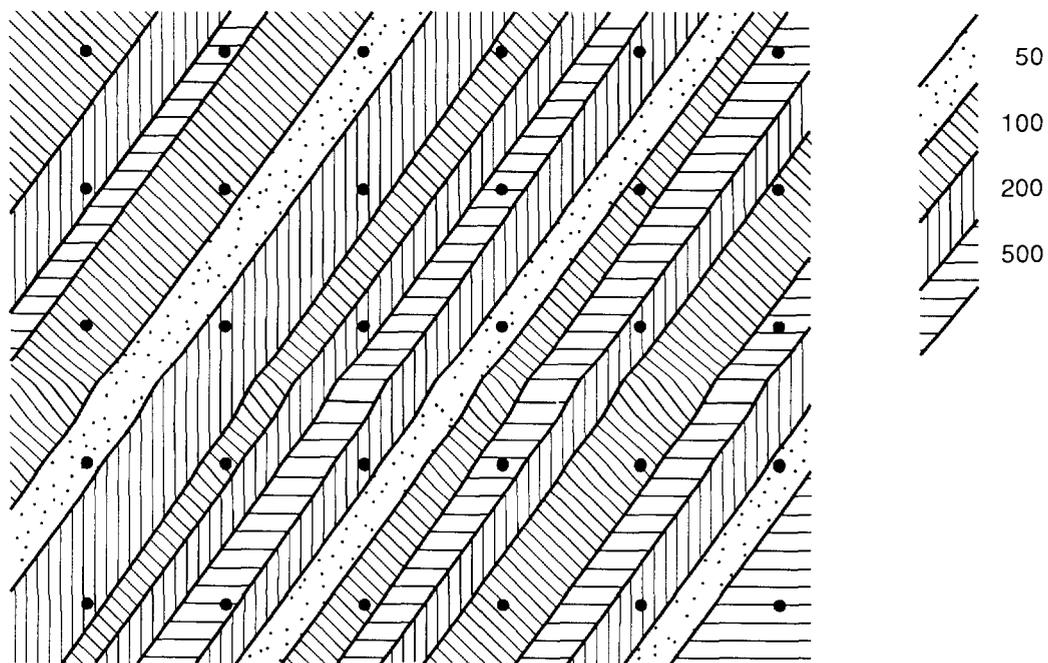
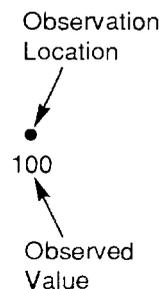
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 13 *Lack of Spatial Correlation of Conductor Elevations.* The variogram analysis suggests that  
 14 conductor elevations are not correlated over a distance of 250 m. Aside from ramifications  
 15 for interpolation, this result appears to place limits on the areal extent of brine reservoirs  
 16 beneath WIPP. This conclusion is not entirely justified. Figure 5.1-9 shows a hypothetical  
 17 arrangement of measurement points, and an underlying structure dominated by narrow  
 18 features at an angle to the measurement array. Although the features are continuous over the  
 19 region, observations of particular features are randomly distributed through the measurement  
 20 array. In order for the underlying correlation structure of the oblong features to be revealed  
 21 in this hypothetical case, the measurement array must be able to resolve the minimum  
 22 characteristic dimension of the features. Note that it may still be possible for the original  
 23 sampling to provide a good estimate of the relative area of each feature type.

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 25 Although the above illustration is hypothetical, geologic considerations argue that brine  
 26 reservoir location may be controlled by fracturing along Castile anticlines. In this situation, it  
 27 is not unreasonable to expect brine reservoirs to be defined by long, narrow fracture zones  
 28 along the anticline axis. Lack of correlation at a scale of 250 m would then place an upper  
 29 limit on the minimum dimension of these fracture zones, but would not constraint maximum  
 30 area extent.

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(a) Results of Regular Point Observations



(b) Underlying Structure

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Figure 5.1-9. Illustration of Hypothetical Variability of Regular Sampling of Extensive Narrow Features.

1 **5.1.2 Location of Intrusion**

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4 In 1991, the location of the borehole was fixed at the center of the disposal region (see  
5 Figure 3.1-2) to reduce the computational burden in the transport calculations until the  
6 influence of the variable transmissivity fields on fluid flow could be determined. (The most  
7 conservative position was not known a priori.) Next year's PA calculations will either use a  
8 variable position of the borehole or select a conservative location.

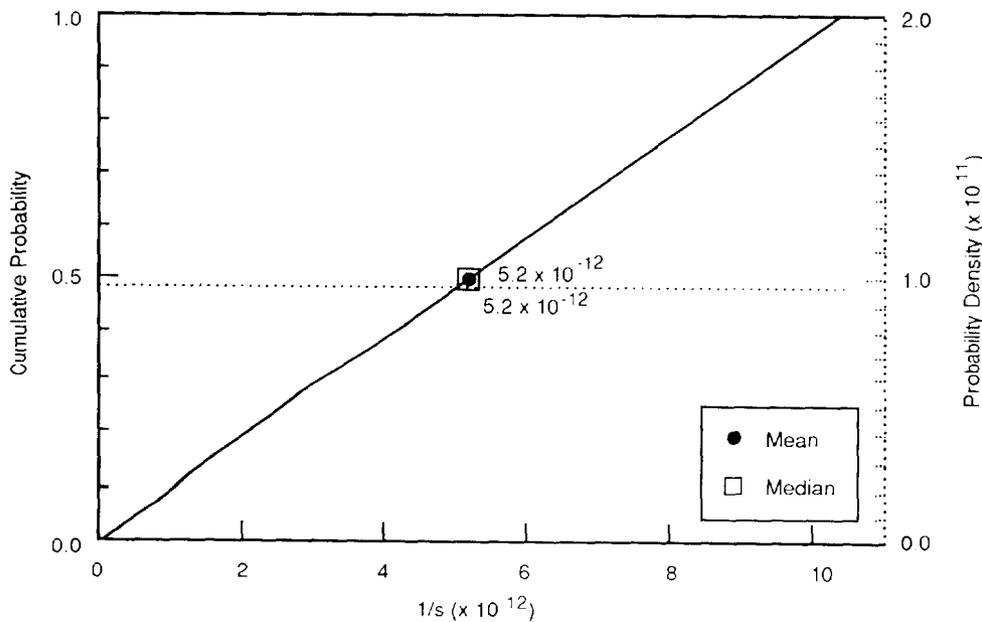
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## 5.2 Human-Intrusion Probability (Drilling) Models

### 5.2.1 Drilling Rate Function

<b>Parameter:</b>	Drilling rate function $\Lambda(t)$
<b>Median:</b>	$5.2 \times 10^{-12}$
<b>Range:</b>	$0 <$ $1.04 \times 10^{-11}$
<b>Units:</b>	$s^{-1}$
<b>Distribution:</b>	Uniform
<b>Source(s):</b>	Tierney, M. S. 1991. <i>Combining Scenarios in a Calculation of the Overall Probability Distribution of Cumulative Releases of Radioactivity from the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Southeastern New Mexico</i> . SAND90-0838. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Appendix C)

Figure 5.2-1 shows the distribution for the constant failure rate function for exploratory drilling.



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Figure 5.2-1. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) of Constant Failure Rate.

2 **Discussion:**

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4 The model for determining the probabilities of human intrusions (drilling) is based upon a  
5 general failure rate function ( $\Lambda(t)$ ):  
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$$\Lambda(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < t < t_0 \\ -d/dt \ln[1-F(t)] & t_0 < t \end{cases} \quad (5.2-1)$$

where

- t = time elapsed since disposal system placed in operation
- t<sub>0</sub> = time when active government control ceases (100 yr [40 CFR 191])
- F(t) = cumulative distribution for first time of disturbing event.

40 CFR 191, Appendix B, places an upper bound on  $\Lambda(t)$ :

... the Agency assumes that the likelihood of such inadvertent and intermittent drilling need not be taken to be greater than 30 boreholes per square kilometer per 10,000 years for geologic repositories in proximity to sedimentary rock formations...

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$$\lambda = \frac{30 \text{ boreholes}}{10^6 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 10^4 \text{ yr}} \cdot \text{area of excavated disposal region} \quad (5.2-2)$$

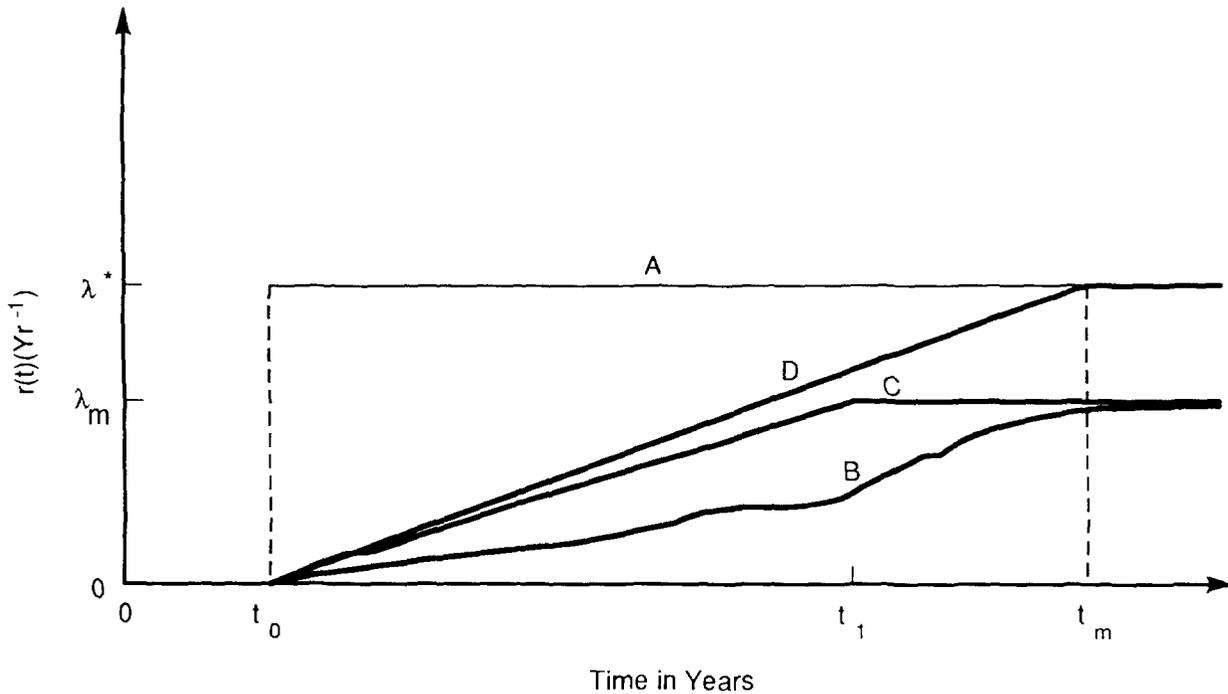
Hence for the WIPP,  $\lambda = 3.28 \times 10^{-4} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  assuming an excavated disposal region of about  $1.09 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^2$  ( $1.1 \times 10^6 \text{ ft}^2$ ). The mean time of the first intrusion is  $1/\lambda$  or about 3,000 yr. The number of intrusions is sampled from an associated Poisson distribution.

Similarly, 40 CFR 191, Appendix B, places a lower bound on  $\Lambda(t)$ :

... passive institutional controls should not be assumed to completely rule out the possibility of intrusion ...

The actual variation of the drilling (failure) rate function with time is unknown but can be conservatively approximated by a piecewise linear function (Tierney, 1991, Appendix C) (Curve A, Figure 5.2-2). Currently, PA calculations assume  $\Lambda(t)$  is a constant ( $\Lambda(t) = \lambda$ ) for each simulation and uniformly distributed between certain maximum and minimum values.\* The failure rate,  $\Lambda(t)$ , is used in estimating, for example, probabilities for multiple intrusions or evaluating the time of the first intrusion.

62 \* Though conservative, the constant failure rate is unrealistic because the effects of markers (required by 40 CFR 191 to warn of  
63 the presence of the repository) are ignored.



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Figure 5.2-2. Alternative Forms of a Failure Rate for Exploratory Drilling (after Tierney, 1991, Appendix C).

9 Assuming that the times of attempted drilling are independent of each other and that the  
10 failure rate  $\Lambda(t)$  is a constant  $\lambda$ , the probability that drilling will occur exactly  $n$  times in the  
11 time interval  $t$  is given by the Poisson distribution (Ross, 1985, Chapter 7):

$$12 \quad P(N=n) = \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} \exp(-\lambda t), \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (5.2-3)$$

13 where

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19  $t$  = time

20  $1/\lambda + t_0$  = average time one must wait until first drilling occurs

21  $N$  = number of intrusions (a random variable).

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23 Because the PA Division grouped the occurrence of human intrusion into separate scenarios,  
24 PA calculations used the conditional probability. The conditional probability that drilling will  
25 occur more than once ( $N > 0$ ) is

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$$27 \quad P(N=n | N > 0) = P(N=n) / P(N > 0) \quad (5.2-4)$$

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$$31 \quad P(N > 0) = 1 - P(N=0) = 1 - \exp(-\lambda t)$$

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1 Hence,

$$P\{N=n | N>0\} = \left\{ \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} \exp(-\lambda t) \right\} / [1 - \exp(-\lambda t)] \quad (5.2-5)$$

8 The discrete probability of intrusion,  $P\{N=n | N>0\}$ , is given in Table 5.2-1 and Figure 5.2-2  
9 for between 1 and 13 intrusions for  $\Lambda(t) - \lambda_{\max} = 3.28 \times 10^{-4} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ .

12 Table 5.2-1. Probability of Multiple Hits into Disposal Region of Repository

Median	Range		Value	Probability	Units	Source
3	1	13	1	$1.2810 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Tierney, 1991, Appendix C
			2	$2.1020 \times 10^{-1}$		
			3	$2.2990 \times 10^{-1}$		
			4	$1.8860 \times 10^{-1}$		
			5	$1.2380 \times 10^{-1}$		
			6	$6.77 \times 10^{-2}$		
			7	$3.17 \times 10^{-2}$		
			8	$1.30 \times 10^{-2}$		
			9	$4.70 \times 10^{-3}$		
			10	$1.60 \times 10^{-3}$		
			11	$5.00 \times 10^{-4}$		
			12	$1.00 \times 10^{-4}$		
			13	$1.00 \times 10^{-4}$		

5.2.2 Time of First Intrusion for Scenarios

<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Time of first intrusion</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$7 \times 10^{10}$
<b>Range:</b>	$3.156 \times 10^9$ $3.156 \times 10^{11}$
<b>Units:</b>	s
<b>Distribution:</b>	Exponential
<b>Source(s):</b>	Tierney, M. S. 1991. <i>Combining Scenarios in a Calculation of the Overall Probability Distribution of Cumulative Releases of Radioactivity from the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Southeastern New Mexico</i> . SAND90-0838. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Appendix C)

Figure 5.2-3 shows the distribution for time of intrusion.

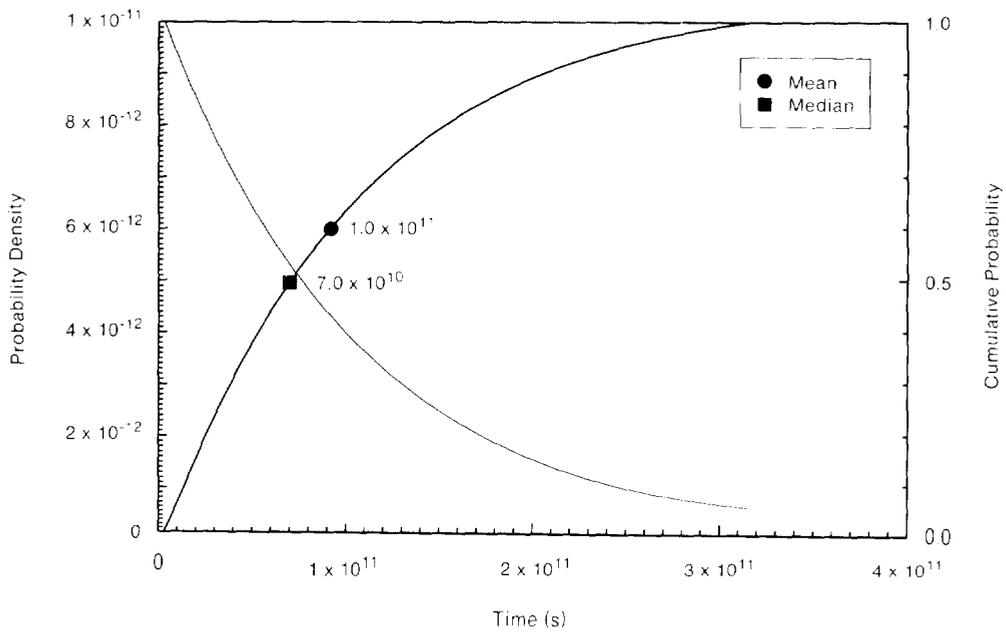


Figure 5.2-3. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Time of Intrusion for E1, E2, and E1E2 Scenarios.

1 **Discussion:**

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3 The time of first intrusion is evaluated from failure rate function  $\Lambda(t)$  (Eq. 5.2-1).  
4 Integrating Eq. 5.2-1 to evaluate  $F(t)$  yields

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$$F(t) = 1 - \exp\left[-\int_{t_0}^t \Lambda(\tau) d\tau\right] \quad (5.2-6)$$

14 Since PA calculations assume  $\Lambda(t)$  is a constant ( $\lambda$ ) for each simulation,  $F(t)$  is a cumulative  
15 exponential distribution

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$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 < t < t_0 \\ 1 - \exp(-\lambda t) & \text{if } t \geq t_0 \end{cases} \quad (5.2-7)$$

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$$= \Pr \{ \text{time of hit} < t \}$$

31 where

32  $1/\lambda + t_0$  = the average time one must wait either until the first drilling occurs that  
33 intersects the disposal region or between intrusions.

34 Thus, for a Poisson process, the waiting time between successive intrusions has an exponential  
35 distribution.

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37 Because the PA Division grouped the occurrence of human intrusion into separate scenarios,  
38 PA calculations used the conditional probability. The conditional probability on the time  
39 when drilling will occur given that drilling occurs at least once before  $t > t_1$ , where  $t_1$  is the  
40 regulatory period of 10,000 yr is (Miller and Freund, 1977, p. 34)

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$$\begin{aligned} & P\{\text{time of hit} < t \mid \text{time of hit} < t_1\} \\ &= P\{\text{time of hit} < t\} / P\{\text{time of hit} < t_1\} \end{aligned} \quad (5.2-8)$$

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53  $P\{\text{time of hit} < t_1\} = 1 - \exp[-\lambda(t_1 - t_0)]$

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$$\begin{aligned} & P\{\text{time of hit} < t \mid \text{time of hit} < t_1\} \\ &= \{1 - \exp[-\lambda(t - t_0)]\} / \{1 - \exp[-\lambda(t_1 - t_0)]\} \end{aligned} \quad (5.2-9)$$

2 **5.2.3 Times of Multiple Intrusions**

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<b>Parameter:</b>	<b>Time of intrusion</b>
<b>Median:</b>	$1.5936 \times 10^{11}$
<b>Range:</b>	$3.156 \times 10^9$
	$3.156 \times 10^{11}$
<b>Units:</b>	s
<b>Distribution:</b>	Uniform
<b>Source(s):</b>	Tierney, M. S. 1991. <i>Combining Scenarios in a Calculation of the Overall Probability Distribution of Cumulative Releases of Radioactivity from the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Southeastern New Mexico</i> . SAND90-0838. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratories. (Appendix C)

Figure 5.2-4 shows the distribution for time of intrusion used in 1990.

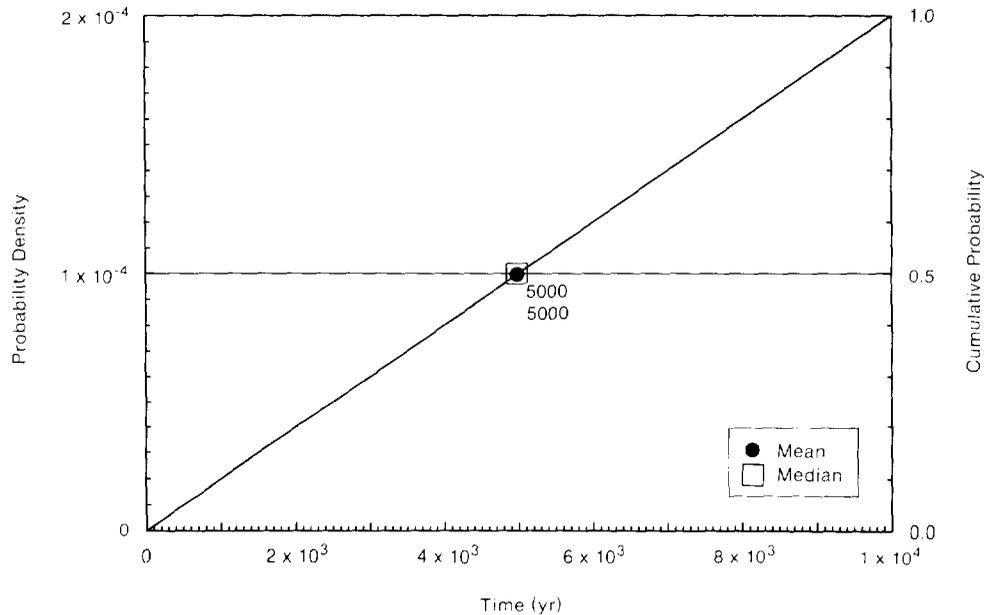


Figure 5.2-4. Estimated Distribution (pdf and cdf) for Time of Intrusion for Multiple Hits Used in 1990.

1 **Discussion:**

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3 In 1990, the times of the N intrusions were evaluated from a uniform distribution between  
4 100 and 10,000 yr\* (Figure 5.2-4). The N random samples from the uniform distribution  
5 were then ordered from the smallest to the largest. Identical times for intrusions were  
6 permitted. Because the waiting times between successive intrusions have exponential  
7 distributions for a Poisson process, the mean time of intrusion (or mean time between  
8 intrusions) was  $1/\lambda + t_0$  or about 3,000 yr.

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10 In 1991, the time of intrusion is used to define computational scenarios. To simplify the  
11 discretization, the time of intrusion was divided into five equal intervals of 2,000 yr and the  
12 intrusion or multiple intrusions in each interval set at the midpoint (e.g., 1,000 yr).

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17 \* For compliance calculations, 100 yr is the time period after which active government control of the WIPP must be assumed to  
18 stop (40 CFR 191); 10,000 yr is the end of the regulatory period.

## 6. SUMMARY OF PARAMETERS SAMPLED IN 1991

Tables 6.0-1, 6.0-2, and 6.0-3 summarize the parameters that were sampled for the 1991 PA calculations for the geologic barriers, engineered barriers, and agents acting on the disposal system and probability models for scenarios, respectively. Figure 6.0-1 shows the rank correlation for halite and anhydrite permeability (Table 6.0-1).

Table 6.0-1. Distributions of Sample Parameters in December 1991 WIPP Performance Assessment for Geologic Barriers

Parameter	Median	Range		Units	Distribution Type	Source
Halite within Salado Formation						
Permeability (k)	$5.7 \times 10^{-21}$	$8.6 \times 10^{-22}$	$5.4 \times 10^{-20}$	m <sup>2</sup>	Data	Beauheim, June 14, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)
Pore pressure (p)	$1.28 \times 10^7$	$9.3 \times 10^6$	$1.39 \times 10^7$	Pa	Data	See anhydrite.
Anhydrite Layers within Salado Formation						
Pore pressure (p)	$1.28 \times 10^7$	$9.3 \times 10^6$	$1.39 \times 10^7$	Pa	Data	Beauheim, June 14, 1991, Memo; Howarth, June 12, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)
*Permeability (k) Undisturbed	$7.8 \times 10^{-20}$	$6.8 \times 10^{-20}$	$9.5 \times 10^{-19}$	m <sup>2</sup>	Data	Beauheim, June 14, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)
Porosity ( $\phi$ ) Undisturbed	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	$3 \times 10^{-2}$	none	Cumulative	See text.
Threshold displacement pressure ( $p_t$ )	$3 \times 10^5$	$3 \times 10^3$	$3 \times 10^7$	Pa	Lognormal	Davies, 1991; Davies, June 2, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)
Castile Formation Brine Reservoir						
Initial pressure (p)	$1.26 \times 10^7$	$1.1 \times 10^7$	$2.1 \times 10^7$	Pa	Cumulative	Popielak et al., 1983, p. H-52; Lappin et al., 1989, Table 3-19
Storativity, bulk ( $S_b$ )	$2 \times 10^{-1}$	$2 \times 10^{-2}$	2	m <sup>3</sup>	Lognormal	See text.
Culebra Dolomite Member						
Dispersivity, longitudinal ( $\alpha_L$ )	$1 \times 10^2$	$5 \times 10^1$	$3 \times 10^2$	m	Cumulative	Lappin et al., 1990, Table E-6
Fracture spacing (2B)	$4 \times 10^{-1}$	$6 \times 10^{-2}$	8	m	Cumulative	Beauheim et al., June 10, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)
Porosity						
Fracture ( $\phi_f$ )	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	none	Lognormal	Lappin et al., 1989, Table 1-2, Table E-6
Matrix ( $\phi_m$ )	$1.39 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.08 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Spatial	Kelley and Saulnier, 1990, Table 4.4; Lappin et al., 1989 Table E-8

\* Permeability of the halite and anhydrite were rank correlated with an  $r = 0.80$  (Figure 6.0-1).

SUMMARY

2 Table 6.0-1. Distributions of Sample Parameters in December 1991 WIPP Performance Assessment  
 3 for Geologic Barriers (Continued)

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6	Parameter	Median	Range	Units	Distribution Type	Source	
7	Partition Coefficients						
8	Fracture						
9	Am	$9.26 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^3$	$m^3/kg$	Cumulative	See text.
10	Np	1	0.0	$1 \times 10^3$	$m^3/kg$	Cumulative	See text.
11	Pu	$2.02 \times 10^2$	0.0	$1 \times 10^3$	$m^3/kg$	Cumulative	See text.
12	Th	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^1$	$m^3/kg$	Cumulative	See text.
13	U	$7.5 \times 10^{-3}$	0.0	1	$m^3/kg$	Cumulative	See text.
14	Matrix						
15	Am	$1.86 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	$m^3/kg$	Cumulative	See text.
16	Np	$4.8 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	$m^3/kg$	Cumulative	See text.
17	Pu	$2.61 \times 10^{-1}$	0.0	$1 \times 10^2$	$m^3/kg$	Cumulative	See text.
18	Th	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	1	$m^3/kg$	Cumulative	See text.
19	U	$2.58 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0	1	$m^3/kg$	Cumulative	See text.
20	Transmissivity field	$3.5 \times 10^{-1}$	0	60	none	Uniform	See text.

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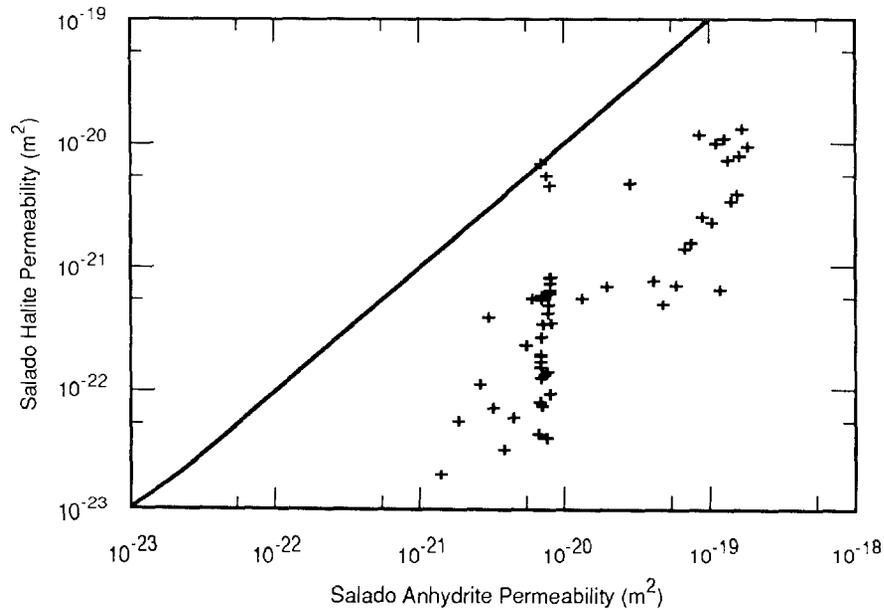
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Figure 6.0-1. General Relationship Maintained between Halite and Anhydrite Permeabilities of Salado Formation Using a Rank Correlation Coefficient (r) of 0.80.

2 Table 6.0-2. Distributions of Sample Parameters in December 1991 WIPP Performance Assessment  
 3 for Engineered Barriers  
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Parameter	Median	Range	Units	Distribution Type	Source		
10 Unmodified Waste Form							
11 Gas Generation							
12 Corrosion							
13 Inundated rate	14 $6.3 \times 10^{-9}$	15 0	16 $1.3 \times 10^{-8}$	17 mol/m <sup>2</sup> /s*	18 Cumulative	19 Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)	
20 Relative humid rate	21 $1 \times 10^{-1}$	22 0	23 $5 \times 10^{-1}$	24 none	25 Cumulative	26 Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)	
27 Stoichiometry	28 $5 \times 10^{-1}$	29 0	30 1	31 none	32 Uniform	33 Brush and Anderson in Lappin et al., 1989, p. A-6	
34 Microbiological							
35 Inundated rate	36 $3.2 \times 10^{-9}$	37 0	38 $1.6 \times 10^{-8}$	39 mol/kg/s**	40 Cumulative	41 Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)	
42 Relative humid rate	43 $1 \times 10^{-1}$	44 0	45 $2 \times 10^{-1}$	46 none	47 Uniform	48 Brush, July 8, 1991, Memo (see Appendix A)	
49 Stoichiometry	50 $8.35 \times 10^{-1}$	51 0	52 1.67	53 none	54 Uniform	55 Brush and Anderson in Lappin et al., 1989, p. A-10.	
56 Dissolved Concentrations (Solubility)***							
57 Am <sup>3+</sup>	58 $1 \times 10^{-9}$	59 $5 \times 10^{-14}$	60 1.4	61 Molar	62 Cumulative	63 Trauth et al., 1991	
64 Np <sup>4+</sup>	65 $6 \times 10^{-9}$	66 $3 \times 10^{-16}$	67 $2 \times 10^{-5}$	68 Molar	69 Cumulative	70 Trauth et al., 1991	
71 Np <sup>5+</sup>	72 $6 \times 10^{-7}$	73 $3 \times 10^{-11}$	74 $1.2 \times 10^{-2}$	75 Molar	76 Cumulative	77 Trauth et al., 1991	
78 Pu <sup>4+</sup>	79 $6 \times 10^{-10}$	80 $2.0 \times 10^{-16}$	81 $4 \times 10^{-6}$	82 Molar	83 Cumulative	84 Trauth et al., 1991	
85 Pu <sup>5+</sup>	86 $6 \times 10^{-10}$	87 $2.5 \times 10^{-17}$	88 $5.5 \times 10^{-4}$	89 Molar	90 Cumulative	91 Trauth et al., 1991	
92 Th <sup>4+</sup>	93 $1 \times 10^{-10}$	94 $5.5 \times 10^{-16}$	95 $2.2 \times 10^{-6}$	96 Molar	97 Cumulative	98 Trauth et al., 1991	
99 U <sup>4+</sup>	100 $1 \times 10^{-4}$	101 $1 \times 10^{-15}$	102 $5 \times 10^{-2}$	103 Molar	104 Cumulative	105 Trauth et al., 1991	
106 U <sup>6+</sup>	107 $2 \times 10^{-3}$	108 $1 \times 10^{-7}$	109 1	110 Molar	111 Cumulative	112 Trauth et al., 1991	
113 Volume Fractions of IDB Categories							
114 Metal/Glass	115 $3.76 \times 10^{-1}$	116 $2.76 \times 10^{-1}$	117 $4.76 \times 10^{-1}$	118 none	119 Normal	120 See text, Table 3.4-9	
121 Combustibles	122 $3.84 \times 10^{-1}$	123 $2.84 \times 10^{-1}$	124 $4.84 \times 10^{-1}$	125 none	126 Normal	127 See text, Table 3.4-9	
128 Initial waste saturation	129 $1.38 \times 10^{-1}$	130 0	131 $2.76 \times 10^{-1}$	132 none	133 Uniform	134 See text.	
135 Eh-pH Conditions	136 0.5	137 0	138 1.0	139 none	140 Uniform	141 See text.	

142 \* mole/m<sup>2</sup> surface area steel/s

143 \*\* mole/kg cellulose/s

144 \*\*\* For the following elements — Np, Pu, and Th — only one species was used in each sample. The species were rank correlated at  $r = 0.99$ .

SUMMARY

2 Table 6.0-3. Distributions of Sample Parameters in December 1991 WIPP Performance Assessment  
 3 for Agents Acting on Disposal System and Probability Models for Scenarios

8	Parameter	Median	Range		Units	Distribution Type	Source
11	Agents Acting on Disposal System						
12	Intrusion Borehole Flow Parameters						
13	Diameter	$3.55 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.67 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.44 \times 10^{-1}$	m	Uniform	See text.
14	Permeability (k)	$3.16 \times 10^{-12}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$	$1 \times 10^{-11}$	m <sup>2</sup>	Lognormal	Freeze and Cherry, Table 2.2 (clean sand)
16	Climate parameter						
17	Recharge amplitude						
18	factor	$8 \times 10^{-2}$	0	$1.6 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Uniform	See text.
20	Probability Model for Scenarios						
21	Area of pressurized brine						
22	reservoir	$4.0 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.52 \times 10^{-1}$	none	Cumulative	See text.
23	Rate constant in Poisson						
24	drilling model, $\Delta(t)$	$5.2 \times 10^{-12}$	0 <	$1.04 \times 10^{-11}$	s <sup>-1</sup>	Uniform	40 CFR 191.

## 1 **Selection Procedure for Parameters Sampled in 1991**

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3 A parameter was chosen for sampling in the 1991 PA calculations if it fulfilled one of two  
4 criteria: (1) the parameter proved to be sensitive in the 1990 sensitivity analyses (Helton et  
5 al., 1991); or (2) the parameter was an imprecisely known quantity in a consequence model  
6 first formally used in the present (1991) series of calculations. Examples of parameters that  
7 fulfilled Criterion 1 are Culebra partition coefficients and dissolved concentrations  
8 (solubilities including Eh-pH conditions). Examples of parameters that fulfilled Criterion 2  
9 are the parameters of dual-porosity transport in the Culebra (dispersivity, fracture spacing,  
10 matrix and fracture porosities); material properties of the anhydrite layers within the Salado  
11 Formation (pore pressure, permeability, porosity); gas generation rates in unmodified waste  
12 forms; volume fractions of unmodified waste forms; and constants in probability model for  
13 human intrusion scenarios (area of pressurized brine reservoir, rate constant in Poisson model  
14 of exploratory drilling). Some imprecisely known parameters must be sampled in any PA  
15 exercise that uses the results of certain models; examples of this kind of parameter are the  
16 transmissivity field, intrusion-borehole flow parameters (permeability, porosity), and the  
17 recharge factor for climatic change (Swift, October 10, 1991, Memo [Appendix A]).  
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SUMMARY

1 **Consequence Models for WIPP Disposal System (42 + 3 Variables)**

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3 **Geologic Barriers (22 Variables)**

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6 Halite within Salado Formation Near Repository (1 variable)

7 **Permeability (1)**

8 Sampled in 1990 But Omitted in 1991

9 *Compressibility* — not very important in 1990

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11 Anhydrite Layers within Salado Formation (4 variables)

12 **Brine Pressure at Repository Level (1)**

13 **Permeability, Intact (1)**

14 **Porosity, Intact (1)**

15 **Threshold pressure (1)**

16

17 Castile Formation Brine Reservoir (2 variables)

18 **Bulk Storativity ( $S_b$ ) (1)**

19 **Initial Pressure (1)**

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21 Culebra Dolomite Member (13 variables)

22 **Dispersivity (1)**

23 **Matrix Porosity (1)**

24 **Fracture Porosity (1)** (no quantitative correlation with T)

25 **Fracture Spacing (1)** (no quantitative correlation with T)

26 **Retardation, Matrix and Fracture (10=5x2)**

27 **Transmissivity Field (1)** (0 - 60, uniform distribution)

28 Sampled in 1990 But Omitted in 1991

29 *Tortuosity* — not much spatial change in transport model domain

30

31 **Engineered Barriers (15 + 3 Variables)**

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33 Unmodified Waste Form

35 **Gas Generation Rates for Corrosion and Degradation in Humid and Saturated Conditions**  
36 (4)

37 **Corrosion stoichiometry (1)**

38 **Microbial stoichiometry (1)**

39 **Dissolved Concentrations (Solubility) (5 + 3)** — 3 correlated at  $r = 0.99$  for modeling  
40 convenience

41 **Volumes of Metal and Combustibles (2)**

42 **Initial Waste Saturation (1)**

43 **Eh-pH Conditions (1)**

44 Sampled in 1990 But Omitted in 1991

45 *Molecular Diffusion* -- Species dependent in 1991

46

47 **Agents Acting on Disposal System (3 Variables)**

48

49 **Recharge (1)** (includes leakage from subsidence)

51 **Intrusion Borehole Permeability and Drill Bit Diameter (2)** (based on deep gas reservoir  
52 target in 1991)

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1 **Probability Model for Scenarios (2 Variables)**

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3 **Area of Pressurized Brine Reservoir (1)**

4 **Rate Constant in Poisson Drilling Model (1)**

5 Sampled in 1990 but Omitted in 1991

6 *Number of Hits* -- Defining variable for computational scenario

7 *Room Number* -- Area of brine reservoir determines probability of hitting brine reservoir in  
8 1991; location for transport is fixed at the center of the Disposal Region

9 *Time of Intrusion* -- Defining variable for computational scenario  
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17 This memo provides input for modeling radionuclide transport for the 1991  
18 Performance Assessment calculations. Recommendations are divided into two  
19 segments, one on double porosity-transport parameters and one on model  
20 implementation for brine-reservoir-breach scenarios.

## 21 22 23 Double-Porosity Transport

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25 Several of the parameters used for double-porosity transport calculations are specific  
26 to a given transport code. We recommend that at some time, the code being used for  
27 performance assessment calculations be analyzed and benchmarked with the double-  
28 porosity transport code used to interpret tracer tests (SWIFT II, Reeves et al., 1986).  
29 Also, we note that the effect of many of the double-porosity parameters can be  
30 concisely characterized using dimensionless parameter groups (Reeves et al., 1991).  
31 We recommend that in future years, consideration be given to parameter sampling  
32 structured around dimensionless groups. This may save significant computational  
33 effort and eliminate inconsistencies associated with sampling correlated parameters.

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35 The following comments on transport parameters follow the format in the data  
36 document for the 1990 PA calculations (Rechard et al., 1990).

## 37 38 39 Bulk Density

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41 The values reported from laboratory analyses of Culebra core in Kelley and Saulnier,  
42 1990 and in Lappin et al., 1989 are grain densities, not bulk densities. Correct range  
43 in text and table to  $2.76 \times 10^3$  to  $2.86 \times 10^3$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Also correct arithmetic mean to

1 2.82 x 10<sup>3</sup> kg/m<sup>3</sup> and median to 2.83 x 10<sup>3</sup> kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Change table source reference to  
2 Kelley and Saulnier, 1990, Tables 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3.

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5 Dispersivity

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10 Fracture Spacing

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12 The most recent results of tracer test interpretations for the H-3, H-6, and H-11  
13 hydropads to obtain best-fit double-porosity parameters (fracture spacing and fracture  
14 porosity) are summarized in Table 1 (Cauffman, et al., in prep.). It is our opinion that  
15 there are too few data to construct a meaningful distribution for fracture spacing.  
16 Therefore, we recommend that the low end of the range be represented by the  
17 smallest fracture spacing interpreted from field experiments (0.06 meters) and be  
18 assigned to the 5th percentile. For the median value, we recommend the use of the  
19 average value from the limited number of available tests, 0.4 meters. For the upper  
20 end of the range, we recommend the continued use of the total Culebra thickness, 8  
21 meters, and that this value be assigned to the 95th percentile.

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25 Fracture Porosity

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27 Fracture porosity is derived from the same analysis of tracer tests that produces  
28 fracture spacing (Table 1). Therefore, it is our opinion that there are too few data to  
29 construct a meaningful distribution for fracture porosity. Therefore, we recommend  
30 that the average value, 0.001, be used for the median of the distribution. Given the  
31 absence of additional data, the range should continue to be taken as one order of  
32 magnitude above and below this average value.

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35 Matrix Porosity

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37 The most comprehensive and up to date information on Culebra matrix porosity is  
38 Kelley and Saulnier, 1990. Table 2 is a list of porosity measurements on 79 core  
39 samples from 15 locations. The mean value is 0.15 and the median value is 0.14. The  
40 range is from 0.03 to 0.30. Note error in value reported in Table II-6 of SAND89-2408  
41 where median value is reported as 15.2. This should be 0.152.

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44 Storage Coefficient

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46 No change from previous year. Correct reference in last sentence to LaVenue et al.,

1 1990, Table 2.5.

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4 Thickness

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6 Note error in Table II-6, where Culebra thickness is reported as 77 meters.

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9 Tortuosity

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11 The most comprehensive and up to date information on Culebra tortuosity is Kelley  
12 and Saulnier, 1990. Table 3 is a list of tortuosity measurement on 15 core samples  
13 from 11 locations. The mean value is 0.14 and the median value is 0.12. The range  
14 is from 0.03 to 0.3. Note that tortuosity is strongly related to fracture spacing.  
15 Dimensional analysis of Reeves et al. (1991) shows that the half-fracture spacing  
16 squared interpreted from a tracer test is inversely proportional to the assumed  
17 tortuosity. Therefore, we recommend that these parameters not be sampled  
18 independently.

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22 **Modeling of Brine-Reservoir Breach Scenarios**

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24 We have reviewed the draft text on proposed brine reservoir modeling and have the  
25 following comments:

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27 The discussion of the justification for the simplified representation of brine-  
28 reservoir response to a borehole should cite the analysis of Reeves et al. (1991)  
29 that develops and tests the technical basis for this assumption. Also the  
30 limitations of the simplified approach should be stated. For example, while this  
31 approach is valid for time scales of less than 10,000 years, for longer time  
32 periods, there is increased sensitivity to intact Castile properties (transmissivity  
33 and storage).

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35 The rationale for estimating a range of initial pressures is unnecessarily complex  
36 and may not be defensible. As an alternative approach, we suggest the  
37 following. The data show that pressures in the brine pockets are all greater  
38 than or equal to hydrostatic. No upper limit is indicated by the data, however  
39 lithostatic pressure is a defensible limit. Therefore, we suggest using the range  
40 from hydrostatic to lithostatic, calculated for the depth of the brine pocket at  
41 WIPP 12. This range is approximately 11 to 22 MPa (which compares with  
42 10.4 to > 16.6 MPa for the original approach).

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44 One general comment is that for technical accuracy, this discussion should cite  
45 original sources rather than second or third generation material.

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Path	Interpreted Parameters (1)		Assumed Parameters (2)		
	Fracture Porosity	Fracture Spacing	Matrix Porosity	Tortuosity	Dispersivity
H-3 Test					
H-3b1 to H-3b3	1.2E-3	1.2 m	0.20	0.15	1.5 m
H-3b2 to H-3b3	1.2E-3	0.23 m	0.20	0.15	1.5 m
H-6 Test #1					
H-6b to H-6c	1.5E-3	0.41 m	0.16	0.15	1.5 m
H-6a to H-6c	1.5E-3	0.056 m	0.16	0.15	1.5 m
H-6 Test #2					
H-6b to H-6c	1.5E-3	0.44 m	0.16	0.15	1.5 m
H-11 Test					
H-11b3 to H-11b1	5.0E-4	0.32 m	0.16	0.11	1.5 m
H-11b2 to H-11b1	5.0E-4	0.11 m	0.16	0.11	1.5 m
H-11b4 to H-11b1	5.0E-4	0.28 m	0.16	0.11	1.5 m

Footnotes: (1) Parameters derived from interpretations that assume that variations in Culebra hydrologic response during tracer tests are due to a heterogeneous distribution of isotropic transmissivities (Cauffman, et al., in prep.).

(2) Matrix porosity and tortuosity values are derived from core tests at each specific hydropad. Dispersivity is assumed to be approximately 5 percent of a typical transport path length.

Table 1. Summary of best-fit double-porosity model-input parameters from Cauffman et al. (in prep).

	Borehole Number	Sample Number	Porosity
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5	H-2a	M-2a-1	0.116
6		M-2a-2	0.131 *
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8	H-2b	1-1	0.141
9		2-1/3-1	0.154 **
10		1-2	0.118
11		2-2/3-2	0.103 **
12			
13	H-2b1	M2b1-1	0.082
14		M2b1-1F	0.105
15		M2b1-2	0.142 *
16		M2b1-3	0.153
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18	H-3b2	1-3	0.188
19		1-4	0.168
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21	H-3b3	2-3/3-3	0.180 **
22		2-4/3-4V	0.202 **
23		1-6/3-6V	0.244
24		2-5/3-5	0.205 **
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26	H-4b	1-9	0.297
27		2-6/3-6V	0.208 **
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29	H-5b	H-5b-1a	0.128 *
30		H-5b-1b	0.155
31		H-5b-2	0.228
32		H-5b-2F	0.248
33		H-5b-3	0.133
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35	H-6b	2-7	0.108
36		2-8	0.116
37		1-7	0.107
38		1-8/3-8V	0.255
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40	H-7b1	M-7b1-1	0.177
41		M-7b1-1F	0.149
42		M-7b1-2a	0.206 *
43		M-7b1-2b	0.278
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Table 2. Porosity measured on 79 Culebra core samples representing 15 locations (Saulnier and Kelley, 1990, Table 4.4).

	Borehole Number	Sample Number	Porosity
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5	M-7b2	M-7b2-1	0.159 *
6		M-7b2-2	0.118
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8	M-7c	M-7c-1a	0.130 *
9		M-7c-1b	0.165
10		M-7c-1F	0.138
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12	M-10b	M-10b-1	0.089 *
13		M-10b-2	0.115
14		M-10b-2F	0.066
15		M-1-b-3	0.112
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17	M-11	M-11-1	0.155
18		M-11-2	0.105 *
19		M-11-2F	0.104
20		M-11b3-1	0.303
21		M-11b3-1F	0.223
22		M-11b3-2	0.099
23		M-11b3-2F	0.123
24		M-11b3-3	0.130
25		M-11b3-4	0.152 *
26		M-11b3-4F	0.224
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28	WIPP-12	W-12-1a	0.028
29		W-12-1b	0.114 *
30		W-12-2	0.126 *
31		W-12-2F	0.135
32		W-12-3	0.134
33			
34	WIPP-13	W-13-1	0.143
35		W-13-2	0.219
36		W-13-2F	0.260
37		W-13-3a	0.179 *
38		W-13-3b	0.097
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Table 2 (continued). Porosity measured on 79 Culebra core samples representing 15 locations (Saulnier and Kelley, 1990, Table 4.4).

Borehole Number	Sample Number	Porosity
WIPP-25	W-25-1	0.115
WIPP-26	W-26-1	0.124
	W-26-1F	0.112
	W-26-2	0.126
	W-26-3	0.127 *
WIPP-28	W-28-1a	0.142
	W-28-1b	0.130 *
	W-28-2	0.187
	W-28-3	0.170
	W-28-3F	0.179
WIPP-30	W-30-1	0.128
	W-30-2	0.150
	W-30-3a	0.176
	W-30-3b	0.149 *
	W-30-3F	0.149
	W-30-4	0.239 *
AEC-8	AEC-8-1	0.079
	AEC-8-1F	0.122
	AEC-8-2	0.109

Number of samples = 79  
Average porosity = 0.153  
Standard deviation = 0.053  
Range = 0.028 - 0.303

\* Represents an average value from porosity determinations from Terra Tek Laboratories and K & A Laboratories.

\*\* Represents an average of porosity values determined using sample bulk volume estimated from pressured sample dimensions and from fluid displacement.

Table 2 (continued). Porosity measured on 79 Culebra core samples representing 15 locations (Saulnier and Kelley, 1990, Table 4.4).

Sample Number	Helium Porosity	Formation Factor	Tortuosity *
AEC-B-1F	0.122	90.09	0.091
M-2b1-1F	0.105	326.77	0.029
M-5b-2F	0.248	12.2	0.331
M-7b1-1F	0.149	73.49	0.091
M-7C-1F	0.138	79.61	0.091
M-10b-2F	0.066	406.78	0.037
M-11-2F	0.104	94.82	0.101
M-11b3-1F	0.223	36.35	0.123
M-11b3-2F	0.123	101.93	0.080
M-11b3-4F	0.224	32.74	0.136
W-12-2F	0.135	47.3	0.157
W-13-2F	0.26	13.26	0.290
W-26-1F	0.112	68.77	0.130
W-28-3F	0.179	26.3	0.212
W-30-3F	0.149	31.49	0.213

\* Tortuosity calculated from Equation (9) using formation factor determined from electrical-resistivity measurements.

Table 3. Tortuosity estimated from values of formation factor and porosity for 15 Culebra core samples representing 11 locations (Saulnier and Kelley, 1990, Table 4.6).

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Performance Assessment Calculations

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12 From the Salado permeability testing program, we produce three types of data  
13 used in PA calculations: permeabilities, pore pressures, and specific  
14 storage/compressibility values. Presented below are the latest data in each of  
15 these three categories. At this time, I do not have a good feel for how to  
16 assign probabilities across the uncertainty ranges. I generally feel that the  
17 middle or base-case values are more probable than the extremes, particularly in  
18 the case of pore pressure.

## 19 Permeability

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22 Permeability data can be divided on the basis of rock type (halite vs.  
23 anhydrite) and on the basis of whether they represent conditions in the far  
24 field or in the DRZ. All permeabilities presented below are considered to have  
25 an uncertainty of  $\pm$  one-half order of magnitude.  
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### 27 Halite Data:

28 Test	29 Permeability (m <sup>2</sup> )	30 Uncertainty Range (m <sup>2</sup> )	31 Comments	32 Reference
33 C2H01-A	2.7E-18	8.6E-19 to 8.6E-18	DRZ	SAND90-0083
34 C2H01-B	5.3E-21	1.7E-21 to 1.7E-20	far field?	SAND90-0083
35 C2H01-B-GZ	1.9E-21	6.0E-22 to 6.0E-21	far field?	SAND90-0083
36 L4P51-A	6.1E-21	1.9E-21 to 1.9E-20	far field?	SAND90-0083
37 SOP01	8.3E-21	2.6E-21 to 2.6E-20	far field?	SAND90-0083
38 S1P71-A	5.4E-20	1.7E-20 to 1.7E-19	far field?	SAND90-0083
39 S1P72-A-GZ	8.6E-22	2.7E-22 to 2.7E-21	far field?	preliminary

### 40 41 Anhydrite Data:

42 Test	43 Permeability (m <sup>2</sup> )	44 Uncertainty Range (m <sup>2</sup> )	45 Comments	46 Reference
47 C2H01-C	9.5E-19	3.0E-19 to 3.0E-18	far field?	SAND90-0083
48 C2H02	7.8E-20	2.5E-20 to 2.5E-19	far field	SAND90-0083
49 SOP01-GZ	<5.7E-18	<1.8E-18 to <1.8E-17	DRZ	SAND90-0083
50 SCP01-A	8.2E-20	2.6E-20 to 2.6E-19	far field	preliminary
51 L4P51-B	6.8E-20	2.2E-20 to 2.2E-19	far field	preliminary
S1P71-B	6.8E-20	2.2E-20 to 2.2E-19	far field	preliminary

1 Pore Pressure

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3 To date, most of our pore-pressure data appear to reflect some degree of  
4 depressurization around the repository. Only two tests provided estimates of  
5 pore pressure that I think might be representative of far-field conditions.  
6 Both of these tests were of Marker Bed 139. From C2H02, we estimated a  
7 pressure of 9.3 MPa (SAND90-0083), and from SCP01-A we estimated a pressure of  
8 12.55 MPa (preliminary). Our estimated uncertainty is  $\pm 0.5$  MPa.

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10 Specific Storage/Compressibility

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12 For our test interpretations, we typically input a value of specific storage  
13 based on laboratory measurements of rock properties. We use the range of  
14 laboratory measurements to define a range of uncertainty in specific storage,  
15 and this uncertainty is one of the factors leading to our uncertainty in  
16 permeability. When we have performed only pressure-pulse tests, we have no way  
17 of telling where within the expected range for specific storage a particular  
18 test actually falls. For those tests, we simply use our base-case values of  
19 specific storage. More recently, we have been combining constant-pressure flow  
20 tests with the pulse tests. This combination allows us to identify the  
21 particular values of specific storage that best fit our data. We do not as yet  
22 have many of these combined interpretations, however, and those that we do have  
23 are still preliminary. Significantly, all of our preliminary values fall  
24 within the range established from laboratory measurements. For this year's PA  
25 calculations, therefore, I think you are safe using the laboratory range. Next  
26 year we may be able to refine the range somewhat.

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28 For halite, we use a specific storage range from  $2.8E-8$  to  $1.4E-6$   $m^{-1}$ , with a  
29 base-case value of  $9.5E-8$   $m^{-1}$ . For anhydrite, we use a specific storage range  
30 from  $9.7E-8$  to  $1.0E-6$   $m^{-1}$ , with a base-case value of  $1.4E-7$   $m^{-1}$ .

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32 To get from specific storage to compressibility, you can rearrange the  
33 following equation:

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$$S_s = \rho_f g (\alpha + \phi \beta)$$

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37 where:  $\rho_f$  = fluid density  
38  $g$  = acceleration of gravity  
39  $\alpha$  = formation compressibility  
40  $\phi$  = formation porosity  
41  $\beta$  = fluid compressibility  
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43 To define our ranges for specific storage, we used the following ranges of  
44 parameter values:

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46  $\rho_f$ : 1200 to 1250  $kg/m^3$ , base-case value of 1220  $kg/m^3$   
47  $\phi$ : 0.001 to 0.03, base-case value of 0.01  
48  $\beta$ :  $2.9E-10$  to  $3.3E-10$   $Pa^{-1}$ , base-case value of  $3.1E-10$   $Pa^{-1}$   
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50 You can use these values to get to a range for formation compressibility. The  
51 reason I can't just give you the range is that we use a more complicated  
52 expression for specific storage than the one I presented above. I expect,

1 however, that your model does use the expression presented above, and therefore  
2 you need to go through this calculation exercise to get at the right values for  
3 your model. All of this specific-storage information can be referenced to  
4 SAND90-0083.

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6 I hope you find this information useful. Please contact me if you have any  
7 questions.

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14 and Expected Chemical Conditions Relevant to Radionuclide Chemistry for  
15 the Long-Term WIPP Performance Assessment

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18 This memorandum justifies the estimates of gas production rates,  
19 gas production potentials, and expected chemical conditions relevant to  
20 radionuclide chemistry in WIPP disposal rooms for design-basis  
21 transuranic (TRU) waste provided to R. P. Rechar last month (Table 1).  
22 Many of these estimates are new; some are based on recently obtained  
23 data from laboratory studies of anoxic corrosion.

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25 I will provide similar estimates for the Engineered Alternatives  
26 Task Force's (in prep.) Alternatives 2 and 6 by August 1, 1991.

## 27 28 ANOXIC CORROSION

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32 R. E. Westerman (1990, 1991a) of Pacific Northwest Laboratory (PNL)  
33 has observed significant H<sub>2</sub> production from anoxic corrosion of two  
34 heats each of ASTM A 366 and ASTM A 570 steels by WIPP Brine A under  
35 inundated conditions when N<sub>2</sub> is present at low pressures (about  
36 150 psig) in the headspace above the brine. The low-C, cold-rolled  
37 steel alloy ASTM A 366 simulates the drums to be emplaced in the  
38 repository; the medium-C, hot-rolled steel alloy ASTM A 570 simulates  
39 the boxes. The H<sub>2</sub> production rate was essentially constant during 3-  
40 and 6-month experiments; the average value for all four heats obtained  
41 from the 6-month experiments is 0.21 moles per m<sup>2</sup> of steel per year.  
42 Based on my estimate of 6 m<sup>2</sup> of steels per equivalent drum of waste,  
43 which includes steels used to fabricate waste containers (drums and  
44 boxes) and steels contained in the waste, this is equivalent to  
45 1.26 mole of H<sub>2</sub> per drum per year. Westerman also reported an average  
46 corrosion rate of 1.72 μm of steel per year for the 6-month runs. The  
47 H<sub>2</sub> production rates of 0.2 moles per m<sup>2</sup> per year or 1 mole per drum per  
48 year and the corrosion rate of 2 μm per year are my best estimates for  
49 inundated conditions, rounded to one significant figure (Table 1).

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51 Strictly speaking, the H<sub>2</sub> production rates and the corrosion rate  
52 are not equivalent. Although he obtained both rates from each

1 experiment, Westerman used independent techniques to obtain them  
2 (pressure measurements and posttest analysis of the headspace gases for  
3 the H<sub>2</sub> production rate and gravimetric, or weight-loss, analysis for  
4 the corrosion rate). These techniques agreed well, but not exactly,  
5 when applied to the 6-month experiments, but not as well for the  
6 3-month experiments. (The best estimates described above are from the  
7 6-month runs.) The discrepancies between these techniques probably  
8 result from uncertainties as to the identity and composition of the  
9 corrosion product or products formed during these experiments.  
10 (Characterization of the corrosion product is necessary to write the  
11 chemical reactions used to convert corrosion rates to H<sub>2</sub> production  
12 rates.) We are still attempting to characterize the corrosion product  
13 from these runs.  
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15 Although the H<sub>2</sub> production rate has been constant for 6 months when  
16 N<sub>2</sub> is present at low-pressures, the results of high-pressure  
17 experiments at PNL imply that the build-up of H<sub>2</sub> pressure would  
18 eventually reduce this rate significantly (Westerman, 1991b). After  
19 6 months, the corrosion rate of two heats of ASTM A 366 steel under  
20 inundated conditions with H<sub>2</sub> at a pressure of 1,000 psig was 0.356 μm  
21 per year, 21.8% of the rate of 1.63 μm per year observed for the same  
22 two heats of ASTM A 366 steel under low-pressure, inundated conditions  
23 with N<sub>2</sub>. Multiplying 1.72 μm per year, the average rate for all four  
24 heats, by 0.218 gives 0.375 μm per year, my estimate of the average  
25 corrosion rate for all four heats of steel at 1,000 psig H<sub>2</sub>. However,  
26 at an N<sub>2</sub> pressure of 1,000 psig the corrosion rate of two heats of  
27 ASTM A 366 steel was 2.96 μm per year, 81.6% higher than the low-  
28 pressure, inundated rate of 1.63 μm per year observed for the same two  
29 heats of ASTM A 366 steel. The product of 1.72 μm per year and 1.82 is  
30 3.13 μm per year, my estimated average corrosion rate for all four  
31 heats of steel at 1,000 psig N<sub>2</sub>. Westerman did not report H<sub>2</sub>  
32 production rates for the high-pressure experiments. Furthermore, we  
33 have still not identified the corrosion product or products yet.  
34 However, the corrosion product appears to be the same phase that formed  
35 in the 6-month, low pressure experiments. It is thus possible to  
36 estimate an H<sub>2</sub> production rate by multiplying the 6-month, low-pressure  
37 rates of 0.21 moles per m<sup>2</sup> or 1.26 moles per drum of waste by 0.218  
38 (1,000 psig H<sub>2</sub>) and 1.82 (1,000 psig N<sub>2</sub>) to obtain 0.046 moles per m<sup>2</sup>  
39 per year or 0.275 moles per drum per year (1,000 psig H<sub>2</sub>) and  
40 0.38 moles per m<sup>2</sup> per year or 2.29 moles per drum per year  
41 (1,000 psig N<sub>2</sub>). At present, we do not have corrosion rates for any  
42 pressures other than 150 and 1,000 psig. Westerman will, however,  
43 report 12-month data for 500 psig H<sub>2</sub> and 1,000 psig H<sub>2</sub> in November or  
44 December 1991. The adjusted, measured corrosion rate of 3 μm per year  
45 and the estimated H<sub>2</sub> production rate of 0.4 mole per m<sup>2</sup> per year or  
46 2 moles per drum per year with N<sub>2</sub> at 1,000 psig are my maximum  
47 estimates for inundated conditions, rounded to one significant figure  
48 (Table 1).  
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50 Under low-pressure, inundated conditions with CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub> production  
51 occurred for about 3 months, then virtually stopped after 3 or 4 months  
52 due to formation of a passivating layer of FeCO<sub>3</sub>, or siderite

1 (Westerman, 1991a). This suggests that, if microbially produced CO<sub>2</sub>  
2 were present, passivation of steel surfaces by FeCO<sub>3</sub> could stop H<sub>2</sub>  
3 production before the generation of significant quantities of this gas.  
4 However, we do not know the partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> required to form  
5 FeCO<sub>3</sub>. Furthermore, crushing of drums and boxes during room closure  
6 could disrupt the layer of FeCO<sub>3</sub> and lead to some additional H<sub>2</sub>  
7 production. Nevertheless, the passivation observed after 3 or 4 months  
8 is the basis for my minimum estimates of 0 moles of H<sub>2</sub> per m<sup>2</sup> per year  
9 or 0 moles of H<sub>2</sub> per drum per year and 0 μm of steel per year for  
10 inundated conditions (Table 1).  
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12 Because we have still not identified the corrosion product or  
13 products, we cannot calculate the number moles of H<sub>2</sub>O consumed per mole  
14 of Fe consumed or the number moles of H<sub>2</sub>O consumed per mole of H<sub>2</sub>  
15 produced from anoxic corrosion of steels. However, the corrosion  
16 reaction that produces Fe(OH)<sub>2</sub> (amakinite) a possible corrosion product  
17 identified by Brush and Anderson (1988) and Brush (1990), would consume  
18 2 moles of H<sub>2</sub>O per mole of Fe consumed, or consume 2 moles of H<sub>2</sub>O per  
19 mole of H<sub>2</sub> produced. The corrosion reaction that produces Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>  
20 (magnetite), another possible corrosion product, would consume  
21 1.33 mole of H<sub>2</sub>O per mole of Fe consumed, or consume 1 mole of H<sub>2</sub>O per  
22 mole of H<sub>2</sub> produced. These values are probably typical of other  
23 corrosion reactions.  
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25 In 3- and 6-month, low-pressure, humid experiments with either CO<sub>2</sub>  
26 or N<sub>2</sub>, Westerman (1990, 1991a) observed no H<sub>2</sub> production except for  
27 very limited quantities from corrosion of the bottom 10% of the  
28 specimens splashed with brine during pretest preparation of the  
29 containers. These results and modeling studies conducted by Davies  
30 (personal communication) suggested to me that anoxic corrosion could be  
31 self-limiting; small quantities of brine in the repository could  
32 produce H<sub>2</sub>, increase the pressure, prevent additional brine inflow or  
33 even cause brine outflow, and thus prevent additional H<sub>2</sub> production.  
34 However, the thin film of brine introduced by capillary rise or  
35 condensation followed by dissolution of salts from the backfill, or H<sub>2</sub>O  
36 absorbed by crushed salt or bentonite in the backfill, which will be in  
37 contact with drums and boxes, could cause additional anoxic corrosion  
38 of steels and H<sub>2</sub> production after brine is driven away from corroding  
39 steels.  
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41 Westerman (1991c) has just started a study to quantify H<sub>2</sub>  
42 production from anoxic corrosion of steels in contact with noninundated  
43 backfill materials and will report preliminary results by the end of  
44 September 1991. Until then, I propose the following arbitrarily  
45 estimated rates for humid conditions: minimum estimates of 0 moles of  
46 H<sub>2</sub> per m<sup>2</sup> of steel per year or 0 moles per drum of waste per year and 0  
47 μm of steel per year; best estimates of 0.02 moles of H<sub>2</sub> per m<sup>2</sup> per  
48 year or 0.1 moles of H<sub>2</sub> per drum per year and 0.2 μm per year; and  
49 maximum estimates of 0.2 moles of H<sub>2</sub> per m<sup>2</sup> per year or 1 moles of H<sub>2</sub>  
50 per drum per year and 2 μm per year (Table 1).  
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52 Finally, I propose that the estimated gas production potential from

1 anoxic corrosion remain at 900 moles per drum of waste. This value,  
2 estimated by Brush and Anderson (1989), Lappin et al. (1989), and Brush  
3 (1990), is 60% of the total gas production potential.  
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## 5 6 MICROBIAL ACTIVITY 7

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9 D. Grbic-Galic and her colleagues at Stanford University observed  
10 significant microbial gas production by halophilic microorganisms in  
11 brine collected from G Seep in the WIPP underground workings with  
12 glucose, a relatively biodegradable substrate, but did not report  
13 significant gas production with cellulose, a much less biodegradable  
14 substrate. Furthermore, brine from G Seep inhibited significant gas  
15 production by nonhalophilic microorganisms, although a few experiments  
16 did show some evidence for possible microbial activity. These results  
17 seem to suggest that microbial gas production may be significant under  
18 overtest conditions (relatively biodegradable substrates, amendment of  
19 brine with nutrients, etc.), but not under realistic conditions.  
20 However, I believe that, for the reasons described below, the results  
21 obtained by Grbic-Galic and her colleagues do not rule out significant  
22 microbial gas production.  
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24 First, N. Black of Stanford University, R. H. Vreeland of West  
25 Chester University, and I compared the recent study at Stanford  
26 University and studies carried out during the 1970s (Barnhart et al.,  
27 1980; Caldwell, 1981; Caldwell et al., 1988; Molecke, 1979; Sandia  
28 National Laboratories, 1979). We concluded, as others have before us  
29 (Molecke, 1979; Brush and Anderson, 1989; Lappin et al., 1989), that  
30 the earlier results implied significant microbial gas production under  
31 both realistic and overtest conditions.  
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33 Second, Vreeland observed significant degradation of filter paper  
34 by his enrichments of halophilic and halotolerant microorganisms from  
35 the salt lakes in Nash Draw. Although he could not quantify gas  
36 production rates from these experiments, the results suggest that  
37 microorganisms could consume paper under realistic conditions in WIPP  
38 disposal rooms. Paper constitutes 70% of the 10 kg of cellulose per  
39 equivalent drum of contact handled TRU waste to be emplaced in the  
40 repository (Brush, 1990).  
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42 Third, Black, Vreeland, and I reviewed the methods used in the  
43 earlier and recent studies in detail. We concluded that the study at  
44 Stanford University was not sensitive enough to detect gas production  
45 rates equivalent to a few tenths of a mole of gas per drum of waste per  
46 year. Davies (1990) has demonstrated that gas production rates greater  
47 than about 0.1 mole per equivalent drum of waste per year are  
48 significant from the standpoint of the long-term performance of the  
49 repository.  
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51 Because the results obtained at Stanford University do not rule out  
52 significant microbial gas production under realistic conditions, I

1 propose using the same best estimate for the microbial gas production  
2 rate under inundated conditions proposed by Brush and Anderson (1989),  
3 Lappin et al. (1989), and Brush (1990), 1 mole of various gases per  
4 drum per year. However, I propose new minimum and maximum rates for  
5 inundated conditions, 0 and 5 moles per drum per year, respectively.  
6 The minimum estimate is analogous to the minimum estimate for anoxic  
7 corrosion under inundated conditions. The maximum estimate is  
8 Molecke's (1979) maximum estimate for microbial activity under  
9 inundated conditions. I also propose new minimum and best estimates  
10 for microbial gas production rates under humid conditions, 0 and  
11 0.1 moles per drum per year. These estimates, both arbitrary, are  
12 analogous to the arbitrary minimum and best estimates for anoxic  
13 corrosion under humid conditions. The maximum estimate for microbial  
14 activity under humid conditions remains unchanged from the value  
15 estimated by Brush and Lappin (1990), 1 mole per drum per year (Table  
16 1).

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18 To convert these estimates of microbial gas production rates to  
19 units of moles per kg of cellulose per year, I divided each rate by  
20 10 kg of cellulose per drum, the estimate used by Brush (1990), to  
21 obtain the estimates given in Table 1. Strictly speaking, this is  
22 inconsistent with the fact that the rate of 1 mole per drum per year is  
23 based on experiments carried out with simulated waste that included  
24 materials other than cellulose (Molecke, 1979). It is also  
25 inconsistent with the assumption of Molecke (1979), Brush and Anderson  
26 (1979), and Lappin et al. (1989) that microorganisms will degrade 100%  
27 of the cellulose, 50% of the Hypalon, and 50% of the Neoprene in the  
28 waste. However, about 90% of the microbial gas production potential  
29 (below) and hence 90% of the microbial gas production rate estimated by  
30 Brush and Anderson (1989) and Lappin et al. (1989) would result from  
31 biodegradation of cellulose and only 5% each from Hypalon and  
32 Neoprene. Furthermore, Francis will use cellulose as the sole  
33 substrate in his study of microbial gas production, at least initially.  
34 Finally, it will be much easier to use rates normalized only to the  
35 mass of cellulose present than rates normalized to cellulose,  
36 Hypalon, and Neoprene in performance-assessment calculations.

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38 I also propose that the estimated gas production potential from  
39 microbial activity stay at 600 moles per drum of waste, the value  
40 estimated by Brush and Anderson (1989), Lappin et al. (1989), and Brush  
41 (1990). This is 40% of the total gas production potential.

#### 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 RADIOLYSIS

47 D. T. Reed of Argonne National Laboratory is carrying out a low-  
48 pressure study of gas production by  $\alpha$  radiolysis of Brine A as a  
49 function of dissolved Pu concentration. He has observed small, linear  
50 pressure increases from the solution with the highest dissolved Pu  
51 concentration,  $1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  M, but does not have enough data to convert  
52 these rates to moles of gas per drum of waste per year yet. As

1 expected, he has not observed pressure increases yet from the solutions  
2 with lower dissolved Pu concentrations,  $1 \cdot 10^{-6}$  and  $1 \cdot 10^{-8}$  M. After  
3 completion of these 3-month experiments, Reed will carry out 2-month  
4 runs with a dissolved Pu concentration of  $1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  M in other WIPP  
5 brines to determine the effect of compositional variations on the  
6 radiolytic gas production rate.

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8 As soon as he obtains longer-term data from Brine A with a  
9 dissolved Pu concentration of  $1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  M, data with lower dissolved Pu  
10 concentrations in Brine A, and results from other WIPP brines with a  
11 dissolved Pu concentration of  $1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  M, Reed will calculate  
12 experimentally based radiolytic gas-production rates for the  
13 radionuclide concentrations estimated by the Radionuclide Source Term  
14 Expert Panel. In addition to rates in units of moles of gas per drum  
15 of waste per year, he will provide rates in moles per cubic meter of  
16 brine for various concentrations. Until then, I propose using the  
17 radiolytic gas production rates proposed by Brush and Lappin (1990),  
18 who estimated a minimum rate of  $1 \cdot 10^{-7}$  mole of various gases per drum  
19 of waste per year, a best rate of  $1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  mole per drum per year, and  
20 a maximum rate of  $1 \cdot 10^{-1}$  mole per drum per year (Table 1).

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23 EXPECTED CHEMICAL CONDITIONS  
24 RELEVANT TO RADIONUCLIDE CHEMISTRY  
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27 Development of the source term for radionuclide-transport  
28 calculations will require: (1) estimates of the quantity of each  
29 nonradioactive constituent of design-basis TRU waste to be emplaced in  
30 the repository; (2) predictions of the microenvironments (Eh, pH, and  
31 the concentrations of organic and inorganic ligands) for each  
32 nonradioactive waste constituent; (3) quantification of the chemical  
33 behavior of the important radionuclides in the waste for each of these  
34 microenvironments; (4) construction of a frequency distribution of  
35 radionuclide concentrations based on the relative quantity of each  
36 nonradioactive waste constituent and the concentration associated with  
37 that constituent.

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39 Currently, inventories of radioactive and nonradioactive waste  
40 constituents and estimates of radionuclide concentrations in brines as  
41 a function of Eh and pH are available. However, the high priority  
42 placed on the gas issue in laboratory studies of repository chemistry  
43 has precluded efforts to predict microenvironment for waste  
44 constituents. Therefore, I propose that oxidizing, acidic conditions,  
45 oxidizing, basic conditions, reducing, acidic conditions, and reducing,  
46 basic conditions be considered equally probable for interpreting Eh-pH-  
47 dependent estimates of radionuclide concentrations in WIPP brines.

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TABLE 1. CURRENT ESTIMATES OF GAS PRODUCTION RATES

Process	Gas Production Rate (various units)		
	Minimum	Best	Maximum
Anoxic corrosion, inundated: <sup>1</sup>			
moles/m <sup>2</sup> · year	0	0.2	0.4
moles/drum · year	0	1	2
μm/year	0	2	3
Anoxic corrosion, humid: <sup>1</sup>			
moles/m <sup>2</sup> · year	0	0.02	0.2
moles/drum · year	0	0.1	1
μm/year	0	0.2	2
Microbial activity, inundated:			
moles/drum · year	0	1	5
moles/kg cellulose · year	0	0.1	0.5
Microbial activity, humid:			
moles/drum · year	0	0.1	1
moles/kg cellulose · year	0	0.01	0.1
Radiolysis of brine:			
moles/drum · year	0.0000001	0.0001	0.1

1. See text for estimates of H<sub>2</sub>O consumption by anoxic corrosion of steels.

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Performance Assessment Calculations Involving Waste-

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10 Involving Waste-Generated Gas  
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15 This memorandum contains the recommended uncertainty distribution for the threshold pressure for  
16 1991 performance assessment calculations involving waste-generated gas. Threshold pressure may play an  
17 important role in controlling which Salado lithologies are accessible as gas migration flow paths and at what gas  
18 pressures gas flow will be initiated. Threshold pressure is also a key parameter in the Brooks and Corey (1964)  
19 model used to characterize the 2-phase properties of analogue materials for preliminary gas calculations (Davies  
20 and LaVenue, 1990). Threshold pressure is strongly related to intrinsic permeability and, therefore, these  
21 parameters should not be sampled independently. The recommended approach for 1991 calculations is as  
22 follows. First sample for the intrinsic permeability for a given unit (either interbed or halite), then use the  
23 following the empirical correlation for threshold pressure from Davies (1991) to compute a median value for  
24 threshold pressure:

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$$27 P_t \text{ [MPa]} = 5.6 \times 10^{-7} (k \text{ [m}^2\text{]})^{-0.346}$$
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30 As noted in Davies (1991), threshold pressure estimates based on this empirical correlation have uncertainty  
31 associated with the correlation itself and with factors external to the correlation. One uncertainty in the  
32 correlation is the error associated with estimating the true mean value of the threshold pressure for a given  
33 intrinsic permeability. Because of the relatively strong correlation (goodness-of-fit,  $R^2$ , is equal to 0.93), the  
34 estimation error is fairly small. A second uncertainty in the correlation is prediction error due to random  
35 variations in threshold pressure in any given rock type and to measurement error in the original data. Because  
36 measurement error in the original data was not quantified, these two sources of uncertainty cannot be evaluated  
37 independently. The interval between the bounds of this prediction error is approximately three times the  
38 estimated mean threshold pressure. One source of uncertainty that is external to the correlation is the  
39 uncertainty associated with measurements of intrinsic permeability in various lithologies of the Salado Formation.  
40 Presumably, this uncertainty will be accounted for in performance assessment calculations by sampling on  
41 permeability. Another very important source of uncertainty is the fact that while the data for the correlation  
42 span a wide range of consolidated rock types (shale, anhydrite, carbonate, and sandstone), the data do not  
43 include any actual measurements from the Salado Formation at the WIPP repository nor do the data  
44 include any actual measurements on halite.

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46 Clearly the total uncertainty in the estimates described in the previous paragraph is quite large. Given  
47 the present lack of any WIPP-specific data, it is not possible to rigorously quantify this uncertainty. Therefore,

1 it is recommended that a relatively simple representation of uncertainty should be used for purposes of the 1991  
2 performance assessment calculations. For these calculations, it is recommended that a log normal distribution  
3 be assumed, with plus/minus one order of magnitude for one standard deviation and plus/minus two orders of  
4 magnitude for two standard deviations (Figure 1). This large uncertainty should produce a wide range of  
5 hydrologic responses to waste-generated gas, which is appropriate given the present lack of WIPP-specific data.  
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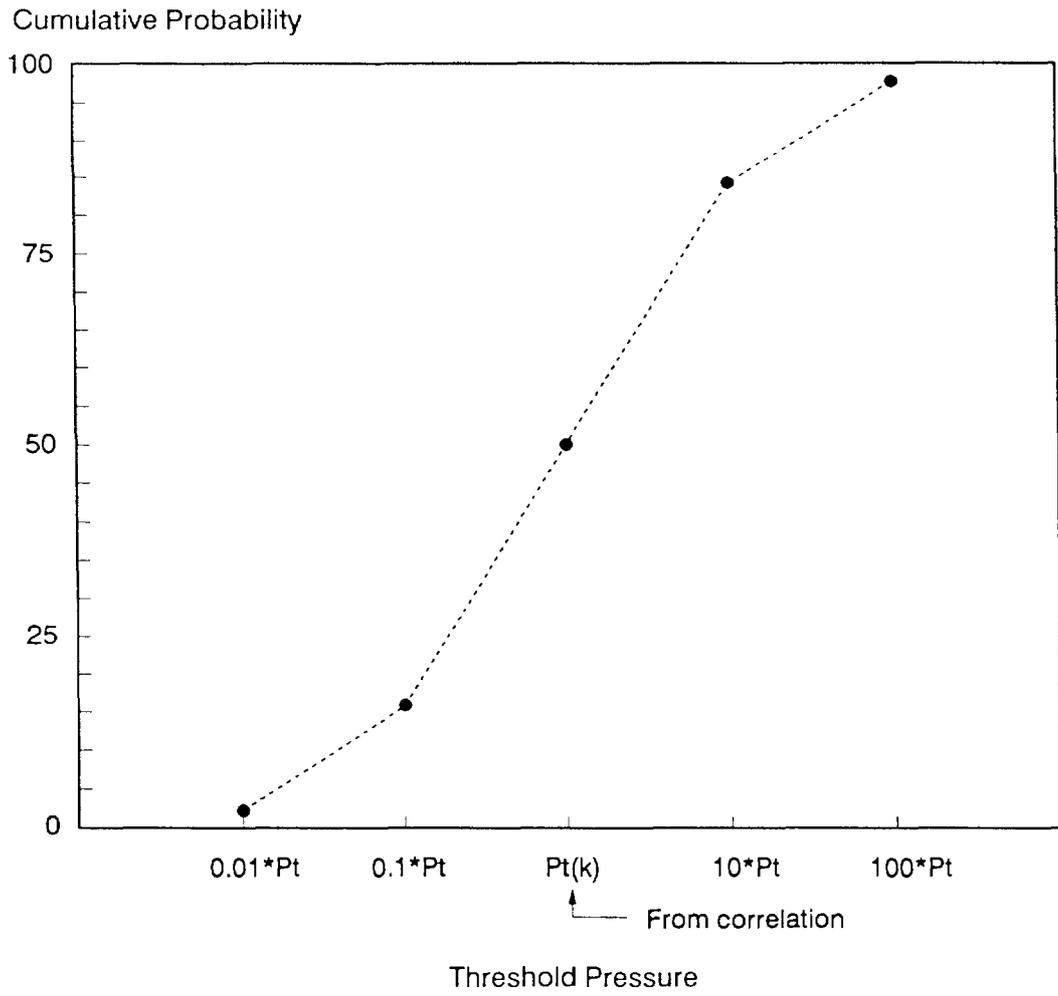


Figure 1. Uncertainty distribution for threshold pressure.

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**Drez, May 9, 1989**

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Subject: Preliminary Nonradionuclide Inventory of CH-TRU Waste

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(Note: Following the letter are Tables 3.5, 3.6, and 3.9,

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which were taken from the draft report, "Preliminary

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Nonradionuclide Inventory for CH-TRU Waste," by P. E. Drez

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and P. James-Lipponer, International Technology

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Corporation, Albuquerque, NM, May, 1989.)

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8 Preliminary Nonradionuclide Inventory of CH-TRU Waste  
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11 Dear Dr. Brush:

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13 Attached is a preliminary report on the status of the Nonradionuclide Inventory  
14 Database and detailed tabulations of waste materials as requested in the last  
15 amendment to the IT Sandia Support contract. I am sorry for the slight delay in  
16 completing the report, but the CH-TRU generator/storage sites were late in their  
17 responses and the process of tabulating the appropriate data proved to be a difficult  
18 task. Part of the difficulty has to do with the slight variations in the way the  
19 sites report data.  
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21 Listed below is the information contained in this package:

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- 23 o Report entitled: "Preliminary Nonradionuclide Inventory for CH-TRU Waste." The  
24 report includes a description of how the data was collected from the CH-TRU waste  
25 generator/storage sites, a description of the database used to compile the data,  
26 and examples of how the calculations were made including any limitations (Item  
27 7 in Statement of Work).  
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  - 29 o Table 3-5 in the report summarizes the total quantity of combustible materials  
30 in the waste, including cellulose, plastics and other combustibles (Item 3 in  
31 Statement of Work).  
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33 Although only total cellulose were requested, data on plastics and other  
34 combustibles were also tabulated, anticipating their eventual need to support  
35 the Performance Assessment program.  
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- 37 o Table 3-5 in the report estimates the quantity of various types of cellulosic  
38 materials in the total cellulosic inventory (Item 4 in Statement of Work).  
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40 A breakdown of the various types of plastic and rubber materials has also been  
41 provided in Table 3-5. Caution is advised in the interpretation of the plastics  
42 in the tables, since two sites choose to report the weight of plastic bagging and  
43 rigid liners as part of the waste totals.

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- 1 o Table 3-6 in the report estimates the total quantity of metals in the CH-TRU  
2 waste and also provides a breakdown of the various types of metals in the waste  
3 (Item 5 in Statement of Work).  
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5 Caution is advised in the interpretation of this table, since two sites choose  
6 to report the amount of metal in the waste packaging as part of the waste  
7 contents in this table. I have no way of separating out the weight of the waste  
8 cannister from the database at this time.  
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10 In an attempt to provide a complete inventory (including waste packaging), Table  
11 3-8 provides a preliminary estimate of the amount of plastic and other internal  
12 packaging in addition to an estimate of the metal included in the waste.  
13 Variations in the method of packaging from site to site have been accounted for  
14 in the tabulation of the data.  
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- 16 o Table 3-7 in the report estimates the total quantity of nitrates and total  
17 inorganic carbon (TIC) in the waste (Items 2 and 6 in Statement of Work).  
18 Graphite or charcoal is not considered part of this summary, only inorganic  
19 carbonate.  
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- 21 o Table 4-2 in the report lists quantitative information on selected chelating  
22 agents that occur in the waste. All chelating agents requested in your statement  
23 of work (Item 1) have been included plus any additional chelating agents that  
24 have been reported by the sites.  
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- 26 o Printouts for each generator/storage site that represent complete data dumps of  
27 the Nonradionuclide Inventory Database (Item 7 of Statement of Work).  
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- 29 o Floppy disks containing all the dBASE files for the database. An explanation  
30 of the files is provided in Appendix 2.0 of the report (Item 7 of Statement of  
31 Work).  
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34 I am very pleased to transmit this preliminary report on the Nonradionuclide  
35 Inventory Database to you. This database is important step towards an understanding  
36 of the composition and quantities of CH-TRU waste to be emplaced in WIPP. This is  
37 a "living" database that should be updated periodically as more precise information  
38 is provided by the CH-TRU waste generator/storage sites.

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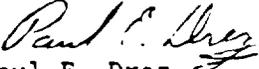
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1 Table 3-5. Total Quantity of CH-TRU Combustible  
 2 Waste to be Shipped to WIPP (Continued)  
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5 <u>Waste Material</u>	6 <u>Weight (Kilograms)</u>
7 COMBUSTIBLES	
8 -Plastics	
9 -Polyethylene	10 1,540,000*
11 -Polyvinyl Chloride	12 1,040,000
13 -Surgeon's Gloves (latex)	14 582,000
15 -Leaded Rubber Gloves 16 (Lead-Hypalon-Neoprene)	17 596,000
18 -Hypalon	19 114,000
20 -Neoprene	21 129,000
22 -Viton	23 133
24 -Teflon	25 41,000
26 -Plexiglas (including Lucite)	27 18,900
28 -Styrofoam	29 330
30 -Plastic Prefilters (polypropylene?)	31 33,600
32 -Polystyrene	33 2,560
34 -Conwed Pads (plastic fibers)	35 2,030
36 -Other Plastic	37 75,500
38 -Other Rubber (Kalrez)	39 <1
40 -Other Rubber (undefined)	41 7,530
42 -Plastics Subtotal	43 <u>4,180,000</u>

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 47 \* All numbers, including totals, rounded off to a maximum of three  
 48 significant number.



Table 3-6. Total Quantity of CH-TRU Metal  
Waste to be Shipped To WIPP

Waste Material	Weight (Kilograms)
<b>Metals</b>	
-Aluminum	666,000*
-Beryllium	8,640
-Cadmium	5
-Chromium	5
-Copper	300,000
-Iron	2,620,000
-Lead	
- Metallic	513,000
- Glass (includes weight of glass)	1,120,000#
- Gloves (includes weight of gloves)	596,000#
-Lithium (batteries)	1,030
-Mercury	120
-Paint Cans	547,000
-Platinum	1,500
-Selenium	5
-Silver	5

\* All numbers, including totals, rounded off to a maximum of three significant number.

# The reported weights for lead include the weight of the matrix, therefore, the values are conservative (too high).

1 Table 3-6. Total Quantity of CH-TRU Metal  
 2 Waste to be Shipped To WIPP (Continued)  
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Waste Material	Weight (Kilograms)
<b>Metals</b>	
-Steel (including stainless, crushed drums inner drums, carbon steel, etc.)	9,170,000**
-Shipping Cans	217
-Tantalum	125,000
-Tungsten	20,000
-Other	146,000
<b>Total Metals</b>	<b>15,800,000</b>

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 25 \* All numbers, including totals, rounded off to a maximum of three  
 26 significant number.

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 28 # The weight of steel quoted in the table includes the weight of  
 29 the waste containers (drums and boxes) for INEL and LANL.





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## **Finley and McTigue, June 17, 1991**

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16 Data from the small-scale brine inflow experiments has been analyzed  
17 using the one-dimensional, radial, Darcy flow model. Brine inflow data  
18 from 10 boreholes in halite and 3 boreholes testing Marker Bed 139 has  
19 been used to estimate permeability and hydraulic diffusivity. The  
20 diffusivity is determined from the time scale of the decay of the flux  
21 (inflow rate/unit area), and the product of the pore pressure and  
22 permeability is determined from the magnitude of the flux.

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24 All of the results of the two parameter fit to the flux data are given in  
25 Table 1. Permeability values reported are estimated by assuming a  
26 uniform pore pressure of 10 MPa, 5 MPa, and 1 Mpa. (Susan Howarth and  
27 Rick Beauheim have both made measurements of pore pressure in the WIPP  
28 underground and should be consulted about the pore pressure assumptions.)  
29 Uncertainty in all parameter estimates is reported as plus or minus one  
30 standard deviation. This uncertainty is a measure of how good the fit is  
31 assuming a random error of the order of the expected measurement error is  
32 included in the data set. Any uncertainty in the model itself or the  
33 pore pressure assumed are not included in the uncertainty measure  
34 reported.

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36 All of the boreholes included in this set of experiments are drilled from  
37 an underground excavation. Boreholes vary from 3 m to 6 m in length.  
38 For all halite tests, brine inflow was averaged over the entire length of  
39 the borehole. For the boreholes testing Marker Bed 139, the brine inflow  
40 was averaged over the thickness of Marker Bed 139 (3-feet).

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42 Attachment

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Table 1: Parameter Estimates from Borehole Experiments

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Borehole #	Rock Type	Permeability @Po = 10 MPa (m <sup>2</sup> )	Permeability @Po = 5 MPa (m <sup>2</sup> )	Permeability @Po = 1 MPa (m <sup>2</sup> )	Diffusivity (m <sup>2</sup> /sec)
DBT10	Halite	2.9E-22±.18E-22	5.8E-22±.36E-22	2.9E-21±.18E-21	4.7E-11 ±.78E-11
DBT11	Halite	1.1E-21±.09E-21	2.3E-21±.18E-21	1.1E-20±.09E-20	3.5E-9 ±.63E-9
DBT12	Halite	6.4E-22±.72E-22	1.3E-21±.14E-21	6.4E-21±.72E-21	1.0E-8 ±.65E-8
DBT13	Halite	1.7E-22±.26E-22	3.4E-22±.52E-22	1.7E-21±.26E-21	5.9E-11 ± 2.3E-11
DBT14A	Halite	7.8E-22±2.4E-22	1.6E-21±.48E-21	7.8E-21±2.4E-21	2.8E-8 ±4.6E-8*
DBT14B	Halite	2.2E-20±.28E-21	4.5E-21±.56E-21	2.2E-21±.28E-21	4.3E-8 ±3.3E-8
DBT15A	Halite	3.2E-22±.55E-22	6.4E-22±1.1E-22	3.2E-21±.55E-21	1.8E-10 ±.86E-10
DBT15B	Halite	1.8E-22±.59E-22	3.6E-22±1.1E-22	1.8E-21±.59E-21	1.3E-10 ±1.2E-10
L4B01	Halite	.67E-22±.43E-22	1.3E-22±.86E-22	.67E-21±.43E-21	5.8E-11 ±9.1E-11*
DBT31A	Halite	9.0E-22±2.4E-22	1.8E-21±.48E-21	9.0E-21±2.4E-21	1.27E-10±1.22E-11
QPB01 *1	Anhydrite	4.8E-21±.3E-21	9.6E-21±.06E-21	4.8E-20±.3E-20	1.1E-8 ±.34E-8
QPB02 *1	Anhydrite	8.2E-20±.03E-20	1.6E-19±.006E-19	8.2E-19±.03E-19	1.2E-9 ±.014E-9
QPB03 *1	Anhydrite	4.8E-21±1.5E-21	9.6E-21±3E-21	4.8E-20±1.5E-20	6.4E-7 ±18.8E-7*

\* The lower limit of these uncertainty bounds should be assumed to be zero.

\*1 For all of these borehole tests, the length of the productive unit was assumed to be equal to the average thickness of Marker Bed 139 (3-feet).

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**Howarth, June 12, 1991**

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15     Attached are the Relative Frequency and Cumulative Frequency  
16     distributions for pore pressure as determined from the pre-  
17     excavation borehole tests at Room Q. There are three sets of  
18     graphs: 1) all data, 2) halite only tests, and 3) anhydrite only  
19     tests. On each frequency distribution graph, the vertical bars are  
20     centered above a pore pressure value which represents the midpoint  
21     of the pressure range. For example, the bar above the 9.5 value  
22     represents the data in the 9.0 to 9.9 range.

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24     In determining pore pressure from a shut in (pressure build up)  
25     pressure test, pressure is extrapolated to the pore pressure using  
26     the Horner method. For each Room Q borehole, a range of pore  
27     pressure values is given: the low number is the highest pre-  
28     excavation pressure recorded for the test zone and the high number  
29     is the Horner extrapolated value. All data within the range is  
30     weighed equally. A list of the boreholes and pressure ranges is  
31     found below in Table 1.

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33     During the pre-excavation time period, each Room Q borehole test  
34     region was located 75 feet from an existing excavation. Because  
35     these pressure tests are located farther from an excavation than  
36     any similar tests, they are thought to be most representative of  
37     far-field conditions. However, these data should be combined with  
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TABLE 1.  
Room Q Pre-excavation Pore Pressure Ranges

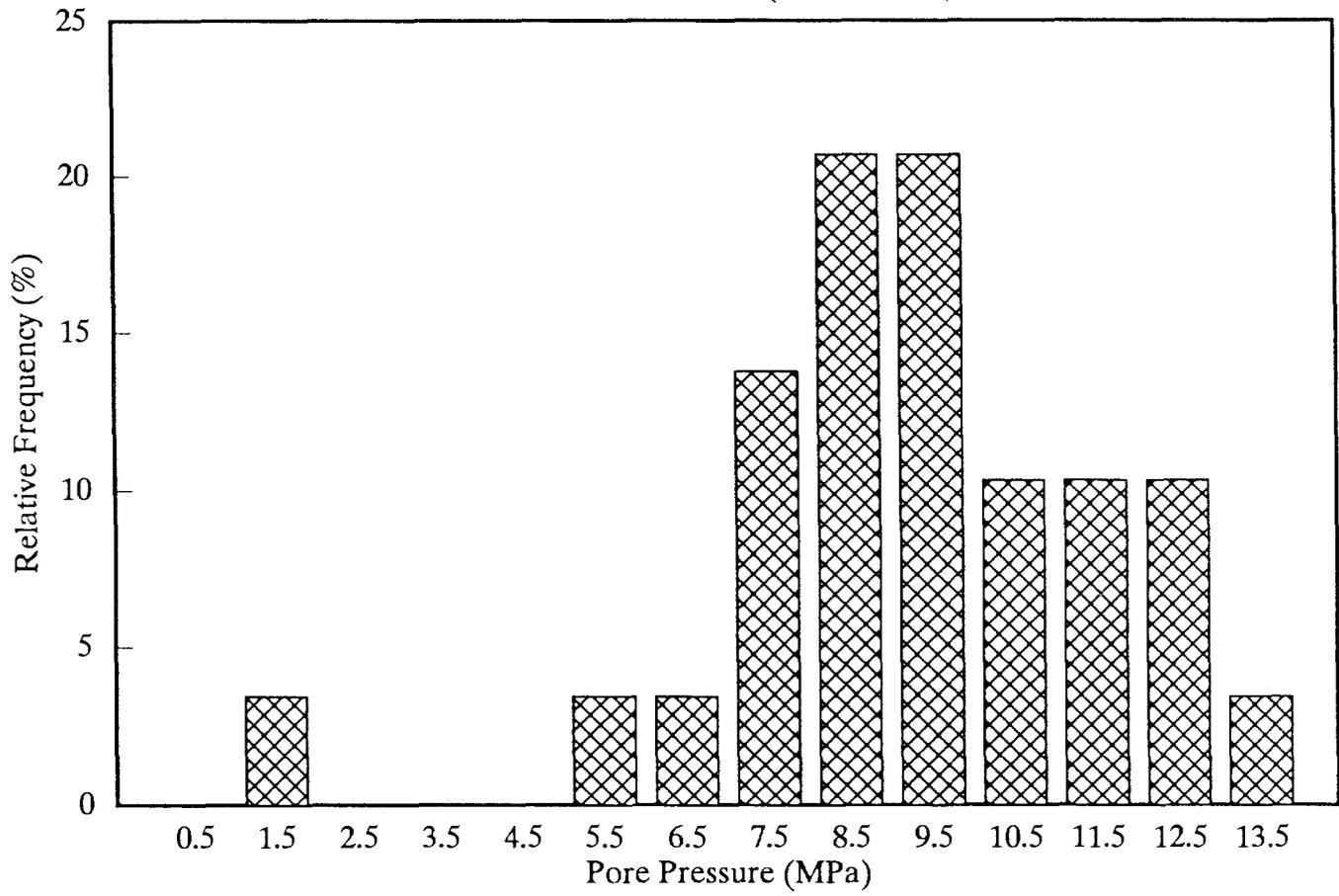
Borehole	Pore Pressure (MPa)
QPP01	9.3-13.9
QPP02	1.1-1.1
QPP03	11.5-12.8
QPP04	7.0-10.3
QPP05	Indeterminate
QPP11	Indeterminate
QPP12	5.8-8.6
QPP13	10.5-12.8
QPP14	Indeterminate
QPP15	Indeterminate
QPP21	Indeterminate
QPP22	8.5-9.1
QPP23	7.1-9.4
QPP24	8.7-9.4
QPP25	7.2-9.4

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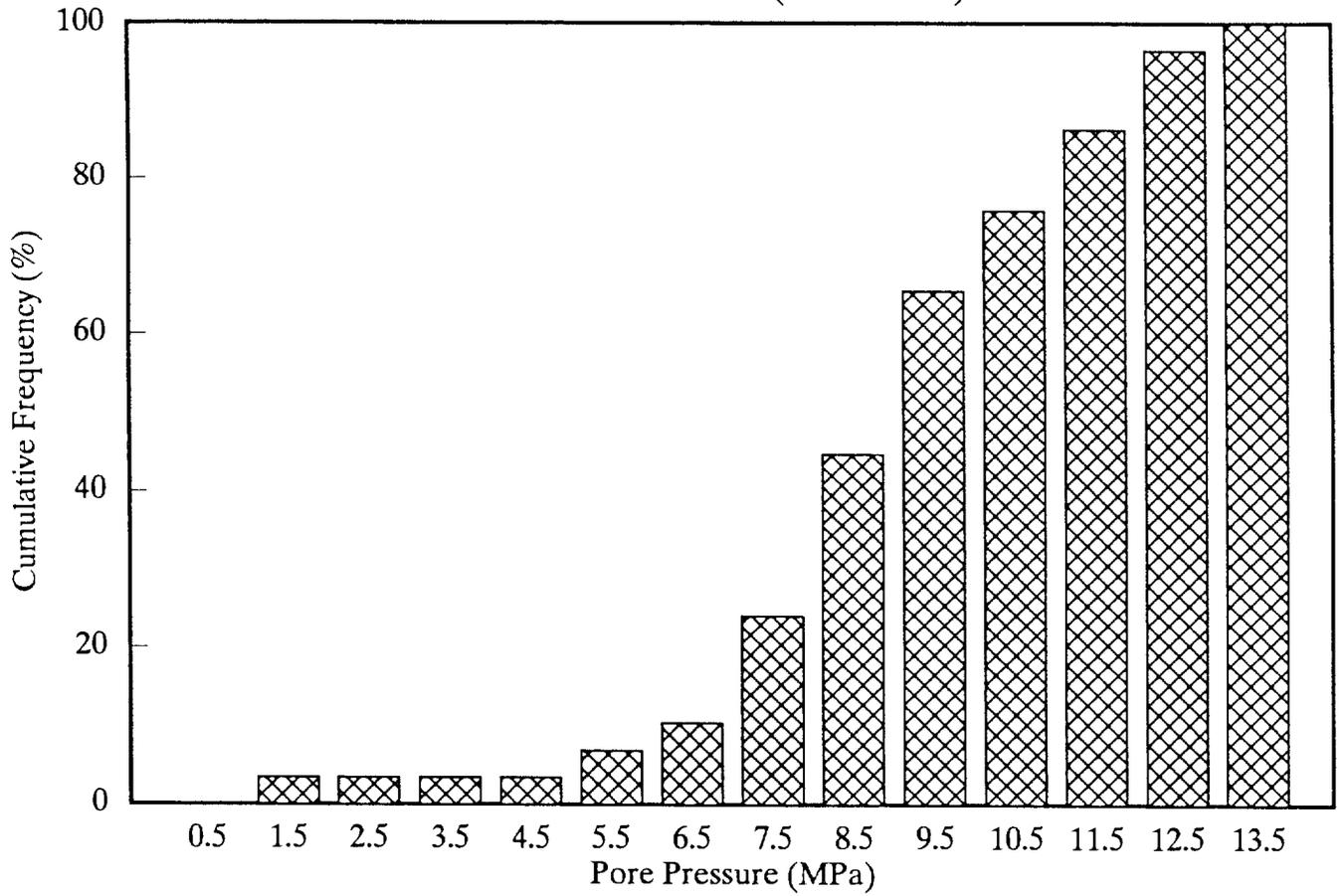
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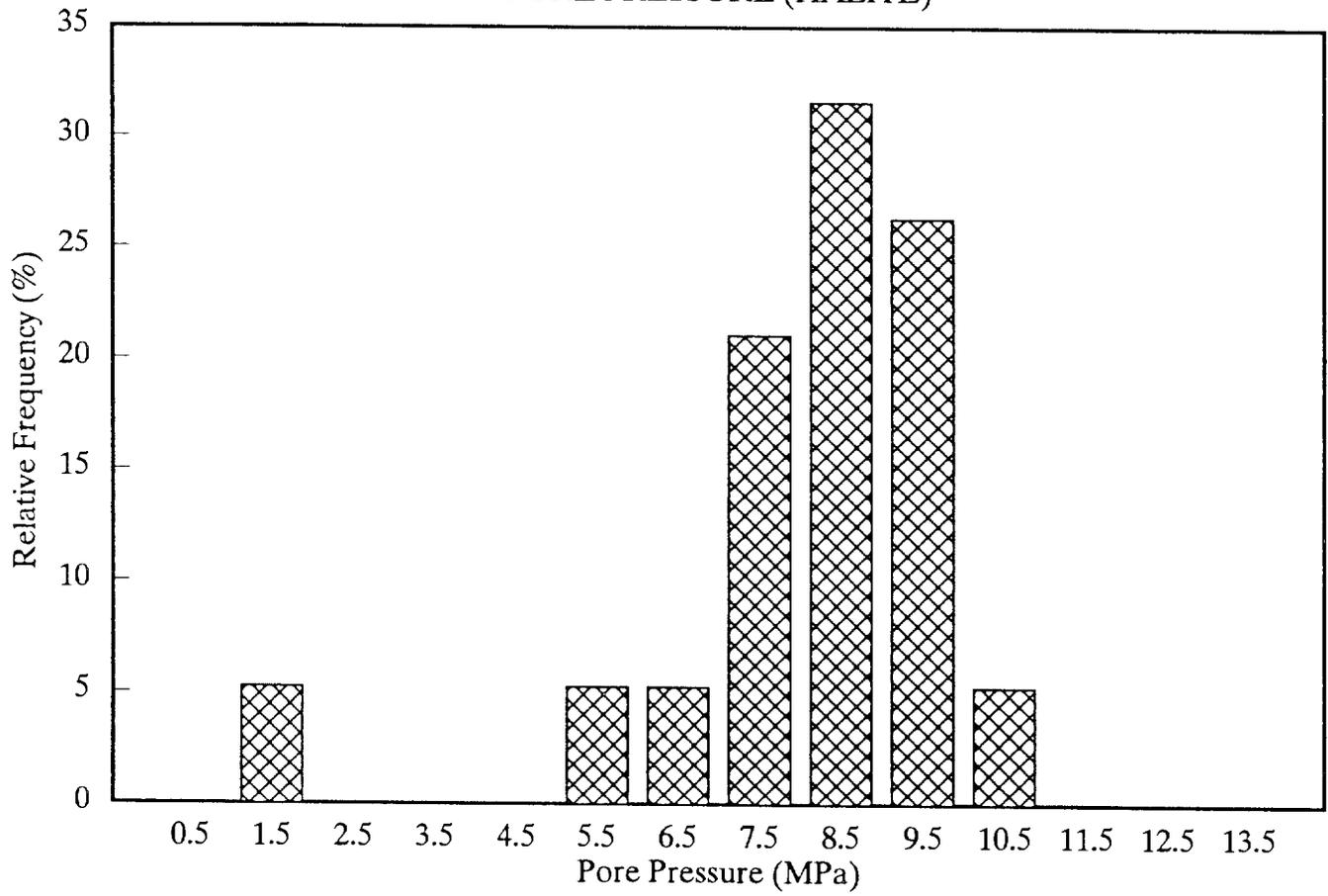
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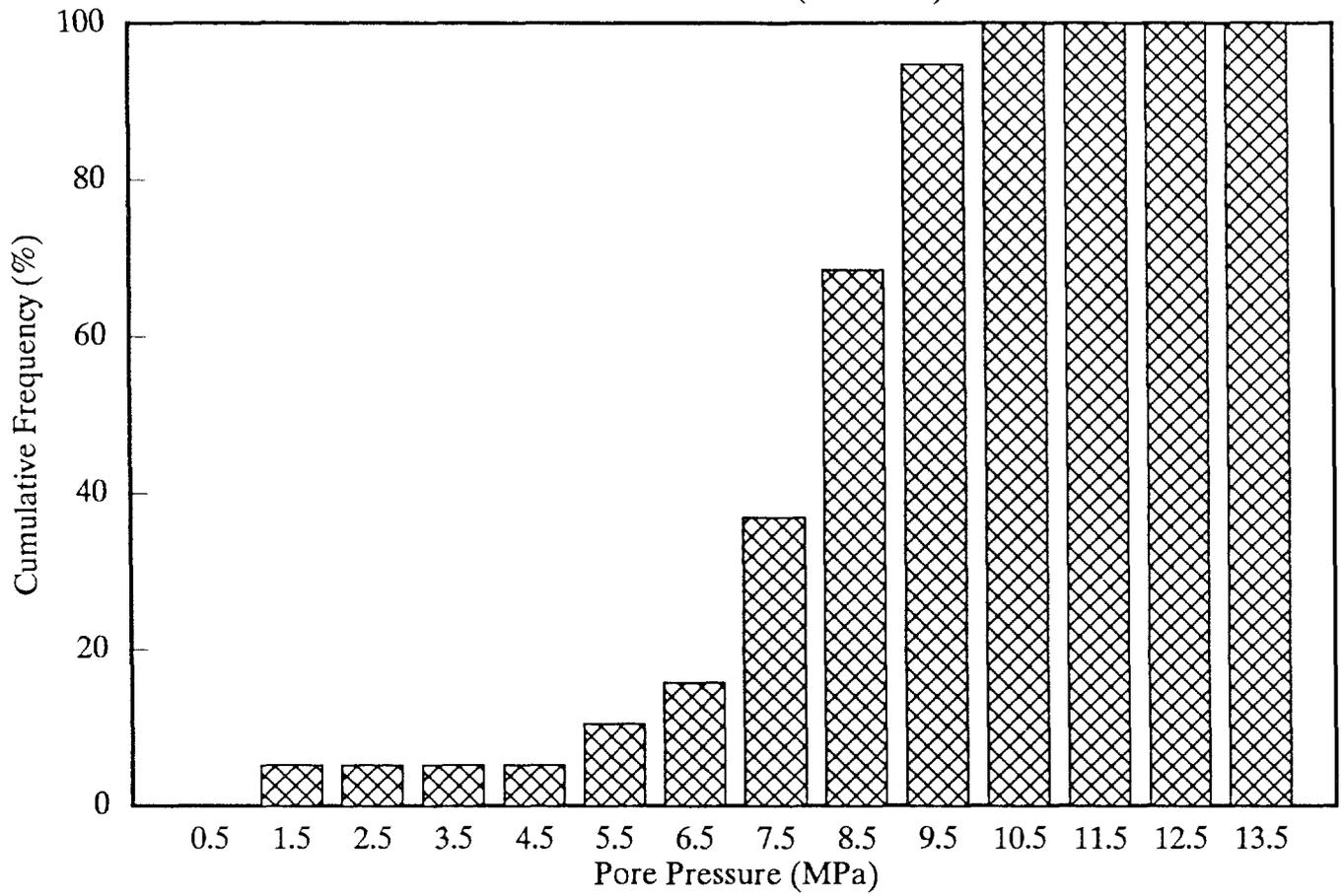
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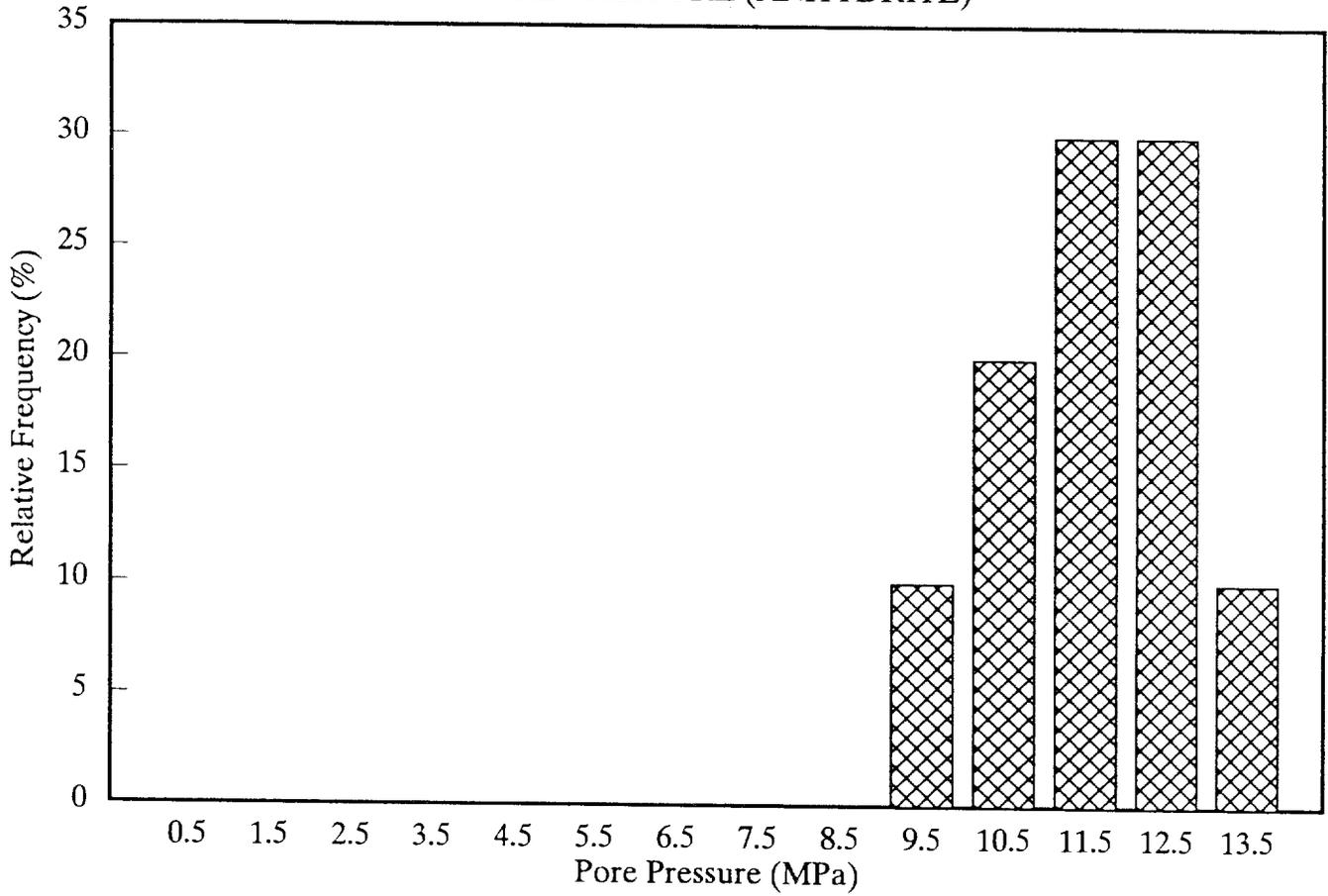
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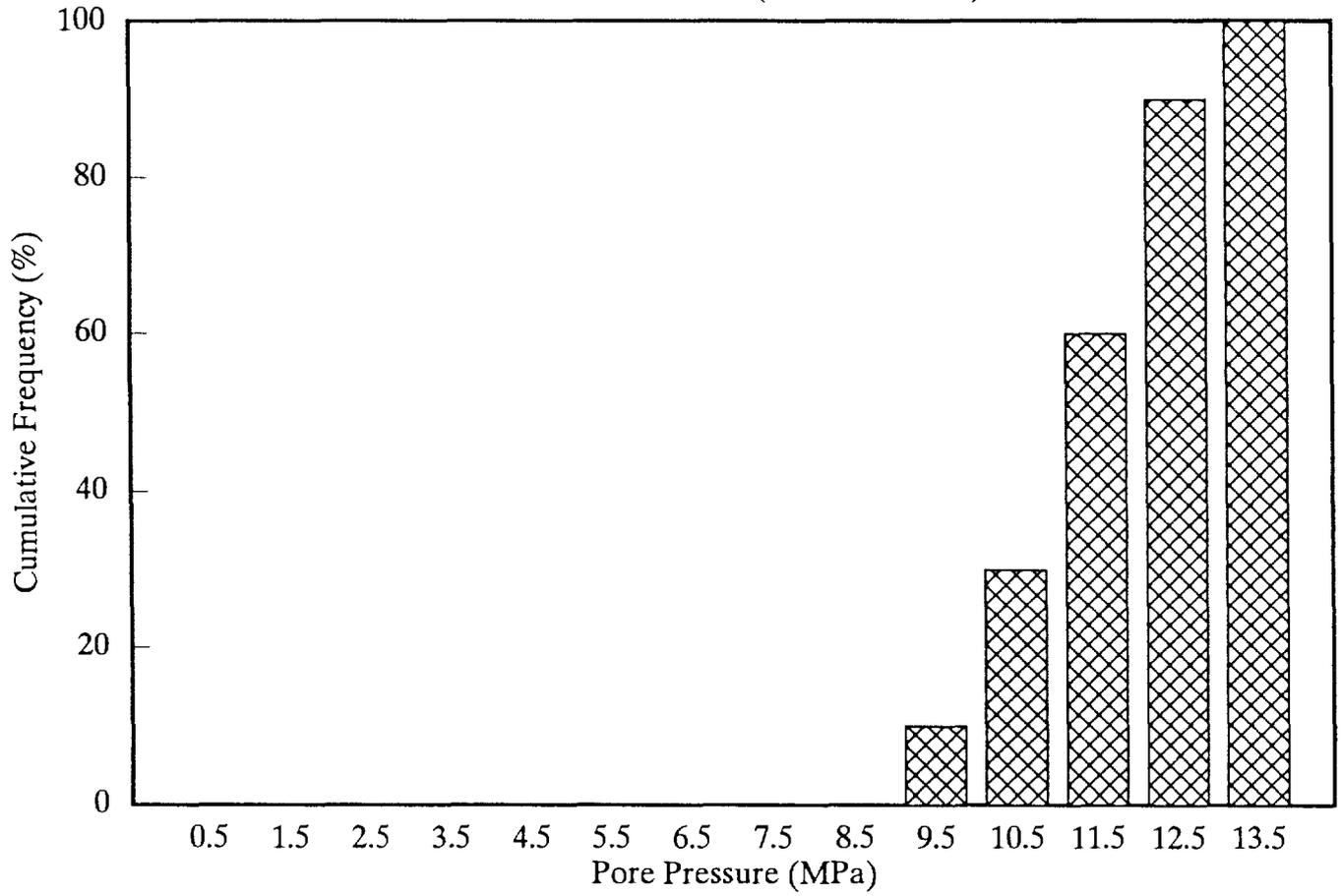
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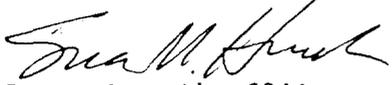
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14 Attached are the Relative Frequency and Cumulative Frequency distributions for  
15 permeability as determined from the pre-excavation borehole tests at Room Q.  
16 There are three sets of graphs: 1) all tests, 2) halite only tests, and 3)  
17 anhydrite only tests. On each frequency distribution graph, the vertical bars  
18 are centered above a number which represents data within that order of magnitude.  
19 For example, the bar above the -23 value represents permeabilities within the  
20  $\text{LOG}(1 \cdot 10^{-23})$  to  $\text{LOG}(9.9 \cdot 10^{-23})$   $\text{m}^2$  range.  
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22 Permeabilities were calculated using a 1-D radial Darcy-flow model with the  
23 following assumptions: 1) no damage zone, 2) constant capacitance (stiff-matrix),  
24 and 3) test zone fluid compressibility equals brine compressibility.  
25 Permeabilities calculated using these assumptions for the Room Q pre-excavation  
26 borehole tests are found in Table 1.  
27

28 Division 6344 is in the process of standardizing permeability test  
29 interpretation. The current Standard Model has two important assumptions that  
30 differ from those used in the permeabilities shown in Table 1 which could  
31 significantly change the inferred permeabilities. The Standard Model assumes  
32 that the material is poroelastic (not stiff-matrix) and uses measured values for  
33 test zone fluid compressibility (not brine compressibility). Re-analysis of the  
34 Room Q pre-excavation data using the current Standard Model is not complete but  
35 it is expected that permeability values may increase by 1 to 2 orders of  
36 magnitude when re-analyzed.  
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38 In order to account for this expected<sup>1</sup> change, uncertainty tails were added to  
39 the Table 1 permeability values in the following manner. Because using the  
40 measured test zone fluid compressibility instead of the brine compressibility  
41 will result in larger (1 to 2 orders of magnitude) permeabilities, a 2 order of  
42 magnitude increase uncertainty tail was added. Then, because using a stiff-  
43 matrix results in a higher permeability (by 0.5 to 1 orders of magnitude) than  
44 would be calculated using the poroelastic model a 1 order of magnitude decrease  
45 uncertainty tail was added. For example, for the QPP01 data, Table 1 lists the  
46 permeability as  $1.5 \cdot 10^{-21}$   $\text{m}^2$ . When uncertainty tails are added, the QPP01  
47 permeability range becomes  $1.5 \cdot 10^{-22}$  to  $1.5 \cdot 10^{-19}$   $\text{m}^2$ .  
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49 Confidence intervals were subsequently assigned to the permeabilities for each  
50 borehole. A 10% confidence was assigned to lowest permeability order of  
51 magnitude, 20% was assigned to the next larger order of magnitude, 50% to the  
52 next higher order of magnitude and 20% was assigned to the highest order of  
53 magnitude. Again using QPP01 as an example, a 10% confidence was assigned to  
54 permeabilities in the 1 to  $9.9 \cdot 10^{-22}$   $\text{m}^2$  range, 20% was assigned to permeabilities  
55 in the 1 to  $9.9 \cdot 10^{-21}$   $\text{m}^2$  range, 50% was assigned to permeabilities in the 1 to  
56  $9.9 \cdot 10^{-20}$   $\text{m}^2$  range, and 20% was assigned to permeabilities in the 1 to  $9.9 \cdot 10^{-19}$   $\text{m}^2$   
57 range.  
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60 <sup>1</sup> R. L. Beauheim, Personal Communication, June 12, 1991.

1 Frequency distributions were calculated by assigning points equal to the  
2 confidence percentage for each permeability range for each borehole test. The  
3 points assigned to each range were then summed.  
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TABLE 1.  
Room Q Pre-excavation Permeability

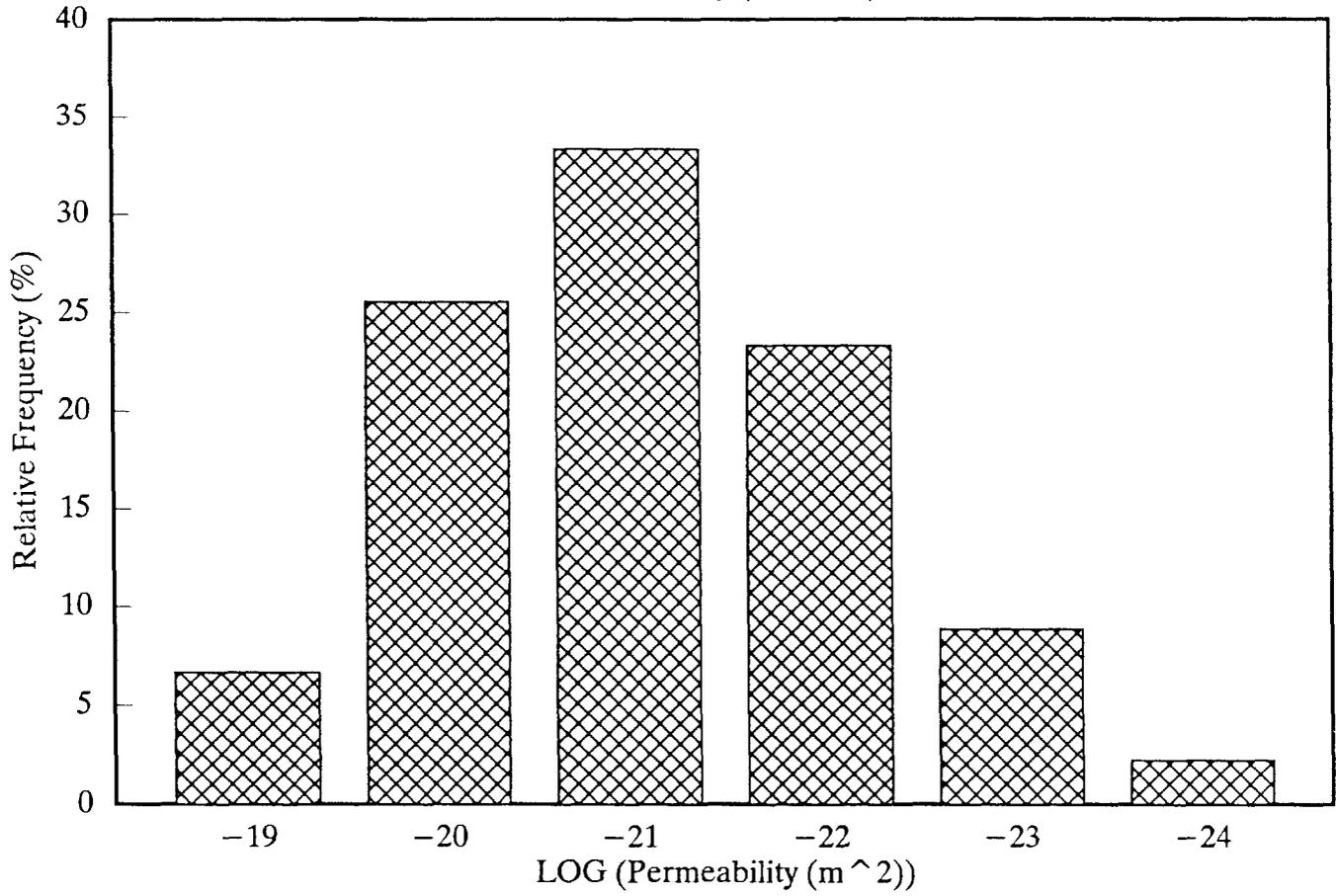
Borehole	Permeability (m <sup>2</sup> )
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QPP02	TLTM
QPP03	2.4*10 <sup>-22</sup>
QPP04	5.0*10 <sup>-23</sup>
QPP05	TLTM
QPP11	TLTM
QPP12	2.0*10 <sup>-23</sup>
QPP13	3.0*10 <sup>-22</sup>
QPP14	TLTM
QPP15	TLTM
QPP21	TLTM
QPP22	1.0*10 <sup>-22</sup>
QPP23	1.0*10 <sup>-21</sup>
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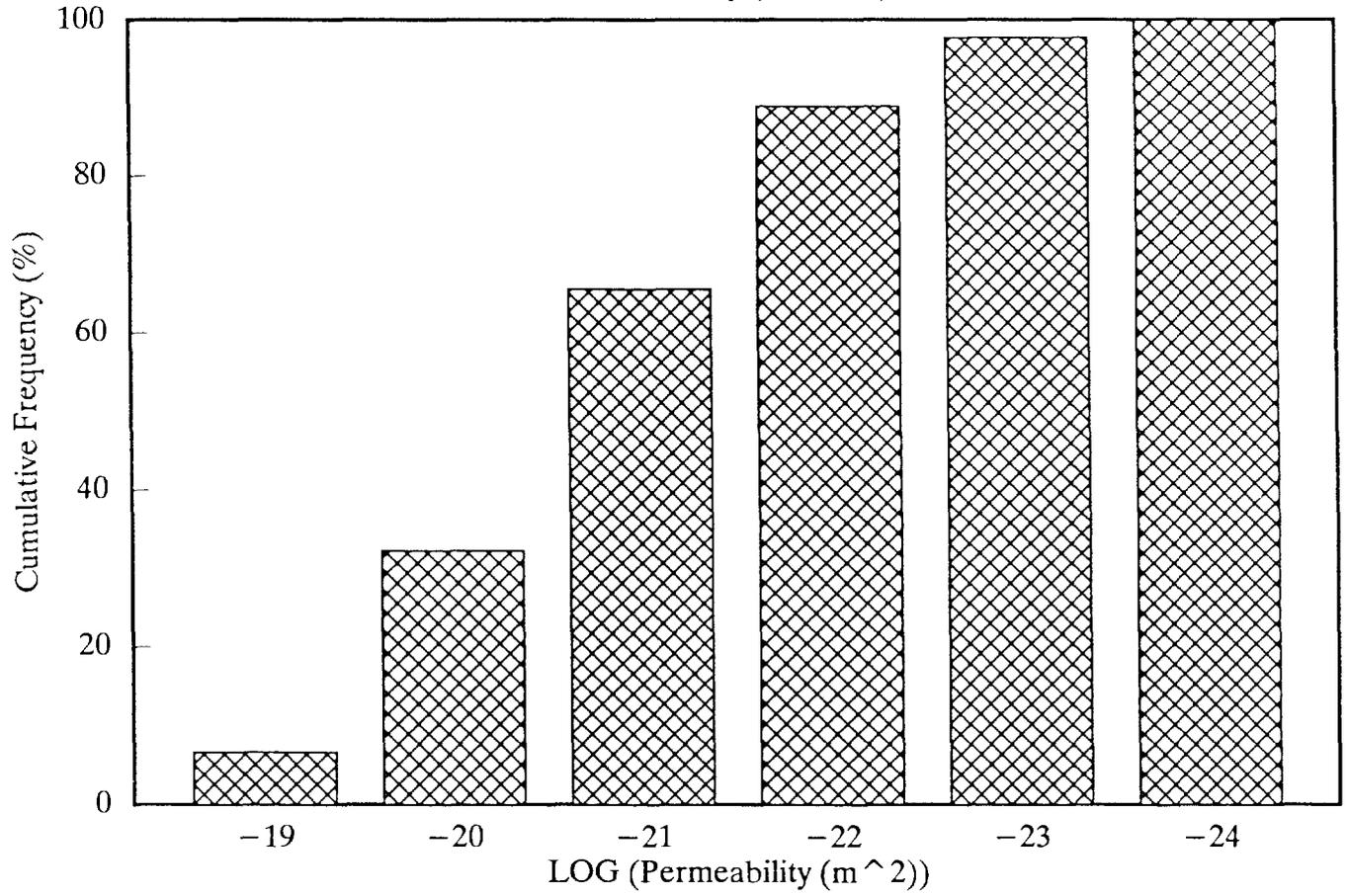
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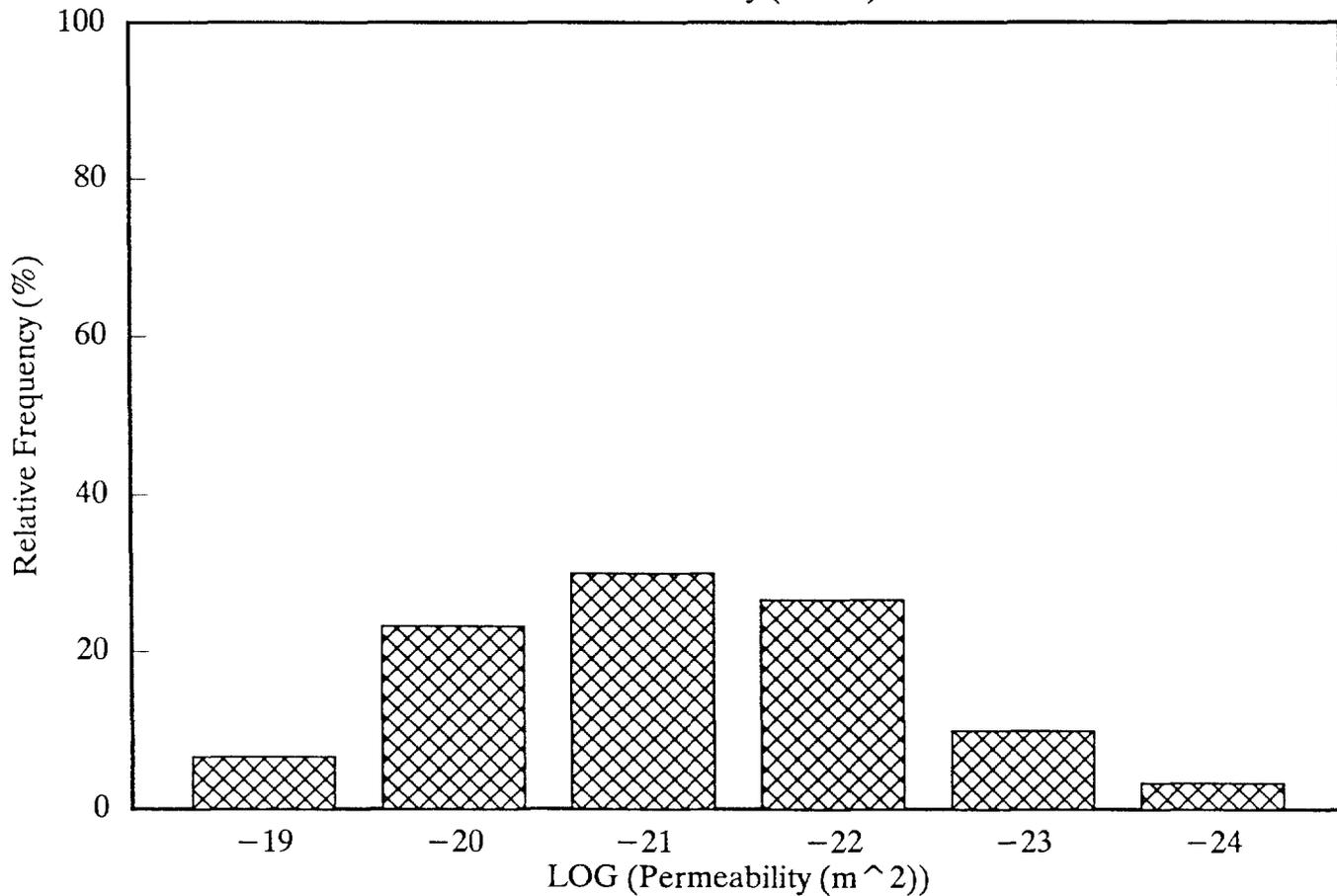
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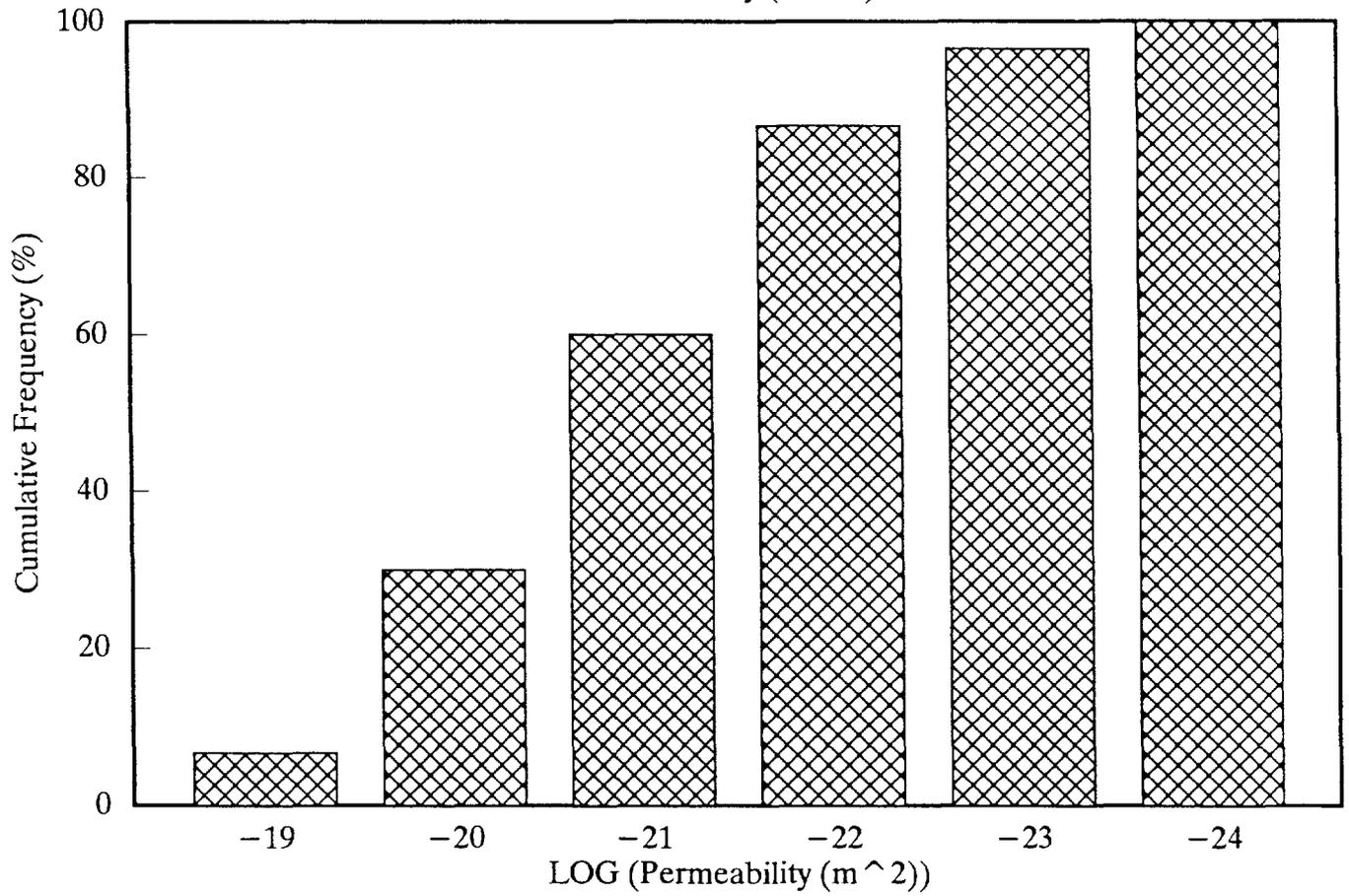
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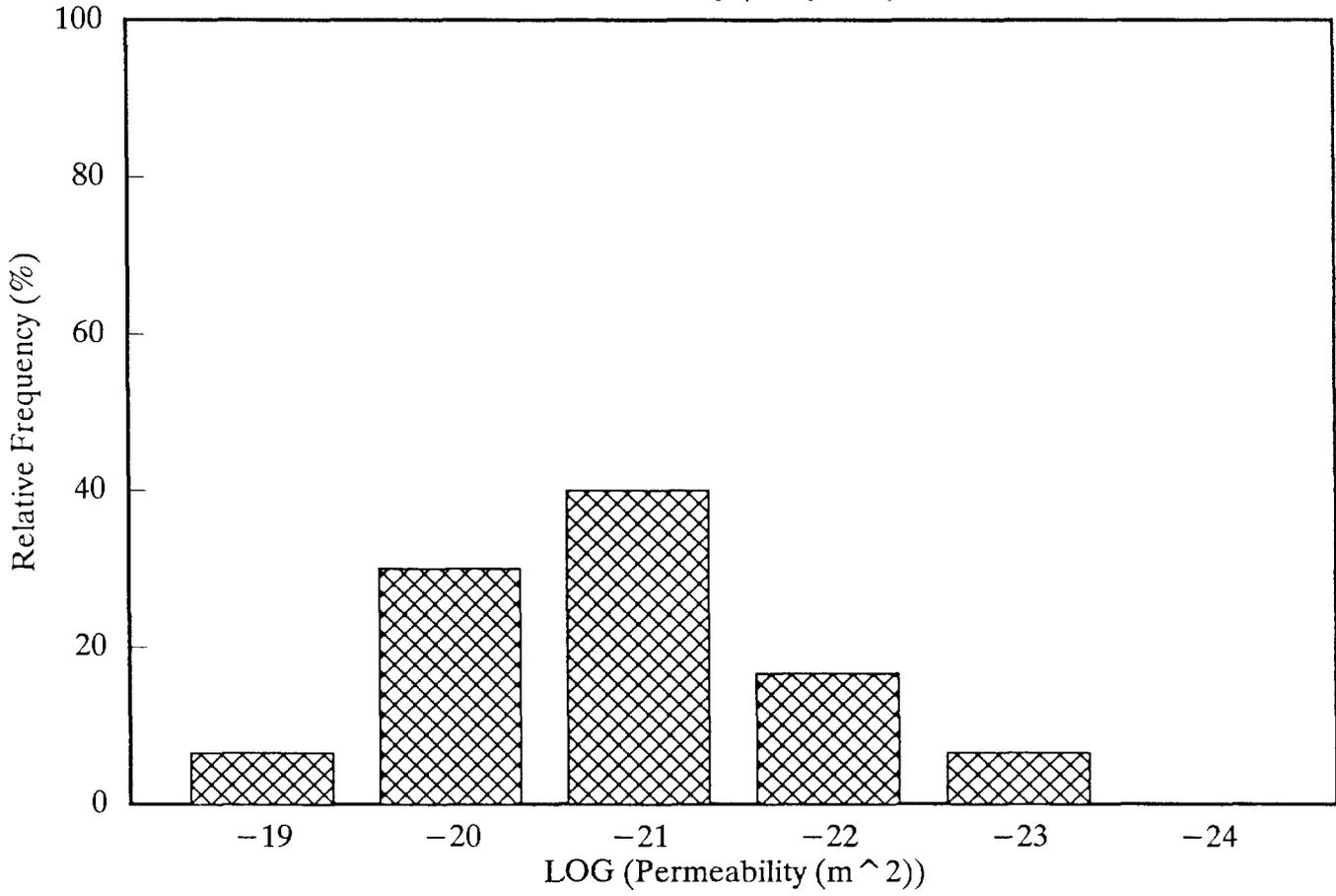
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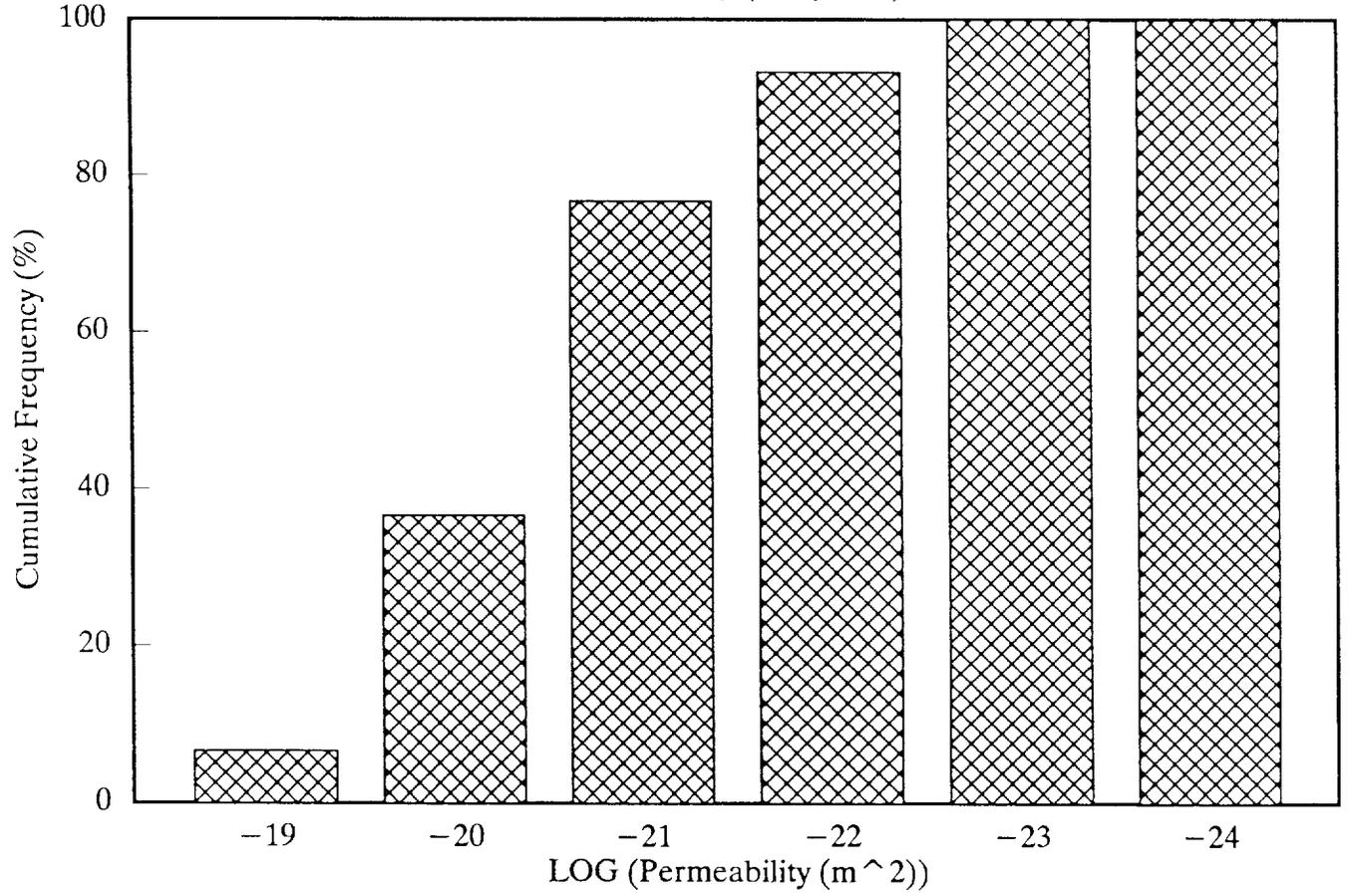
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**McTigue et al., March 14, 1991**

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14 The compressibility of WIPP brines has been measured using an acoustic method. For  
15 six samples collected from Room D and the Room Q access drift, measured compress-  
16 ibilities fall in the range  $(2.40-2.54) \times 10^{-10} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$  at temperatures from 20 to 40 °C. The  
17 measurement error is estimated to be less than 1%.  
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19 **Introduction**  
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21 Most models for transient flow in porous media take into account the compressibility  
22 of the pore fluid. Compressibility allows for “storage” of fluid mass, *i.e.*, changes of  
23 fluid mass per unit volume of the medium in response to changes of fluid pressure. In a  
24 saturated medium in which the porous skeleton and the solid pore walls can be approxi-  
25 mated as rigid, fluid compressibility is the only source of storage (or “capacitance”). In  
26 a deformable medium, there are contributions to the storage from compression of the  
27 fluid, compression of the pores, and compression of the solid comprising the pore walls.  
28 Virtually every model currently used to represent brine flow in WIPP salt requires a nu-  
29 merical value for the brine compressibility. To our knowledge, no direct compressibility  
30 measurements have been made previously on WIPP brines.

31 The purpose of this memo is to report recent measurements of the compressibility of Sal-  
32 ado Formation brines collected from the WIPP underground. The method used exploits  
33 the simple relationship between compressibility and the sound speed in a liquid, and  
34 thus allows the use of highly developed ultrasonics technology. The direct measurement  
35 of compressibility in a static test, although very simple conceptually, is relatively difficult  
36 in practice. The compressibility of brine is of the order of  $10^{-10} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$ , indicating that  
37 one would need to resolve a volume change of the order of one part in  $10^4$  in order to  
38 obtain a compressibility measurement through an applied pressure change of 1 MPa (10  
39 bars).

## Definitions

As noted above, models for flow in porous media often take into account compressibilities of the fluid, the solid mineral constituent, and the porous skeleton. Thus, we adopt a subscript  $f$  here to emphasize that the present considerations address only the fluid phase.

The coefficient of compressibility,  $\beta_f$ , is defined by:

$$\beta_f = \frac{1}{\rho_f} \frac{\partial \rho_f}{\partial p} \quad , \quad (1)$$

where  $\rho_f$  is density and  $p$  is pressure. The compressibility is also simply the inverse of the bulk modulus,  $K_f$ :

$$\beta_f = \frac{1}{K_f} \quad . \quad (2)$$

The longitudinal wave speed,  $v_L$ , in an elastic body is given by

$$v_L = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\rho} \left( K + \frac{4}{3}G \right)} \quad , \quad (3)$$

where  $K$  and  $G$  are the bulk and shear moduli, respectively. In a fluid, in which  $G = 0$ , and we identify  $K \equiv K_f$  and  $\rho \equiv \rho_f$ , (3) can be reduced and rearranged to give

$$K_f = \rho_f v_L^2 \quad . \quad (4)$$

Thus, the bulk modulus of a fluid is determined by measurements of its density and longitudinal wave speed.

## Sample Selection

Six samples of Salado brine collected at the WIPP site were used for these measurements. The samples were selected from the brine sample inventory for the small-scale brine-inflow experiments. During the course of these experiments, brine flowing into boreholes in the underground is periodically pumped out of the boreholes, weighed, and saved in plastic sample bottles. The sample bottles are currently stored in metal cabinets in a building on the surface at the WIPP site.

The six samples used are listed in Table 1. After pumping, all brine samples are labeled with the borehole number and the date the sample was pumped out of the borehole. For example, the brine sample designated DBT31 12-7-88 was pumped out of borehole DBT31 on December 7, 1988. All of the DBT boreholes are vertical boreholes collared in the floor of Room D, which is situated in the northeastern corner of the WIPP underground experimental area. All of the QPB boreholes are vertical boreholes collared in the floor of the Q access drift, halfway between Room Q and the Air Intake Shaft. Brine samples 3 and 4 in Table 1, labeled QPB05A and QPB05C, respectively, were pumped from the same borehole on December 10, 1990. The letter designators A and C indicate that multiple sample bottles were filled when borehole QPB05 was pumped.

1 The particular samples chosen were from the subset of samples that are greater than 100  
2 milliliters in volume, as this was assumed to be the minimum volume required for the  
3 sound speed measurements. Within this subset of larger-volume samples, those selected  
4 are believed to be representative of the Salado brine collected. Three of the samples are  
5 from Room D. These boreholes are collecting brine from the waste facility horizon, which  
6 includes Map Unit 6 and extends down through the top of Map Unit 0. The boreholes  
7 in Room D were drilled in the fall of 1987, and the brine collecting in those boreholes  
8 has been pumped out periodically since the drilling date. The Room D brine samples  
9 selected were considered to be representative of the time interval over which the brine has  
10 been collected. The other three samples are from the Q access drift, where the boreholes  
11 have been collecting brine from the lower section of Map Unit 0 and Marker Bed 139.  
12 These boreholes were drilled in the spring of 1989. All of the Q access drift samples were  
13 collected in December, 1990.

### 14 15 **Density Measurements** 16

17 The procedure used to measure the density of the brine samples is a standard laboratory  
18 procedure for measuring the density of liquids. An empty 50 ml beaker and watch glass  
19 were weighed and then filled with an aliquot of brine from the sample bottle. The aliquot  
20 was either 10 or 5 ml in volume, and was extracted from the sample bottle with a class  
21 A volumetric pipet. The beaker and watch glass with the brine sample were weighed  
22 again, and the weight of the empty beaker and watch glass was subtracted to obtain a  
23 weight for the brine itself. The weight of the brine was divided by the aliquot volume  
24 to obtain a density in grams per milliliter. These measured densities were converted to  
25 units of  $\text{kg/m}^3$  and are listed in Table 1.  
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27 The ambient temperature of the laboratory where all density measurements were made  
28 was 22 °C. The temperature of the air in the boreholes in Room D fluctuates between  
29 28 °C and 32 °C. Temperatures have not been measured in the QPB boreholes, but are  
30 assumed to be in the same range as in the Room D boreholes.

31 In order to determine the standard deviation associated with any one density measure-  
32 ment, the above-mentioned procedure was repeated 14 times on sample 1 (DBT31 12-7-  
33 88). The average brine density calculated was 1.249 g/ml, with a standard deviation of  
34 0.0026 g/ml. The 95% confidence interval based on the Student's t distribution is 1.247  
35 g/ml to 1.251 g/ml.

Table 1. Measured density; 22 °C.

Sample No.	Sample Loc. & Date	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
1	DBT31 12-7-88	$1.249 \times 10^3$
2	QPB02A 12-7-90	$1.225 \times 10^3$
3	QPB05A 12-7-90	$1.229 \times 10^3$
4	QPB05C 12-10-90	$1.226 \times 10^3$
5	DBT32 1-18-90	$1.240 \times 10^3$
6	DBT11 10-7-87	$1.224 \times 10^3$

### Sound Speed Measurements

The sound speed measurements reported here were obtained by the “pulse-echo-delay” method. An acoustic reflector in the shape of a “stair step” is placed in a vessel containing the brine sample (Figure 1). An acoustic transducer is positioned an arbitrary distance away from the step. The transducer is pulsed with a given waveform, and the reflections from the first and second step surfaces are recorded. The difference in travel time for the acoustic pulse can be determined very accurately from a digitized waveform of the two pulse echoes. The wave speed is related to the height of the step,  $L$ , and the time delay between echoes,  $T$ , by

$$v_L = \frac{2L}{T}. \quad (5)$$

The measurements reported here were made with a Lucite reflector with step height  $L = 0.955$  cm. A 25 MHz transducer 0.635 cm in diameter was used, and the data were recorded with a LeCroy TR8828B 200 MHz transient recorder. The acoustic pulse was measured to have a frequency of 16 MHz. The pulse-echo time delay procedure was carried out on a 386 PC using a QuickBasic program. Temperatures were varied by placing the vessel in a heated water bath, and the temperature at the time of the subsequent test was recorded with a mercury thermometer with 0.1 °C graduations.

### Temperature Corrections for Density

The fluid densities,  $\rho_f$ , used to compute the bulk moduli reported here are based on temperature corrections applied to a reference state.

1 For the pure water, densities are tabulated at discrete temperatures in [1, Table F-10].  
 2 In the temperature range from 15 to 45 °C, these data are very well represented by a  
 3 four-term Taylor series expansion about a reference temperature of 30 °C:

$$4 \quad \rho_f = \rho_{f0}[1 + d_1(\theta - 30) + d_2(\theta - 30)^2 + d_3(\theta - 30)^3], \quad (6)$$

5  
 6 where  $\rho_{f0} = 0.99567$  is the density at the reference temperature of 30 °C,  $\theta$  is the  
 7 temperature of interest, and the coefficients take the values  $d_1 = -3.0332 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  
 8  $d_2 = -4.3866 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $d_3 = 2.6828 \times 10^{-8}$ . The fit was performed with the parameter-  
 9 estimation code ESTIM [2]. The densities used to compute the compressibilities of dis-  
 10 tilled water shown in Table 4 were calculated from equation (6) using these parameters.

11 For the brines, it was assumed that each sample was saturated with respect to its dissolved  
 12 species at the 22 °C laboratory temperature at which the initial density determinations  
 13 were done. The thermal expansion of NaCl brines was discussed in a recent memo [3].  
 14 Based on data reported by Kaufmann [4, Table 46, p. 612], it is estimated that a saturated  
 15 NaCl brine at 22 °C contains about 26.5 weight % salt. Extrapolation of the coefficients  
 16 reported in [3], which were determined for brines at lower concentrations, yields the  
 17 following expression for the density of brine saturated with respect to NaCl at 22 °C:  
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$$19 \quad \frac{\rho_f}{\rho_{f0}} = 1 + d_1(\theta - 22) + d_2(\theta - 22)^2 + d_3(\theta - 22)^3, \quad (7)$$

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 21 where  $\rho_{f0}$  is the density at the reference temperature of 22 °C, and the coefficients take  
 22 the values  $d_1 = -4.4294 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $d_2 = -6.3703 \times 10^{-7}$ , and  $d_3 = -1.3148 \times 10^{-9}$ .  
 23 This expression was used to correct the reference densities measured at 22 °C (Table 1)  
 24 for calculations of the compressibility at different temperatures (Tables 2, 3, 5, 6). We  
 25 emphasize that the thermal expansion correction for brine is based on pure NaCl solutions  
 26 rather than on WIPP brines. However, the behavior of WIPP brines is not expected to  
 27 differ significantly. In any case, the density corrections are at most less than 1%.  
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## 29 Results

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 31 Results of the bulk modulus and compressibility determinations are shown in Tables 2–6.  
 32 Tables 2 and 3 show data for all six brine samples at 20 °C and 25 °C, respectively.  
 33 Table 4 shows results for distilled water at temperatures from 20 to 40 °C. The data  
 34 from Table 4 are plotted as a function of temperature in Figure 2 along with reference  
 35 compressibility data from the *CRC Handbook* [1, Table F-15] for comparison. The data  
 36 from both the present study and the *CRC Handbook* appear to define a trend of decreasing  
 37 compressibility with increasing temperature. Both data sets exhibit roughly the same  
 38 degree of scatter about the general trend, suggesting that the data from the present study  
 39 are of an accuracy comparable to that of the reference data. Quantitative error estimates  
 40 for this study are discussed in the following section.  
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42 Tables 5 and 6 show results for two brines at temperatures from 20 to 40 °C. The brines  
 43 show no significant variation in compressibility over this temperature range. This is

1 in contrast to pure water (Table 4; Figure 2), which shows a distinct decrease in  $\beta_f$   
 2 with increasing  $\theta$ . Thus, the presence of a high concentration of dissolved salt serves to  
 3 moderate the temperature sensitivity of the compressibility.  
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5 Figure 4 shows all compressibility measurements made on WIPP brines, regardless of  
 6 temperature, plotted against density (Tables 2, 3, 5, 6). There is a strong correlation,  
 7 indicating decreasing compressibility with increasing density. A linear regression on the  
 8 data shown in Figure 4 yields

$$9 \quad \beta_f = 7.662 \times 10^{-10} - 4.217 \times 10^{-13} \rho_f, \quad (8)$$

10 with a correlation coefficient of  $r^2 = 0.91$ . (Here,  $\beta_f$  has dimension  $\text{Pa}^{-1}$  and  $\rho_f$  dimension  
 11  $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ .) This may provide a reasonable estimate for  $\beta_f$  for WIPP brines based solely on  
 12 a density determination.  
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 17 **Table 2.** Acoustic velocity; 20 °C.

18	19	20	21	22
Sample No.	Velocity, $v_L$ m/s, $\times 10^{-3}$	Density, $\rho_f$ kg/m <sup>3</sup> , $\times 10^{-3}$	Bulk Modulus, $K_f$ Pa, $\times 10^{-9}$	Compressibility, $\beta_f$ Pa <sup>-1</sup> , $\times 10^{10}$
23	24	25	26	27
1	1.825	1.250	4.163	2.402
28	29	30	31	32
2	1.803	1.226	3.984	2.510
33	34			
3	1.806	1.230	4.013	2.492
4	1.805	1.227	3.998	2.501
5	1.811	1.241	4.071	2.456
6	1.808	1.225	4.003	2.498

**Table 3.** Acoustic velocity; 25 °C.

Sample No.	Velocity, $v_L$ m/s, $\times 10^{-3}$	Density, $\rho_f$ kg/m <sup>3</sup> , $\times 10^{-3}$	Bulk Modulus, $K_f$ Pa, $\times 10^{-9}$	Compressibility, $\beta_f$ Pa <sup>-1</sup> , $\times 10^{10}$
1	1.828	1.247	4.166	2.400
2	1.807	1.223	3.993	2.504
3	1.818	1.227	4.056	2.466
4	1.814	1.224	4.027	2.483
5	1.813	1.238	4.070	2.457
6	1.811	1.224	4.009	2.494
pure water	1.493	0.997	2.223	4.498

**Table 4.** Acoustic velocity; distilled water.

Temperature °C	Velocity, $v_L$ m/s, $\times 10^{-3}$	Density, $\rho_f$ kg/m <sup>3</sup> , $\times 10^{-3}$	Bulk Modulus, $K_f$ Pa, $\times 10^{-9}$	Compressibility, $\beta_f$ Pa <sup>-1</sup> , $\times 10^{10}$
19.9	1.478	0.9983	2.181	4.586
21.0	1.483	0.9980	2.195	4.556
24.8	1.493	0.9971	2.223	4.499
30.7	1.494	0.9955	2.222	4.501
40.0	1.516	0.9922	2.280	4.385

**Table 5.** Acoustic velocity; sample #1, DBT31.

Temperature °C	Velocity, $v_L$ m/s, $\times 10^{-3}$	Density, $\rho_f$ kg/m <sup>3</sup> , $\times 10^{-3}$	Bulk Modulus, $K_f$ Pa, $\times 10^{-9}$	Compressibility, $\beta_f$ Pa <sup>-1</sup> , $\times 10^{10}$
20.0	1.825	1.250	4.163	2.402
24.9	1.828	1.247	4.167	2.400
29.7	1.827	1.245	4.156	2.406
35.1	1.830	1.242	4.159	2.404
39.6	1.820	1.239	4.104	2.437

**Table 6.** Acoustic velocity; sample #2, QPB02A.

Temperature °C	Velocity, $v_L$ m/s, $\times 10^{-3}$	Density, $\rho_f$ kg/m <sup>3</sup> , $\times 10^{-3}$	Bulk Modulus, $K_f$ Pa, $\times 10^{-9}$	Compressibility, $\beta_f$ Pa <sup>-1</sup> , $\times 10^{10}$
20.0	1.803	1.226	3.985	2.509
25.5	1.807	1.224	3.997	2.502
29.6	1.808	1.222	3.994	2.503
35.0	1.797	1.219	3.936	2.540
37.6	1.798	1.217	3.934	2.542

## Propagation of Error

Estimates of the error in the compressibilities reported here were made in the following manner. The error estimate,  $\lambda(x)$ , for the measurement of each quantity  $x$  is given in Table 7.

In terms of measured quantities, the sound speed is given by equation (5). The error estimate for the sound speed,  $\lambda(v_L)$ , is then given by [5]:

$$\lambda^2(v_L) = \left(\frac{\partial v_L}{\partial L}\right)^2 \lambda^2(L) + \left(\frac{\partial v_L}{\partial T}\right)^2 \lambda^2(T), \quad (9)$$

or,

$$\lambda^2(v_L) = v_L^2 \left[ \frac{\lambda^2(L)}{L^2} + \frac{\lambda^2(T)}{T^2} \right]. \quad (10)$$

For typical values of the measured quantities and the error estimates given in Table 7, equation (10) gives an estimated error for the reported wave speeds of about  $\pm 5$  m/s (Table 8).

**Table 7.** Error estimates for measurements.

Quantity ( $x$ )	Symbol	$\lambda(x)$	
		Error Est. (As Reported)	Error Est. (SI Units)
Fluid density	$\rho_f$	$\pm 0.003$ g/ml	$\pm 3.0$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Step Height	$L$	$\pm 0.001$ "	$\pm 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$ m
Time Delay	$T$	$\pm 0.01$ $\mu$ s	$\pm 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ s
Temperature	$\theta$	$\pm 0.1$ °C	$\pm 0.1$ K

In a similar fashion, the error estimates for the bulk modulus and compressibility can be shown to be:

$$\frac{\lambda^2(K_f)}{K_f^2} = \frac{\lambda^2(\beta_f)}{\beta_f^2} = \frac{\lambda^2(\rho_f)}{\rho_f^2} + \frac{4\lambda^2(L)}{L^2} + \frac{4\lambda^2(T)}{T^2}. \quad (11)$$

Evaluation of (11) using typical values of the measured quantities and the error estimates from Table 7 yields an error of about 0.6% for the bulk modulus and compressibility, or about  $\pm 0.025$  GPa and  $\pm 1.5 \times 10^{-12}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup>, respectively (Table 8).

**Table 8.** Error estimates for calculated quantities.

Quantity ( $x$ )	Symbol	Error Est. $\lambda(x)$
Sound Speed	$v_L$	$\pm 5.0$ m/s
Bulk Modulus	$K_f$	$\pm 2.5 \times 10^7$ Pa
Compressibility	$\beta_f$	$\pm 1.5 \times 10^{-12}$ Pa $^{-1}$

### Consistency with Independent Data

In addition to the test against tabulated properties for pure water discussed above, a check for consistency of the present measurements with independent values from the literature can be made for brines. The data presented here indicate a strong correlation of compressibility with fluid density (Figure 4). In fact, compressibility is reduced by nearly 50% by the addition of salt up to full saturation. The *CRC Handbook* [1, Table F-15] reports reference compressibilities for pure water, and Kaufmann [4, Table 40, p. 609] reports compressibilities determined acoustically for NaCl brines of varying concentrations. These data are shown in Figure 5 along with the present results for measurements at 25 °C, plotted against density. The conversion of weight-percent NaCl to density applied to the Kaufmann data was obtained from Kaufmann [4 Table 44, p. 611]. All the available data fall on a very smooth trend; a second-order polynomial fits this trend very well:

$$\beta_f = 4.492 \times 10^{-10} - 1.138 \times 10^{-12}(\rho_f - 1000.) + 1.155 \times 10^{-15}(\rho_f - 1000.)^2, \quad (12)$$

where  $\rho_f$  is in units of kg/m $^3$ , and  $\beta_f$  is in units of Pa $^{-1}$ .

### Summary

The principal results outlined in this memo are:

- The compressibilities of six Salado brines from Room D and the Room Q access drift fall in the range  $(2.40\text{--}2.54) \times 10^{-10}$  Pa $^{-1}$ .
- The measurements were carried out over a temperature range of 20 to 40 °C; brine compressibility exhibits no significant dependence on temperature over this range.
- Compressibility exhibits a strong correlation with brine density, with  $\beta_f$  decreasing with increasing  $\rho_f$ ; a linear relationship (eq. 8) correlates the data for WIPP brines well over the small range of densities tested.

- 1       • The results from this study are consistent with published results for NaCl brines at  
2       lower concentration; a smooth trend of decreasing  $\beta_f$  with increasing density (con-  
3       centration) encompasses pure water, published data for lower-concentration NaCl  
4       brines, and the WIPP brines considered here (Figure 5). A quadratic relationship  
5       (eq. 12) describes this trend very well.  
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- 7       • The acoustic method was validated by measurements made on distilled water. Re-  
8       sults compare very well with reference data.  
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- 10      • Error in the compressibility measurements is estimated to be approximately 0.6%.  
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12 Note that a number of previous calculations of flow in WIPP salt [*e.g.*, 6–8] used values  
13 for brine compressibility of  $5.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$  (bulk modulus  $2.0 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}$ ). This high  
14 value for  $\beta_f$  (low  $K_f$ ) was based on an estimate for pure water (one-place accuracy for  
15  $K_f$ ). The results shown here indicate that the presence of a high concentration of salt  
16 reduces the compressibility by nearly a factor of two.

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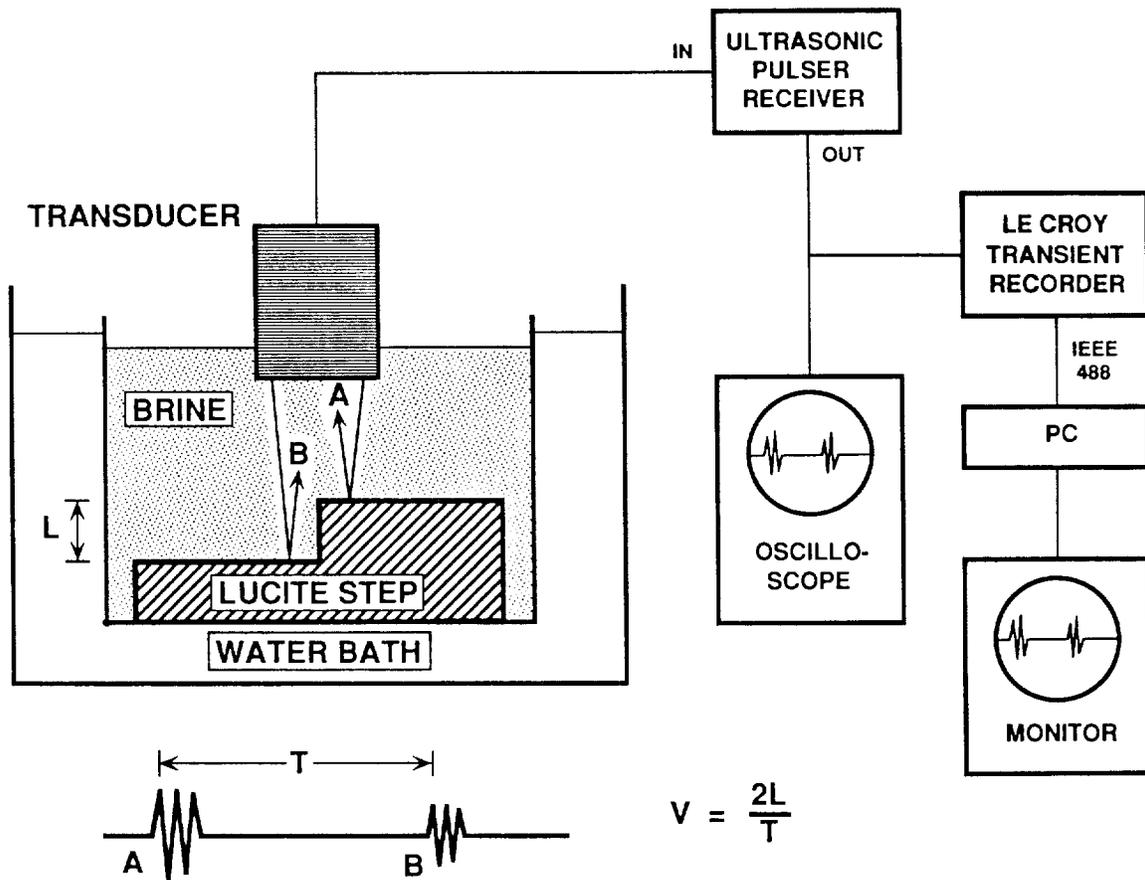
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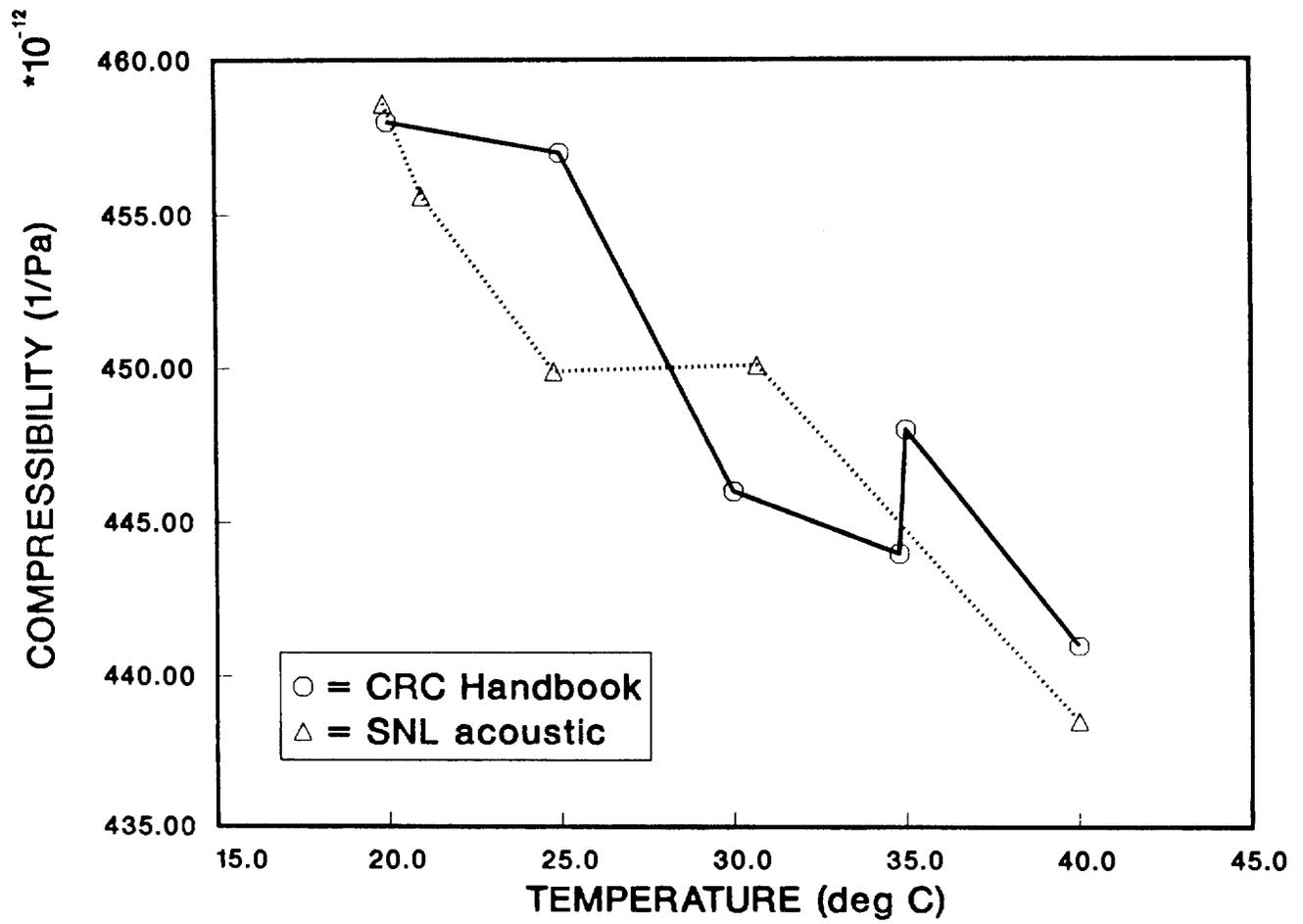
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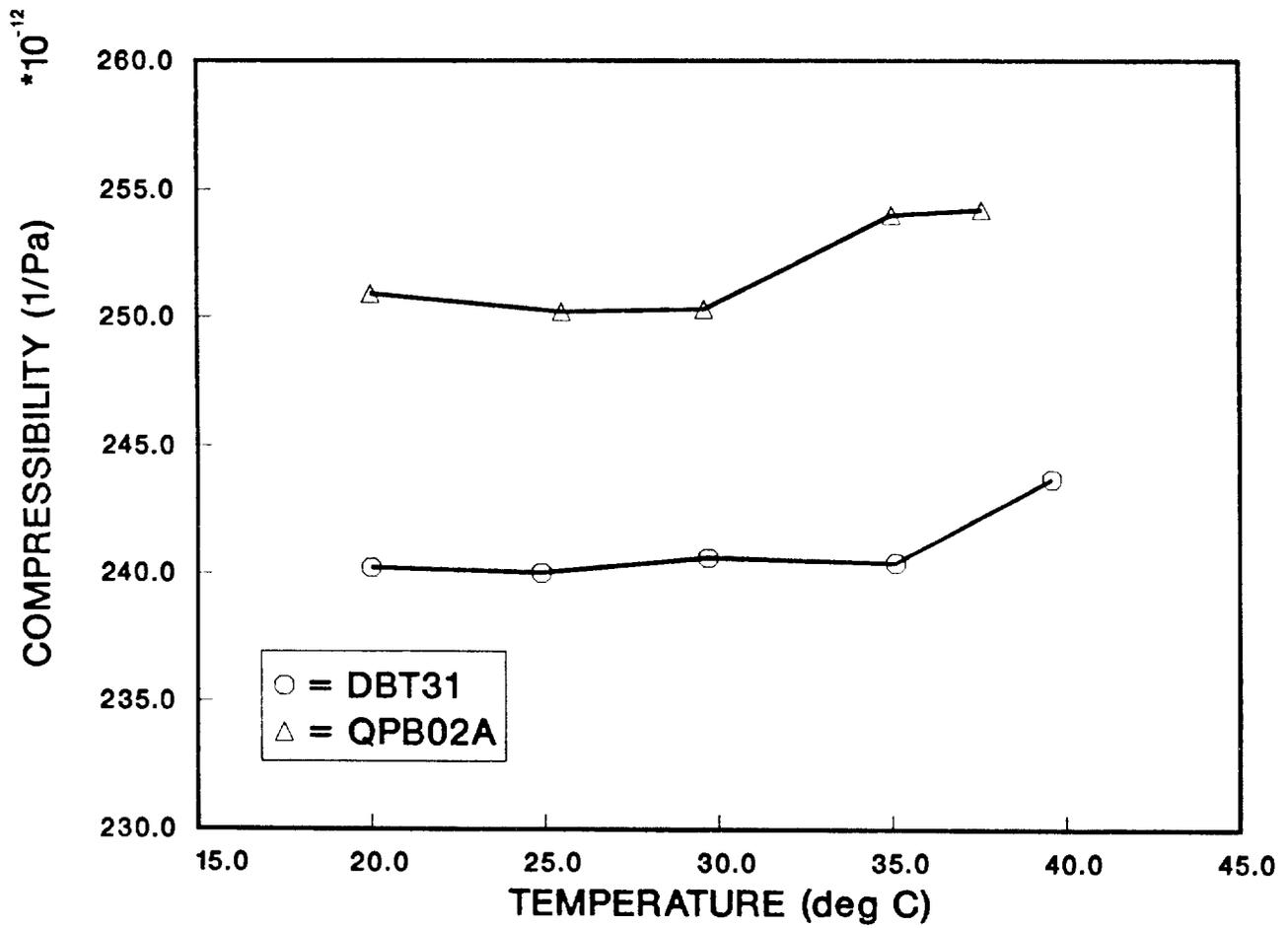
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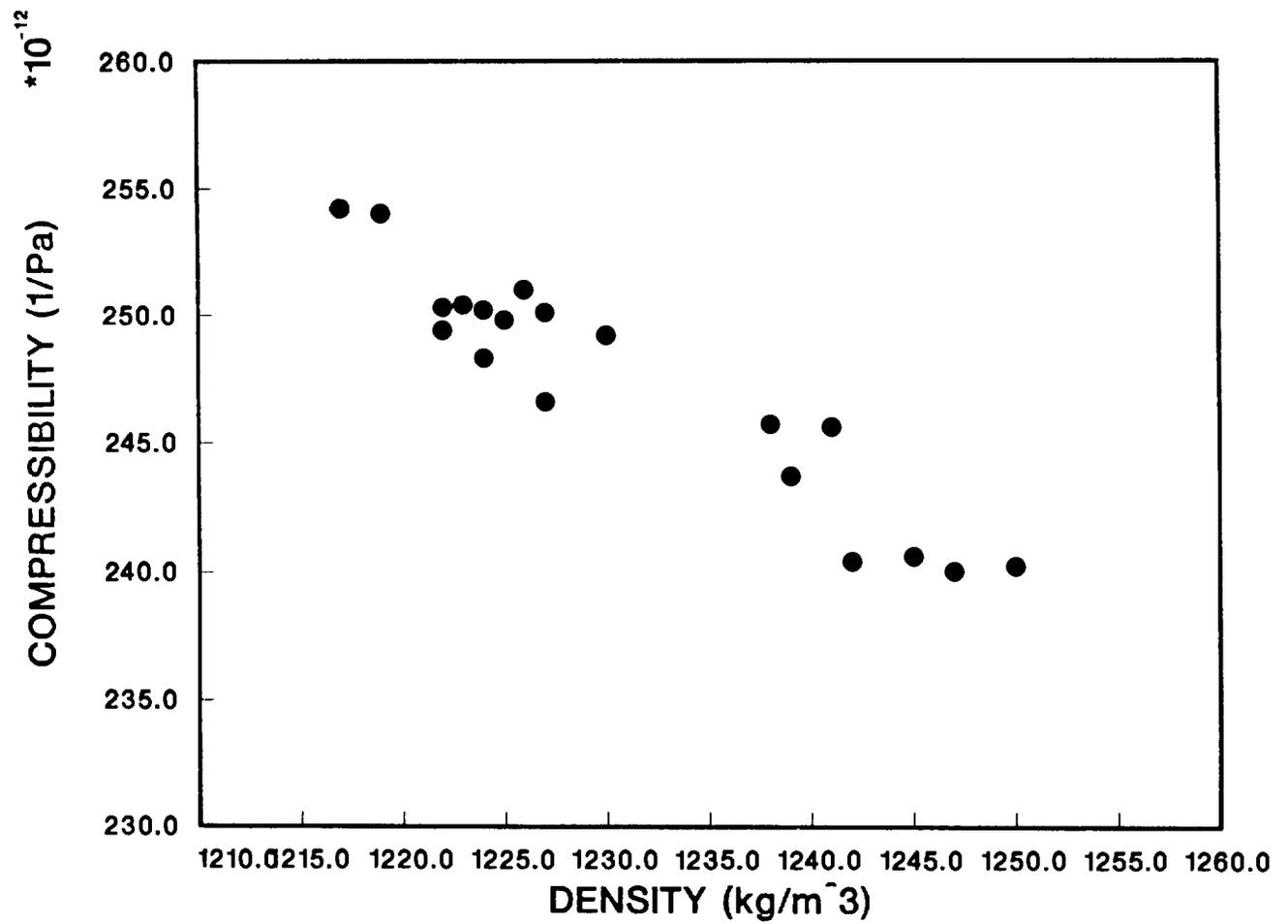
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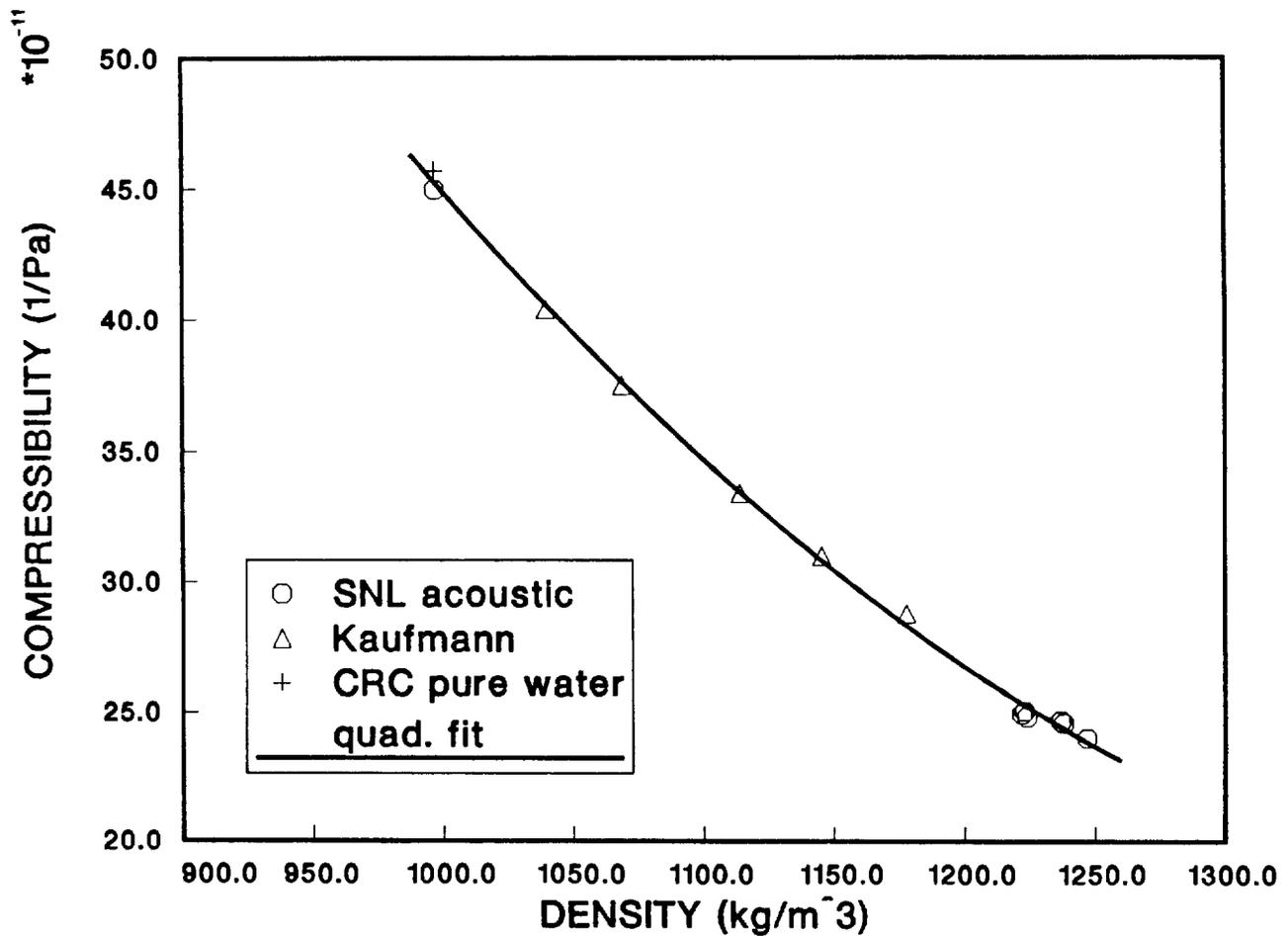
1 **Figure 2.** Comparison of compressibilities determined in this study with tabulated  
 2 values [1] for distilled water.



1 Figure 3. Compressibility of WIPP brines plotted against temperature.



1 Figure 4. Compressibilities of WIPP brines plotted against fluid density.



1 **Figure 5.** Compressibilities of WIPP brines and pure water determined in this study  
 2 and literature values [1, 4] at 25 °C, plotted against density. Solid line shows a quadratic  
 3 fit (eq. 12) to the 13 points shown. WIPP brine compressibilities appear to be on a  
 4 consistent trend with the literature values.

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(Note: Includes addendum with correction for typographical  
error in Table 2.)

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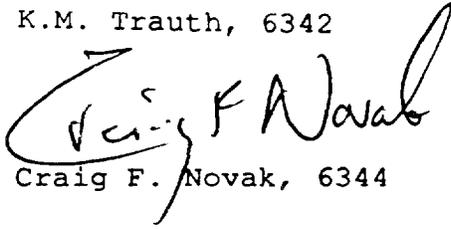
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18 In May 1991, I was asked to participate on a panel for  
19 estimating values of radionuclide retardation in the Culebra  
20 Dolomite Member of the Rustler Formation. Estimates were to  
21 be made using the  $K_d$  model for retardation, and according to  
22 an "expert judgement" methodology (Tierney, 1991). This  
23 memorandum summarizes my preparation for this task, and the  
24 thought processes used in responding to this request. The  
25 cumulative probability functions (CDFs) for  $K_d$  values  
26 resulting from this elicitation are given in Tables 1 and 2.

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28 I performed a detailed examination of available research  
29 reports describing experimental measurement of  $K_d$ 's using  
30 substrates and water compositions pertinent to transport in  
31 the WIPP system. This study is documented in Novak (1991).  
32 Novak showed that data are not available for all elements of  
33 interest, almost no data exist for clay substrates in the  
34 Culebra, and existing data may not be applicable to current  
35 human intrusion scenarios. Novak (1991) also questions the  
36 utility of the  $K_d$  model for estimating retardation in the  
37 Culebra. Despite these limitations, I endeavored to provide  
38  $K_d$  values for use in the 1991 performance assessment  
39 calculations.

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41 Estimates of  $K_d$ 's were requested for two scenarios differing  
42 only in water composition. Within each scenario,  $K_d$   
43 estimates were needed for radionuclide sorption on the matrix  
44 (i.e. dolomitic Culebra substrates) and in the fractures  
45 (i.e. on clay materials lining fractures). Scenario One  
46 assumed that water reaching the Culebra would not change the  
47 composition of Culebra water significantly, except for the  
48 presence of radionuclides. Scenario Two assumed that water  
49 reaching the Culebra would not be diluted, and thus a  
50 concentrated brine contaminated with radionuclides would flow

1 through the Culebra. These scenarios were chosen as bounding  
2 cases for hydrologic and chemical behavior in the Culebra  
3 under breach scenarios. Scenarios One and Two reflect the  
4 uncertainty involved with mixing in the Culebra and the  
5 observation that measured  $K_d$  values depend on water  
6 composition.

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8 The eight elements for which  $K_d$  estimates were requested were  
9 plutonium (Pu), americium (Am), curium (Cm), uranium (U),  
10 neptunium (Np), thorium (Th), radium (Ra), and lead (Pb). I  
11 chose to group Am with Cm, U with Np, and Ra with Pb, and to  
12 provide a single CDF for each group. This choice was made  
13 because of the limited amount of data and because of  
14 analogies between the chemical behavior of the grouped  
15 elements (Lappin et al., 1989).

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17 Among the existing data, I feel that the water composition  
18 called "Culebra H<sub>2</sub>O" is the most representative for Scenario  
19 One, while Brine A is the most representative for Scenario  
20 Two. Thus, for Scenario One, data in "Culebra H<sub>2</sub>O" were used  
21 to estimate  $K_d$  values where the data were available.  
22 Similarly for Scenario Two and data in Brine A. In the  
23 absence of these data, values were provided based on  
24 subjective "expert judgement" and interpretation of other  
25 data. The same CDFs were given for both scenarios for Th,  
26 and for Ra and Pb, because of the lack of data.

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28 The lower bounds for  $K_d$ 's in all CDFs are 0 ml/g because it  
29 is possible that any of the elements could be transported  
30 with the fluid velocity. The upper bounds in Tables 1 and 2  
31 represent my opinions on the maximum values for  $K_d$ 's that  
32 could be observed for these elements under the human  
33 intrusion scenarios.  $K_d$  values for cumulative probabilities  
34 of 0.25, 0.5, etc., represent best estimates resulting from  
35 my assimilation of data and literature on this topic.

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37 There is a paucity of data for sorption of radionuclides on  
38 clays for solutions with water compositions pertinent to WIPP  
39 breach scenarios. However, clays are known to have large  
40 adsorption capacities, and therefore should exhibit high  $K_d$   
41 values for radionuclides. For these reasons, CDFs for the  
42 fractures were estimated to be a factor of ten larger than  
43 for the matrix.

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45 The values provided through the elicitation process are  
46 subjective estimates only. The human intrusion scenarios  
47 contain large uncertainties with respect to water  
48 compositions and mixing in the Culebra. Few experimental  
49 measurements of  $K_d$ 's have been performed. In addition, the  $K_d$   
50 model may have limited applicability to the WIPP Culebra  
51 system. These factors could render the CDFs given for  $K_d$ 's  
52 inadequate to represent the actual values for  $K_d$ 's that would  
53 occur under human intrusion scenarios.

1 The CDFs for  $K_d$ 's are not a substitute for actual data, and  
2 should not be interpreted as such. Additional study is  
3 needed to quantify the potential for radionuclide retardation  
4 in the Culebra Dolomite Member of the Rustler Formation.  
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Table 1. Estimates of Matrix K<sub>d</sub> Values from Expert Elicitation

Cumulative Probability	Scenario One, Pu Matrix K <sub>d</sub> , ml/g	Scenario Two, Pu Matrix K <sub>d</sub> , ml/g
0	0	0
0.1	5	0.55
0.25	80	10
0.5	300	50
0.75	1000	150
1	100000	100000

Cumulative Probability	Scenario One, Am and Cm Matrix K <sub>d</sub> , ml/g	Scenario Two, Am and Cm Matrix K <sub>d</sub> , ml/g
0	0	0
0.25	90	10
0.5	150	40
0.75	400	100
0.9	1000	
0.99		1000
1	100000	100000

Cumulative Probability	Scenario One, U and Np Matrix K <sub>d</sub> , ml/g	Scenario Two, U and Np Matrix K <sub>d</sub> , ml/g
0	0	0
0.2	0.25	1
0.5	0.75	3.3
0.8	1.5	8
1	100	100

Cumulative Probability	Scenarios One and Two, Th Matrix K <sub>d</sub> , ml/g
0	0
0.25	5
0.5	10
0.75	100
1	1000

Cumulative Probability	Scenarios One and Two, Ra and Pb Matrix K <sub>d</sub> , ml/g
0	0
0.25	1
0.5	10
0.75	100
0.99	1000
1	10000

Table 2. Estimates of Fracture  $K_d$  Values from Expert Elicitation

Cumulative Probability	Scenario One, Pu Fracture $K_d$ , ml/g	Scenario Two, Pu Fracture $K_d$ , ml/g
0	0	0
0.1	50	5.5
0.25	800	100
0.5	3000	500
0.75	10000	1500
1	1000000	1000000

Cumulative Probability	Scenario One, Am and Cm Fracture $K_d$ , ml/g	Scenario Two, Am and Cm Fracture $K_d$ , ml/g
0	0	0
0.25	900	100
0.5	1500	400
0.75	4000	1000
0.9	10000	
0.99		10000
1	1000000	1000000

Cumulative Probability	Scenario One, U and Np Fracture $K_d$ , ml/g	Scenario Two, U and Np Fracture $K_d$ , ml/g
0	0	0
0.2	2.5	10
0.5	7.5	33
0.8	15	80
1	1000	1000

Cumulative Probability	Scenarios One and Two, Th Fracture $K_d$ , ml/g
0	0
0.25	50
0.5	100
0.75	1000
1	10000

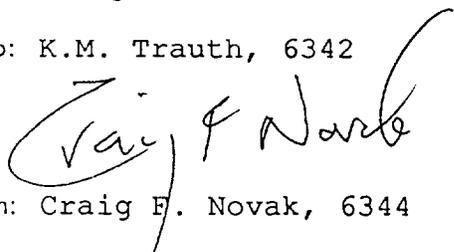
Cumulative Probability	Scenarios One and Two, Ra and Pb Fracture $K_d$ , ml/g
0	0
0.25	1
0.5	10
0.75	100
0.99	1000
1	10000

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17 My memorandum of 4 September contained a typographical error  
18 in Table 2, the fracture Kd values for Ra and Pb for  
19 Scenarios One and Two. As the test states, the fracture Kd's  
20 were estimated to be a factor of ten larger than the matrix  
21 Kd's. Thus, the Ra and Pb section of Table 2 should read

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Cumulative Probability	Scenarios One and Two, Ra and Pb Fracture K <sub>d</sub> , ml/g
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0.25	10
0.5	100
0.75	1000
0.99	10000
1	100000

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**Summary of Recommendations for the 1991 PA Calculations**

The uncertain input parameter of interest here is recharge to the regional domain of the Culebra Dolomite groundwater-flow model.

I recommend separating recharge into two component functions: variability in mean annual precipitation and variability in the amount of precipitation that reaches our Culebra model domain as recharge. For the 1991 *Preliminary Comparison*, I recommend sampling on the recharge parameter only, and using a fixed function for climatic variability. Specific functions are as follows.

Recommended function for future mean annual precipitation ( $P_f$ ) as a function of time ( $t$ , measured in units of  $10^4$  years):

$$P_f(\text{cm/yr}) = 52.5 - 15(\cos\beta t - \sin 0.5\alpha t + 0.5\cos\alpha t) ,$$

with  $\alpha = 20\pi$ ,  $\beta = \pi/6$ .

Recommended function for future model recharge ( $R_f$ ) as a function of nominal present model recharge ( $R_p$ ), assuming that model recharge can be expressed as boundary flux into the regional model domain:

$$R_f = R_p \times [1 + (2r - 1)\left(\frac{P_f - 30}{30}\right)] ,$$

if  $P_f \geq P_p$ , or

$R_f = R_p$  if  $P_f < P_p$ ;

with  $P_f$  calculated according to the previous equation, in cm/yr, and  $r$  sampled on a uniform distribution from 1 to 10.

1 **Introduction**

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3 Ideally, it could be possible to describe variability in recharge within a  
4 single conceptual model for flow in the Culebra using a single parameter—  
5 future recharge as a function of present recharge. I recommend, however,  
6 separating recharge into two component functions: variability in mean  
7 annual precipitation and variability in the amount of precipitation that  
8 reaches our Culebra model domain as recharge. This distinction allows  
9 examining model sensitivity to climatic change independently of the  
10 uncertainty in the physical recharge process. The distinction is meaningful  
11 because we can assess climatic variability relatively confidently, whereas  
12 uncertainty about the recharge process is high. Sampling on separate  
13 parameters will permit us to perform sensitivity analyses (to be reported by  
14 Swift et al. [in prep.], separately from the 1991 *Preliminary Comparison*) on  
15 both climate variability and the assumed recharge function.

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17 This memo defines climate and recharge functions and the associated  
18 parameters to be sampled. The memo does not address conceptual model  
19 uncertainty about the location or amount of present recharge to the model  
20 domain, or about the location of future recharge. These model uncertainties  
21 will be addressed in 1992 or later, as results become available from the  
22 geostatistics project addressing uncertainty in the Culebra flow model. The  
23 assumption is made here that future model recharge will be expressed as a  
24 function of nominal present flux into a calibrated steady-state flow model.

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26 For the 1991 PA calculations, there appears to be little need to sample on a  
27 distribution of climate parameter values. As explained below, we can select  
28 "best estimate" values for climate variability for the full-system  
29 simulations, and wait for the separate sensitivity analysis report to  
30 examine the impact of the assumptions. This does not mean that the 1991  
31 calculations will not include climate variability. Climate variability will  
32 be incorporated, and the results will reflect the knowledge that some future  
33 climates will be wetter than that of the present. The function and values I  
34 am recommending will give us an "average" future precipitation roughly 1.3  
35 times present, with peaks of just over 2 times present.

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37 I do recommend sampling on the recharge function parameter. As defined  
38 here, this parameter is a simple multiplier that is applied to the nominal  
39 increase in precipitation, yielding the change in model recharge. The  
40 multiplier represents uncertainty in numerous parameters, including (i) the  
41 location and extent of the surface recharge area, (ii) groundwater flow  
42 between the surface recharge area and the boundary of the model domain, and  
43 (iii) the relationship between precipitation and infiltration in the surface  
44 recharge area, which in turn is dependent on factors such as vegetation,  
45 temperature, local topography, and soil characteristics. There is no  
46 particular reason to assume a 1-to-1 correlation between increases in  
47 precipitation and increases in model recharge, and limited evidence for  
48 water-table conditions in semi-arid climates suggests that increases in  
49 precipitation may result in substantially larger increases in infiltration.  
50 I recommend that we incorporate recharge uncertainty in the 1991  
51 calculations by sampling a uniformly distributed recharge parameter (defined  
52 below) over a range that permits the relationship between mean annual  
53 precipitation and model recharge to vary between 1-to-1 and 10-to-1. This

1 would mean that with precipitation at a maximum of 2x present, model  
2 recharge could range from 2x to 20x present. Both the range and the  
3 distribution are preliminary, and should be adjusted as new data or  
4 interpretations warrant.

## 8 **Description of Climate Variability**

10 The basic premise for assessing climatic change at the WIPP is the  
11 assumption that, because of the long-term stability of glacial cycles,  
12 future climates will remain within the range defined by Pleistocene  
13 variation. Present understanding does not suggest that short-term (century-  
14 scale) anthropogenic changes in the Earth's greenhouse effect will  
15 invalidate this premise: published results of global-warming models do not  
16 predict climatic changes of greater magnitude than those of the Pleistocene  
17 (Swift, in prep.; Bertram-Howery et al., 1990).

19 Paleoclimatic data permit reconstruction of a precipitation curve for the  
20 WIPP for the last 30,000 years (Figure 1). This curve shows two basic  
21 styles of climatic fluctuation: relatively low-frequency increases in  
22 precipitation that coincide with the maximum extent of the North American  
23 ice sheet; and higher-frequency precipitation increases of uncertain causes  
24 that have occurred both during the glacial maximum and in the 10,000 years  
25 since the retreat of the ice sheet. Variability has also occurred in the  
26 seasonality and intensity of precipitation. Most of the late Pleistocene  
27 moisture fell as winter rain. Most of the Holocene precipitation falls  
28 during during a summer monsoon, in local and often intense thunderstorms.  
29 This variability probably has affected recharge: no WIPP-specific data are  
30 available, but, in general, higher temperatures increase evapotranspiration  
31 and decrease infiltration. The resulting variability in recharge is  
32 included in the recharge function described below, however, and I have made  
33 no effort to distinguish between winter and summer precipitation in the  
34 climate function.

36 The amplitude of the low-frequency glacial precipitation peak is relatively  
37 well-constrained by data from multiple sources. Amplitudes of the higher-  
38 frequency are less easily determined, but data indicate that none of the  
39 Holocene precipitation peaks exceeded average glacial levels. I recommend  
40 that we assume that high-frequency peaks with amplitudes comparable to those  
41 of the Holocene could have been superimposed on the glacial maximum.  
42 Therefore, there may have been relatively brief (i.e., on the order of  
43 hundreds to perhaps thousands of years) periods during the glacial maximum  
44 when precipitation at the WIPP may have averaged three times present levels.

46 The curve shown in Figure 1 cannot be extrapolated into the future with any  
47 confidence. The curve can be used, however, in combination with the general  
48 understanding of glacial periodicity (see Swift, in prep.) to make a  
49 reasonable approximation of likely future variability. The function I  
50 propose is not in any sense a predictive function for future precipitation.  
51 Rather, it is an admittedly simplistic function that can be readily adjusted  
52 to approximate the variability that may occur.

54 Specifically, my proposed precipitation function is as follows:

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$$P_f = P_p \times \left[ \left( \frac{3A + 1}{4} \right) - \left( \frac{A - 1}{2} \right) (\cos\beta t - \sin\frac{\alpha}{2}t + \frac{1}{2}\cos\alpha t) \right] ,$$

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12 where

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14  $P_f$  = future mean annual precipitation

15  $P_p$  = present mean annual precipitation

16  $A$  = amplitude scaling factor (i.e., past precipitation maximum was  
17  $A$  times the present)

18  $\alpha$  = frequency parameter for Holocene-type climatic fluctuations

19  $\beta$  = frequency parameter for Pleistocene glaciations

20  $t$  = time (after present, in  $10^4$  years).

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23 The equation can be simplified considerably by using available data. The  
 24 three-year precipitation record from the site is too brief to be useful for  
 25 determining a long-term mean, but examination of regional data suggests an  
 26 approximate value of 30 cm/yr (estimated from data presented by Hunter,  
 27 1985). Past precipitation maximums were approximately twice present (Swift,  
 28 in prep.), and the amplitude scaling factor,  $A$ , can therefore be set at 2.  
 29 The equation then becomes:

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$$P_f(\text{cm/yr}) = 52.5 - 15(\cos\beta t - \sin 0.5\alpha t + 0.5\cos\alpha t)].$$

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33 My preferred values for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  have been chosen from examination of the  
 34 past precipitation curve (Figure 1) and the glacial record. If  $\alpha = 20\pi$ , wet  
 35 maximums will occur every 2000 years, approximately with the same frequency  
 36 shown on Figure 1. Note that we are presently near a dry minimum, and the  
 37 last wet maximum occurred roughly 1000 years ago. If  $\beta = \pi/6$ , the next full  
 38 glacial maximum will occur in 60,000 years, approximately the time predicted  
 39 by simple models of the astronomical control of glacial periodicity (e.g.,  
 40 Imbrie and Imbrie, 1980). Figure 2 shows a plot of the climate function for  
 41 these values.

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43 Figure 3 shows how varying  $\beta$  can affect the curve. Choosing  $\beta = \pi$  gives a  
 44 wet maximum in 10,000 years, and results in extreme precipitation values 3  
 45 times those of the present. This is not a realistic value for  $\beta$ —ice sheets  
 46 grow relatively slowly, and it would be difficult to achieve full  
 47 continental glaciation within 10,000 years. I do not recommend sampling on  
 48 variations in  $\beta$  for the 1991 calculations, but I do plan to consider the  
 49 case in the separate sensitivity analyses.

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51 Figure 4 shows the effect of varying  $\alpha$ , in this case to yield wet peaks  
 52 every 4000 years. Changes in  $\alpha$  vary the frequency of the shorter-term  
 53 fluctuations, but they do not change the ratio between wet and dry climates,  
 54 and the average precipitation over 10,000 years remains the same.

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56 Examination of Figure 1 shows that Holocene climates have been predominantly  
 57 dry, with wet peaks much briefer than dry minimums. The  $\alpha$  terms in the  
 58 above equation give an oscillation in which the future climate is wetter  
 59 than the present one-half of the time. I believe this value to be somewhat  
 60 greater than the actual ratio, and, assuming that wet conditions are more

1 likely to result in releases from the WIPP, these terms provide a  
2 conservative approximation of Holocene variability. Furthermore, the choice  
3 of a single amplitude scaling factor for both Holocene and glacial peaks  
4 results in  $\alpha$  peaks that are probably higher than all Holocene peaks and  
5 certainly higher than most.

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7 Minor fluctuations during the dry minimums shown in Figures 2 through 4 are  
8 an artifact of the three-term function, and are not intended to represent  
9 any particular climatic variability. The minimum values of the "overshoots"  
10 do, however, correspond reasonably well to the minimum values shown in  
11 Figure 1 for the middle Holocene. Paleoclimatic data indicate that minimum  
12 Holocene precipitation may have been approximately 90% of present values  
13 (Swift, in prep.).

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15 Glacial cycles have not been symmetric. Precipitation increases during  
16 glacial advances have been gradual, whereas decreases at the end of  
17 glaciation have been abrupt, giving a sawtooth characteristic to the curve.  
18 The assumption of a cosine function for glacial cycles may therefore not be  
19 conservative for WIPP performance assessment: precipitation during glacial  
20 advances may be underestimated. The significance of this possible  
21 underestimation will be examined in the separate sensitivity analyses by  
22 using larger  $\beta$  values, and accelerating the next glacial peak (Swift et al.,  
23 in prep.).

#### 24 25 26 **Description of Recharge Variability**

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29 We know little about recharge to the Culebra. Hydraulic head and isotopic  
30 data (e.g., Holt et al., in prep.; Lambert and Harvey, 1987; Lambert and  
31 Carter, 1987, Lappin et al., 1989) indicate that very little if any moisture  
32 reaches the Culebra directly from the ground surface within the model  
33 domain. Regionally, it is believed that recharge occurs several tens of  
34 kilometers to the north, where the Culebra is near the ground surface  
35 (Mercer, 1983; Brinster, 1991). It is unknown if water from this recharge  
36 area presently reaches the model domain. Nominal recharge to the two-  
37 dimensional Culebra model has, in the past, been a prescribed boundary  
38 condition estimated from head and density data from WIPP-area wells (LaVenue  
39 et al., 1990).

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41 Available literature on the relationship between precipitation and recharge  
42 is limited to examinations of recharge to a water table by direct  
43 infiltration. Environmental tracer research (e.g., Allison, 1988) suggests  
44 that long-term increases in precipitation in deserts may result in  
45 significantly larger increases in infiltration, particularly if the  
46 increases in precipitation coincide with lower temperatures and decreased  
47 evapotranspiration. As an extreme example, Stone (1984) estimated a 28-fold  
48 increase in infiltration for one location at the Salt Lake coal field in  
49 western New Mexico during the late Pleistocene wet maximum. Bredenkamp  
50 (1988a,b) compared head levels in wells and sinkholes with short-term  
51 (decade-scale) precipitation fluctuations in the Transvaal, and suggested  
52 that for any specific system there may be a minimum precipitation level  
53 below which recharge does not occur. Above this uncertain level recharge to  
54 the water table may be a linear function of precipitation.

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 2 Data of this sort could perhaps be applied quantitatively to the WIPP if we  
 3 (i) knew the location and extent of the surface recharge area for the  
 4 Culebra, (ii) knew how much, if any, infiltration occurs there at present,  
 5 and (iii) could include the recharge area in the model domain. We do not  
 6 know the first two, and it is not feasible to attempt the third. Even if we  
 7 could map the recharge area, uncertainty would remain about the extent of  
 8 the larger area in which significant inflow to the Culebra occurs as leakage  
 9 from overlying units. Even if we could quantify recharge from the surface  
 10 and inflow from overlying units, extending the model domain to include the  
 11 necessary area does not appear realistic.

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 13 Therefore, I recommend assigning a wide range to model recharge. The  
 14 specific function I suggest is:

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$$R_f = R_p \times \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{Ar - 1}{A - 1} \right) \left( \frac{P_f - P_p}{P_p} \right) \right] ,$$

17 if  $P_f \geq P_p$ , or

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 19  $R_f = R_p$  if  $P_f < P_p$ ;

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 21 with terms defined to be:

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 23  $R_f$  = future nominal flux into the modeled Culebra  
 24  $R_p$  = present nominal flux into the modeled Culebra  
 25  $r$  = recharge scaling parameter  
 26  $P_f$  = future mean annual precipitation, as calculated from the above  
 27 climate variability equation  
 28  $P_p$  = present mean annual precipitation  
 29  $A$  = precipitation amplitude scaling factor as in the climate  
 30 variability function above (i.e., past precipitation maximum was  $A$   
 31 times the present).  
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33  
 34 Using values of 2 for  $A$  and 30 cm/yr for  $P_p$ , the recharge function  
 35 simplifies to:

36  
 37 
$$R_f = R_p \times \left[ 1 + (2r - 1) \left( \frac{P_f - 30}{30} \right) \right] ,$$

38  
 39 if  $P_f \geq P_p$ , or

40  
 41  $R_f = R_p$  if  $P_f < P_p$ .

42  
 43 This function applies the recharge scaling factor only to that portion of  
 44 future precipitation that represents an increase over present precipitation.  
 45 Thus, to achieve a 10-fold increase in recharge from a doubling of  
 46 precipitation (i.e.,  $A = 2$ ,  $P_f = 2P_p$ ), it would be necessary to use an  $r$   
 47 value of 5. Regardless of the selected  $r$  value, if precipitation remains  
 48 constant, recharge also remains constant. The function does not allow for a  
 49 time lag between changes in precipitation and model recharge. This is  
 50 unrealistic, but of little consequence unless the lag is long relative to

1 the 10,000-year period of interest, in which case the assumption of  
2 instantaneous model recharge response is conservative.

3  
4 The decision to hold recharge at the present level when calculated  
5 precipitation falls below present avoids "negative" recharge for large  
6 values of  $r$ . Flux across the model domain boundary may in fact have been  
7 less in the past, during times when precipitation was slightly less than  
8 present, but variation was probably slight, and it is unrealistic to assume  
9 that the same function applies for lower levels of precipitation.

10  
11 I recommend sampling a uniform distribution of  $r$  values from 1 to 10 to  
12 cover variability in model recharge. Justification for the range and  
13 distribution are as follows:

14  
15 Lower bound,  $r = 1$ . This value yields a 1-to-1 correspondence between  
16 precipitation and model recharge, which I believe to be a conservatively  
17 high lower bound. A less than 1-to-1 correspondence ( $r$  values less than  
18 1) could occur if the transmissivity field between the surface recharge  
19 area and the model domain is such that precipitation fluctuations reach  
20 the model domain with strongly muted amplitudes. An improved  
21 understanding of regional hydrology may indicate that it is appropriate  
22 to include these lower values in future calculations. Circumstances can  
23 also be imagined in which increases in precipitation result in a decrease  
24 in infiltration (e.g., development of plant cover on previously barren  
25 land, or changes in topography resulting in runoff from a previously  
26 closed drainage), but none appear plausible for the WIPP area. It is  
27 more likely that an increase in the cool-season component of  
28 precipitation will result in higher infiltration and  $r$  values greater  
29 than 1.

30  
31 Upper bound,  $r = 10$ . This value yields a 20-fold increase in model  
32 recharge with a doubling of mean annual precipitation and a shift from a  
33 monsoonal climate to a climate dominated by winter storms. This value is  
34 arbitrary, but is generally representative of the infiltration data  
35 reported by Stone (1984). It is less than his maximum value recorded at  
36 a single point, reflecting my belief that it is improbable that local-  
37 scale variability in infiltration will have a significant effect on  
38 confined groundwater flow tens of kilometers down-gradient. It is  
39 greater than the mean value for his study area of a 12.5-fold increase in  
40 infiltration during the late Pleistocene. My decision to use surface  
41 infiltration for an upper bound is based on the observation that the area  
42 of surface recharge is apparently relatively small compared to the area  
43 in which the Culebra is confined, and there is no reason to assume a  
44 preferential flow path from the recharge area to the model domain.

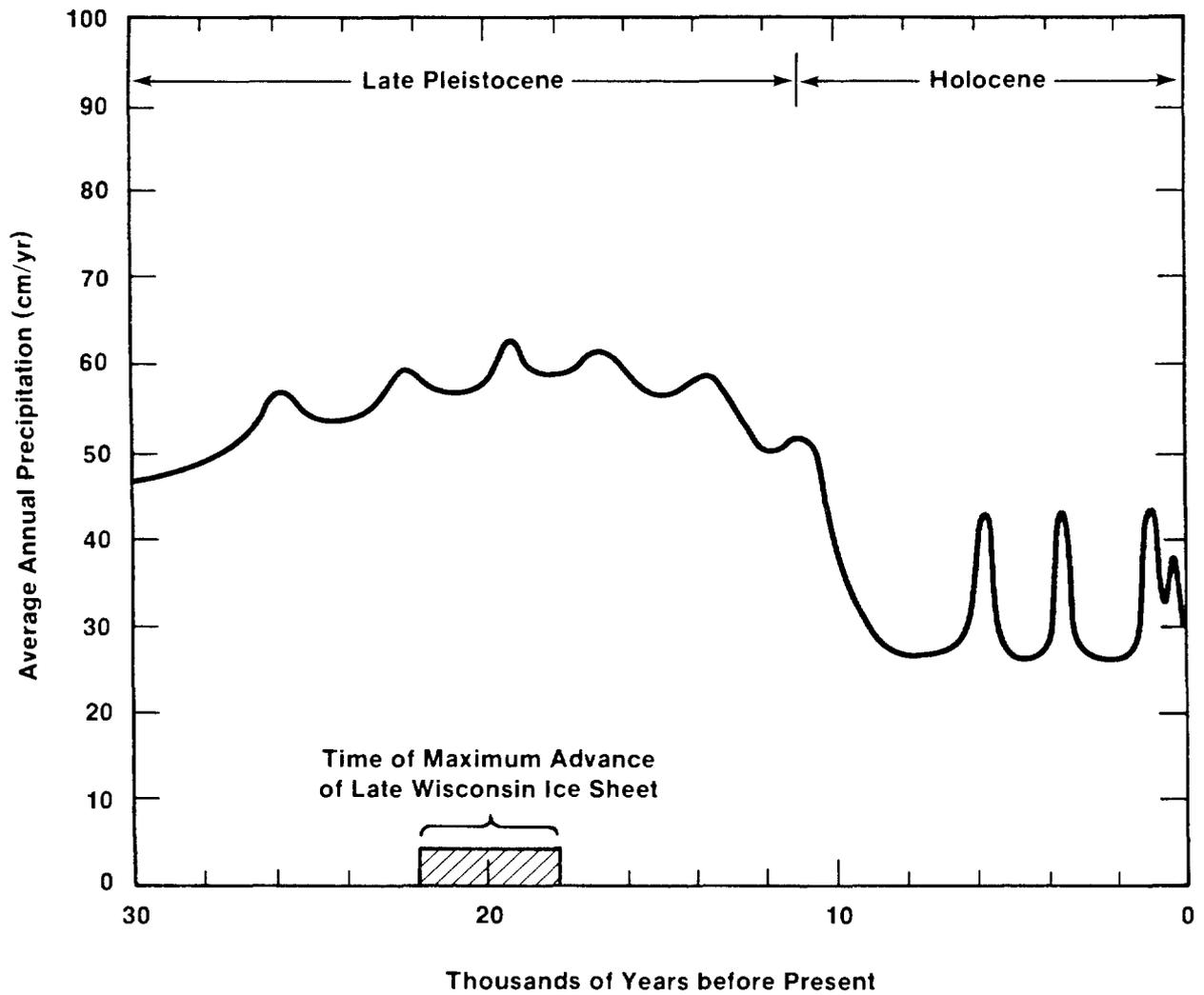
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46 Distribution. I suggest a uniform distribution in the absence of data  
47 indicating otherwise. Choosing any distribution other than uniform would  
48 imply a greater understanding of the recharge process than we presently  
49 have.

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51 Both the range and distribution of the recharge parameter are preliminary,  
52 and may be adjusted for future calculations if new data or interpretations  
53 warrant.

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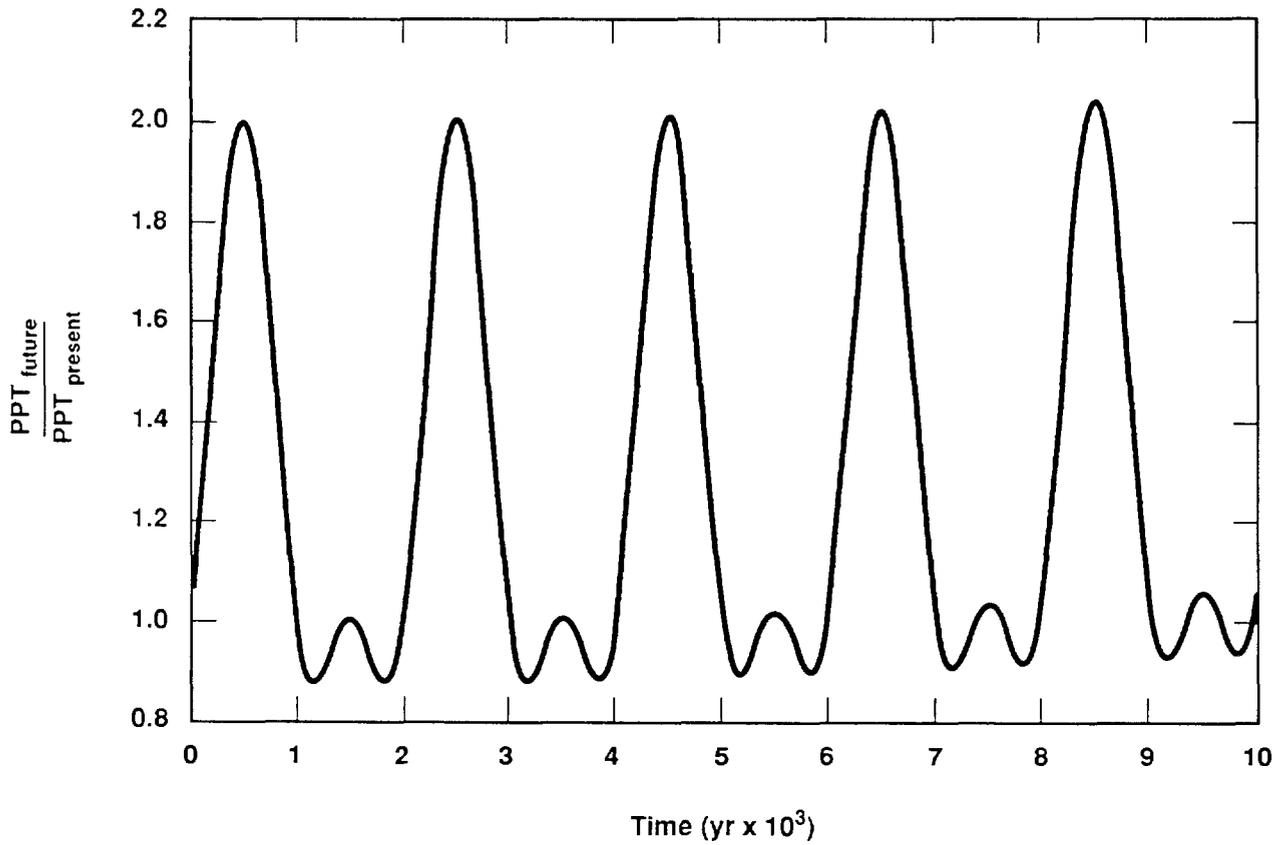
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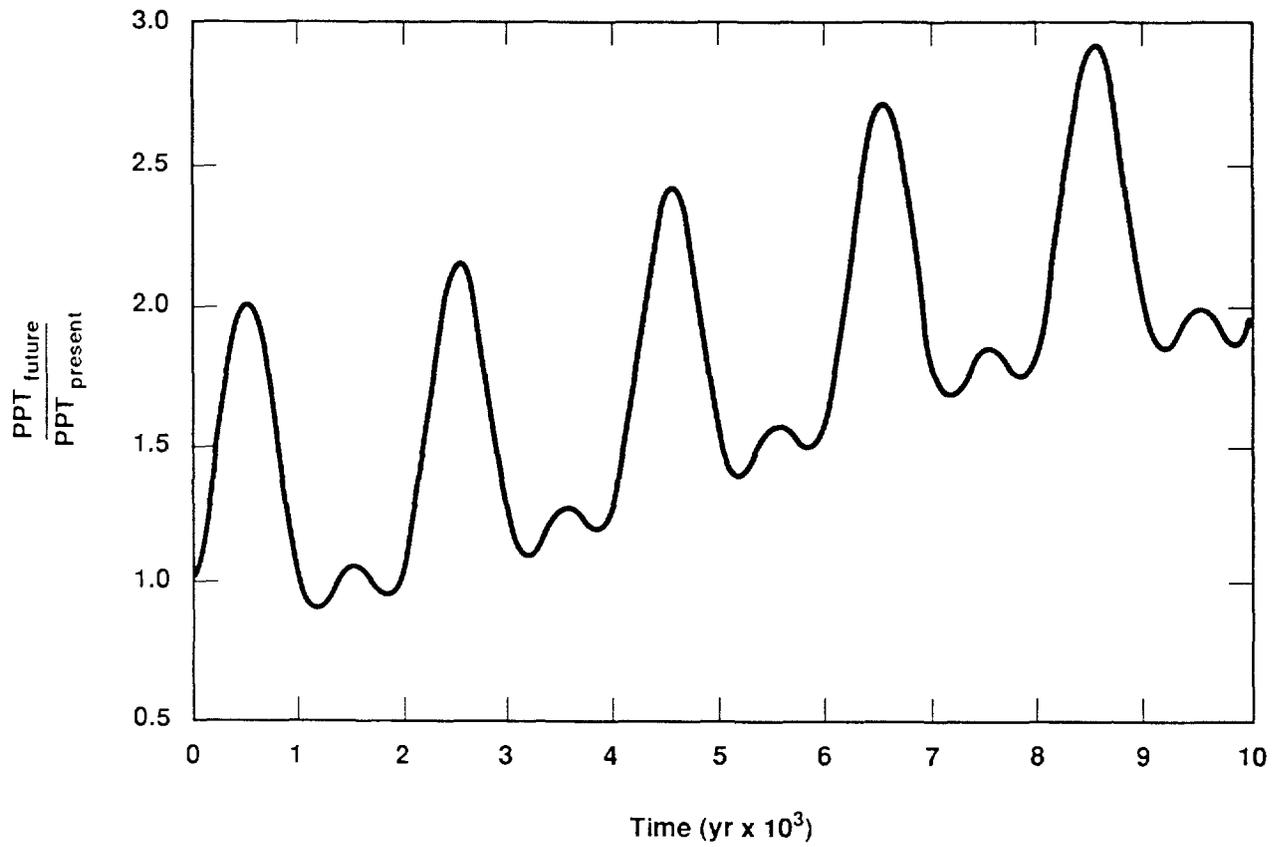
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 4 (1987), Pierce (1987), Waters (1989), Phillips et al. (in prep.), Allen  
 5 (1991), and other sources cited by Swift (in prep.).



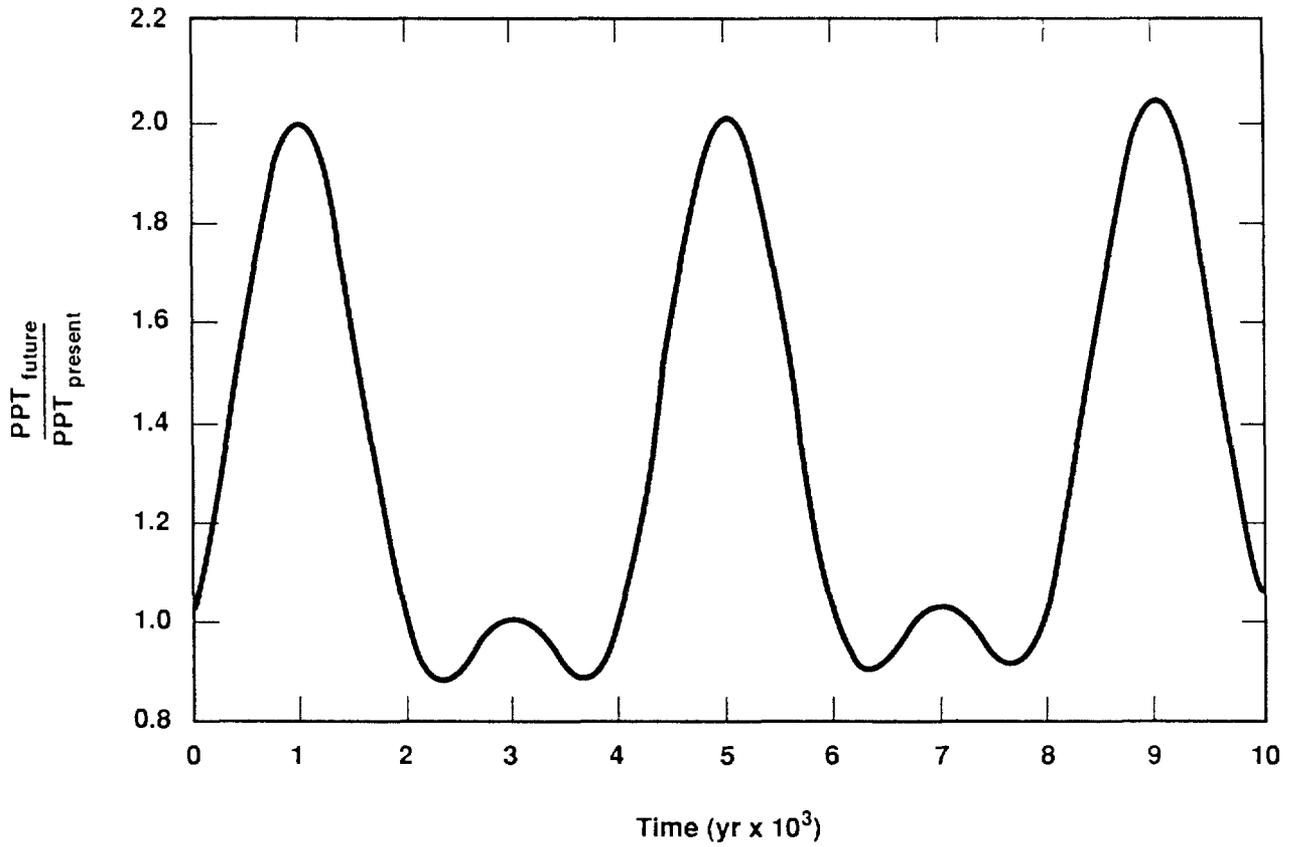
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2 Figure 2. Ratio between future and present mean annual precipitation at the  
 3 WIPP, calculated using the climate function suggested in the text and the  
 4 suggested constants that yield a full glacial maximum in 60,000 years and  
 5 interglacial peaks every 2000 years.



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2 Figure 3. Ratio between future and present mean annual precipitation at the  
3 WIPP, calculated using the climate function suggested in the text and  
4 constants that yield a full glacial maximum in 10,000 years and interglacial  
5 peaks every 2000 years.



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2 Figure 4. Ratio between future and present mean annual precipitation at the  
3 WIPP, calculated using the climate function suggested in the text and  
4 constants that yield a full glacial maximum in 60,000 years and interglacial  
5 peaks every 4000 years.

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**Gorham, July 2, 1991**

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Date: 7/2/91

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To: Rob Rechar (6342)

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Subject: Aggregated Frequency Distributions for Permeability, Pore

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Pressure and Diffusivity in the Salado Formation

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1 date: July 2, 1991

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8 from: Elaine Gorham, 6344

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13 subject: Aggregated Frequency Distributions for Permeability, Pore  
14 Pressure and Diffusivity in the Salado Formation

15  
16 Attached are the frequency distributions we recommend that you  
17 use in the December 91 calculations for values of the brine  
18 permeability, pore pressure and specific storage for the Salado  
19 formation. Separate frequency distributions have been derived  
20 for halite and anhydrite layers. As we have discussed in  
21 previous meetings, the data base cannot currently support a  
22 model that clearly differentiates a disturbed rock zone from the  
23 far field. Therefore we have included data that we believe may  
24 be representative of a DRZ in formulating our property  
25 distributions for the far field.

26  
27 Data and suggested frequency distributions from various  
28 experiments supported by 6344 that have been included in  
29 formulation of the recommended distributions have been  
30 transmitted to you in the following memos:

- 31  
32 1. "Pore Pressure Distributions for 1991 Performance Assessment  
33 Calculations", S. Howarth to E. Gorham, June 12, 1991.  
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35 2. "Permeability Distributions for 1991 Performance Assessment  
36 Calculations", S. Howarth to E. Gorham, June 13, 1991.  
37  
38 3. "Review of Salado Parameter Values to be Used in 1991  
39 Performance Assessment Calculations", R. Beauheim to R. Rechar,  
40 June 14, 1991.  
41  
42 4. "Parameter Estimates from the Small Scale Brine Inflow  
43 Experiments", S. Finley and D. McTigue, June 17, 1991.  
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45 This memo combines the information in the memos listed above in  
46 a consistent manner with the attached table of pore pressure  
47 information from the Permeability Testing Program to produce  
48 aggregated distributions for the relevant parameters. I will  
49 provide you with a publishable description of the aggregation  
50 process by your August deadline.  
51

52 Permeability values inferred from the Permeability Testing  
53 Program and from the Room Q tests depend upon the assumed  
54 specific storage. At this time we have not succeeded in  
55 quantifying the correlation between these two parameters and

1 therefore recommend that you sample from the permeability and  
2 specific storage distributions independently.

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4 The formation compressibility  $\alpha$  can be obtained from the values  
5 of specific storage using the formula:

$$\alpha = S_S/\rho/g - \phi\beta,$$

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7  
8 where  $g$  is the gravitational acceleration,  $\rho$  the fluid density,  
9  $\phi$  the formation porosity and  $\beta$  the fluid compressibility. I  
10 recommend using average values recommended by Beauheim in  
11 Reference 3 above for the parameters in this conversion formula,  
12 since I have included considerable parameter uncertainty in the  
13 frequency distribution for the specific storage. Thus, I  
14 recommend using the expression

$$\alpha = S_S*8.5x10^{-5}/Pa - 3.1x10^{-12}/Pa$$

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16  
17 to obtain formation compressibility from specific storage.  
18 Further, for values of specific storage smaller than  $3.6x10^{-8}$ ,  $\alpha$   
19 may become negative. I recommend allowing it to become negative  
20 for values of specific storage larger than  $3.4x10^{-8}$  at which  
21 value the total compressibility will equal the lowest  
22 recommended value of fluid compressibility ( $2.9x10^{-10}/Pa$ ). For  
23 values of specific storage less than  $3.4x10^{-8}$ , which comprise  
24 less than five percent of the frequency distributions, I  
25 recommend using a formation compressibility of zero and a value  
26 of fluid compressibility of  $2.9x10^{-10}/Pa$ .

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29 If you have any questions please contact me.

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1 AGGREGATED FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS FOR PERMEABILITY IN THE SALADO  
 2 FORMATION:

3			
4		HALITE	ANHYDRITE
5	-LOG(Permeability(m <sup>2</sup> ))	Cumulative	Cumulative
6		Frequency	Frequency
7			
8	16.50		0.0
9	17.00	0.0	0.018481
10	17.50	0.018481	0.036963
11	18.00	0.036963	0.073959
12	18.50	0.065434	0.126273
13	19.00	0.093906	0.247036
14	19.50	0.154012	0.476356
15	20.00	0.269430	0.636369
16	20.50	0.416616	0.819516
17	21.00	0.645037	0.922176
18	21.50	0.826056	0.948816
19	22.00	0.939442	0.975456
20	22.50	0.964834	0.987111
21	23.00	0.985230	0.998766
22	23.50	0.991890	0.998766
23	24.00	0.998550	0.998766

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 25 AGGREGATED FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS FOR FORMATION PRESSURE IN THE  
 26 SALADO FORMATION:

27			
28	Pressure (MPa)	HALITE	ANHYDRITE
29		Cumulative	Cumulative
30		Frequency	Frequency
31			
32	0.0	0.000	0.0
33	1.0	.1250	0.15
34	2.0	.1500	0.20
35	3.0	.2750	0.20
36	4.0	.3375	0.20
37	5.0	.4625	0.30
38	6.0	.5500	0.35
39	7.0	.5750	0.35
40	8.0	.6800	0.35
41	9.0	.8400	0.40
42	10.0	.9750	0.50
43	11.0	1.000	0.60
44	12.0	1.000	0.75
45	13.0	1.000	0.95
46	14.0	1.000	1.00

1 AGGREGATED FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS FOR SPECIFIC STORAGE IN THE  
 2 SALADO FORMATION:

3	4 -LOG(Specific	HALITE	ANHYDRITE
5	Storage(/m))	Cumulative	Cumulative
6		Frequency	Frequency
7	0.0		
8	2.3	0.050	0.027
9	2.4	0.053	0.042
10	2.9	0.070	0.11
11	3.0	0.075	0.12
12	3.1	0.084	0.15
13	3.3	0.10	0.20
14	4.0	0.17	0.21
15	4.4	0.24	0.25
16	4.5	0.26	0.26
17	4.7	0.28	0.27
18	4.8	0.29	0.28
19	5.1	0.33	0.30
20	5.2	0.34	0.31
21	5.4	0.36	0.34
22	5.8	0.40	0.40
23	5.9	0.40	0.41
24	5.9	0.41	0.41
25	6.0	0.44	0.41
26	6.4	0.54	0.53
27	6.8	0.66	0.67
28	7.0	0.70	0.92
29	7.1	0.77	0.93
30	7.5	0.98	0.95
31	7.7	0.99	0.96
32	8.0	0.99	0.97
33	8.5	1.0	1.0

**FORMATION PORE PRESSURES FROM PERMEABILITY TESTING PROGRAM**

TEST	INTERVAL (m)	PRESSURE (MPa)	LITHOLOGY
C2H01-A	2.09-2.92	0.50	halite
C2H01-A-GZ	0.50-1.64	0.00	halite
C2H01-B	4.50-5.58	3.15	halite
C2H01-B-GZ	2.92-4.02	4.12	halite
C2H01-C	6.80-7.76	8.05	MB139
C2H02	9.47-10.86	9.30	MB139
L4P51-A	3.33-4.75	2.75	halite
L4P51-A-GZ	1.50-2.36	0.28	MB139
S0P01	3.74-5.17	4.45	halite
S0P01-GZ	1.80-2.76	0.52	MB139
S1P71-A	3.12-4.56	2.95	halite
S1P71-A-GZ	1.40-2.25	0.00	MB139
S1P71-B	9.48-9.80	4.88	anhydrite "c"
S1P72	4.40-6.00	1.24	MB139
S1P72-GZ	2.15-3.18	5.15	halite
SCP01	10.50-14.78	12.55	MB139
L4P51-B	9.62-9.72	5.10	anhydrite "c"
S1P73-B	10.86-11.03	4.50	MB138



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**Anderson, October 25, 1991**

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1 Memoranda regarding reference data were provided to performance  
2 assessment from principal investigators for use in the 1991  
3 preliminary comparison. Data were requested early in the performance  
4 assessment year (March) because consequence modeling depends on early  
5 definition of conceptual models, division of summary scenarios into  
6 computational scenarios, and robustness of different flow and  
7 transport codes. Once the conceptual and computational model(s) and  
8 the ranges and distributions of imprecisely known input parameters are  
9 defined, the annual performance assessment calculations can be  
10 designed and tested.

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12 Concerns related to calculational design include distinguishing  
13 conceptual models so CCDF comparisons, ceteris paribus, can be made;  
14 ability to perform the calculations (i.e., acknowledging code  
15 limitations); and the need to design consequence modeling so  
16 sensitivity analysis results are interpretable. Consideration of  
17 these concerns sometimes requires modification of data ranges and  
18 distributions. For example, comparison of two different conceptual  
19 models is best performed by comparing summary CCDFs derived from two  
20 independent analyses using the same sample. Therefore, submitted data  
21 may be divided between two different conceptual models, e.g., dual-  
22 and single-porosity (fracture) transport in the Culebra.

23  
24 The flow and transport codes have fundamental limitations in their  
25 ability to compute realistic results over wide parameter ranges  
26 especially when there are orders of magnitude variations in material  
27 properties between adjacent zones. Data must be made available in a  
28 timely way so that codes can be tested before Monte Carlo simulations  
29 have to start. Because last-minute adjustments cannot always be made,  
30 new data or new interpretations of old data that are delivered late  
31 may not be included until the next year's calculations.

32  
33 For interim performance assessments like the 1991 preliminary  
34 comparison, sensitivity analyses must be as realistic and  
35 interpretable as possible because the comparison forms the basis for  
36 providing guidance to DOE on the experimental program. The  
37 performance assessment calculations must be designed so that different

1 conceptual models and different sources of uncertainty (e.g.,  
2 stochastic vs. subjective, various imprecisely known parameters, etc.)  
3 can be clearly distinguished. Most important, data must be consistent  
4 with model scales, e.g., measurements may be on a  $m^3$  scale, but the  
5 model needs information on a computational cell volume of  $10^3 m^3$ .  
6 Therefore, realistic distribution functions on the right model scales  
7 are required for providing meaningful sensitivity results on which to  
8 base our guidance to DOE. Too much or too little emphasis on  
9 distribution tails (e.g., arbitrarily wide ranges on uncertainty) can  
10 skew results. In such cases for a parameter or submodel, more than  
11 one distribution can be tested and results compared and documented in  
12 the sensitivity analysis report. The CCDFs reported in the  
13 preliminary comparison, however, must rely on realistic conceptual  
14 models and parameter CDFs.

15  
16 The following discussion lists changes in parameter distributions from  
17 recommendations in submitted memoranda for the 1991 Preliminary  
18 Comparison.

19  
20 **1. Pore Pressure Distribution** (ref. E. Gorham to R. Rechar, Memo,  
21 July 2, 1991)

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23 The distribution as provided in Gorham, Memo, June 2, 1991, includes  
24 data taken from Salado halite and anhydrite. The 10 measurements  
25 included in the data and described in Howarth, Memo, June 12, 1991,  
26 are from 7 experiments in halite and three in anhydrite. For each  
27 experiment, two pressure values are reported: (1) a "shut-in" value  
28 obtained during a pressure build-up test and (2) a Horner  
29 extrapolation of this value. The Horner extrapolation provides an  
30 estimate of a steady-state pore pressure by extrapolation to infinite  
31 time.

32  
33 For the 1991 PA calculations, we are using only the Horner  
34 extrapolated pressure values for the anhydrite material (reported in  
35 Howarth, Memo, June 12, 1991) and the two anhydrite values  
36 (recommended in Beauheim, Memo, June 14, 1991) for our "far-field"  
37 pore pressure distribution at the MB139 elevation. Because doing so  
38 results in using only five experimental data, the distribution is  
39 constructed using the PA standard procedure for sparse data. This  
40 procedure involves determining the mean of the data and then extending  
41 the range to  $\pm 2.33\sigma$  about the mean. Since the maximum pressure of the  
42 resulting range exceeds lithostatic pressure, we limit the maximum to  
43 lithostatic. The following supports the changes made to the pore  
44 pressure distributions of Gorham, Memo, July 2, 1991.

45  
46 Reason 1: One difficulty with the Gorham distribution is that both  
47 the shut-in and Horner values of each test were weighted equally and  
48 used in the construction of the distribution. This "doubling up" of  
49 data is not consistent with PA's understanding of capturing data  
50 uncertainty with probability distributions. PA methodology requires  
51 that the data points to be used in the construction of the parameter  
52 cdfs be from independent experiments.

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1 Reason 2: The model requires steady-state or long time estimates of  
2 pore pressure that exist in the host rock prior to excavation. The  
3 early time data or shut-in values obtained during the experiments are  
4 not consistent with the model's application and should be excluded  
5 from the distribution. The transient nature of pressure response to  
6 the excavation is calculated by the model.

7  
8 Reason 3: The pressure the model expects is one which is  
9 representative of the pressure at repository elevation at a horizontal  
10 distance far removed from the repository. Far removed as defined in  
11 the model is a location where neither pressure nor saturation is  
12 affected by changes occurring in the repository. The key words are  
13 "far removed." During the course of the calculations, the model  
14 BRAGFLO determines the changing pressure and saturation profiles as a  
15 function of time and position. Results from BRAGFLO indicate that a  
16 depressurized zone surrounding the waste is created at early times.  
17 This depressurized zone is created in response to the low pressure  
18 initially in the excavation. This zone is not to be confused with the  
19 DRZ (disturbed rock zone) which, if it exists, is due to mechanical  
20 stress in the surrounding rock. The size of this depressurized zone  
21 varies with time and material properties, but it can extend tens of  
22 meters into the Salado. For example, in vector 6 of this year's  
23 input, sampling the simulated pressure field 25 m from the repository  
24 into the Salado at a time 8 yr after the excavation results in a value  
25 of 5.5 MPa, while the far-field pressure remains at 8.5 MPa. Using  
26 the value of 5.5 MPa as representative of the "far-field" value, in  
27 this case, would underestimate the potential for brine inflow into the  
28 panel from the "far field" and would be 35% low. The distance from  
29 the repository where the experiments were conducted is 23 m.

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31 Reason 4: The data are not consistent with the models' intended use.  
32 The model uses this pressure as the initial pressure at a particular  
33 elevation in the reservoir. The key word is "initial." As mentioned  
34 above, BRAGFLO calculates the magnitude and extent of the  
35 depressurized zone as a function of time. The initial time is assumed  
36 to be the time of excavation so that there is no depressurization due  
37 to the presence of the excavation. The data, of course, are taken  
38 some time after excavation.

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40 Reason 5: The data are not consistent with our (PA) current  
41 conceptual model assumption that the Salado and other materials are  
42 homogeneous and consist of a network of interconnected pore space.  
43 Many of the data fall below their hydrostatic pressure values at the  
44 location of measurement. Assume for the moment that the low pressures  
45 (as low as 1.1 MPa) that were measured were not influenced by the  
46 presence of the excavation and that no leakage through the equipment  
47 or unseen fractures occurred. This suggests an alternative conceptual  
48 model for the Salado: one in which isolated pockets are separated by  
49 impermeable material or by material of nonconnected porosity. While  
50 our numerical models can handle this type of conceptual model, (1)  
51 some mechanism should be postulated for the formation of low-pressure

1 pockets in the deformable halite, (2) additional data probably should  
2 be collected to support this alternate conceptual model, and (3) these  
3 pockets should be quantified with respect to properties as well as  
4 location and spatial extent. As discussed above, when alternative  
5 conceptual models are well supported in the documented technical  
6 basis, the PA approach for including conceptual model uncertainty is  
7 to perform independent Monte Carlo simulations, compare CCDFs, ceteris  
8 paribus, then make a judgment on whether more than one conceptual  
9 model needs to be included in later CCDF construction.

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## 11 2. Permeability

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13 Two distributions are provided: one for the halite, which has a range  
14 of 1.0E-24 to 1.0E-17 and one for the anhydrite, which has a range of  
15 1.0E-24 to 3.2E-17. For this year's calculations, PA will use instead  
16 a range of 2.0E-22 to 1.4E-19 for intact halite and 8.5E-21 to 1.8E-18  
17 for intact anhydrite. The PA ranges are based on the data of  
18 Beauheim, Memo, June 14, 1991. In determining the PA distributions,  
19 the two values (one for each material) that are believed to be in the  
20 DRZ, are excluded. The support of PA distributions are  $\pm 2.33\sigma$  about  
21 the mean of the remaining data. The following arguments support the  
22 position for not using the distributions of Gorham, July 2, 1991.

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24 Reason 1: The support of the permeability distributions reported in  
25 Gorham, Memo, July 2, 1991, are artificially broad for reasons  
26 outlined in Howarth, Memo, June 13, 1991. In essence, the data of  
27 Howarth, June 13, 1991, were calculated using properties of a "test  
28 zone fluid" and not brine. In addition, the values are based on the  
29 assumption of a rigid matrix as opposed to the "poroelastic"  
30 assumption currently used in the standard model for determining  
31 permeability from test data by Division 6344. Both of these factors  
32 can significantly affect the calculated permeabilities and at the very  
33 least raise questions as to their appropriateness for PA calculations.  
34 In Howarth, June 13, 1991, it is estimated that the assumptions used  
35 in determining these permeabilities may be in error by 1/2 to 2 orders  
36 of magnitude.

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38 Reason 2: The distributions as provided are not consistent with the  
39 current conceptual model. Conceptually, the anhydrite layers are  
40 thought to be the major flow paths between the "far-field" and the  
41 repository while the halite is believed to be the more impermeable  
42 material. Sampling on Gorham, July 2, 1991 distributions resulted in  
43 the halite being more permeable than the anhydrite in nearly 25% of  
44 the vectors. Again, if different conceptual models are postulated,  
45 independent and internally consistent analyses should be performed by  
46 PA and appropriate uncertainty included later. PA can do this if the  
47 more permeable halite and tighter anhydrite is a viable alternative  
48 conceptual model.

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50 Reason 3: While the existence of a DRZ is apparently the subject of  
51 some debate, there is still some evidence that may support the  
52 existence of a DRZ. PA models are capable of differentiating a DRZ

1 from intact material. Beauheim, Memo, June 14, 1991 clearly states  
2 that the high permeability measurements for halite and anhydrite are  
3 representative of a DRZ. The existence or not of the DRZ could also  
4 be analyzed as conceptual model uncertainty. PA believes that this  
5 approach is preferred over identifying near-excavation permeability  
6 measurements with estimates of far-field permeabilities.

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### 8 **3. Specific Storage**

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10 Specific storage of the halite and anhydrite is not sampled during  
11 this year's PA calculations. The value of specific storage selected  
12 for the calculations is the upper end of the range in specific storage  
13 values suggested in Beauheim, Memo, June 14, 1991, for the halite and  
14 anhydrite materials. The upper end value of the Gorham, July 2, 1991  
15 range was not selected because the formation compressibility used by  
16 PA models and calculated from the specific storage would become  
17 negative for some combinations of porosity and fluid compressibility.  
18 A negative formation compressibility is contrary to our conceptual  
19 model of the matrix response to pore pressure changes in the halite  
20 and anhydrite. Current PA understanding is that matrix porosity  
21 increases with increasing pore pressure. Negative rock  
22 compressibility reverses this behavior.



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## **Mendenhall and Butcher, June 1, 1991**

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the 1991 room performance assessment calculations

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10 subject: Disposal room porosity and permeability values for use in  
11 the 1991 room performance assessment calculations

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13 The following information has been prepared as input for material  
14 property value distribution for the 1991 performance assessment.  
15 The approach used for determining the properties for this years  
16 calculation differs significantly from last years information  
17 because of the of gas in both the disposal room model and the use  
18 of two phase fluid flow in modeling the room in the performance  
19 assessment calculations. **All values in this memorandum refer to the**  
20 **values for a single disposal room.**

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22 In the case where it is assumed no gas is generated (total gas  
23 potential of less than  $1.4 \times 10^6$  moles is assumed to be the same as  
24 no gas generation), the recommended distributions of permeability  
25 and porosity are the same as recommended last year.<sup>1</sup> For the cases  
26 where the expected gas generated is more than  $1.4 \times 10^6$  moles, the  
27 recommended porosity (50% probability) can be defined from:  
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29 (Eq 1)

$$\phi_{(Prob=50\%)} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{P \cdot V_s}{N_{Total} \cdot R \cdot T}}$$

33 Where

- 34  $\phi$  = porosity
- 35  $P = 14.8 \times 10^6$  Pa - lithostatic
- 36  $V_s = 1330$  M<sup>3</sup>
- 37  $R = 8.23 \frac{M^3 \cdot Pa}{g \cdot mole \cdot K}$
- 38  $T = 300$  K
- 39  $N_{Total} = Total$  Moles Gas

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46  $N_{Total}$  is the total potential number of moles of gas contained in a  
47 disposal room. This is determined by the amount and type of waste  
48 in a room as sampled in your performance assessment model. Note  
49 that the porosity is a long term equilibrium value based on the  
50 ideal gas law and assumes that the final pressure in a room will be  
51 the lithostatic pressure of the overburden. The ideal gas law is  
52 expected to be accurate at lithostatic pressure (14.8 MPa). If your

1 code allows a significant amount of gas to leak out of the disposal  
2 room, we recommend that you compute the amount of moles of gas in  
3 the room at a point in time three times after all gas generation  
4 has stopped, e.g. if the total gas generation stops at 700 years,  
5 determine the number of moles in the room at 2100 years and used  
6 that value,  $N_{3*t_{end}}$ , instead of the total potential amount of gas in  
7 the room. This should allow some influence of gas migration and  
8 leakage to be accounted for in your simulations. Again if  $N_{Total}$  or  
9 if  $N_{3*t_{end}}$  are less than  $1.4 \times 10^6$  moles the porosity and permeability  
10 ranges revert to those given last year.

11  
12 Having defined the porosity for the 50% probability level, the 10%  
13 probability level remains at 0.15 as it was last year. The lowest  
14 the porosity ever expected would be the porosity of the host  
15 halite. We see no reason to change the median value of 0.01 or  
16 range of the porosity, (.001 - .03), of the host halite from those  
17 defined last year in Table II-2 of the Data Used in Preliminary  
18 Performance Assessment of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (1990),  
19 SAND89-2408 by Rob P. Rechar, et.al..

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21 Porosity at the 90% probability level would be the value determined  
22 in Equation 1 by exchanging  $N_{Total}$  with  $2 \times N_{Total}$  (or  $2 \times N_{3*t_{end}}$  if that  
23 was the value used). The value of twice the base line value was  
24 selected because for corrosion the most aggressive reaction in the  
25 list of potential reactions in the DSEIS report will generate two  
26 moles of hydrogen for each mole of iron and iron corrosion has the  
27 maximum gas production potential in the waste inventory.

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29 The large range on gas generation potentials and, hence, the  
30 porosity is expected to narrow as better information regarding gas  
31 generation becomes available from laboratory and bin scale tests.

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33 Similarly, the permeability recommendations remain unchanged from  
34 last year in the case where no gas generation, (less than  $1.4 \times 10^6$   
35 moles of gas), is expected. Also, as you are sampling on phi if the  
36 average room porosity is less than 0.15, then again you should use  
37 the permeability values as determined last year.

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39 However, when significant gas occurs and in the sampling process  
40 the room porosity exceed 0.15, the recommended permeability should  
41 be determined by averaging the expected components of materials in  
42 the room. Since the composite flow is likely to be dominated by the  
43 flow of the most permeable member, a harmonic averaging process  
44 seems most appropriate. For example, let  $K_b$ ,  $K_c$ ,  $K_m$ , and  $K_s$  represent  
45 the permeabilities of the backfill, combustible waste, metallic  
46 waste, and sludges respectively. Furthermore, define the following  
47 values of R as

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_b K_b &= R1 \\
 V_c K_c &= R2 \\
 V_m K_m &= R3 \\
 V_s K_s &= R4
 \end{aligned}$$

with  $V_b$ ,  $V_c$ ,  $V_m$ , and  $V_s$  representing the per cent volume of the backfill, combustible waste, metallic waste, and sludges respectively. Then the expected room average permeability would be defined as

$$R_{ave} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R1} + \frac{1}{R2} + \frac{1}{R3} + \frac{1}{R4}}$$

$$K_{ave} = \frac{R_{ave}}{\text{Total Initial Volume}}$$

The values of the individual components of permeability should be determined from the average room porosity in the following fashion.

$$K_i = (K_0) \sqrt[3]{\frac{\phi}{\phi_0}} \text{ Meters}^2$$

Where the values of  $K_0$  and  $\phi_0$  are given in Table 1 for the various room components. Also note, that as you are sampling on room porosity,  $\phi$ , you will automatically be sampling on the room permeability.

Component	$K_0 \quad m^2$	$\phi_0$
Backfill	$10^{-21}$	0.05
Combustibles	$1.7 \times 10^{-14}$	0.136
Metallic	$5 \times 10^{-13}$	0.4
Sludges	$1.2 \times 10^{-16}$	.113

Table 1

1 Caveat

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3 This averaging scheme for the permeability is based on the  
4 assumption of a significant amount of metallic waste, nominally 30-  
5 40%, uniformly distributed throughout the disposal room. That being  
6 the case we would expect the permeability of the metallic waste to  
7 dominate the flow through the room. If these conditions are not  
8 true, that is if the metallic waste is less than 10% of room volume  
9 or if the waste is localized in one section of the room, the  
10 average technique suggested here is not appropriate and another  
11 scheme will have to be developed.

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19 1.B.M. Butcher and A.R. Lappin, July 24, 1990, "Disposal room  
20 porosity and permeability values for disposal room performance  
21 assessment," Memorandum of Record to M.G. Marietta.

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**Siegel, July 14, 1989**

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Date: 7/14/89

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To: P. Davies (6331) and A. R. Lappin (6331)

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Subject: Supplementary Information Concerning Radionuclide

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Retardation

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11 The purpose of this memo is to provide supplementary information  
12 supporting the choice of distribution coefficients ( $K_d$ 's) for  
13 lead and diffusion coefficients for actinides for transport  
14 calculations in the FSEIS.  
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#### 17 DISTRIBUTION COEFFICIENTS FOR LEAD

19 A preliminary literature review in support of the Draft  
20 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) failed to  
21 locate lead sorption data for conditions relevant to the WIPP  
22 site. The distribution coefficients ( $K_d$ 's) for lead used in the  
23 transport calculations described in Lappin et al (1989) were  
24 based on the assumption that the chemical behavior of lead was  
25 similar to that of radium. Available data suggest that radium  
26 will sorb onto clays which are similar to those identified within  
27 the matrix and lining fractures in the Culebra Dolomite. The same  
28 data indicate that the degree of sorption is dependent upon the  
29 solution composition. For example, high concentrations of  
30 competing cations such as calcium will inhibit the uptake of  
31 radium onto model clays such as kaolinite.  
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35 Based on the above information, values of 100, 10 and 5 ml/gm  
36 were chosen to represent the sorption of radium and lead onto  
37 clays in the Culebra. These  $K_d$  values correspond to sorption in  
38 dilute to moderately saline Culebra groundwaters (Case I), more  
39 saline groundwaters (Case IIA) and solutions with high contents  
40 of salts and organic ligands (Cases IIB, IIC, IID) respectively.  
41 Retardation factors for the bulk matrix were calculated using the  
42 above  $K_d$  values and a utilization factor of 0.01 to account for  
43 the occurrence of the clay as a trace constituent in the dolomite  
44 matrix.  
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1 Recently, a more extensive literature review has revealed studies  
2 of lead sorption that provide some support for the above  $K_d$   
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4 values. Hem (1976) developed an ion exchange model for the uptake  
5 of lead by a simple aluminosilicate (halloysite) in river and  
6 lake waters. The model has been partially validated by  
7 comparison to experimental data in dilute (ionic strength < 0.02  
8 M) solutions. The model predicts that in systems of moderate  
9 concentrations of the substrate (cation exchange capacity =  $10^{-3}$   
10 to  $10^{-5}$  equivalents/liter solution), 60 -100% of aqueous lead will  
11 be removed from solution by ion exchange at pH 7. At pH 9, 80%  
12 of the aqueous lead will be removed when the CEC is  $10^{-3}$   
13 equivalents/liter but that at low concentrations of the substrate  
14 (CEC =  $10^{-5}$  equivalents/liter) little lead is adsorbed.  
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18 Hem's model cannot be used to quantitatively assess the effect of  
19 changes in solution composition upon the  $K_d$ . The model predicts  
20 that in systems with appreciable sodium and/or chloride  
21 concentrations (> 0.1 M), very little lead adsorbs and the  $K_d$   
22 would be close to zero. However, the model only considers  
23 sorption of  $Pb^{+2}$  and does not include the  $PbCO_3$  complex which may  
24 be adsorbed much more strongly. (Bilinsky and Stumm, 1973). In  
25 addition, it is important to note that the predictions about lead  
26 sorption at the higher ionic strengths are made for conditions  
27 that fall outside the ranges of experimental conditions used to  
28 formulate the ion exchange model. In other words, they were in no  
29 way validated against experimental data. It is also important to  
30 note that even at low ionic strengths, under conditions wherein  
31  $Pb$ - $Na$  exchange was predicted to dominate the lead uptake, the ion  
32 exchange model underpredicted the extent of sorption by factors  
33 of 30 to 200%.  
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38 A number of other studies indicate that lead is strongly sorbed  
39 by simple oxides such as amorphous iron oxyhydroxide  
40 ( $am-Fe(OH)_3$ ), goethite, alumina ( $\gamma-Al_2O_3$ ) and silica ( $\alpha-SiO_2$ )  
41 (Davis and Leckie, 1978; Leckie et al., 1980; Hayes and Leckie;  
42 1986). Hayes and Leckie (1986) formulated a surface complexation  
43 model (SCM) to describe the sorption of lead by goethite. The  
44 model was validated over a wide range of ionic strengths (0.01 to  
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1 1.0 M NaNO<sub>3</sub>) and lead concentrations (2 to 30 mM). The  
2  
3 experimental data show that lead is quantitatively removed from  
4 solution by sorption onto goethite in the pH range 6 - 7. These  
5 data cannot be applied directly to the WIPP, however, because no  
6 data were obtained at pH greater than 7.0, or in the presence of  
7 chloride or carbonate.  
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9 The data of Hayes and Leckie (1986) show that the extent of lead  
10 sorption is not affected appreciably by changes in ionic strength  
11 over the range 0.01 to 1.0 M NaNO<sub>3</sub>. The authors show that this  
12 type of behavior is consistent with the formation of an inner  
13 sphere surface complex by lead during sorption. This kind of  
14 complex does not compete with the outer sphere complexes formed  
15 by sodium. The surface complexation model of Hayes and Leckie  
16 probably more accurately predicts lead sorption at the WIPP than  
17 does the ion exchange model of Hem (1976). This is because the  
18 former was formulated from data taken over a wider range of  
19 solution conditions. In fact, the model of Hayes and Leckie  
20 suggests that the uptake of lead by surface hydrolysis sites is  
21 not adequately represented by an ion exchange model because the  
22 two "exchanging" cations (Pb-Na) do not occupy or compete for the  
23 same type of sorption site.  
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26 If the properties of the surface hydrolysis sites on goethite are  
27 similar to those of clays, then the sorption of lead onto  
28 goethite provides a useful analog for sorption onto clays. If we  
29 assume that the Culebra has a grain density of 2.5 gm/cc, a  
30 porosity of 10%, and a clay content of 1% by weight, then a  
31 K<sub>d</sub> of 100 ml/gm for pure clay (DSEIS Case 1) corresponds to  
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33 sorption of 75% of available lead onto the bulk matrix.<sup>1</sup> This  
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38 1. The relationship between K<sub>d</sub> and percent adsorbed is:  
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40 % adsorbed = 100% × K<sub>d</sub> / (Y + K<sub>d</sub>)  
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44 (Footnote continues on next page)

1 may be a reasonable estimate for lead sorption in the Culebra  
2 groundwaters in Hydrochemical Facies Zones B and C (Siegel et  
3 al., 1989). The data presented above suggest that the extent of  
4 lead sorption will be lower in saline waters in the presence of  
5 complexing ligands. For such waters (Case II), the  $K_d$ 's of 5 to  
6  
7 10 ml/gm for pure clay (corresponding to 13% to 23 % sorption  
8 onto the bulk matrix) may be reasonable, however this estimate is  
9 highly uncertain.

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11 The above discussion demonstrates the large uncertainties  
12 associated with the choice of any single  $K_d$  value to represent  
13 sorption of lead at the WIPP. The data do not suggest that the  
14  $K_d$  will be zero in the Culebra. There is theoretical and  
15  
16 experimental evidence to suggest that some sorption of lead will  
17 occur in dilute, near-neutral groundwaters and that less lead  
18 will be sorbed in saline, organic-rich waters. However, the  
19 available data should not be considered adequate to predict the  
20  $K_d$  values for use in the final performance assessment.  
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27 (Footnote continued from previous page)

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30 where Y = solution to substrate ratio of the system in ml/gm.

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32 Y = 33 ml/gm for batch experiments of Hayes and Leckie (1986).  
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34 For a porous matrix:

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$$Y = \frac{\phi}{(1-\phi)\rho_s} \Psi$$
  
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41 Y = 0.17 ml/gm clay for Culebra assuming matrix porosity ( $\phi$ ) of  
42 10%, density ( $\rho_s$ ) of 2.5 gm/cc, and 1% by weight clay in the bulk  
43 matrix ( $\Psi$ ) is accessible to the ground water.  
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**Siegel, June 25, 1991**

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Date: 6/25/91

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Subject:  $K_d$  Values for Ra and Pb

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10 Suggested Distribution for Case II (Saline Waters)  
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12 Percentile	$K_d$ for Ra and Pb (matrix)	$K_d$ for Ra and Pb (fracture)
13 100	0.3	30
14 75	0.23	23
15 50	0.15	15
16 25	0.07	7
17 0	0	0

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21 Justification for Chosen Values:  
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23 I have assumed that Pb and Ra sorption will be controlled by the amount of  
24 clay in the matrix (1%) and fracture-filling clay (100%) (note the fractures  
25 are assumed to be 50% filled by clays in the calculation of the retardation  
26 factor.). The matrix  $K_d$ 's are obtained from the clay  $K_d$ 's by multiplying by  
27 a utilization factor of 0.01 as discussed in SAND89-0462. I suggested using  
28 the same values for Ra and Pb based a suggestions of Tien et al (1983) as  
29 discussed in that report. The maximum values are based on Tien et al (1983)  
30 as cited in Table 3-15 of SAND89-0462. Radium sorption has been studied by  
31 Riese (1983) and indicated that sorption will be very low in saline waters.  
32 (see SAND89-0462 for discussion and references). Attached is a memo that I  
33 wrote for P. Davies for the FSEIS discussing sorption data for lead. (I can  
34 provide the cited references if you need them.) The memo indicates that  
35 although one can wave one's arms and talk about chemical behaviour in  
36 general terms, attempts to provide meaningful probability distributions for  
37  $K_d$ 's of lead and radium are hampered by the paucity of experimental data in  
38 relevant chemical systems.

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**APPENDIX B:  
WELL LOCATION DATA  
AND  
ELEVATIONS OF STRATIGRAPHIC LAYERS NEAR WIPP**



Table B.1. Location of Wells used by WIPP (Universal Transverse Mercator [UTM], State Plan Coordinates [stpln], and Survey Sections [township, range and section])

Well ID	x-UTM	y-UTM	x-STPLN	y-STPLN	Township	Range	Section	Source	
2	AEC7	621117	3589387	691810	523142	21	32	31	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
3	AEC8	617522	3586435	679945	513555	22	31	11	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
4	B25	611695	3580609	660759	494504	22	31	20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
5	CABIN1	613191	3578049	665559	486111	23	31	5	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
6	DH207	613634	3581973	667074	498589	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
7	DH211	613637	3581784	667082	497966	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
8	DH215	613634	3581588	667072	497326	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
9	DH219	613636	3581448	667081	496864	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
10	DH223	613634	3581247	667073	496207	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
11	DH227	613632	3581071	667066	495630	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
12	DH77	613476	3582573	666554	500556	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
13	DO201	613581	3582062	666900	498880	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
14	DO203	613630	3582376	667059	499910	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
15	DO205	613587	3582616	667066	500696	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
16	DO45	613632	3582263	667066	499540	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
17	DO52	613586	3582231	666915	499432	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
18	DO56	613587	3582375	666919	499907	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
19	DO63	613587	3582524	666919	500396	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
20	DO67	613516	3582572	666687	500551	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
21	DO88	613435	3582572	666421	500551	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
22	DO91	613395	3582575	666288	500561	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
23	DOE1	615203	3580333	672206	493563	22	31	28	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
24	DOE2	613683	3585294	667317	509876	22	31	8	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
25	ENGLE	614953	3567454	671122	451297	24	31	4	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
26	ERDA10	606684	3570523	644057	461534	23	30	34	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
27	ERDA6	618226	3589011	682292	521975	21	31	35	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
28	ERDA9	613697	3581958	667297	498929	22	31	20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
29	FFG_002	627231	3608400	712258	585415	20	33	3	Richey, 1989, Table 2
30	FFG_004	622022	3605526	695095	576082	20	33	7	Richey, 1989, Table 2
31	FFG_005	627356	3605486	712599	575853	20	33	10	Richey, 1989, Table 2
32	FFG_006	627658	3605587	713589	576183	20	33	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
33	FFG_007	627758	3604682	713919	573213	20	33	14	Richey, 1989, Table 2
34	FFG_009	627959	3604782	714579	573543	20	33	14	Richey, 1989, Table 2
35	FFG_011	627658	3605184	713589	574863	20	33	14	Richey, 1989, Table 2
36	FFG_012	627255	3605184	712269	574863	20	33	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
37	FFG_013	625249	3605163	705684	574827	20	33	16	Richey, 1989, Table 2
38	FFG_014	621225	3604704	692478	573420	20	33	18	Richey, 1989, Table 2
39	FFG_016	627303	3602758	712361	566901	20	33	22	Richey, 1989, Table 2

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Well ID	x-UTM	y-UTM	x-STPLN	y-STPLN	Township	Range	Section	Source	
1	FFG_017	628494	3603697	716300	569948	20	33	23	Richey, 1989, Table 2
2	FFG_018	630636	3602305	723296	565346	20	33	24	Richey, 1989, Table 2
3	FFG_019	627720	3600778	713695	560402	20	33	26	Richey, 1989, Table 2
4	FFG_020	621672	3601468	693880	562799	20	33	30	Richey, 1989, Table 2
5	FFG_023	633058	3599616	731178	556481	20	33	33	Richey, 1989, Table 2
6	FFG_024	635469	3599257	739089	555233	20	33	34	Richey, 1989, Table 2
7	FFG_025	628538	3600381	716379	559068	20	33	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
8	FFG_026	628122	3600375	715015	559082	20	33	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
9	FFG_027	627820	3600074	714025	558092	20	33	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
10	FFG_039	616468	3606754	676902	580244	20	32	10	Richey, 1989, Table 2
11	FFG_040	620041	3603892	688561	570786	20	32	13	Richey, 1989, Table 2
12	FFG_041	616805	3604246	677942	572014	20	32	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
13	FFG_042	615263	3604535	672914	572994	20	32	16	Richey, 1989, Table 2
14	FFG_043	614824	3602618	671406	566704	20	32	21	Richey, 1989, Table 2
15	FFG_044	618435	3602658	683256	566770	20	32	23	Richey, 1989, Table 2
16	FFG_105	609126	3590258	652461	526265	21	30	25	Richey, 1989, Table 2
17	FFG_106	607630	3591218	647587	529450	21	30	26	Richey, 1989, Table 2
18	FFG_107	607832	3590109	648217	525810	21	30	26	Richey, 1989, Table 2
19	FFG_108	610586	3589854	657254	524908	21	31	31	Richey, 1989, Table 2
20	FFG_109	612822	3589796	664589	524686	21	31	32	Richey, 1989, Table 2
21	FFG_110	613636	3588341	667229	519875	21	31	32	Richey, 1989, Table 2
22	FFG_111	616209	3589857	675705	524786	21	31	34	Richey, 1989, Table 2
23	FFG_112	615312	3588335	672729	519825	21	31	34	Richey, 1989, Table 2
24	FFG_113	615319	3589869	672784	524858	21	31	34	Richey, 1989, Table 2
25	FFG_114	609458	3586996	653485	515558	22	30	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
26	FFG_115	608243	3586900	649498	515244	22	30	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2
27	FFG_116	606902	3588008	645132	519179	22	30	3	Richey, 1989, Table 2
28	FFG_117	607132	3587086	645854	515889	22	30	3	Richey, 1989, Table 2
29	FFG_119	604055	3585149	635724	509600	22	30	9	Richey, 1989, Table 2
30	FFG_120	604750	3586261	638038	513251	22	30	9	Richey, 1989, Table 2
31	FFG_121	604134	3585930	636016	512165	22	30	9	Richey, 1989, Table 2
32	FFG_122	604165	3585505	636083	510770	22	30	9	Richey, 1989, Table 2
33	FFG_123	606439	3586110	643580	512686	22	30	10	Richey, 1989, Table 2
34	FFG_124	608252	3586096	649528	512608	22	30	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
35	FFG_125	607631	3585457	647458	510544	22	30	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
36	FFG_126	609341	3584606	653068	507720	22	30	13	Richey, 1989, Table 2
37	FFG_127	608226	3583523	649376	504163	22	30	14	Richey, 1989, Table 2
38	FFG_128	605614	3581894	640772	498885	22	30	21	Richey, 1989, Table 2

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Well ID	x-UTM	y-UTM	x-STPLN	y-STPLN	Township	Range	Section	Source	
1	FFG_129	604814	3583050	638181	502679	22	30	21	Richey, 1989, Table 2
2	FFG_130	604412	3582244	636828	500068	22	30	21	Richey, 1989, Table 2
3	FFG_132	606479	3581068	643582	496139	22	30	27	Richey, 1989, Table 2
4	FFG_133	606462	3580266	643522	493544	22	30	27	Richey, 1989, Table 2
5	FFG_134	605663	3580407	640899	494006	22	30	27	Richey, 1989, Table 2
6	FFG_135	607211	3580978	645983	495845	22	30	27	Richey, 1989, Table 2
7	FFG_136	609279	3579410	652734	490667	22	30	36	Richey, 1989, Table 2
8	FFG_137	609955	3578869	654952	488858	22	30	36	Richey, 1989, Table 2
9	FFG_138	610827	3587071	657978	515773	22	31	6	Richey, 1989, Table 2
10	FFG_139	610665	3587722	657478	517912	22	31	6	Richey, 1989, Table 2
11	FFG_140	613648	3585123	667200	509316	22	31	8	Richey, 1989, Table 2
12	FFG_141	612120	3585114	662187	509317	22	31	8	Richey, 1989, Table 2
13	FFG_142	615288	3586667	672617	514350	22	31	9	Richey, 1989, Table 2
14	FFG_143	616006	3579286	674808	490129	22	31	34	Richey, 1989, Table 2
15	FFG_144	599879	3577828	621856	485641	23	29	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
16	FFG_145	599320	3577132	620020	483389	23	29	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
17	FFG_146	600363	3578186	623476	486818	23	29	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
18	FFG_147	595499	3578188	607513	486922	23	29	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
19	FFG_148	600569	3576193	624120	480278	23	29	12	Richey, 1989, Table 2
20	FFG_149	600707	3574718	624539	475434	23	29	13	Richey, 1989, Table 2
21	FFG_155	596597	3570664	610951	462232	23	29	27	Richey, 1989, Table 2
22	FFG_156	595692	3570883	607981	462952	23	29	28	Richey, 1989, Table 2
23	FFG_157	599212	3569453	619500	458190	23	29	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
24	FFG_158	600510	3569436	623761	458104	23	29	36	Richey, 1989, Table 2
25	FFG_159	609539	3578101	653588	486370	23	30	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
26	FFG_160	610084	3577670	655343	484923	23	30	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
27	FFG_161	607676	3577068	647439	483015	23	30	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2
28	FFG_162	607342	3578605	646376	488059	23	30	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2
29	FFG_163	608127	3577850	648955	485549	23	30	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2
30	FFG_164	602541	3574598	630556	475010	23	30	17	Richey, 1989, Table 2
31	FFG_165	601827	3573070	628182	469995	23	30	19	Richey, 1989, Table 2
32	FFG_166	609182	3573205	652317	470305	23	30	24	Richey, 1989, Table 2
33	FFG_167	609012	3570846	651726	462566	23	30	26	Richey, 1989, Table 2
34	FFG_168	604202	3570581	635911	461795	23	30	28	Richey, 1989, Table 2
35	FFG_169	604034	3572065	635389	466662	23	30	29	Richey, 1989, Table 2
36	FFG_170	601537	3572060	627194	466716	23	30	30	Richey, 1989, Table 2
37	FFG_171	601959	3569718	628551	458995	23	30	31	Richey, 1989, Table 2
38	FFG_172	603366	3570098	633169	460209	23	30	32	Richey, 1989, Table 2

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1	FFG_173	609960	3569937	654805	459582	23	30	36	Richey, 1989, Table 2
2	FFG_177	591351	3563822	593606	439877	24	29	19	Richey, 1989, Table 2
3	FFG_179	593084	3561340	599224	431698	24	29	29	Richey, 1989, Table 2
4	FFG_180	607488	3567427	646628	451374	24	30	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2
5	FFG_181	604028	3568585	635304	455245	24	30	5	Richey, 1989, Table 2
6	FFG_182	601542	3568281	627146	454314	24	30	6	Richey, 1989, Table 2
7	FFG_183	605177	3566738	639041	449147	24	30	9	Richey, 1989, Table 2
8	FFG_184	607564	3565857	646845	446225	24	30	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
9	FFG_185	605866	3565683	641274	445686	24	30	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
10	FFG_186	605016	3565698	638484	445736	24	30	16	Richey, 1989, Table 2
11	FFG_188	602948	3564040	631660	440361	24	30	20	Richey, 1989, Table 2
12	FFG_189	608405	3563679	649573	439043	24	30	23	Richey, 1989, Table 2
13	FFG_190	607685	3562746	647176	436015	24	30	23	Richey, 1989, Table 2
14	FFG_191	609337	3561151	652564	430748	24	30	25	Richey, 1989, Table 2
15	FFG_192	607401	3562442	646246	435019	24	30	27	Richey, 1989, Table 2
16	FFG_194	617718	3568422	680232	454446	24	31	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2
17	FFG_195	616941	3567615	677649	451793	24	31	3	Richey, 1989, Table 2
18	FFG_196	615316	3568812	672350	455759	24	31	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
19	FFG_197	614612	3568483	670036	454709	24	31	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
20	FFG_198	613807	3568888	667396	456038	24	31	5	Richey, 1989, Table 2
21	FFG_199	611628	3568640	660244	455257	24	31	6	Richey, 1989, Table 2
22	FFG_200	611273	3568414	659080	454549	24	31	6	Richey, 1989, Table 2
23	FFG_201	612154	3565951	661905	446431	24	31	7	Richey, 1989, Table 2
24	FFG_202	618692	3566653	683393	448607	24	31	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
25	FFG_203	618143	3567223	681591	450478	24	31	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
26	FFG_204	619790	3564834	686932	442604	24	31	13	Richey, 1989, Table 2
27	FFG_205	613734	3565566	667090	445140	24	31	17	Richey, 1989, Table 2
28	FFG_206	612171	3564340	661929	441145	24	31	18	Richey, 1989, Table 2
29	FFG_207	613776	3563957	667198	439860	24	31	20	Richey, 1989, Table 2
30	FFG_208	612992	3562725	664590	435847	24	31	20	Richey, 1989, Table 2
31	FFG_209	615380	3563980	672461	439901	24	31	21	Richey, 1989, Table 2
32	FFG_210	614199	3562745	668548	435879	24	31	21	Richey, 1989, Table 2
33	FFG_212	619811	3562825	686967	436012	24	31	24	Richey, 1989, Table 2
34	FFG_213	614915	3560252	670865	427664	24	31	33	Richey, 1989, Table 2
35	FFG_214	617438	3559994	679114	426785	24	31	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
36	FFG_215	610576	3559150	656597	424152	25	30	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
37	FFG_216	604853	3558664	637816	422688	25	30	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
38	FFG_217	617694	3559360	679954	424705	25	31	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2

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1	FFG_218	618235	3558795	681730	422820	25	31	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2
2	FFG_219	616649	3557179	676493	417552	25	31	10	Richey, 1989, Table 2
3	FFG_220	619057	3557584	684393	418848	25	31	12	Richey, 1989, Table 2
4	FFG_221	616028	3555913	674422	413427	25	31	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
5	FFG_222	614248	3552703	668515	402929	25	31	28	Richey, 1989, Table 2
6	FFG_224	629257	3598870	718704	554099	21	32	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
7	FFG_225	629076	3597979	718112	551174	21	32	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
8	FFG_226	628708	3596750	716853	547172	21	32	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
9	FFG_228	626669	3597926	710210	551066	21	32	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2
10	FFG_229	625894	3596724	707620	547120	21	32	3	Richey, 1989, Table 2
11	FFG_230	625486	3597502	706279	549709	21	32	3	Richey, 1989, Table 2
12	FFG_231	624249	3598303	702273	552336	21	32	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
13	FFG_232	623880	3597479	701011	549665	21	32	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
14	FFG_233	623730	3598370	700570	552588	21	32	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
15	FFG_234	622268	3597867	695720	550968	21	32	5	Richey, 1989, Table 2
16	FFG_235	623075	3597479	698371	549665	21	32	5	Richey, 1989, Table 2
17	FFG_236	620626	3597834	690380	550899	21	32	6	Richey, 1989, Table 2
18	FFG_237	624279	3595893	702319	544429	21	32	9	Richey, 1989, Table 2
19	FFG_238	625894	3595919	707620	544480	21	32	10	Richey, 1989, Table 2
20	FFG_239	627919	3595147	714233	541912	21	32	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
21	FFG_240	627501	3595945	712893	544532	21	32	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
22	FFG_241	628322	3595549	715553	543232	21	32	12	Richey, 1989, Table 2
23	FFG_242	623510	3593053	699730	535143	21	32	21	Richey, 1989, Table 2
24	FFG_243	627958	3591122	714296	528704	21	32	26	Richey, 1989, Table 2
25	FFG_244	627169	3589486	711671	523370	21	32	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
26	FFG_245	634293	3596014	735183	544627	21	33	9	Richey, 1989, Table 2
27	FFG_246	636300	3596435	741767	545977	21	33	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
28	FFG_247	638785	3593673	749855	536845	21	33	13	Richey, 1989, Table 2
29	FFG_248	638754	3594075	749755	538165	21	33	13	Richey, 1989, Table 2
30	FFG_249	635538	3594033	739201	538094	21	33	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
31	FFG_250	630707	3593573	723350	536681	21	33	18	Richey, 1989, Table 2
32	FFG_251	639185	3592056	751137	531538	21	33	24	Richey, 1989, Table 2
33	FFG_252	631978	3589148	727420	522161	21	33	32	Richey, 1989, Table 2
34	FFG_253	634373	3589591	735313	523550	21	33	33	Richey, 1989, Table 2
35	FFG_254	634776	3589591	736633	523550	21	33	34	Richey, 1989, Table 2
36	FFG_255	636385	3590012	741913	524900	21	33	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
37	FFG_264	624541	3575777	702753	478415	23	32	9	Richey, 1989, Table 2
38	FFG_265	626158	3575003	708059	475842	23	32	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2

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1	FFG_266	629827	3572644	720033	468035	23	32	24	Richey, 1989, Table 2
2	FFG_267	632644	3570662	729244	461468	23	33	32	Richey, 1989, Table 2
3	FFG_268	636682	3569503	742460	457597	23	33	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
4	FFG_272	621266	3580141	692103	492804	22	32	31	Richey, 1989, Table 2
5	FFG_273	621714	3576972	693509	482402	23	32	7	Richey, 1989, Table 2
6	FFG_274	627262	3583857	711844	504897	22	32	14	Richey, 1989, Table 2
7	FFG_275	626055	3584259	707884	506217	22	32	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
8	FFG_276	622836	3584196	697320	506076	22	32	17	Richey, 1989, Table 2
9	FFG_277	621627	3583775	693354	504725	22	32	18	Richey, 1989, Table 2
10	FFG_278	621646	3582157	693382	499416	22	32	19	Richey, 1989, Table 2
11	FFG_279	622836	3582989	697320	502116	22	32	20	Richey, 1989, Table 2
12	FFG_280	625245	3583022	705224	502190	22	32	22	Richey, 1989, Table 2
13	FFG_281	628878	3581872	717114	498350	22	32	25	Richey, 1989, Table 2
14	FFG_283	638822	3588438	749880	519668	22	33	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
15	FFG_284	633260	3587655	731596	517227	22	33	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
16	FFG_285	632916	3587152	730466	515577	22	33	5	Richey, 1989, Table 2
17	FFG_286	630045	3585511	721010	510259	22	33	7	Richey, 1989, Table 2
18	FFG_287	630815	3585934	723537	511615	22	33	7	Richey, 1989, Table 2
19	FFG_288	633218	3586749	731456	514257	22	33	9	Richey, 1989, Table 2
20	FFG_289	635668	3584383	739429	506427	22	33	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
21	FFG_290	631649	3583118	726240	502376	22	33	20	Richey, 1989, Table 2
22	FFG_291	631716	3579091	726360	489157	22	33	32	Richey, 1989, Table 2
23	FFG_292	634513	3580338	735574	493186	22	33	33	Richey, 1989, Table 2
24	FFG_293	635741	3579152	739570	489260	22	33	34	Richey, 1989, Table 2
25	FFG_313	621557	3587797	693224	517925	22	32	6	Richey, 1989, Table 2
26	FFG_314	629670	3583902	719747	504978	22	32	13	Richey, 1989, Table 2
27	FFG_315	626522	3578214	709318	486382	23	32	3	Richey, 1989, Table 2
28	FFG_316	627739	3576635	713279	481164	23	32	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
29	FFG_317	621734	3574920	693542	475670	23	32	18	Richey, 1989, Table 2
30	FFG_318	622977	3572533	697554	467800	23	32	20	Richey, 1989, Table 2
31	FFG_319	624161	3573735	701471	471749	23	32	21	Richey, 1989, Table 2
32	FFG_320	629107	3572102	717668	466290	23	32	25	Richey, 1989, Table 2
33	FFG_321	628524	3571093	715723	462981	23	32	25	Richey, 1989, Table 2
34	FFG_322	628222	3570892	714733	462321	23	32	26	Richey, 1989, Table 2
35	FFG_323	627420	3570965	712100	462590	23	32	26	Richey, 1989, Table 2
36	FFG_324	624184	3572130	701514	466480	23	32	28	Richey, 1989, Table 2
37	FFG_325	620546	3569268	689509	457154	23	32	31	Richey, 1989, Table 2
38	FFG_326	625008	3570140	704185	459917	23	32	33	Richey, 1989, Table 2

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1	FFG_327	626737	3569761	709825	458640	23	32	34	Richey, 1989, Table 2
2	FFG_328	627719	3570289	713083	460341	23	32	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
3	FFG_329	628625	3570188	716053	460011	23	32	36	Richey, 1989, Table 2
4	FFG_330	629464	3569834	718778	458813	23	32	36	Richey, 1989, Table 2
5	FFG_331	634557	3577522	735655	483942	23	33	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
6	FFG_332	631443	3577384	725434	483557	23	33	6	Richey, 1989, Table 2
7	FFG_333	630183	3575856	721264	478574	23	33	7	Richey, 1989, Table 2
8	FFG_334	631791	3574262	726509	473313	23	33	17	Richey, 1989, Table 2
9	FFG_335	630204	3574250	721301	473303	23	33	18	Richey, 1989, Table 2
10	FFG_336	630611	3573046	722603	469355	23	33	19	Richey, 1989, Table 2
11	FFG_337	633022	3572674	730519	468066	23	33	20	Richey, 1989, Table 2
12	FFG_338	631435	3570650	725277	461460	23	33	31	Richey, 1989, Table 2
13	FFG_339	637863	3570326	746370	460265	23	33	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
14	FFG_340	639497	3569942	751700	458973	23	33	36	Richey, 1989, Table 2
15	FFG_361	591407	3608036	594694	584951	20	29	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
16	FFG_362	588581	3607624	585423	583663	20	29	3	Richey, 1989, Table 2
17	FFG_363	586158	3608022	577470	585038	20	29	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
18	FFG_364	583878	3605062	569923	575355	20	29	7	Richey, 1989, Table 2
19	FFG_366	588498	3606300	585115	579318	20	29	10	Richey, 1989, Table 2
20	FFG_367	589516	3605699	588421	577345	20	29	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
21	FFG_370	591027	3604798	593382	574358	20	29	13	Richey, 1989, Table 2
22	FFG_371	591334	3604826	594392	574416	20	29	13	Richey, 1989, Table 2
23	FFG_372	589730	3604102	589095	572070	20	29	14	Richey, 1989, Table 2
24	FFG_373	586192	3604773	577514	574376	20	29	16	Richey, 1989, Table 2
25	FFG_374	585392	3603561	574858	570394	20	29	17	Richey, 1989, Table 2
26	FFG_376	590555	3601690	591768	564155	20	29	25	Richey, 1989, Table 2
27	FFG_381	599172	3599246	619978	555961	20	29	36	Richey, 1989, Table 2
28	FFG_383	601077	3606916	626395	581073	20	30	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
29	FFG_384	594213	3607648	603902	583643	20	30	5	Richey, 1989, Table 2
30	FFG_385	597883	3602444	615814	566466	20	30	22	Richey, 1989, Table 2
31	FFG_387	595912	3600331	609313	559598	20	30	28	Richey, 1989, Table 2
32	FFG_388	595864	3601219	609189	562513	20	30	28	Richey, 1989, Table 2
33	FFG_389	593453	3599602	601245	557239	20	30	31	Richey, 1989, Table 2
34	FFG_390	595208	3600029	607003	558608	20	30	32	Richey, 1989, Table 2
35	FFG_391	595208	3599627	607003	557288	20	30	32	Richey, 1989, Table 2
36	FFG_392	596612	3599732	611609	557599	20	30	33	Richey, 1989, Table 2
37	FFG_393	606297	3606985	643526	581199	20	31	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
38	FFG_394	603077	3606946	632959	581140	20	31	6	Richey, 1989, Table 2

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1	FFG_395	603098	3605631	632997	576823	20	31	7	Richey, 1989, Table 2
2	FFG_396	603243	3600398	633370	559652	20	31	30	Richey, 1989, Table 2
3	FFG_398	588017	3597286	583323	549759	21	28	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2
4	FFG_399	587111	3597387	580353	550089	21	28	3	Richey, 1989, Table 2
5	FFG_402	590847	3595289	592582	543138	21	28	12	Richey, 1989, Table 2
6	FFG_403	586424	3593240	578030	536512	21	28	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
7	FFG_404	583988	3592021	570006	532548	21	28	20	Richey, 1989, Table 2
8	FFG_407	583988	3590814	570006	528588	21	28	29	Richey, 1989, Table 2
9	FFG_408	582473	3590320	565002	526999	21	28	30	Richey, 1989, Table 2
10	FFG_411	584828	3588367	572695	520558	21	28	33	Richey, 1989, Table 2
11	FFG_413	588470	3589234	584681	523337	21	28	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
12	FFG_418	596362	3598010	610756	551972	21	29	3	Richey, 1989, Table 2
13	FFG_419	594776	3597648	605505	550814	21	29	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
14	FFG_420	594662	3598348	605178	553113	21	29	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
15	FFG_421	593556	3598412	601548	553321	21	29	5	Richey, 1989, Table 2
16	FFG_422	593958	3598000	602868	551971	21	29	5	Richey, 1989, Table 2
17	FFG_426	592398	3591591	597601	530971	21	29	19	Richey, 1989, Table 2
18	FFG_432	607401	3588903	646769	521852	21	30	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
19	FFG_433	588569	3588121	584969	519682	22	28	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2
20	FFG_438	618629	3586910	683580	515081	22	31	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
21	FFG_445	590526	3580760	591228	495462	22	28	25	Richey, 1989, Table 2
22	FFG_453	618415	3578487	682715	487442	23	31	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2
23	FFG_455	618558	3575680	683119	478229	23	31	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
24	FFG_456	617677	3574462	680195	474264	23	31	14	Richey, 1989, Table 2
25	FFG_457	614456	3574425	669624	474210	23	31	16	Richey, 1989, Table 2
26	FFG_458	615274	3572430	672278	467629	23	31	21	Richey, 1989, Table 2
27	FFG_459	619295	3571652	685468	465012	23	31	25	Richey, 1989, Table 2
28	FFG_462	615699	3571221	673637	463662	23	31	27	Richey, 1989, Table 2
29	FFG_463	612475	3570378	663055	460962	23	31	32	Richey, 1989, Table 2
30	FFG_464	614894	3570416	670997	461022	23	31	33	Richey, 1989, Table 2
31	FFG_465	614090	3569999	668355	459685	23	31	33	Richey, 1989, Table 2
32	FFG_474	628677	3568183	716158	453428	24	32	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
33	FFG_475	628244	3568580	714774	454733	24	32	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2
34	FFG_476	621409	3568885	692341	455866	24	32	6	Richey, 1989, Table 2
35	FFG_477	626275	3566554	708244	448117	24	32	10	Richey, 1989, Table 2
36	FFG_478	627890	3566569	713543	448132	24	32	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
37	FFG_479	627468	3566954	712193	449429	24	32	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
38	FFG_480	628677	3566976	716158	449468	24	32	12	Richey, 1989, Table 2

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Well ID	x-UTM	y-UTM	x-STPLN	y-STPLN	Township	Range	Section	Source	
1	FFG_481	629921	3564597	720180	441628	24	32	13	Richey, 1989, Table 2
2	FFG_482	627482	3565749	712204	445477	24	32	14	Richey, 1989, Table 2
3	FFG_483	625893	3564517	706958	441463	24	32	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
4	FFG_484	626601	3563741	709281	438885	24	32	22	Richey, 1989, Table 2
5	FFG_485	626323	3563337	708336	437561	24	32	22	Richey, 1989, Table 2
6	FFG_486	627104	3563741	710931	438885	24	32	23	Richey, 1989, Table 2
7	FFG_487	627003	3563842	710601	439215	24	32	23	Richey, 1989, Table 2
8	FFG_488	628618	3564276	715902	440608	24	32	24	Richey, 1989, Table 2
9	FFG_489	629141	3562161	717583	433668	24	32	25	Richey, 1989, Table 2
10	FFG_490	622290	3562046	695099	433421	24	32	29	Richey, 1989, Table 2
11	FFG_491	621485	3562046	692459	433421	24	32	30	Richey, 1989, Table 2
12	FFG_492	625107	3559688	704284	425618	24	32	33	Richey, 1989, Table 2
13	FFG_493	625912	3560090	706924	426938	24	32	34	Richey, 1989, Table 2
14	FFG_494	625912	3559688	706924	425618	24	32	34	Richey, 1989, Table 2
15	FFG_495	627126	3559716	710904	425675	24	32	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
16	FFG_496	639095	3568735	750380	455013	24	33	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
17	FFG_497	631494	3566228	725373	446949	24	33	7	Richey, 1989, Table 2
18	FFG_498	631883	3567428	726679	450888	24	33	8	Richey, 1989, Table 2
19	FFG_499	639536	3565513	751762	444438	24	33	13	Richey, 1989, Table 2
20	FFG_500	632702	3565844	729335	445656	24	33	17	Richey, 1989, Table 2
21	FFG_501	632345	3563004	728097	436369	24	33	20	Richey, 1989, Table 2
22	FFG_502	635140	3563849	737302	439075	24	33	22	Richey, 1989, Table 2
23	FFG_503	635586	3561835	738701	432466	24	33	27	Richey, 1989, Table 2
24	FFG_504	632771	3561413	729465	431115	24	33	29	Richey, 1989, Table 2
25	FFG_505	630239	3562683	721189	435349	24	33	30	Richey, 1989, Table 2
26	FFG_506	631576	3560189	725511	427131	24	33	31	Richey, 1989, Table 2
27	FFG_507	639607	3561088	751898	429920	24	33	36	Richey, 1989, Table 2
28	FFG_548	601155	3608819	626682	587316	19	30	36	Richey, 1989, Table 2
29	FFG_552	596378	3554488	609903	409146	25	29	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
30	FFG_562	614317	3546624	668609	382978	26	31	9	Richey, 1989, Table 2
31	FFG_563	618774	3547092	683237	384417	26	31	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
32	FFG_568	619132	3541724	684313	366799	26	31	25	Richey, 1989, Table 2
33	FFG_569	619132	3542127	684313	368119	26	31	25	Richey, 1989, Table 2
34	FFG_584	606879	3557091	644432	417458	25	30	10	Richey, 1989, Table 2
35	FFG_585	609769	3557118	653916	417516	25	30	12	Richey, 1989, Table 2
36	FFG_600	608992	3550622	651237	396198	25	30	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
37	FFG_601	607790	3549783	647256	393477	25	30	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
38	FFG_602	618235	3558795	681730	422820	25	31	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2

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1	FFG_606	618324	3551156	681858	397752	25	31	35	Richey, 1989, Table 2
2	FFG_618	599392	3546376	619633	382460	26	29	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
3	FFG_638	607809	3548155	647284	388134	26	30	2	Richey, 1989, Table 2
4	FFG_639	606187	3548136	641961	388102	26	30	3	Richey, 1989, Table 2
5	FFG_640	604548	3549331	636618	392062	26	30	4	Richey, 1989, Table 2
6	FFG_643	610657	3546572	656602	382873	26	30	12	Richey, 1989, Table 2
7	FFG_644	605816	3544896	640681	377470	26	30	16	Richey, 1989, Table 2
8	FFG_648	609863	3544129	653961	374890	26	30	24	Richey, 1989, Table 2
9	FFG_685	592502	3586828	597845	515341	22	29	6	Richey, 1989, Table 2
10	FFG_689	626339	3558413	708291	421399	25	32	3	Richey, 1989, Table 2
11	FFG_690	625251	3556776	704687	416062	25	32	9	Richey, 1989, Table 2
12	FFG_691	626238	3557256	707961	417604	25	32	10	Richey, 1989, Table 2
13	FFG_692	627982	3556520	713651	415154	25	32	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
14	FFG_693	627068	3555594	710652	412151	25	32	14	Richey, 1989, Table 2
15	FFG_694	625965	3554867	706999	409798	25	32	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
16	FFG_695	625955	3556071	706997	413752	25	32	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
17	FFG_696	625955	3556134	706997	413957	25	32	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
18	FFG_697	624748	3555669	703037	412432	25	32	16	Richey, 1989, Table 2
19	FFG_698	620989	3555992	690703	413589	25	32	18	Richey, 1989, Table 2
20	FFG_699	623679	3553534	699465	405455	25	32	20	Richey, 1989, Table 2
21	FFG_700	623679	3553131	699465	404135	25	32	20	Richey, 1989, Table 2
22	FFG_701	625090	3553358	704095	404846	25	32	21	Richey, 1989, Table 2
23	FFG_702	625492	3553761	705415	406166	25	32	22	Richey, 1989, Table 2
24	FFG_703	628006	3554508	713698	408555	25	32	23	Richey, 1989, Table 2
25	FFG_704	625492	3552956	705415	403526	25	32	27	Richey, 1989, Table 2
26	FFG_705	624099	3552123	700810	400825	25	32	28	Richey, 1989, Table 2
27	FFG_706	624300	3552123	701470	400825	25	32	28	Richey, 1989, Table 2
28	FFG_707	623679	3552427	699465	401825	25	32	29	Richey, 1989, Table 2
29	FFG_708	623679	3552930	699465	403475	25	32	29	Richey, 1989, Table 2
30	FFG_709	620746	3550770	689804	396452	25	32	31	Richey, 1989, Table 2
31	FFG_710	622771	3550799	696450	396515	25	32	32	Richey, 1989, Table 2
32	FFG_711	624012	3550012	700490	393900	25	32	33	Richey, 1989, Table 2
33	FFG_712	625263	3550440	704596	395271	25	32	33	Richey, 1989, Table 2
34	FFG_713	624830	3550038	703176	393951	25	32	33	Richey, 1989, Table 2
35	FFG_714	625626	3551242	705819	397905	25	32	34	Richey, 1989, Table 2
36	FFG_715	626840	3551268	709807	397957	25	32	34	Richey, 1989, Table 2
37	FFG_716	638420	3559464	747968	424622	25	33	1	Richey, 1989, Table 2
38	FFG_717	633193	3559403	730818	424522	25	33	5	Richey, 1989, Table 2

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1	FFG_718	633234	3556994	730887	416614	25	33	8	Richey, 1989, Table 2
2	FFG_719	636829	3557836	742712	419312	25	33	11	Richey, 1989, Table 2
3	FFG_720	639698	3555152	752066	410438	25	33	13	Richey, 1989, Table 2
4	FFG_721	636045	3555837	740111	412751	25	33	15	Richey, 1989, Table 2
5	FFG_723	630458	3553740	721708	406002	25	33	19	Richey, 1989, Table 2
6	FFG_724	632860	3554578	729624	408686	25	33	20	Richey, 1989, Table 2
7	FFG_725	634859	3554589	736187	408691	25	33	21	Richey, 1989, Table 2
8	FFG_726	636908	3553407	742876	404776	25	33	23	Richey, 1989, Table 2
9	FFG_727	638515	3553426	748148	404806	25	33	24	Richey, 1989, Table 2
10	FFG_728	639741	3551836	752140	399555	25	33	25	Richey, 1989, Table 2
11	FFG_729	636519	3551797	741568	399493	25	33	27	Richey, 1989, Table 2
12	FFG_730	634908	3551777	736280	399460	25	33	28	Richey, 1989, Table 2
13	FFG_731	634882	3552983	736227	403421	25	33	28	Richey, 1989, Table 2
14	FFG_732	632068	3552542	726993	402039	25	33	29	Richey, 1989, Table 2
15	FFG_733	630508	3550122	721809	394129	25	33	31	Richey, 1989, Table 2
16	FFG_734	633325	3550558	731054	395493	25	33	32	Richey, 1989, Table 2
17	FFG_735	638531	3551412	748168	398200	25	33	36	Richey, 1989, Table 2
18	H1	613420	3581687	666391	498039	22	31	29	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
19	H10A	622949	3572457	697463	467561	23	32	20	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
20	H10B	622975	3572473	697549	467613	23	32	20	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
21	H10C	622976	3572449	697552	467525	23	32	20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
22	H11B1	615346	3579130	672647	489617	22	31	33	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
23	H11B2	615348	3579107	672653	489542	22	31	33	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
24	H11B3	615367	3579127	672716	489608	22	31	33	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
25	H11B4	615301	3579131	672501	489620	22	31	33	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
26	H12	617023	3575452	678079	477535	23	31	15	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
27	H14	612341	3580354	662815	493697	22	31	29	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
28	H15	615315	3581859	672606	498572	22	31	28	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
29	H16	613369	3582212	666231	499726	22	31	20	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
30	H17	615718	3577513	673837	484304	23	31	3	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
31	H18	612264	3583166	662621	502926	22	31	20	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
32	H2A	612663	3581641	663897	497912	22	31	29	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
33	H2B1	612651	3581651	663860	497943	22	31	29	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
34	H2B2	612661	3581649	663890	497938	22	31	29	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
35	H2C	612663	3581662	663904	497992	22	31	29	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
36	H3	613735	3580895	667389	495440	22	31	29	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
37	H3B1	613729	3580895	667377	497440	22	31	29	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
38	H3B2	613701	3580906	667283	495476	22	31	29	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7

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Well ID	x-UTM	y-UTM	x-STPLN	y-STPLN	Township	Range	Section	Source	
1	H3B3	613705	3580876	667298	495376	22	31	29	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
2	H3D	613721	3580890	667350	495421	22	31	29	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
3	H4A	612407	3578469	662993	486962	23	31	5	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
4	H4B	612380	3578483	662906	487554	23	31	5	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
5	H4C	612404	3578497	662988	487603	23	31	5	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
6	H5A	616888	3584776	677828	508111	22	31	15	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
7	H5B	616872	3584801	677777	508194	22	31	15	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
8	H5C	616900	3584802	677873	508198	22	31	15	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
9	H6A	610580	3584982	657132	508881	22	31	18	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
10	H6B	610594	3585008	657180	508969	22	31	18	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
11	H6C	610609	3585027	657231	509066	22	31	18	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
12	H7A	608102	3574670	648790	475132	23	30	14	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
13	H7B1	608124	3574648	648862	475061	23	30	14	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
14	H7B2	608111	3574612	648837	474965	23	30	14	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
15	H7C	608086	3574632	648751	475020	23	30	14	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
16	H8A	608658	3563566	650392	438678	24	30	23	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
17	H8B	608683	3563556	650473	438646	24	30	23	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
18	H8C	608656	3563541	650397	438590	24	30	23	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
19	H9A	613958	3568260	667879	453977	24	31	4	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
20	H9B	613989	3568261	667979	453978	24	31	4	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
21	H9C	613965	3568233	667914	453889	24	31	4	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
22	MB139_1	613585	3582210	666913	499365	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table 1
23	MB139_2	613633	3582061	667069	498876	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table 1
24	MB139_3	613635	3582155	667076	499185	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table 1
25	MB139_4	613582	3582156	666902	499187	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table 1
26	P1	612339	3580339	662807	493649	22	31	29	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
27	P10	617074	3581193	678380	496355	22	31	26	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
28	P11	617016	3583462	678222	503799	22	31	23	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
29	P12	610454	3583452	656688	503899	22	30	24	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
30	P13	610539	3585079	657003	509237	22	31	18	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
31	P14	609083	3581974	652158	499079	22	30	24	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
32	P15	610624	3578793	657148	488609	22	31	31	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
33	P16	612704	3577312	663938	483715	23	31	5	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
34	P17	613929	3577459	667959	484166	23	31	4	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
35	P18	618367	3580352	682589	493561	22	31	26	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
36	P19	617687	3582410	680392	500348	22	31	23	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
37	P2	615315	3581850	672609	498541	22	31	28	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
38	P20	618541	3583770	683226	504775	22	31	14	Mercer, 1983, Table 1

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Well ID	x-UTM	y-UTM	x-STPLN	y-STPLN	Township	Range	Section	Source	
1	P21	616901	3584847	677877	508345	22	31	15	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
2	P3	612799	3581888	664349	498733	22	31	20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
3	P4	614936	3580324	671330	493533	22	31	28	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
4	P5	613686	3583535	667292	504105	22	31	17	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
5	P6	610591	3581133	657104	496288	22	31	30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
6	P7	612305	3578476	662663	487535	23	31	5	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
7	P8	613827	3578467	667656	487472	23	31	4	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
8	P9	615365	3579125	672704	489600	22	31	33	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
9	SaltShft	613587	3582186	666919	499286	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I
10	USGS1	606462	3569459	643297	458066	23	30	34	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
11	USGS4	605841	3569887	641277	459483	23	30	34	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
12	USGS8	605879	3569888	641402	459483	23	30	34	Gonzales, 1989, Tables 3-6 and 3-7
13	WIPP11	613819	3586474	667796	513749	22	31	9	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
14	WIPP12	613709	3583524	667368	504067	22	31	17	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
15	WIPP13	612652	3584241	663901	506454	22	31	17	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
16	WIPP15	590057	3574585	589590	475231	23	35	18	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
17	WIPP16	602380	3597026	630458	548607	21	30	5	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
18	WIPP18	613731	3583179	667441	502935	22	31	20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
19	WIPP19	613747	3582787	667461	501649	22	31	20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
20	WIPP21	613747	3582349	667462	500213	22	31	20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
21	WIPP22	613747	3582652	667462	501206	22	31	20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
22	WIPP25	606391	3584037	643354	505885	22	30	15	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
23	WIPP26	604006	3581161	635496	496516	22	30	29	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
24	WIPP27	604425	3593073	637102	535603	21	30	21	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
25	WIPP28	611265	3594687	659578	540736	21	31	18	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
26	WIPP29	596981	3578700	612380	488570	22	29	34	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
27	WIPP30	613718	3589700	667532	524335	21	31	33	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
28	WIPP32	595909	3579081	608858	489850	22	29	33	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
29	WIPP33	609629	3584019	653981	505789	22	30	13	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
30	WIPP34	614333	3585141	669449	509375	22	31	9	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
31	WastShft	613595	3582061	666944	498876	0	0	0	Krieg, 1984, Table I

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
2	Anhydrt1	DOE2	-199.00	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	40	Anhydrta	DH223	387.18	Krieg, 1984, Table I
3	Anhydrt1	DOE2	-119.10	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	41	Anhydrta	DH227	384.02	Krieg, 1984, Table I
4	Anhydrt1	REF	-199.00	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	42	Anhydrta	DH227	384.26	Krieg, 1984, Table I
5	Anhydrt1	REF	-119.10	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	43	Anhydrta	DH77	402.79	Krieg, 1984, Table I
6	Anhydrt1	WIPP11	-43.90	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2	44	Anhydrta	DH77	402.88	Krieg, 1984, Table I
7	Anhydrt1	WIPP11	-37.80	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2	45	Anhydrta	DO201	389.23	Krieg, 1984, Table I
8	Anhydrt1	WIPP12	-139.00	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2	46	Anhydrta	DO201	389.44	Krieg, 1984, Table I
9	Anhydrt1	WIPP12	-131.10	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2	47	Anhydrta	DO203	400.02	Krieg, 1984, Table I
10	Anhydrt2	DOE1	-71.60	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2	48	Anhydrta	DO203	400.26	Krieg, 1984, Table I
11	Anhydrt2	DOE1	-38.60	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2	49	Anhydrta	DO205	405.17	Krieg, 1984, Table I
12	Anhydrt2	DOE2	-116.40	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	50	Anhydrta	DO205	405.38	Krieg, 1984, Table I
13	Anhydrt2	REF	-116.40	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	51	Anhydrta	DO45	396.69	Krieg, 1984, Table I
14	Anhydrt2	WIPP11	-22.20	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2	52	Anhydrta	DO45	396.87	Krieg, 1984, Table I
15	Anhydrt2	WIPP11	14.40	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2	53	Anhydrta	DO52	393.92	Krieg, 1984, Table I
16	Anhydrt2	WIPP12	24.50	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2	54	Anhydrta	DO52	394.07	Krieg, 1984, Table I
17	Anhydrt2	WIPP12	57.80	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2	55	Anhydrta	DO56	399.74	Krieg, 1984, Table I
18	Anhydrt3	DOE1	30.00	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2	56	Anhydrta	DO56	399.92	Krieg, 1984, Table I
19	Anhydrt3	DOE1	163.60	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2	57	Anhydrta	DO63	403.61	Krieg, 1984, Table I
20	Anhydrt3	DOE2	102.30	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	58	Anhydrta	DO63	403.98	Krieg, 1984, Table I
21	Anhydrt3	ERDA9	162.00	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2	59	Anhydrta	DO67	403.58	Krieg, 1984, Table I
22	Anhydrt3	ERDA9	178.10	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2	60	Anhydrta	DO67	403.85	Krieg, 1984, Table I
23	Anhydrt3	REF	162.00	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	61	Anhydrta	DO88	402.36	Krieg, 1984, Table I
24	Anhydrt3	REF	178.10	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	62	Anhydrta	DO88	402.51	Krieg, 1984, Table I
25	Anhydrt3	WIPP11	309.40	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2	63	Anhydrta	DO91	402.07	Krieg, 1984, Table I
26	Anhydrt3	WIPP11	334.10	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2	64	Anhydrta	DO91	402.28	Krieg, 1984, Table I
27	Anhydrt3	WIPP12	127.30	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2	65	Anhydrta	ExhtShft	389.78	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F
28	Anhydrt3	WIPP12	227.40	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2	66	Anhydrta	ExhtShft	390.03	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F
29	Anhydrta	AirShft	386.41	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22	67	Anhydrta	MB139_2	388.84	Krieg, 1984, Table I
30	Anhydrta	AirShft	386.70	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22	68	Anhydrta	MB139_2	389.05	Krieg, 1984, Table I
31	Anhydrta	DH207	386.86	Krieg, 1984, Table I	69	Anhydrta	SaltShft	392.51	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D
32	Anhydrta	DH207	388.78	Krieg, 1984, Table I	70	Anhydrta	SaltShft	392.74	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D
33	Anhydrta	DH211	389.81	Krieg, 1984, Table I	71	Anhydrta	SaltShft	392.53	Krieg, 1984, Table I
34	Anhydrta	DH211	391.67	Krieg, 1984, Table I	72	Anhydrta	SaltShft	392.76	Krieg, 1984, Table I
35	Anhydrta	DH215	390.11	Krieg, 1984, Table I	73	Anhydrta	WastShft	388.76	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E
36	Anhydrta	DH215	391.97	Krieg, 1984, Table I	74	Anhydrta	WastShft	388.97	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E
37	Anhydrta	DH219	390.39	Krieg, 1984, Table I	75	Anhydrta	WastShft	389.01	Krieg, 1984, Table I
38	Anhydrta	DH219	390.57	Krieg, 1984, Table I	76	Anhydrta	WastShft	389.25	Krieg, 1984, Table I
39	Anhydrta	DH223	386.88	Krieg, 1984, Table I	77	Anhydrtb	DH207	386.65	Krieg, 1984, Table I

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2	Anhydrtb	DH207	386.70	Krieg, 1984, Table I	40	Anhydrtb	SaltShft	390.66	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D
3	Anhydrtb	DH211	389.63	Krieg, 1984, Table I	41	Anhydrtb	SaltShft	390.37	Krieg, 1984, Table I
4	Anhydrtb	DH211	389.66	Krieg, 1984, Table I	42	Anhydrtb	SaltShft	390.45	Krieg, 1984, Table I
5	Anhydrtb	DH215	389.96	Krieg, 1984, Table I	43	Anhydrtb	WastShft	386.57	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E
6	Anhydrtb	DH215	390.02	Krieg, 1984, Table I	44	Anhydrtb	WastShft	386.70	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E
7	Anhydrtb	DH219	388.41	Krieg, 1984, Table I	45	Anhydrtb	WastShft	386.91	Krieg, 1984, Table I
8	Anhydrtb	DH219	388.42	Krieg, 1984, Table I	46	Anhydrtb	WastShft	386.97	Krieg, 1984, Table I
9	Anhydrtb	DH223	385.05	Krieg, 1984, Table I	47	Anhydrtc	DH207	369.49	Krieg, 1984, Table I
10	Anhydrtb	DH223	385.05	Krieg, 1984, Table I	48	Anhydrtc	DH207	369.55	Krieg, 1984, Table I
11	Anhydrtb	DH227	382.25	Krieg, 1984, Table I	49	Anhydrtc	DH211	372.71	Krieg, 1984, Table I
12	Anhydrtb	DH227	382.25	Krieg, 1984, Table I	50	Anhydrtc	DH211	372.80	Krieg, 1984, Table I
13	Anhydrtb	DH77	400.75	Krieg, 1984, Table I	51	Anhydrtc	DH215	373.14	Krieg, 1984, Table I
14	Anhydrtb	DH77	400.83	Krieg, 1984, Table I	52	Anhydrtc	DH215	373.20	Krieg, 1984, Table I
15	Anhydrtb	DO201	387.07	Krieg, 1984, Table I	53	Anhydrtc	DH219	372.13	Krieg, 1984, Table I
16	Anhydrtb	DO201	387.13	Krieg, 1984, Table I	54	Anhydrtc	DH219	372.19	Krieg, 1984, Table I
17	Anhydrtb	DO203	398.13	Krieg, 1984, Table I	55	Anhydrtc	DH223	369.08	Krieg, 1984, Table I
18	Anhydrtb	DO203	398.19	Krieg, 1984, Table I	56	Anhydrtc	DH223	369.17	Krieg, 1984, Table I
19	Anhydrtb	DO205	403.13	Krieg, 1984, Table I	57	Anhydrtc	DH227	366.16	Krieg, 1984, Table I
20	Anhydrtb	DO205	403.19	Krieg, 1984, Table I	58	Anhydrtc	DH227	366.22	Krieg, 1984, Table I
21	Anhydrtb	DO45	393.92	Krieg, 1984, Table I	59	Anhydrtc	DH77	384.75	Krieg, 1984, Table I
22	Anhydrtb	DO45	393.95	Krieg, 1984, Table I	60	Anhydrtc	DH77	384.81	Krieg, 1984, Table I
23	Anhydrtb	DO52	391.88	Krieg, 1984, Table I	61	Anhydrtc	DO201	369.91	Krieg, 1984, Table I
24	Anhydrtb	DO52	391.94	Krieg, 1984, Table I	62	Anhydrtc	DO201	370.03	Krieg, 1984, Table I
25	Anhydrtb	DO56	397.64	Krieg, 1984, Table I	63	Anhydrtc	DO203	381.95	Krieg, 1984, Table I
26	Anhydrtb	DO56	397.70	Krieg, 1984, Table I	64	Anhydrtc	DO203	382.01	Krieg, 1984, Table I
27	Anhydrtb	DO63	401.45	Krieg, 1984, Table I	65	Anhydrtc	DO205	387.37	Krieg, 1984, Table I
28	Anhydrtb	DO63	401.51	Krieg, 1984, Table I	66	Anhydrtc	DO205	387.43	Krieg, 1984, Table I
29	Anhydrtb	DO67	401.45	Krieg, 1984, Table I	67	Anhydrtc	DO45	377.22	Krieg, 1984, Table I
30	Anhydrtb	DO67	401.53	Krieg, 1984, Table I	68	Anhydrtc	DO45	377.28	Krieg, 1984, Table I
31	Anhydrtb	DO88	400.23	Krieg, 1984, Table I	69	Anhydrtc	DO52	375.18	Krieg, 1984, Table I
32	Anhydrtb	DO88	400.30	Krieg, 1984, Table I	70	Anhydrtc	DO52	375.24	Krieg, 1984, Table I
33	Anhydrtb	DO91	399.91	Krieg, 1984, Table I	71	Anhydrtc	DO56	381.00	Krieg, 1984, Table I
34	Anhydrtb	DO91	399.96	Krieg, 1984, Table I	72	Anhydrtc	DO56	381.09	Krieg, 1984, Table I
35	Anhydrtb	ExhtShft	387.66	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F	73	Anhydrtc	DO63	385.66	Krieg, 1984, Table I
36	Anhydrtb	ExhtShft	387.75	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F	74	Anhydrtc	DO63	385.84	Krieg, 1984, Table I
37	Anhydrtb	MB139_2	386.58	Krieg, 1984, Table I	75	Anhydrtc	DO67	385.54	Krieg, 1984, Table I
38	Anhydrtb	MB139_2	386.61	Krieg, 1984, Table I	76	Anhydrtc	DO67	385.63	Krieg, 1984, Table I
39	Anhydrtb	SaltShft	390.58	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D	77	Anhydrtc	DO88	384.01	Krieg, 1984, Table I

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Anhydrtc	DO88	384.06	Krieg, 1984, Table I	39	Culebra	FFG_026	592.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
2	Anhydrtc	DO91	384.03	Krieg, 1984, Table I	40	Culebra	FFG_027	585.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
3	Anhydrtc	DO91	384.12	Krieg, 1984, Table I	41	Culebra	FFG_028	578.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
4	Anhydrtc	SaltShft	373.09	Krieg, 1984, Table I	42	Culebra	FFG_029	563.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
5	Anhydrtc	SaltShft	373.20	Krieg, 1984, Table I	43	Culebra	FFG_030	563.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
6	B_CANyon	DOE2	-276.30	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	44	Culebra	FFG_031	554.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
7	B_CANyon	DOE2	-199.00	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	45	Culebra	FFG_032	549.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
8	B_CANyon	REF	-276.30	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	46	Culebra	FFG_033	549.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
9	B_CANyon	REF	-199.00	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	47	Culebra	FFG_034	548.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
10	Culebra	AEC7	848.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	48	Culebra	FFG_035	533.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
11	Culebra	AEC8	822.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	49	Culebra	FFG_036	541.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
12	Culebra	AirShft	824.48	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22	50	Culebra	FFG_037	534.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
13	Culebra	B25	824.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	51	Culebra	FFG_038	523.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
14	Culebra	DOE1	806.10	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2	52	Culebra	FFG_039	731.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
15	Culebra	DOE2	790.80	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	53	Culebra	FFG_040	655.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
16	Culebra	ERDA10	882.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	54	Culebra	FFG_041	733.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
17	Culebra	ERDA6	862.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	55	Culebra	FFG_042	740.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
18	Culebra	ERDA9	827.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	56	Culebra	FFG_043	735.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
19	Culebra	ERDA9	823.40	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2	57	Culebra	FFG_044	689.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
20	Culebra	ExhtShft	821.57	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F	58	Culebra	FFG_047	561.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
21	Culebra	FFG_002	624.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	59	Culebra	FFG_048	580.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
22	Culebra	FFG_004	666.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	60	Culebra	FFG_049	567.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
23	Culebra	FFG_005	628.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	61	Culebra	FFG_050	582.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
24	Culebra	FFG_006	616.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	62	Culebra	FFG_051	573.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
25	Culebra	FFG_007	602.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	63	Culebra	FFG_052	595.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
26	Culebra	FFG_009	604.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	64	Culebra	FFG_053	563.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
27	Culebra	FFG_011	609.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	65	Culebra	FFG_054	562.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
28	Culebra	FFG_012	613.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	66	Culebra	FFG_055	565.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
29	Culebra	FFG_013	646.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	67	Culebra	FFG_056	564.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
30	Culebra	FFG_014	667.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	68	Culebra	FFG_057	564.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
31	Culebra	FFG_016	587.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	69	Culebra	FFG_058	569.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
32	Culebra	FFG_017	594.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	70	Culebra	FFG_059	569.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
33	Culebra	FFG_018	598.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	71	Culebra	FFG_060	569.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
34	Culebra	FFG_019	588.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	72	Culebra	FFG_061	570.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
35	Culebra	FFG_020	662.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	73	Culebra	FFG_062	513.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
36	Culebra	FFG_023	596.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	74	Culebra	FFG_063	470.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
37	Culebra	FFG_024	579.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	75	Culebra	FFG_064	497.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
38	Culebra	FFG_025	598.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	76	Culebra	FFG_065	471.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Culebra	FFG_066	434.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	39	Culebra	FFG_106	902.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
2	Culebra	FFG_067	470.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	40	Culebra	FFG_107	887.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
3	Culebra	FFG_068	430.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	41	Culebra	FFG_108	878.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
4	Culebra	FFG_069	447.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	42	Culebra	FFG_109	862.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
5	Culebra	FFG_070	484.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	43	Culebra	FFG_110	832.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
6	Culebra	FFG_071	755.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	44	Culebra	FFG_111	836.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
7	Culebra	FFG_072	681.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	45	Culebra	FFG_112	824.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
8	Culebra	FFG_073	659.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	46	Culebra	FFG_113	838.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
9	Culebra	FFG_074	666.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	47	Culebra	FFG_114	870.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
10	Culebra	FFG_075	717.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	48	Culebra	FFG_115	857.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
11	Culebra	FFG_076	777.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	49	Culebra	FFG_116	871.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
12	Culebra	FFG_078	814.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	50	Culebra	FFG_117	868.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
13	Culebra	FFG_079	787.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	51	Culebra	FFG_119	870.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
14	Culebra	FFG_080	765.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	52	Culebra	FFG_120	874.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
15	Culebra	FFG_081	683.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	53	Culebra	FFG_121	882.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
16	Culebra	FFG_082	711.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	54	Culebra	FFG_122	876.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
17	Culebra	FFG_083	638.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	55	Culebra	FFG_123	867.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
18	Culebra	FFG_084	661.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	56	Culebra	FFG_124	837.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
19	Culebra	FFG_085	655.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	57	Culebra	FFG_125	851.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
20	Culebra	FFG_086	665.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	58	Culebra	FFG_126	852.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
21	Culebra	FFG_087	636.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	59	Culebra	FFG_127	860.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
22	Culebra	FFG_088	626.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	60	Culebra	FFG_128	887.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
23	Culebra	FFG_089	613.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	61	Culebra	FFG_129	858.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
24	Culebra	FFG_091	652.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	62	Culebra	FFG_130	897.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
25	Culebra	FFG_092	670.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	63	Culebra	FFG_132	898.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
26	Culebra	FFG_093	673.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	64	Culebra	FFG_133	901.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
27	Culebra	FFG_094	674.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	65	Culebra	FFG_134	904.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
28	Culebra	FFG_095	651.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	66	Culebra	FFG_135	880.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
29	Culebra	FFG_096	635.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	67	Culebra	FFG_136	882.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
30	Culebra	FFG_097	614.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	68	Culebra	FFG_137	892.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
31	Culebra	FFG_098	587.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	69	Culebra	FFG_138	844.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
32	Culebra	FFG_099	582.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	70	Culebra	FFG_139	855.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
33	Culebra	FFG_100	564.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	71	Culebra	FFG_140	792.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
34	Culebra	FFG_101	533.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	72	Culebra	FFG_141	820.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
35	Culebra	FFG_102	549.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	73	Culebra	FFG_142	795.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
36	Culebra	FFG_103	609.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	74	Culebra	FFG_143	804.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
37	Culebra	FFG_104	508.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	75	Culebra	FFG_144	894.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
38	Culebra	FFG_105	867.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	76	Culebra	FFG_145	893.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Culebra	FFG_146	906.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	39	Culebra	FFG_194	788.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
2	Culebra	FFG_147	882.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	40	Culebra	FFG_195	803.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
3	Culebra	FFG_148	900.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	41	Culebra	FFG_196	837.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
4	Culebra	FFG_149	910.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	42	Culebra	FFG_197	841.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
5	Culebra	FFG_155	901.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	43	Culebra	FFG_198	840.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
6	Culebra	FFG_156	906.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	44	Culebra	FFG_199	827.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
7	Culebra	FFG_157	904.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	45	Culebra	FFG_200	838.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
8	Culebra	FFG_158	928.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	46	Culebra	FFG_201	838.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
9	Culebra	FFG_159	898.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	47	Culebra	FFG_202	773.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
10	Culebra	FFG_160	895.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	48	Culebra	FFG_203	776.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
11	Culebra	FFG_161	901.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	49	Culebra	FFG_204	813.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
12	Culebra	FFG_162	891.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	50	Culebra	FFG_205	825.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
13	Culebra	FFG_163	897.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	51	Culebra	FFG_206	837.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
14	Culebra	FFG_164	937.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	52	Culebra	FFG_207	833.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
15	Culebra	FFG_165	912.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	53	Culebra	FFG_208	843.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
16	Culebra	FFG_166	900.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	54	Culebra	FFG_209	838.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
17	Culebra	FFG_167	887.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	55	Culebra	FFG_210	827.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
18	Culebra	FFG_168	906.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	56	Culebra	FFG_212	817.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
19	Culebra	FFG_169	919.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	57	Culebra	FFG_213	837.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
20	Culebra	FFG_170	903.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	58	Culebra	FFG_214	818.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
21	Culebra	FFG_171	922.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	59	Culebra	FFG_215	793.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
22	Culebra	FFG_172	915.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	60	Culebra	FFG_216	688.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
23	Culebra	FFG_173	876.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	61	Culebra	FFG_217	814.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
24	Culebra	FFG_177	889.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	62	Culebra	FFG_218	803.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
25	Culebra	FFG_178	718.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	63	Culebra	FFG_219	848.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
26	Culebra	FFG_179	886.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	64	Culebra	FFG_220	798.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
27	Culebra	FFG_180	883.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	65	Culebra	FFG_221	756.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
28	Culebra	FFG_181	930.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	66	Culebra	FFG_222	713.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
29	Culebra	FFG_182	812.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	67	Culebra	FFG_224	597.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
30	Culebra	FFG_183	904.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	68	Culebra	FFG_225	603.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
31	Culebra	FFG_184	891.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	69	Culebra	FFG_226	601.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
32	Culebra	FFG_185	899.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	70	Culebra	FFG_228	588.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
33	Culebra	FFG_186	827.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	71	Culebra	FFG_229	614.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
34	Culebra	FFG_188	845.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	72	Culebra	FFG_230	601.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
35	Culebra	FFG_189	867.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	73	Culebra	FFG_231	619.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
36	Culebra	FFG_190	843.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	74	Culebra	FFG_232	631.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
37	Culebra	FFG_191	845.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	75	Culebra	FFG_233	624.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
38	Culebra	FFG_192	774.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	76	Culebra	FFG_234	660.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35

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1	Culebra	FFG_235	635.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	39	Culebra	FFG_273	753.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
2	Culebra	FFG_236	682.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	40	Culebra	FFG_274	793.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
3	Culebra	FFG_237	646.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	41	Culebra	FFG_275	800.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
4	Culebra	FFG_238	628.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	42	Culebra	FFG_276	802.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
5	Culebra	FFG_239	620.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	43	Culebra	FFG_277	795.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
6	Culebra	FFG_240	609.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	44	Culebra	FFG_278	776.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
7	Culebra	FFG_241	605.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	45	Culebra	FFG_279	776.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
8	Culebra	FFG_242	732.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	46	Culebra	FFG_280	788.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
9	Culebra	FFG_243	668.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	47	Culebra	FFG_281	762.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
10	Culebra	FFG_244	721.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	48	Culebra	FFG_283	496.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
11	Culebra	FFG_245	510.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	49	Culebra	FFG_284	648.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
12	Culebra	FFG_246	516.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	50	Culebra	FFG_285	669.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
13	Culebra	FFG_247	501.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	51	Culebra	FFG_286	773.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
14	Culebra	FFG_248	506.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	52	Culebra	FFG_287	738.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
15	Culebra	FFG_249	505.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	53	Culebra	FFG_288	668.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
16	Culebra	FFG_250	587.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	54	Culebra	FFG_289	680.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
17	Culebra	FFG_251	477.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	55	Culebra	FFG_290	770.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
18	Culebra	FFG_252	619.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	56	Culebra	FFG_291	668.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
19	Culebra	FFG_253	566.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	57	Culebra	FFG_292	724.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
20	Culebra	FFG_254	562.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	58	Culebra	FFG_293	718.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
21	Culebra	FFG_255	514.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	59	Culebra	FFG_294	504.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
22	Culebra	FFG_256	477.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	60	Culebra	FFG_295	489.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
23	Culebra	FFG_257	523.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	61	Culebra	FFG_297	469.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
24	Culebra	FFG_258	546.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	62	Culebra	FFG_298	528.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
25	Culebra	FFG_259	503.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	63	Culebra	FFG_299	497.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
26	Culebra	FFG_260	556.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	64	Culebra	FFG_300	480.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
27	Culebra	FFG_261	542.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	65	Culebra	FFG_301	435.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
28	Culebra	FFG_262	485.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	66	Culebra	FFG_302	443.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
29	Culebra	FFG_263	456.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	67	Culebra	FFG_303	449.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
30	Culebra	FFG_264	703.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	68	Culebra	FFG_304	445.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
31	Culebra	FFG_265	686.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	69	Culebra	FFG_305	443.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
32	Culebra	FFG_266	665.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	70	Culebra	FFG_306	413.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
33	Culebra	FFG_267	641.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	71	Culebra	FFG_307	432.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
34	Culebra	FFG_268	613.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	72	Culebra	FFG_308	376.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
35	Culebra	FFG_269	627.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	73	Culebra	FFG_309	434.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
36	Culebra	FFG_270	730.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	74	Culebra	FFG_310	475.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
37	Culebra	FFG_271	773.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	75	Culebra	FFG_311	428.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
38	Culebra	FFG_272	751.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	76	Culebra	FFG_312	429.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40

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1	Culebra	FFG_313	870.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	39	Culebra	FFG_354	762.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
2	Culebra	FFG_314	788.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	40	Culebra	FFG_361	955.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
3	Culebra	FFG_315	701.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	41	Culebra	FFG_362	919.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
4	Culebra	FFG_316	678.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	42	Culebra	FFG_363	947.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
5	Culebra	FFG_317	732.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	43	Culebra	FFG_364	918.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
6	Culebra	FFG_318	710.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	44	Culebra	FFG_366	911.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
7	Culebra	FFG_319	704.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	45	Culebra	FFG_367	931.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
8	Culebra	FFG_320	669.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	46	Culebra	FFG_370	968.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
9	Culebra	FFG_321	668.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	47	Culebra	FFG_371	965.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
10	Culebra	FFG_322	669.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	48	Culebra	FFG_372	949.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
11	Culebra	FFG_323	675.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	49	Culebra	FFG_373	909.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
12	Culebra	FFG_324	699.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	50	Culebra	FFG_374	908.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
13	Culebra	FFG_325	762.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	51	Culebra	FFG_376	947.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
14	Culebra	FFG_326	706.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	52	Culebra	FFG_381	914.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
15	Culebra	FFG_327	689.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	53	Culebra	FFG_383	908.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
16	Culebra	FFG_328	673.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	54	Culebra	FFG_384	921.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
17	Culebra	FFG_329	669.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	55	Culebra	FFG_385	915.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
18	Culebra	FFG_330	669.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	56	Culebra	FFG_387	911.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
19	Culebra	FFG_331	652.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	57	Culebra	FFG_388	900.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
20	Culebra	FFG_332	639.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	58	Culebra	FFG_389	924.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
21	Culebra	FFG_333	650.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	59	Culebra	FFG_390	919.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
22	Culebra	FFG_334	644.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	60	Culebra	FFG_391	919.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
23	Culebra	FFG_335	663.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	61	Culebra	FFG_392	910.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
24	Culebra	FFG_336	658.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	62	Culebra	FFG_393	785.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
25	Culebra	FFG_337	641.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	63	Culebra	FFG_394	882.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
26	Culebra	FFG_338	646.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	64	Culebra	FFG_395	874.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
27	Culebra	FFG_339	611.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	65	Culebra	FFG_396	853.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
28	Culebra	FFG_340	617.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	66	Culebra	FFG_398	771.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
29	Culebra	FFG_342	682.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	67	Culebra	FFG_399	785.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
30	Culebra	FFG_344	659.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	68	Culebra	FFG_401	839.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
31	Culebra	FFG_345	678.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	69	Culebra	FFG_402	947.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
32	Culebra	FFG_347	699.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	70	Culebra	FFG_403	914.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
33	Culebra	FFG_348	738.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	71	Culebra	FFG_404	873.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
34	Culebra	FFG_349	714.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	72	Culebra	FFG_407	908.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
35	Culebra	FFG_350	745.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	73	Culebra	FFG_408	907.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
36	Culebra	FFG_351	629.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	74	Culebra	FFG_409	943.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
37	Culebra	FFG_352	629.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	75	Culebra	FFG_411	887.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
38	Culebra	FFG_353	651.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	76	Culebra	FFG_413	915.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Culebra	FFG_418	930.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	39	Culebra	FFG_486	716.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
2	Culebra	FFG_419	942.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	40	Culebra	FFG_487	715.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
3	Culebra	FFG_420	936.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	41	Culebra	FFG_488	698.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
4	Culebra	FFG_421	923.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	42	Culebra	FFG_489	717.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
5	Culebra	FFG_422	923.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	43	Culebra	FFG_490	806.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
6	Culebra	FFG_426	926.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	44	Culebra	FFG_491	799.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
7	Culebra	FFG_432	884.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	45	Culebra	FFG_492	765.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
8	Culebra	FFG_433	897.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	46	Culebra	FFG_493	752.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
9	Culebra	FFG_438	835.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.49	47	Culebra	FFG_494	754.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
10	Culebra	FFG_445	920.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.49	48	Culebra	FFG_495	749.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
11	Culebra	FFG_453	782.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	49	Culebra	FFG_496	616.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
12	Culebra	FFG_455	770.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	50	Culebra	FFG_497	649.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
13	Culebra	FFG_456	776.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	51	Culebra	FFG_498	645.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
14	Culebra	FFG_457	831.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	52	Culebra	FFG_499	612.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
15	Culebra	FFG_458	833.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	53	Culebra	FFG_500	643.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
16	Culebra	FFG_459	761.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	54	Culebra	FFG_501	673.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
17	Culebra	FFG_462	828.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	55	Culebra	FFG_502	638.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
18	Culebra	FFG_463	854.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	56	Culebra	FFG_503	624.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
19	Culebra	FFG_464	843.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	57	Culebra	FFG_504	674.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
20	Culebra	FFG_465	844.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	58	Culebra	FFG_505	702.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
21	Culebra	FFG_467	430.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	59	Culebra	FFG_506	700.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
22	Culebra	FFG_468	377.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	60	Culebra	FFG_507	607.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
23	Culebra	FFG_470	408.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	61	Culebra	FFG_508	688.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
24	Culebra	FFG_471	426.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	62	Culebra	FFG_509	668.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
25	Culebra	FFG_472	501.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	63	Culebra	FFG_510	670.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
26	Culebra	FFG_473	390.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	64	Culebra	FFG_511	629.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
27	Culebra	FFG_474	677.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	65	Culebra	FFG_512	643.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
28	Culebra	FFG_475	686.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	66	Culebra	FFG_513	667.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
29	Culebra	FFG_476	760.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	67	Culebra	FFG_514	645.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
30	Culebra	FFG_477	726.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	68	Culebra	FFG_515	617.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
31	Culebra	FFG_478	702.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	69	Culebra	FFG_516	612.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
32	Culebra	FFG_479	706.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	70	Culebra	FFG_517	755.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
33	Culebra	FFG_480	688.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	71	Culebra	FFG_518	742.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
34	Culebra	FFG_481	681.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	72	Culebra	FFG_519	704.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
35	Culebra	FFG_482	711.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	73	Culebra	FFG_520	590.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
36	Culebra	FFG_483	741.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	74	Culebra	FFG_521	633.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
37	Culebra	FFG_484	725.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	75	Culebra	FFG_522	434.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
38	Culebra	FFG_485	730.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	76	Culebra	FFG_523	449.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54

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1	Culebra	FFG_524	616.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	39	Culebra	FFG_648	513.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60
2	Culebra	FFG_525	443.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	40	Culebra	FFG_652	822.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60
3	Culebra	FFG_526	950.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	41	Culebra	FFG_653	822.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
4	Culebra	FFG_527	894.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	42	Culebra	FFG_654	845.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
5	Culebra	FFG_528	896.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	43	Culebra	FFG_655	847.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
6	Culebra	FFG_530	965.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	44	Culebra	FFG_656	845.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
7	Culebra	FFG_531	894.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	45	Culebra	FFG_657	862.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
8	Culebra	FFG_532	879.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	46	Culebra	FFG_658	849.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
9	Culebra	FFG_534	892.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	47	Culebra	FFG_659	856.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
10	Culebra	FFG_535	882.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	48	Culebra	FFG_660	873.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
11	Culebra	FFG_536	892.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	49	Culebra	FFG_662	843.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
12	Culebra	FFG_537	879.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	50	Culebra	FFG_664	836.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
13	Culebra	FFG_543	932.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.56	51	Culebra	FFG_666	890.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
14	Culebra	FFG_548	883.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.56	52	Culebra	FFG_667	875.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
15	Culebra	FFG_552	732.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.56	53	Culebra	FFG_668	926.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
16	Culebra	FFG_562	621.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	54	Culebra	FFG_669	912.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
17	Culebra	FFG_563	537.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	55	Culebra	FFG_670	897.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
18	Culebra	FFG_568	631.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	56	Culebra	FFG_671	900.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
19	Culebra	FFG_569	632.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	57	Culebra	FFG_672	897.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
20	Culebra	FFG_584	742.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	58	Culebra	FFG_673	894.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
21	Culebra	FFG_585	686.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	59	Culebra	FFG_674	893.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
22	Culebra	FFG_600	700.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	60	Culebra	FFG_675	851.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
23	Culebra	FFG_601	580.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	61	Culebra	FFG_676	862.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
24	Culebra	FFG_602	803.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	62	Culebra	FFG_677	889.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
25	Culebra	FFG_606	673.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	63	Culebra	FFG_679	891.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
26	Culebra	FFG_607	681.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	64	Culebra	FFG_685	918.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
27	Culebra	FFG_608	663.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	65	Culebra	FFG_689	764.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
28	Culebra	FFG_609	656.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	66	Culebra	FFG_690	768.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
29	Culebra	FFG_610	649.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	67	Culebra	FFG_691	760.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
30	Culebra	FFG_611	644.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	68	Culebra	FFG_692	749.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
31	Culebra	FFG_612	679.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	69	Culebra	FFG_693	760.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
32	Culebra	FFG_613	677.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	70	Culebra	FFG_694	750.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
33	Culebra	FFG_618	686.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	71	Culebra	FFG_695	756.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
34	Culebra	FFG_638	536.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	72	Culebra	FFG_696	758.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
35	Culebra	FFG_639	508.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	73	Culebra	FFG_697	760.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
36	Culebra	FFG_640	597.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	74	Culebra	FFG_698	802.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
37	Culebra	FFG_643	642.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	75	Culebra	FFG_699	755.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
38	Culebra	FFG_644	677.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	76	Culebra	FFG_700	749.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64

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1	Culebra	FFG_701	749.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	39	Culebra	FFG_740	662.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66
2	Culebra	FFG_702	755.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	40	Culebra	FFG_741	658.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66
3	Culebra	FFG_703	761.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	41	Culebra	FFG_742	700.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
4	Culebra	FFG_704	745.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	42	Culebra	FFG_743	686.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
5	Culebra	FFG_705	679.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	43	Culebra	FFG_744	677.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
6	Culebra	FFG_706	702.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	44	Culebra	FFG_745	657.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
7	Culebra	FFG_707	686.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	45	Culebra	FFG_746	645.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
8	Culebra	FFG_708	736.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	46	Culebra	H1	829.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
9	Culebra	FFG_709	632.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	47	Culebra	H10C	709.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
10	Culebra	FFG_710	631.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	48	Culebra	H2C	839.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
11	Culebra	FFG_711	634.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	49	Culebra	H3	828.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
12	Culebra	FFG_712	678.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	50	Culebra	H4C	866.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
13	Culebra	FFG_713	620.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	51	Culebra	H5C	794.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
14	Culebra	FFG_714	731.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	52	Culebra	H6C	836.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
15	Culebra	FFG_715	741.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	53	Culebra	H7C	891.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
16	Culebra	FFG_716	604.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	54	Culebra	H8C	867.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
17	Culebra	FFG_717	672.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	55	Culebra	H9C	840.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
18	Culebra	FFG_718	664.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	56	Culebra	P1	855.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
19	Culebra	FFG_719	626.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	57	Culebra	P10	785.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
20	Culebra	FFG_720	625.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	58	Culebra	P11	790.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
21	Culebra	FFG_721	646.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	59	Culebra	P12	835.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
22	Culebra	FFG_723	762.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	60	Culebra	P13	835.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
23	Culebra	FFG_724	686.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	61	Culebra	P14	849.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
24	Culebra	FFG_725	652.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	62	Culebra	P15	883.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
25	Culebra	FFG_726	648.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	63	Culebra	P16	858.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
26	Culebra	FFG_727	639.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	64	Culebra	P17	846.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
27	Culebra	FFG_728	646.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	65	Culebra	P18	782.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
28	Culebra	FFG_729	648.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	66	Culebra	P19	785.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
29	Culebra	FFG_730	673.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	67	Culebra	P2	799.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
30	Culebra	FFG_731	670.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	68	Culebra	P20	792.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
31	Culebra	FFG_732	686.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	69	Culebra	P21	795.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
32	Culebra	FFG_733	749.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	70	Culebra	P3	835.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
33	Culebra	FFG_734	707.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	71	Culebra	P4	813.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
34	Culebra	FFG_735	638.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	72	Culebra	P5	812.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
35	Culebra	FFG_736	676.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	73	Culebra	P6	858.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
36	Culebra	FFG_737	620.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	74	Culebra	P7	864.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
37	Culebra	FFG_738	662.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	75	Culebra	P8	846.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
38	Culebra	FFG_739	694.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	76	Culebra	P9	816.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Culebra	REF	823.40	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	39	Halite1	WIPP11	-37.80	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2
2	Culebra	SaltShft	822.81	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D	40	Halite1	WIPP11	-22.20	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2
3	Culebra	WIPP11	786.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	41	Halite1	WIPP12	-131.10	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2
4	Culebra	WIPP11	787.00	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2	42	Halite1	WIPP12	24.50	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2
5	Culebra	WIPP12	811.30	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2	43	Halite2	DOE1	-38.60	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2
6	Culebra	WIPP12	811.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	44	Halite2	DOE1	30.00	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2
7	Culebra	WIPP13	824.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	45	Halite2	WIPP11	14.40	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2
8	Culebra	WIPP16	679.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	46	Halite2	WIPP11	309.40	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2
9	Culebra	WIPP18	813.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	47	Halite2	WIPP12	57.80	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2
10	Culebra	WIPP19	816.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	48	Halite2	WIPP12	127.30	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2
11	Culebra	WIPP21	819.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	49	L_Member	DOE1	163.60	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2
12	Culebra	WIPP22	818.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	50	L_Member	DOE2	102.30	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2
13	Culebra	WIPP25	843.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	51	L_Member	ERDA9	178.10	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2
14	Culebra	WIPP26	904.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	52	L_Member	REF	178.10	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1
15	Culebra	WIPP27	879.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	53	L_Member	WIPP11	334.10	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2
16	Culebra	WIPP28	892.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	54	L_Member	WIPP12	227.40	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2
17	Culebra	WIPP29	903.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	55	M49er	AEC7	911.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
18	Culebra	WIPP30	852.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	56	M49er	AEC8	875.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
19	Culebra	WIPP32	902.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	57	M49er	AirShft	877.42	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22
20	Culebra	WIPP33	845.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	58	M49er	B25	876.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
21	Culebra	WIPP34	792.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	59	M49er	DOE1	855.20	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2
22	Culebra	WastShft	823.64	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E	60	M49er	DOE2	847.10	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2
23	DeweyLk	AirShft	1022.02	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22	61	M49er	ERDA6	915.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
24	DeweyLk	DOE1	1018.10	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2	62	M49er	ERDA9	878.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
25	DeweyLk	DOE2	1001.30	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	63	M49er	ERDA9	874.00	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2
26	DeweyLk	ERDA9	1023.30	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2	64	M49er	ExhtShft	872.52	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F
27	DeweyLk	ExhtShft	1022.73	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F	65	M49er	FFG_002	686.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
28	DeweyLk	REF	1023.30	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	66	M49er	FFG_004	739.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
29	DeweyLk	SaltShft	1025.35	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D	67	M49er	FFG_005	693.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
30	DeweyLk	WIPP11	995.20	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2	68	M49er	FFG_006	688.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
31	DeweyLk	WIPP12	1010.90	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2	69	M49er	FFG_007	678.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
32	DeweyLk	WastShft	1009.97	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E	70	M49er	FFG_009	678.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
33	Halite1	DOE1	-170.40	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2	71	M49er	FFG_011	684.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
34	Halite1	DOE1	-71.60	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2	72	M49er	FFG_012	687.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
35	Halite1	DOE2	-119.10	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	73	M49er	FFG_013	696.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
36	Halite1	DOE2	-116.40	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	74	M49er	FFG_014	741.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
37	Halite1	REF	-119.10	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	75	M49er	FFG_016	666.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
38	Halite1	REF	-116.40	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	76	M49er	FFG_017	669.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	M49er	FFG_018	672.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	39	M49er	FFG_060	645.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
2	M49er	FFG_019	666.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	40	M49er	FFG_061	645.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
3	M49er	FFG_020	740.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	41	M49er	FFG_062	574.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
4	M49er	FFG_023	678.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	42	M49er	FFG_063	534.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
5	M49er	FFG_024	662.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	43	M49er	FFG_064	559.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
6	M49er	FFG_025	674.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	44	M49er	FFG_065	542.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
7	M49er	FFG_026	670.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	45	M49er	FFG_066	496.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
8	M49er	FFG_027	664.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	46	M49er	FFG_067	537.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
9	M49er	FFG_028	629.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	47	M49er	FFG_068	496.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
10	M49er	FFG_029	616.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	48	M49er	FFG_069	524.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
11	M49er	FFG_030	616.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	49	M49er	FFG_070	553.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
12	M49er	FFG_031	609.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	50	M49er	FFG_071	811.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
13	M49er	FFG_032	611.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	51	M49er	FFG_072	739.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
14	M49er	FFG_033	607.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	52	M49er	FFG_073	717.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
15	M49er	FFG_034	601.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	53	M49er	FFG_074	723.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
16	M49er	FFG_035	590.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	54	M49er	FFG_075	773.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
17	M49er	FFG_036	602.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	55	M49er	FFG_076	836.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
18	M49er	FFG_037	592.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	56	M49er	FFG_078	874.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
19	M49er	FFG_038	579.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	57	M49er	FFG_079	848.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
20	M49er	FFG_039	798.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	58	M49er	FFG_080	827.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
21	M49er	FFG_040	740.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	59	M49er	FFG_081	746.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
22	M49er	FFG_041	801.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	60	M49er	FFG_082	779.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
23	M49er	FFG_042	805.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	61	M49er	FFG_083	693.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
24	M49er	FFG_043	810.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	62	M49er	FFG_084	721.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
25	M49er	FFG_044	762.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	63	M49er	FFG_085	714.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
26	M49er	FFG_047	633.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	64	M49er	FFG_086	722.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
27	M49er	FFG_048	653.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	65	M49er	FFG_087	698.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
28	M49er	FFG_049	641.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	66	M49er	FFG_088	694.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
29	M49er	FFG_050	648.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	67	M49er	FFG_089	675.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
30	M49er	FFG_051	648.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	68	M49er	FFG_091	720.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
31	M49er	FFG_052	651.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	69	M49er	FFG_092	734.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
32	M49er	FFG_053	642.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	70	M49er	FFG_093	737.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
33	M49er	FFG_054	641.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	71	M49er	FFG_094	740.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
34	M49er	FFG_055	641.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	72	M49er	FFG_095	706.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
35	M49er	FFG_056	644.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	73	M49er	FFG_096	689.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
36	M49er	FFG_057	645.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	74	M49er	FFG_097	671.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
37	M49er	FFG_058	641.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	75	M49er	FFG_098	645.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
38	M49er	FFG_059	643.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	76	M49er	FFG_099	641.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27

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1	M49er	FFG_100	624.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	39	M49er	FFG_141	873.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
2	M49er	FFG_101	593.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	40	M49er	FFG_142	849.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
3	M49er	FFG_102	613.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	41	M49er	FFG_143	855.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
4	M49er	FFG_103	674.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	42	M49er	FFG_159	956.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
5	M49er	FFG_104	572.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	43	M49er	FFG_160	950.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
6	M49er	FFG_105	926.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	44	M49er	FFG_161	957.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
7	M49er	FFG_106	954.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	45	M49er	FFG_162	955.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
8	M49er	FFG_107	945.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	46	M49er	FFG_163	955.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
9	M49er	FFG_108	933.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	47	M49er	FFG_166	954.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
10	M49er	FFG_109	917.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	48	M49er	FFG_167	936.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
11	M49er	FFG_110	887.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	49	M49er	FFG_168	967.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
12	M49er	FFG_111	896.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	50	M49er	FFG_169	980.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
13	M49er	FFG_112	879.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	51	M49er	FFG_170	933.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
14	M49er	FFG_113	893.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	52	M49er	FFG_173	934.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
15	M49er	FFG_114	924.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	53	M49er	FFG_180	943.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
16	M49er	FFG_115	913.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	54	M49er	FFG_182	856.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
17	M49er	FFG_116	929.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	55	M49er	FFG_189	922.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
18	M49er	FFG_117	935.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	56	M49er	FFG_190	901.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
19	M49er	FFG_120	944.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	57	M49er	FFG_191	901.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
20	M49er	FFG_121	946.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	58	M49er	FFG_192	834.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
21	M49er	FFG_122	944.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	59	M49er	FFG_194	839.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
22	M49er	FFG_123	928.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	60	M49er	FFG_195	855.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
23	M49er	FFG_124	900.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	61	M49er	FFG_196	897.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
24	M49er	FFG_125	912.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	62	M49er	FFG_197	899.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
25	M49er	FFG_126	904.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	63	M49er	FFG_198	898.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
26	M49er	FFG_127	909.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	64	M49er	FFG_199	888.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
27	M49er	FFG_128	948.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	65	M49er	FFG_200	902.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
28	M49er	FFG_129	923.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	66	M49er	FFG_201	894.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
29	M49er	FFG_130	954.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	67	M49er	FFG_202	834.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
30	M49er	FFG_132	956.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	68	M49er	FFG_203	841.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
31	M49er	FFG_133	959.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	69	M49er	FFG_204	864.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
32	M49er	FFG_134	963.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	70	M49er	FFG_205	880.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
33	M49er	FFG_135	937.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	71	M49er	FFG_206	895.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
34	M49er	FFG_136	934.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	72	M49er	FFG_207	892.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
35	M49er	FFG_137	946.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	73	M49er	FFG_208	902.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
36	M49er	FFG_138	897.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	74	M49er	FFG_210	885.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
37	M49er	FFG_139	907.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	75	M49er	FFG_212	870.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
38	M49er	FFG_140	849.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	76	M49er	FFG_213	903.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34

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1	M49er	FFG_214	877.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	39	M49er	FFG_254	651.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
2	M49er	FFG_215	852.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	40	M49er	FFG_255	609.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
3	M49er	FFG_216	737.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	41	M49er	FFG_256	557.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
4	M49er	FFG_217	873.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	42	M49er	FFG_257	600.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
5	M49er	FFG_218	863.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	43	M49er	FFG_258	615.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
6	M49er	FFG_219	910.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	44	M49er	FFG_259	584.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
7	M49er	FFG_220	859.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	45	M49er	FFG_260	621.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
8	M49er	FFG_221	814.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	46	M49er	FFG_261	610.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
9	M49er	FFG_222	770.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	47	M49er	FFG_263	553.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
10	M49er	FFG_224	677.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	48	M49er	FFG_264	777.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
11	M49er	FFG_225	683.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	49	M49er	FFG_265	775.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
12	M49er	FFG_226	683.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	50	M49er	FFG_266	758.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
13	M49er	FFG_228	673.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	51	M49er	FFG_267	736.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
14	M49er	FFG_229	701.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	52	M49er	FFG_268	716.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
15	M49er	FFG_230	688.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	53	M49er	FFG_269	729.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
16	M49er	FFG_231	704.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	54	M49er	FFG_270	791.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
17	M49er	FFG_232	717.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	55	M49er	FFG_271	833.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
18	M49er	FFG_233	709.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	56	M49er	FFG_272	846.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
19	M49er	FFG_234	745.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	57	M49er	FFG_273	816.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
20	M49er	FFG_235	722.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	58	M49er	FFG_274	851.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
21	M49er	FFG_236	768.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	59	M49er	FFG_275	858.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
22	M49er	FFG_237	735.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	60	M49er	FFG_276	861.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
23	M49er	FFG_238	716.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	61	M49er	FFG_277	853.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
24	M49er	FFG_239	703.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	62	M49er	FFG_278	868.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
25	M49er	FFG_240	695.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	63	M49er	FFG_279	860.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
26	M49er	FFG_241	688.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	64	M49er	FFG_280	858.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
27	M49er	FFG_242	799.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	65	M49er	FFG_281	835.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
28	M49er	FFG_243	763.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	66	M49er	FFG_283	584.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
29	M49er	FFG_244	798.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	67	M49er	FFG_284	730.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
30	M49er	FFG_245	597.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	68	M49er	FFG_285	760.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
31	M49er	FFG_246	601.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	69	M49er	FFG_286	837.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
32	M49er	FFG_247	589.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	70	M49er	FFG_287	812.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
33	M49er	FFG_248	594.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	71	M49er	FFG_288	765.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
34	M49er	FFG_249	593.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	72	M49er	FFG_289	736.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
35	M49er	FFG_250	674.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	73	M49er	FFG_290	825.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
36	M49er	FFG_251	568.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	74	M49er	FFG_291	766.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
37	M49er	FFG_252	708.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	75	M49er	FFG_292	774.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
38	M49er	FFG_253	660.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	76	M49er	FFG_293	766.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	M49er	FFG_294	595.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	39	M49er	FFG_333	746.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
2	M49er	FFG_295	582.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	40	M49er	FFG_334	743.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
3	M49er	FFG_297	567.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	41	M49er	FFG_335	757.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
4	M49er	FFG_298	569.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	42	M49er	FFG_336	754.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
5	M49er	FFG_299	594.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	43	M49er	FFG_337	738.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
6	M49er	FFG_300	543.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	44	M49er	FFG_338	744.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
7	M49er	FFG_301	514.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	45	M49er	FFG_339	711.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
8	M49er	FFG_302	542.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	46	M49er	FFG_340	721.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
9	M49er	FFG_303	535.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	47	M49er	FFG_342	747.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
10	M49er	FFG_304	540.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	48	M49er	FFG_344	713.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
11	M49er	FFG_305	534.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	49	M49er	FFG_345	775.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
12	M49er	FFG_306	492.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	50	M49er	FFG_347	766.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
13	M49er	FFG_307	517.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	51	M49er	FFG_348	790.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
14	M49er	FFG_308	491.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	52	M49er	FFG_349	764.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
15	M49er	FFG_309	535.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	53	M49er	FFG_350	808.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
16	M49er	FFG_310	564.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	54	M49er	FFG_351	732.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
17	M49er	FFG_311	498.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	55	M49er	FFG_352	731.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
18	M49er	FFG_312	537.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	56	M49er	FFG_353	751.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
19	M49er	FFG_313	934.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	57	M49er	FFG_354	817.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
20	M49er	FFG_314	862.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	58	M49er	FFG_361	1011.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
21	M49er	FFG_315	782.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	59	M49er	FFG_366	960.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
22	M49er	FFG_316	771.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	60	M49er	FFG_367	975.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
23	M49er	FFG_317	792.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	61	M49er	FFG_371	1012.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
24	M49er	FFG_318	758.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	62	M49er	FFG_374	946.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
25	M49er	FFG_319	769.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	63	M49er	FFG_383	955.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
26	M49er	FFG_320	762.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	64	M49er	FFG_384	976.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
27	M49er	FFG_321	760.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	65	M49er	FFG_387	966.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
28	M49er	FFG_322	755.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	66	M49er	FFG_388	959.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
29	M49er	FFG_323	751.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	67	M49er	FFG_390	974.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
30	M49er	FFG_324	761.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	68	M49er	FFG_391	973.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
31	M49er	FFG_325	819.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	69	M49er	FFG_392	967.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
32	M49er	FFG_326	754.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	70	M49er	FFG_393	835.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
33	M49er	FFG_327	748.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	71	M49er	FFG_394	925.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
34	M49er	FFG_328	757.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	72	M49er	FFG_395	918.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
35	M49er	FFG_329	755.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	73	M49er	FFG_396	901.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
36	M49er	FFG_330	754.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	74	M49er	FFG_398	825.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
37	M49er	FFG_331	753.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	75	M49er	FFG_402	1002.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
38	M49er	FFG_332	744.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	76	M49er	FFG_403	963.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	M49er	FFG_404	925.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47	39	M49er	FFG_489	764.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
2	M49er	FFG_407	958.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47	40	M49er	FFG_490	855.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
3	M49er	FFG_419	997.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	41	M49er	FFG_491	855.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
4	M49er	FFG_420	992.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	42	M49er	FFG_492	817.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
5	M49er	FFG_421	983.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	43	M49er	FFG_493	803.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
6	M49er	FFG_422	976.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	44	M49er	FFG_494	811.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
7	M49er	FFG_432	931.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	45	M49er	FFG_495	799.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
8	M49er	FFG_438	892.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.49	46	M49er	FFG_496	715.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
9	M49er	FFG_455	837.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	47	M49er	FFG_497	721.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
10	M49er	FFG_456	829.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	48	M49er	FFG_498	737.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
11	M49er	FFG_457	885.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	49	M49er	FFG_499	715.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
12	M49er	FFG_458	888.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	50	M49er	FFG_500	726.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
13	M49er	FFG_459	816.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	51	M49er	FFG_501	731.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
14	M49er	FFG_462	884.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	52	M49er	FFG_502	724.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
15	M49er	FFG_463	913.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	53	M49er	FFG_503	705.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
16	M49er	FFG_464	900.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	54	M49er	FFG_504	723.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
17	M49er	FFG_465	902.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	55	M49er	FFG_505	754.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
18	M49er	FFG_467	506.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	56	M49er	FFG_506	749.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
19	M49er	FFG_468	493.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	57	M49er	FFG_507	712.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
20	M49er	FFG_470	509.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	58	M49er	FFG_508	763.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
21	M49er	FFG_471	525.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	59	M49er	FFG_509	767.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
22	M49er	FFG_472	564.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	60	M49er	FFG_510	767.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
23	M49er	FFG_473	491.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	61	M49er	FFG_511	728.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
24	M49er	FFG_474	750.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	62	M49er	FFG_512	748.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
25	M49er	FFG_475	749.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	63	M49er	FFG_513	763.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
26	M49er	FFG_476	821.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	64	M49er	FFG_514	754.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
27	M49er	FFG_477	774.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	65	M49er	FFG_515	722.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
28	M49er	FFG_478	755.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	66	M49er	FFG_516	715.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
29	M49er	FFG_479	752.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	67	M49er	FFG_517	809.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
30	M49er	FFG_480	754.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	68	M49er	FFG_518	797.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
31	M49er	FFG_481	731.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	69	M49er	FFG_519	765.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
32	M49er	FFG_482	761.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	70	M49er	FFG_520	653.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
33	M49er	FFG_483	785.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	71	M49er	FFG_521	673.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
34	M49er	FFG_484	772.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	72	M49er	FFG_522	531.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
35	M49er	FFG_485	779.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	73	M49er	FFG_523	541.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
36	M49er	FFG_486	766.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	74	M49er	FFG_524	693.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
37	M49er	FFG_487	763.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	75	M49er	FFG_525	543.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
38	M49er	FFG_488	748.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	76	M49er	FFG_527	958.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55

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1	M49er	FFG_528	951.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	39	M49er	FFG_672	943.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
2	M49er	FFG_535	939.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	40	M49er	FFG_674	937.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
3	M49er	FFG_548	930.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.56	41	M49er	FFG_675	896.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
4	M49er	FFG_562	670.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	42	M49er	FFG_676	905.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
5	M49er	FFG_563	582.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	43	M49er	FFG_677	932.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
6	M49er	FFG_569	689.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	44	M49er	FFG_679	934.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
7	M49er	FFG_584	773.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	45	M49er	FFG_689	817.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
8	M49er	FFG_600	729.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	46	M49er	FFG_690	824.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
9	M49er	FFG_601	645.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	47	M49er	FFG_691	816.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
10	M49er	FFG_606	723.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	48	M49er	FFG_692	806.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
11	M49er	FFG_607	743.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	49	M49er	FFG_693	817.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
12	M49er	FFG_608	754.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	50	M49er	FFG_694	810.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
13	M49er	FFG_609	758.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	51	M49er	FFG_695	814.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
14	M49er	FFG_610	746.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	52	M49er	FFG_696	815.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
15	M49er	FFG_611	731.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	53	M49er	FFG_697	818.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
16	M49er	FFG_612	733.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	54	M49er	FFG_698	861.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
17	M49er	FFG_613	728.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	55	M49er	FFG_699	811.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
18	M49er	FFG_620	759.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	56	M49er	FFG_700	801.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
19	M49er	FFG_638	591.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	57	M49er	FFG_701	810.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
20	M49er	FFG_639	566.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	58	M49er	FFG_702	811.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
21	M49er	FFG_640	649.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	59	M49er	FFG_703	817.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
22	M49er	FFG_643	688.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	60	M49er	FFG_704	806.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
23	M49er	FFG_644	723.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	61	M49er	FFG_705	735.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
24	M49er	FFG_648	558.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	62	M49er	FFG_706	755.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
25	M49er	FFG_652	878.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	63	M49er	FFG_707	741.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
26	M49er	FFG_653	880.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	64	M49er	FFG_708	791.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
27	M49er	FFG_654	899.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	65	M49er	FFG_709	681.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
28	M49er	FFG_655	897.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	66	M49er	FFG_710	682.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
29	M49er	FFG_656	894.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	67	M49er	FFG_711	694.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
30	M49er	FFG_657	906.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	68	M49er	FFG_712	735.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
31	M49er	FFG_658	898.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	69	M49er	FFG_713	672.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
32	M49er	FFG_659	901.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	70	M49er	FFG_714	790.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
33	M49er	FFG_660	919.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	71	M49er	FFG_715	799.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
34	M49er	FFG_662	894.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	72	M49er	FFG_716	697.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
35	M49er	FFG_664	888.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	73	M49er	FFG_717	722.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
36	M49er	FFG_666	938.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	74	M49er	FFG_718	723.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
37	M49er	FFG_667	923.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	75	M49er	FFG_719	696.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
38	M49er	FFG_670	946.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	76	M49er	FFG_720	699.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	M49er	FFG_721	698.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	39	M49er	P12	887.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
2	M49er	FFG_723	808.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	40	M49er	P13	889.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
3	M49er	FFG_724	738.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	41	M49er	P14	906.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
4	M49er	FFG_725	712.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	42	M49er	P15	938.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
5	M49er	FFG_726	698.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	43	M49er	P16	915.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
6	M49er	FFG_727	702.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	44	M49er	P17	900.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
7	M49er	FFG_728	696.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	45	M49er	P18	868.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
8	M49er	FFG_729	706.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	46	M49er	P19	849.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
9	M49er	FFG_730	724.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	47	M49er	P2	850.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
10	M49er	FFG_731	720.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	48	M49er	P20	845.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
11	M49er	FFG_732	739.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	49	M49er	P21	845.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
12	M49er	FFG_733	806.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	50	M49er	P3	888.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
13	M49er	FFG_734	758.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	51	M49er	P4	864.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
14	M49er	FFG_735	704.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	52	M49er	P5	868.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
15	M49er	FFG_736	758.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	53	M49er	P6	913.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
16	M49er	FFG_737	702.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	54	M49er	P7	920.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
17	M49er	FFG_738	713.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	55	M49er	P8	898.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
18	M49er	FFG_739	753.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	56	M49er	P9	868.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
19	M49er	FFG_740	754.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	57	M49er	REF	874.00	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1
20	M49er	FFG_741	721.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	58	M49er	SaltShft	875.54	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D
21	M49er	FFG_742	774.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	59	M49er	WIPP11	842.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
22	M49er	FFG_743	757.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	60	M49er	WIPP11	842.20	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2
23	M49er	FFG_744	739.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	61	M49er	WIPP12	866.80	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2
24	M49er	FFG_745	730.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	62	M49er	WIPP12	866.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
25	M49er	FFG_746	719.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	63	M49er	WIPP13	880.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
26	M49er	H1	882.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	64	M49er	WIPP16	681.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
27	M49er	H10C	756.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	65	M49er	WIPP18	866.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
28	M49er	H2C	890.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	66	M49er	WIPP19	866.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
29	M49er	H3	880.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	67	M49er	WIPP21	870.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
30	M49er	H4C	920.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	68	M49er	WIPP22	869.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
31	M49er	H5C	845.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	69	M49er	WIPP25	908.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
32	M49er	H6C	890.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	70	M49er	WIPP26	957.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
33	M49er	H7C	937.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	71	M49er	WIPP27	921.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
34	M49er	H8C	924.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	72	M49er	WIPP28	954.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
35	M49er	H9C	899.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	73	M49er	WIPP30	908.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
36	M49er	P1	910.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	74	M49er	WIPP32	921.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
37	M49er	P10	860.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	75	M49er	WIPP33	891.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
38	M49er	P11	840.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	76	M49er	WIPP34	846.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	M49er	WastShft	875.18	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E	39	MB138	DH77	409.65	Krieg, 1984, Table I
2	MB126	AirShft	509.31	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22	40	MB138	DH77	409.95	Krieg, 1984, Table I
3	MB126	AirShft	509.64	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22	41	MB138	DO201	396.40	Krieg, 1984, Table I
4	MB126	DOE1	485.50	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2	42	MB138	DO201	396.58	Krieg, 1984, Table I
5	MB126	DOE2	484.90	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	43	MB138	DO203	406.94	Krieg, 1984, Table I
6	MB126	DOE2	485.40	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	44	MB138	DO203	407.15	Krieg, 1984, Table I
7	MB126	ERDA9	511.60	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2	45	MB138	DO205	412.06	Krieg, 1984, Table I
8	MB126	ExhtShft	512.54	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F	46	MB138	DO205	412.30	Krieg, 1984, Table I
9	MB126	ExhtShft	512.72	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F	47	MB138	DO45	403.83	Krieg, 1984, Table I
10	MB126	REF	511.60	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	48	MB138	DO45	404.01	Krieg, 1984, Table I
11	MB126	SaltShft	514.21	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D	49	MB138	DO52	401.39	Krieg, 1984, Table I
12	MB126	SaltShft	514.47	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D	50	MB138	DO52	401.51	Krieg, 1984, Table I
13	MB126	WIPP11	513.00	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2	51	MB138	DO56	406.69	Krieg, 1984, Table I
14	MB126	WIPP12	513.80	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2	52	MB138	DO56	406.84	Krieg, 1984, Table I
15	MB126	WastShft	512.40	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E	53	MB138	DO63	410.47	Krieg, 1984, Table I
16	MB126	WastShft	512.75	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E	54	MB138	DO63	410.68	Krieg, 1984, Table I
17	MB136	AirShft	412.87	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22	55	MB138	DO67	410.38	Krieg, 1984, Table I
18	MB136	AirShft	417.16	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22	56	MB138	DO67	410.50	Krieg, 1984, Table I
19	MB136	ExhtShft	415.52	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F	57	MB138	DO88	409.07	Krieg, 1984, Table I
20	MB136	ExhtShft	418.86	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F	58	MB138	DO88	409.33	Krieg, 1984, Table I
21	MB136	SaltShft	418.84	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D	59	MB138	DO91	408.81	Krieg, 1984, Table I
22	MB136	SaltShft	421.37	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D	60	MB138	DO91	409.02	Krieg, 1984, Table I
23	MB136	WastShft	415.27	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E	61	MB138	DOE1	368.60	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2
24	MB136	WastShft	419.66	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E	62	MB138	DOE2	370.40	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2
25	MB138	AirShft	393.81	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22	63	MB138	ERDA9	396.00	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2
26	MB138	AirShft	393.98	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22	64	MB138	ERDA9	396.40	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2
27	MB138	DH207	395.92	Krieg, 1984, Table I	65	MB138	ExhtShft	396.86	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F
28	MB138	DH207	396.16	Krieg, 1984, Table I	66	MB138	ExhtShft	397.03	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F
29	MB138	DH211	398.83	Krieg, 1984, Table I	67	MB138	MB139_2	396.15	Krieg, 1984, Table I
30	MB138	DH211	398.98	Krieg, 1984, Table I	68	MB138	MB139_2	396.30	Krieg, 1984, Table I
31	MB138	DH215	399.23	Krieg, 1984, Table I	69	MB138	REF	396.00	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1
32	MB138	DH215	399.41	Krieg, 1984, Table I	70	MB138	REF	396.40	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1
33	MB138	DH219	397.58	Krieg, 1984, Table I	71	MB138	SaltShft	399.79	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D
34	MB138	DH219	397.82	Krieg, 1984, Table I	72	MB138	SaltShft	399.80	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D
35	MB138	DH223	394.10	Krieg, 1984, Table I	73	MB138	SaltShft	399.76	Krieg, 1984, Table I
36	MB138	DH223	394.31	Krieg, 1984, Table I	74	MB138	SaltShft	399.91	Krieg, 1984, Table I
37	MB138	DH227	391.03	Krieg, 1984, Table I	75	MB138	WIPP11	430.40	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2
38	MB138	DH227	391.18	Krieg, 1984, Table I	76	MB138	WIPP12	411.00	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2

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1	MB138	WastShft	395.89	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E	39	MB139	DOE1	350.40	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2
2	MB138	WastShft	396.07	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E	40	MB139	DOE2	339.00	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2
3	MB138	WastShft	396.31	Krieg, 1984, Table I	41	MB139	DOE2	340.00	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2
4	MB138	WastShft	396.49	Krieg, 1984, Table I	42	MB139	ERDA9	378.10	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2
5	MB139	DH207	377.63	Krieg, 1984, Table I	43	MB139	ERDA9	379.00	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2
6	MB139	DH207	378.70	Krieg, 1984, Table I	44	MB139	MB139_2	377.44	Krieg, 1984, Table I
7	MB139	DH211	380.73	Krieg, 1984, Table I	45	MB139	MB139_2	378.42	Krieg, 1984, Table I
8	MB139	DH211	381.31	Krieg, 1984, Table I	46	MB139	REF	378.10	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1
9	MB139	DH215	381.03	Krieg, 1984, Table I	47	MB139	REF	379.00	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1
10	MB139	DH215	382.04	Krieg, 1984, Table I	48	MB139	SaltShft	381.64	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D
11	MB139	DH219	379.91	Krieg, 1984, Table I	49	MB139	SaltShft	382.44	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D
12	MB139	DH219	380.58	Krieg, 1984, Table I	50	MB139	SaltShft	381.38	Krieg, 1984, Table I
13	MB139	DH223	376.70	Krieg, 1984, Table I	51	MB139	SaltShft	382.29	Krieg, 1984, Table I
14	MB139	DH223	377.64	Krieg, 1984, Table I	52	MB139	WIPP11	419.10	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2
15	MB139	DH227	373.78	Krieg, 1984, Table I	53	MB139	WIPP12	395.90	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2
16	MB139	DH227	374.42	Krieg, 1984, Table I	54	MB139	WastShft	377.14	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E
17	MB139	DH77	392.37	Krieg, 1984, Table I	55	MB139	WastShft	378.22	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E
18	MB139	DH77	393.35	Krieg, 1984, Table I	56	MB139	WastShft	378.04	Krieg, 1984, Table I
19	MB139	DO201	378.26	Krieg, 1984, Table I	57	MB139	WastShft	379.10	Krieg, 1984, Table I
20	MB139	DO201	379.11	Krieg, 1984, Table I	58	Magenta	AEC7	890.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
21	MB139	DO203	389.84	Krieg, 1984, Table I	59	Magenta	AEC8	858.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
22	MB139	DO203	390.63	Krieg, 1984, Table I	60	Magenta	AirShft	858.82	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22
23	MB139	DO205	394.29	Krieg, 1984, Table I	61	Magenta	B25	858.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
24	MB139	DO205	394.69	Krieg, 1984, Table I	62	Magenta	DOE1	838.60	U.S. DOE, Sep 1982, Table 2
25	MB139	DO45	385.11	Krieg, 1984, Table I	63	Magenta	DOE2	829.00	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2
26	MB139	DO45	386.36	Krieg, 1984, Table I	64	Magenta	ERDA10	915.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
27	MB139	DO52	383.44	Krieg, 1984, Table I	65	Magenta	ERDA6	897.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
28	MB139	DO52	384.57	Krieg, 1984, Table I	66	Magenta	ERDA9	860.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
29	MB139	DO56	388.89	Krieg, 1984, Table I	67	Magenta	ERDA9	856.70	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2
30	MB139	DO56	389.53	Krieg, 1984, Table I	68	Magenta	ExhtShft	855.39	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F
31	MB139	DO63	392.79	Krieg, 1984, Table I	69	Magenta	FFG_002	667.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
32	MB139	DO63	393.46	Krieg, 1984, Table I	70	Magenta	FFG_004	717.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
33	MB139	DO67	393.19	Krieg, 1984, Table I	71	Magenta	FFG_005	674.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
34	MB139	DO67	394.13	Krieg, 1984, Table I	72	Magenta	FFG_006	670.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
35	MB139	DO88	392.06	Krieg, 1984, Table I	73	Magenta	FFG_007	655.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
36	MB139	DO88	392.99	Krieg, 1984, Table I	74	Magenta	FFG_009	657.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
37	MB139	DO91	391.62	Krieg, 1984, Table I	75	Magenta	FFG_011	664.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
38	MB139	DO91	392.66	Krieg, 1984, Table I	76	Magenta	FFG_012	667.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21

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1	Magenta	FFG_013	674.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	39	Magenta	FFG_056	621.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
2	Magenta	FFG_014	721.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	40	Magenta	FFG_057	625.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
3	Magenta	FFG_016	644.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	41	Magenta	FFG_058	623.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
4	Magenta	FFG_017	648.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	42	Magenta	FFG_059	623.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
5	Magenta	FFG_018	652.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	43	Magenta	FFG_060	627.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
6	Magenta	FFG_019	644.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	44	Magenta	FFG_061	626.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
7	Magenta	FFG_020	718.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	45	Magenta	FFG_062	553.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
8	Magenta	FFG_023	654.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	46	Magenta	FFG_063	513.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
9	Magenta	FFG_024	638.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	47	Magenta	FFG_064	538.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
10	Magenta	FFG_025	652.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	48	Magenta	FFG_065	520.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
11	Magenta	FFG_026	649.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	49	Magenta	FFG_066	473.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
12	Magenta	FFG_027	643.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	50	Magenta	FFG_067	516.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
13	Magenta	FFG_028	612.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	51	Magenta	FFG_068	481.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
14	Magenta	FFG_029	599.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	52	Magenta	FFG_069	502.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
15	Magenta	FFG_030	598.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	53	Magenta	FFG_070	532.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
16	Magenta	FFG_031	590.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	54	Magenta	FFG_071	790.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
17	Magenta	FFG_032	592.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	55	Magenta	FFG_072	721.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
18	Magenta	FFG_033	588.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	56	Magenta	FFG_073	699.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
19	Magenta	FFG_034	582.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	57	Magenta	FFG_074	703.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
20	Magenta	FFG_035	572.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	58	Magenta	FFG_075	756.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
21	Magenta	FFG_036	582.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	59	Magenta	FFG_076	818.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
22	Magenta	FFG_037	571.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	60	Magenta	FFG_078	855.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
23	Magenta	FFG_038	559.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	61	Magenta	FFG_079	829.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
24	Magenta	FFG_039	778.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	62	Magenta	FFG_080	808.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
25	Magenta	FFG_040	720.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	63	Magenta	FFG_081	727.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
26	Magenta	FFG_041	780.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	64	Magenta	FFG_082	759.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
27	Magenta	FFG_042	785.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	65	Magenta	FFG_083	674.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
28	Magenta	FFG_043	788.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	66	Magenta	FFG_084	702.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
29	Magenta	FFG_044	741.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	67	Magenta	FFG_085	695.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
30	Magenta	FFG_047	613.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	68	Magenta	FFG_086	705.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
31	Magenta	FFG_048	630.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	69	Magenta	FFG_087	680.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
32	Magenta	FFG_049	620.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	70	Magenta	FFG_088	674.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
33	Magenta	FFG_050	627.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	71	Magenta	FFG_089	656.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
34	Magenta	FFG_051	627.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	72	Magenta	FFG_091	700.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
35	Magenta	FFG_052	630.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	73	Magenta	FFG_092	716.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
36	Magenta	FFG_053	623.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	74	Magenta	FFG_093	718.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
37	Magenta	FFG_054	620.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	75	Magenta	FFG_094	720.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
38	Magenta	FFG_055	621.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	76	Magenta	FFG_095	688.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26

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1	Magenta	FFG_096	671.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	39	Magenta	FFG_137	927.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
2	Magenta	FFG_097	651.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	40	Magenta	FFG_138	880.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
3	Magenta	FFG_098	625.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	41	Magenta	FFG_139	889.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
4	Magenta	FFG_099	620.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	42	Magenta	FFG_140	829.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
5	Magenta	FFG_100	603.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	43	Magenta	FFG_141	854.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
6	Magenta	FFG_101	574.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	44	Magenta	FFG_142	829.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
7	Magenta	FFG_102	593.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	45	Magenta	FFG_143	839.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
8	Magenta	FFG_103	655.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	46	Magenta	FFG_147	897.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
9	Magenta	FFG_104	551.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	47	Magenta	FFG_155	914.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
10	Magenta	FFG_105	909.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	48	Magenta	FFG_157	915.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
11	Magenta	FFG_106	939.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	49	Magenta	FFG_158	937.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
12	Magenta	FFG_107	923.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	50	Magenta	FFG_159	936.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
13	Magenta	FFG_108	918.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	51	Magenta	FFG_160	929.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
14	Magenta	FFG_109	898.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	52	Magenta	FFG_161	936.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
15	Magenta	FFG_110	865.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	53	Magenta	FFG_162	933.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
16	Magenta	FFG_111	871.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	54	Magenta	FFG_163	933.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
17	Magenta	FFG_112	861.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	55	Magenta	FFG_166	936.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
18	Magenta	FFG_113	875.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	56	Magenta	FFG_167	922.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
19	Magenta	FFG_114	905.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	57	Magenta	FFG_168	944.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
20	Magenta	FFG_115	895.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	58	Magenta	FFG_169	957.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
21	Magenta	FFG_116	911.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	59	Magenta	FFG_170	922.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
22	Magenta	FFG_117	911.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	60	Magenta	FFG_171	931.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
23	Magenta	FFG_120	923.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	61	Magenta	FFG_172	937.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
24	Magenta	FFG_121	928.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	62	Magenta	FFG_173	914.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
25	Magenta	FFG_122	926.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	63	Magenta	FFG_180	920.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
26	Magenta	FFG_123	900.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	64	Magenta	FFG_181	951.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
27	Magenta	FFG_124	865.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	65	Magenta	FFG_182	847.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
28	Magenta	FFG_125	890.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	66	Magenta	FFG_184	927.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
29	Magenta	FFG_126	886.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	67	Magenta	FFG_185	934.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
30	Magenta	FFG_127	891.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	68	Magenta	FFG_186	863.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
31	Magenta	FFG_128	926.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	69	Magenta	FFG_188	874.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
32	Magenta	FFG_129	899.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	70	Magenta	FFG_189	902.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
33	Magenta	FFG_130	929.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	71	Magenta	FFG_190	882.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
34	Magenta	FFG_132	935.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	72	Magenta	FFG_191	878.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
35	Magenta	FFG_133	938.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	73	Magenta	FFG_192	815.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
36	Magenta	FFG_134	944.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	74	Magenta	FFG_194	822.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
37	Magenta	FFG_135	917.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	75	Magenta	FFG_195	834.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
38	Magenta	FFG_136	919.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	76	Magenta	FFG_196	876.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33

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2	Magenta	FFG_198	877.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	40	Magenta	FFG_239	679.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
3	Magenta	FFG_199	867.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	41	Magenta	FFG_240	671.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
4	Magenta	FFG_200	880.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	42	Magenta	FFG_241	666.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
5	Magenta	FFG_201	873.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	43	Magenta	FFG_242	783.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
6	Magenta	FFG_202	816.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	44	Magenta	FFG_243	743.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
7	Magenta	FFG_203	823.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	45	Magenta	FFG_244	780.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
8	Magenta	FFG_204	846.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	46	Magenta	FFG_245	573.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
9	Magenta	FFG_205	860.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	47	Magenta	FFG_246	578.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
10	Magenta	FFG_206	874.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	48	Magenta	FFG_247	563.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
11	Magenta	FFG_207	872.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	49	Magenta	FFG_248	571.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
12	Magenta	FFG_208	882.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	50	Magenta	FFG_249	569.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
13	Magenta	FFG_209	873.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	51	Magenta	FFG_250	651.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
14	Magenta	FFG_210	865.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	52	Magenta	FFG_251	544.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
15	Magenta	FFG_212	852.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	53	Magenta	FFG_252	683.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
16	Magenta	FFG_213	874.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	54	Magenta	FFG_253	639.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
17	Magenta	FFG_214	854.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	55	Magenta	FFG_254	630.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
18	Magenta	FFG_215	831.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	56	Magenta	FFG_255	587.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
19	Magenta	FFG_216	716.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	57	Magenta	FFG_256	535.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
20	Magenta	FFG_217	851.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	58	Magenta	FFG_257	579.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
21	Magenta	FFG_218	844.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	59	Magenta	FFG_258	594.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
22	Magenta	FFG_219	889.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	60	Magenta	FFG_259	561.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
23	Magenta	FFG_220	836.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	61	Magenta	FFG_260	603.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
24	Magenta	FFG_221	796.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	62	Magenta	FFG_261	592.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
25	Magenta	FFG_222	749.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	63	Magenta	FFG_263	526.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
26	Magenta	FFG_224	655.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	64	Magenta	FFG_264	760.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
27	Magenta	FFG_225	662.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	65	Magenta	FFG_265	755.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
28	Magenta	FFG_226	661.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	66	Magenta	FFG_266	736.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
29	Magenta	FFG_228	651.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	67	Magenta	FFG_267	713.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
30	Magenta	FFG_229	679.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	68	Magenta	FFG_268	690.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
31	Magenta	FFG_230	665.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	69	Magenta	FFG_269	702.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
32	Magenta	FFG_231	681.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	70	Magenta	FFG_270	774.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
33	Magenta	FFG_232	695.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	71	Magenta	FFG_271	815.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
34	Magenta	FFG_233	685.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	72	Magenta	FFG_272	822.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
35	Magenta	FFG_234	722.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	73	Magenta	FFG_273	797.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
36	Magenta	FFG_235	698.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	74	Magenta	FFG_274	834.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
37	Magenta	FFG_236	746.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	75	Magenta	FFG_275	840.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
38	Magenta	FFG_237	712.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	76	Magenta	FFG_276	845.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38

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2	Magenta	FFG_277	836.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	40	Magenta	FFG_317	777.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
3	Magenta	FFG_278	845.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	41	Magenta	FFG_318	742.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
4	Magenta	FFG_279	840.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	42	Magenta	FFG_319	751.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
5	Magenta	FFG_280	837.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	43	Magenta	FFG_320	741.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
6	Magenta	FFG_281	814.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	44	Magenta	FFG_321	737.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
7	Magenta	FFG_283	563.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	45	Magenta	FFG_322	733.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
8	Magenta	FFG_284	712.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	46	Magenta	FFG_323	729.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
9	Magenta	FFG_285	741.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	47	Magenta	FFG_324	745.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
10	Magenta	FFG_286	820.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	48	Magenta	FFG_325	800.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
11	Magenta	FFG_287	793.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	49	Magenta	FFG_326	736.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
12	Magenta	FFG_288	744.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	50	Magenta	FFG_327	729.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
13	Magenta	FFG_289	719.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	51	Magenta	FFG_328	734.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
14	Magenta	FFG_290	806.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	52	Magenta	FFG_329	733.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
15	Magenta	FFG_291	742.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	53	Magenta	FFG_330	733.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
16	Magenta	FFG_292	758.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	54	Magenta	FFG_331	728.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
17	Magenta	FFG_293	750.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	55	Magenta	FFG_332	719.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
18	Magenta	FFG_294	572.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	56	Magenta	FFG_333	722.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
19	Magenta	FFG_295	560.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	57	Magenta	FFG_334	718.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
20	Magenta	FFG_297	539.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	58	Magenta	FFG_335	733.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
21	Magenta	FFG_298	552.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	59	Magenta	FFG_336	730.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
22	Magenta	FFG_299	569.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	60	Magenta	FFG_337	713.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
23	Magenta	FFG_300	520.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	61	Magenta	FFG_338	720.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
24	Magenta	FFG_301	491.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	62	Magenta	FFG_339	684.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
25	Magenta	FFG_302	518.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	63	Magenta	FFG_340	694.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
26	Magenta	FFG_303	511.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	64	Magenta	FFG_342	726.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
27	Magenta	FFG_304	517.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	65	Magenta	FFG_344	692.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
28	Magenta	FFG_305	509.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	66	Magenta	FFG_345	752.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
29	Magenta	FFG_306	469.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	67	Magenta	FFG_347	744.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
30	Magenta	FFG_307	493.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	68	Magenta	FFG_348	773.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
31	Magenta	FFG_308	465.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	69	Magenta	FFG_349	742.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
32	Magenta	FFG_309	508.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	70	Magenta	FFG_350	789.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
33	Magenta	FFG_310	539.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	71	Magenta	FFG_351	705.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
34	Magenta	FFG_311	486.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	72	Magenta	FFG_352	705.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
35	Magenta	FFG_312	510.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	73	Magenta	FFG_353	726.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
36	Magenta	FFG_313	915.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	74	Magenta	FFG_354	800.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
37	Magenta	FFG_314	843.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	75	Magenta	FFG_361	986.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
38	Magenta	FFG_315	764.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	76	Magenta	FFG_366	940.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
39	Magenta	FFG_316	747.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	77	Magenta	FFG_367	954.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44

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1	Magenta	FFG_371	997.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	39	Magenta	FFG_472	538.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
2	Magenta	FFG_374	940.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	40	Magenta	FFG_473	468.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
3	Magenta	FFG_383	938.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	41	Magenta	FFG_474	729.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
4	Magenta	FFG_384	945.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	42	Magenta	FFG_475	728.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
5	Magenta	FFG_387	940.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	43	Magenta	FFG_476	805.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
6	Magenta	FFG_388	936.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	44	Magenta	FFG_477	760.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
7	Magenta	FFG_390	954.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	45	Magenta	FFG_478	739.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
8	Magenta	FFG_391	951.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	46	Magenta	FFG_479	736.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
9	Magenta	FFG_392	948.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	47	Magenta	FFG_480	732.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
10	Magenta	FFG_393	816.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	48	Magenta	FFG_481	715.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
11	Magenta	FFG_394	908.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	49	Magenta	FFG_482	744.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
12	Magenta	FFG_395	901.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	50	Magenta	FFG_483	767.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
13	Magenta	FFG_396	884.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	51	Magenta	FFG_484	753.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
14	Magenta	FFG_398	805.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	52	Magenta	FFG_485	762.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
15	Magenta	FFG_402	979.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	53	Magenta	FFG_486	749.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
16	Magenta	FFG_403	941.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47	54	Magenta	FFG_487	746.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
17	Magenta	FFG_404	901.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47	55	Magenta	FFG_488	731.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
18	Magenta	FFG_407	940.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47	56	Magenta	FFG_489	748.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
19	Magenta	FFG_408	913.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47	57	Magenta	FFG_490	838.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
20	Magenta	FFG_419	976.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	58	Magenta	FFG_491	836.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
21	Magenta	FFG_420	973.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	59	Magenta	FFG_492	798.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
22	Magenta	FFG_421	960.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	60	Magenta	FFG_493	785.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
23	Magenta	FFG_422	958.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	61	Magenta	FFG_494	792.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
24	Magenta	FFG_432	924.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	62	Magenta	FFG_495	783.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
25	Magenta	FFG_438	874.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.49	63	Magenta	FFG_496	688.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
26	Magenta	FFG_455	817.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	64	Magenta	FFG_497	701.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
27	Magenta	FFG_456	812.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	65	Magenta	FFG_498	714.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
28	Magenta	FFG_457	868.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	66	Magenta	FFG_499	689.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
29	Magenta	FFG_458	872.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	67	Magenta	FFG_500	704.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
30	Magenta	FFG_459	799.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	68	Magenta	FFG_501	710.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
31	Magenta	FFG_462	865.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	69	Magenta	FFG_502	702.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
32	Magenta	FFG_463	893.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	70	Magenta	FFG_503	684.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
33	Magenta	FFG_464	880.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	71	Magenta	FFG_504	706.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
34	Magenta	FFG_465	883.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	72	Magenta	FFG_505	739.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
35	Magenta	FFG_467	488.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	73	Magenta	FFG_506	730.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
36	Magenta	FFG_468	465.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	74	Magenta	FFG_507	692.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
37	Magenta	FFG_470	484.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	75	Magenta	FFG_508	744.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
38	Magenta	FFG_471	500.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	76	Magenta	FFG_509	745.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Magenta	FFG_510	744.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	39	Magenta	FFG_640	630.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60
2	Magenta	FFG_511	702.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	40	Magenta	FFG_643	669.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60
3	Magenta	FFG_512	720.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	41	Magenta	FFG_644	706.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60
4	Magenta	FFG_513	740.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	42	Magenta	FFG_648	541.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60
5	Magenta	FFG_514	731.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	43	Magenta	FFG_652	859.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60
6	Magenta	FFG_515	697.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	44	Magenta	FFG_653	859.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
7	Magenta	FFG_516	691.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	45	Magenta	FFG_654	880.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
8	Magenta	FFG_517	788.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	46	Magenta	FFG_655	878.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
9	Magenta	FFG_518	778.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	47	Magenta	FFG_656	876.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
10	Magenta	FFG_519	743.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	48	Magenta	FFG_657	889.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
11	Magenta	FFG_520	635.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	49	Magenta	FFG_658	881.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
12	Magenta	FFG_521	655.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	50	Magenta	FFG_659	886.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
13	Magenta	FFG_522	504.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	51	Magenta	FFG_660	901.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
14	Magenta	FFG_523	516.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	52	Magenta	FFG_662	876.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
15	Magenta	FFG_524	675.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	53	Magenta	FFG_664	868.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
16	Magenta	FFG_525	513.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	54	Magenta	FFG_666	920.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
17	Magenta	FFG_527	938.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	55	Magenta	FFG_667	905.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
18	Magenta	FFG_528	934.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	56	Magenta	FFG_670	926.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
19	Magenta	FFG_532	915.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	57	Magenta	FFG_672	925.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
20	Magenta	FFG_535	919.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	58	Magenta	FFG_674	921.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
21	Magenta	FFG_548	914.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.56	59	Magenta	FFG_675	877.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
22	Magenta	FFG_562	652.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	60	Magenta	FFG_676	891.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
23	Magenta	FFG_563	564.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	61	Magenta	FFG_677	917.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
24	Magenta	FFG_569	670.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	62	Magenta	FFG_679	917.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
25	Magenta	FFG_584	767.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	63	Magenta	FFG_689	799.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
26	Magenta	FFG_600	727.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	64	Magenta	FFG_690	805.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
27	Magenta	FFG_601	623.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	65	Magenta	FFG_691	796.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
28	Magenta	FFG_606	703.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	66	Magenta	FFG_692	786.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
29	Magenta	FFG_607	723.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	67	Magenta	FFG_693	797.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
30	Magenta	FFG_608	731.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	68	Magenta	FFG_694	789.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
31	Magenta	FFG_609	738.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	69	Magenta	FFG_695	794.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
32	Magenta	FFG_610	722.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	70	Magenta	FFG_696	797.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
33	Magenta	FFG_611	707.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	71	Magenta	FFG_697	799.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
34	Magenta	FFG_612	715.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	72	Magenta	FFG_698	841.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
35	Magenta	FFG_613	713.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	73	Magenta	FFG_699	792.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
36	Magenta	FFG_620	738.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	74	Magenta	FFG_700	782.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
37	Magenta	FFG_638	573.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	75	Magenta	FFG_701	788.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
38	Magenta	FFG_639	543.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	76	Magenta	FFG_702	792.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Magenta	FFG_703	798.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	39	Magenta	FFG_742	753.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
2	Magenta	FFG_704	785.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	40	Magenta	FFG_743	740.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
3	Magenta	FFG_705	715.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	41	Magenta	FFG_744	722.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
4	Magenta	FFG_706	736.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	42	Magenta	FFG_745	708.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
5	Magenta	FFG_707	720.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	43	Magenta	FFG_746	699.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
6	Magenta	FFG_708	773.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	44	Magenta	H1	864.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
7	Magenta	FFG_709	664.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	45	Magenta	H10C	741.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
8	Magenta	FFG_710	665.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	46	Magenta	H2C	872.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
9	Magenta	FFG_711	675.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	47	Magenta	H3	862.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
10	Magenta	FFG_712	718.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	48	Magenta	H4C	901.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
11	Magenta	FFG_713	655.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	49	Magenta	H5C	828.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
12	Magenta	FFG_714	770.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	50	Magenta	H6C	871.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
13	Magenta	FFG_715	783.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	51	Magenta	H7C	928.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
14	Magenta	FFG_716	680.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	52	Magenta	H8C	904.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
15	Magenta	FFG_717	703.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	53	Magenta	H9C	878.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
16	Magenta	FFG_718	706.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	54	Magenta	P1	890.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
17	Magenta	FFG_719	679.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	55	Magenta	P10	838.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
18	Magenta	FFG_720	679.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	56	Magenta	P11	824.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
19	Magenta	FFG_721	679.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	57	Magenta	P12	870.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
20	Magenta	FFG_723	791.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	58	Magenta	P13	870.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
21	Magenta	FFG_724	719.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	59	Magenta	P14	886.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
22	Magenta	FFG_725	694.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	60	Magenta	P15	919.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
23	Magenta	FFG_726	682.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	61	Magenta	P16	896.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
24	Magenta	FFG_727	680.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	62	Magenta	P17	883.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
25	Magenta	FFG_728	677.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	63	Magenta	P18	845.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
26	Magenta	FFG_729	688.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	64	Magenta	P19	832.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
27	Magenta	FFG_730	705.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	65	Magenta	P2	832.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
28	Magenta	FFG_731	703.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	66	Magenta	P20	827.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
29	Magenta	FFG_732	720.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	67	Magenta	P21	829.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
30	Magenta	FFG_733	787.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	68	Magenta	P3	869.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
31	Magenta	FFG_734	741.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	69	Magenta	P4	847.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
32	Magenta	FFG_735	684.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	70	Magenta	P5	848.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
33	Magenta	FFG_736	739.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	71	Magenta	P6	895.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
34	Magenta	FFG_737	682.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	72	Magenta	P7	901.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
35	Magenta	FFG_738	697.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	73	Magenta	P8	880.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
36	Magenta	FFG_739	734.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	74	Magenta	P9	851.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
37	Magenta	FFG_740	736.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	75	Magenta	REF	856.70	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1
38	Magenta	FFG_741	702.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	76	Magenta	SaltShft	858.77	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D

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1	Magenta	WIPP11	822.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	39	Salado	FFG_011	570.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
2	Magenta	WIPP11	822.70	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2	40	Salado	FFG_012	572.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
3	Magenta	WIPP12	847.30	SNL and D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2	41	Salado	FFG_013	582.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
4	Magenta	WIPP12	848.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	42	Salado	FFG_014	623.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
5	Magenta	WIPP13	865.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	43	Salado	FFG_016	545.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
6	Magenta	WIPP16	668.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	44	Salado	FFG_017	555.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
7	Magenta	WIPP18	848.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	45	Salado	FFG_018	558.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
8	Magenta	WIPP19	849.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	46	Salado	FFG_019	548.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
9	Magenta	WIPP21	853.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	47	Salado	FFG_020	622.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
10	Magenta	WIPP22	852.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	48	Salado	FFG_023	553.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
11	Magenta	WIPP25	887.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	49	Salado	FFG_024	539.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
12	Magenta	WIPP26	939.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	50	Salado	FFG_025	560.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
13	Magenta	WIPP27	914.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	51	Salado	FFG_026	552.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
14	Magenta	WIPP28	933.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	52	Salado	FFG_027	545.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
15	Magenta	WIPP30	888.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	53	Salado	FFG_028	549.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
16	Magenta	WIPP32	915.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	54	Salado	FFG_029	537.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
17	Magenta	WIPP33	876.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	55	Salado	FFG_030	532.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
18	Magenta	WIPP34	827.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	56	Salado	FFG_031	522.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
19	Magenta	WastShft	857.36	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E	57	Salado	FFG_032	519.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
20	RSResid	AirShft	783.13	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22	58	Salado	FFG_033	518.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
21	RSResid	ExhtShft	779.98	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F	59	Salado	FFG_034	517.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
22	RSResid	SaltShft	780.44	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D	60	Salado	FFG_035	504.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
23	RSResid	WastShft	781.82	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E	61	Salado	FFG_036	510.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
24	ReposFlr	AirShft	383.74	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22	62	Salado	FFG_037	502.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
25	ReposFlr	ExhtShft	381.61	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F	63	Salado	FFG_038	491.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
26	ReposFlr	SaltShft	380.08	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D	64	Salado	FFG_039	694.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
27	ReposFlr	WastShft	380.70	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E	65	Salado	FFG_040	624.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
28	Salado	AEC7	811.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	66	Salado	FFG_041	691.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
29	Salado	AEC8	776.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	67	Salado	FFG_042	695.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
30	Salado	B25	782.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	68	Salado	FFG_043	697.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
31	Salado	ERDA10	836.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	69	Salado	FFG_044	645.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
32	Salado	ERDA6	830.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	70	Salado	FFG_047	526.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
33	Salado	ERDA9	783.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	71	Salado	FFG_048	527.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
34	Salado	FFG_002	578.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	72	Salado	FFG_049	526.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
35	Salado	FFG_004	627.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	73	Salado	FFG_050	537.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
36	Salado	FFG_005	581.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	74	Salado	FFG_051	530.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
37	Salado	FFG_007	559.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	75	Salado	FFG_052	565.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
38	Salado	FFG_009	575.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	76	Salado	FFG_053	510.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24

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1	Salado	FFG_054	518.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	39	Salado	FFG_094	637.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
2	Salado	FFG_055	521.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	40	Salado	FFG_095	618.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
3	Salado	FFG_056	520.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	41	Salado	FFG_096	605.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
4	Salado	FFG_057	524.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	42	Salado	FFG_097	580.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
5	Salado	FFG_058	526.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	43	Salado	FFG_098	555.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
6	Salado	FFG_059	529.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	44	Salado	FFG_099	550.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
7	Salado	FFG_060	532.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	45	Salado	FFG_100	530.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
8	Salado	FFG_061	532.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	46	Salado	FFG_101	500.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
9	Salado	FFG_062	479.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	47	Salado	FFG_102	512.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
10	Salado	FFG_063	438.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	48	Salado	FFG_104	474.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
11	Salado	FFG_064	461.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	49	Salado	FFG_105	812.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
12	Salado	FFG_065	449.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	50	Salado	FFG_106	840.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
13	Salado	FFG_066	401.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	51	Salado	FFG_107	836.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
14	Salado	FFG_067	435.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	52	Salado	FFG_108	836.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
15	Salado	FFG_068	396.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	53	Salado	FFG_109	831.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
16	Salado	FFG_069	407.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	54	Salado	FFG_110	798.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
17	Salado	FFG_070	442.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	55	Salado	FFG_111	806.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
18	Salado	FFG_071	700.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	56	Salado	FFG_112	784.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
19	Salado	FFG_072	645.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	57	Salado	FFG_113	802.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
20	Salado	FFG_073	623.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	58	Salado	FFG_114	828.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
21	Salado	FFG_074	630.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	59	Salado	FFG_115	803.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
22	Salado	FFG_075	683.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	60	Salado	FFG_116	795.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
23	Salado	FFG_076	741.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	61	Salado	FFG_117	810.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
24	Salado	FFG_078	776.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	62	Salado	FFG_119	828.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
25	Salado	FFG_079	750.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	63	Salado	FFG_120	819.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
26	Salado	FFG_080	727.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	64	Salado	FFG_121	830.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
27	Salado	FFG_081	644.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	65	Salado	FFG_122	813.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
28	Salado	FFG_082	673.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	66	Salado	FFG_123	815.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
29	Salado	FFG_083	604.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	67	Salado	FFG_124	785.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
30	Salado	FFG_084	626.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	68	Salado	FFG_126	813.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
31	Salado	FFG_085	620.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	69	Salado	FFG_127	824.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
32	Salado	FFG_086	630.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	70	Salado	FFG_128	852.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
33	Salado	FFG_087	601.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	71	Salado	FFG_129	815.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
34	Salado	FFG_088	595.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	72	Salado	FFG_130	854.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
35	Salado	FFG_089	576.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	73	Salado	FFG_132	852.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
36	Salado	FFG_091	614.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	74	Salado	FFG_133	837.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
37	Salado	FFG_092	633.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	75	Salado	FFG_134	861.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
38	Salado	FFG_093	637.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	76	Salado	FFG_135	844.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Salado	FFG_136	844.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	39	Salado	FFG_183	837.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
2	Salado	FFG_137	853.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	40	Salado	FFG_184	851.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
3	Salado	FFG_138	798.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	41	Salado	FFG_185	840.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
4	Salado	FFG_139	810.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	42	Salado	FFG_186	766.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
5	Salado	FFG_140	750.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	43	Salado	FFG_188	781.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
6	Salado	FFG_141	782.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	44	Salado	FFG_189	805.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
7	Salado	FFG_142	757.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	45	Salado	FFG_190	793.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
8	Salado	FFG_144	825.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	46	Salado	FFG_191	780.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
9	Salado	FFG_145	830.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	47	Salado	FFG_192	708.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32
10	Salado	FFG_146	826.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	48	Salado	FFG_194	738.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
11	Salado	FFG_147	816.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	49	Salado	FFG_195	753.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
12	Salado	FFG_148	832.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	50	Salado	FFG_196	792.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
13	Salado	FFG_149	842.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	51	Salado	FFG_197	790.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
14	Salado	FFG_152	836.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	52	Salado	FFG_198	783.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
15	Salado	FFG_155	830.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	53	Salado	FFG_199	780.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
16	Salado	FFG_156	837.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	54	Salado	FFG_200	785.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
17	Salado	FFG_158	856.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	55	Salado	FFG_201	778.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
18	Salado	FFG_159	859.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	56	Salado	FFG_202	723.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
19	Salado	FFG_160	855.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	57	Salado	FFG_203	727.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
20	Salado	FFG_161	856.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	58	Salado	FFG_204	767.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
21	Salado	FFG_162	857.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	59	Salado	FFG_205	768.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
22	Salado	FFG_163	856.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	60	Salado	FFG_206	779.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
23	Salado	FFG_164	854.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	61	Salado	FFG_207	775.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
24	Salado	FFG_165	838.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	62	Salado	FFG_208	780.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
25	Salado	FFG_166	858.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	63	Salado	FFG_209	787.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
26	Salado	FFG_167	836.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	64	Salado	FFG_210	766.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
27	Salado	FFG_168	843.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	65	Salado	FFG_212	768.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
28	Salado	FFG_169	861.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	66	Salado	FFG_213	795.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
29	Salado	FFG_170	839.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	67	Salado	FFG_214	757.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
30	Salado	FFG_171	848.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	68	Salado	FFG_215	734.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
31	Salado	FFG_172	851.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	69	Salado	FFG_216	520.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
32	Salado	FFG_173	831.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	70	Salado	FFG_217	756.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
33	Salado	FFG_177	812.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	71	Salado	FFG_218	744.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
34	Salado	FFG_178	539.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	72	Salado	FFG_219	783.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
35	Salado	FFG_179	816.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	73	Salado	FFG_220	742.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
36	Salado	FFG_180	825.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	74	Salado	FFG_221	684.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
37	Salado	FFG_181	869.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	75	Salado	FFG_222	604.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
38	Salado	FFG_182	757.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	76	Salado	FFG_224	558.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Salado	FFG_225	566.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	39	Salado	FFG_264	653.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
2	Salado	FFG_226	561.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	40	Salado	FFG_265	634.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
3	Salado	FFG_228	549.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	41	Salado	FFG_266	609.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
4	Salado	FFG_229	572.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	42	Salado	FFG_267	582.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
5	Salado	FFG_230	558.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	43	Salado	FFG_268	563.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
6	Salado	FFG_231	578.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	44	Salado	FFG_269	568.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
7	Salado	FFG_232	586.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	45	Salado	FFG_270	689.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
8	Salado	FFG_233	581.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	46	Salado	FFG_271	733.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
9	Salado	FFG_234	616.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	47	Salado	FFG_272	697.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
10	Salado	FFG_235	595.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	48	Salado	FFG_273	701.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
11	Salado	FFG_236	641.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	49	Salado	FFG_274	747.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
12	Salado	FFG_237	600.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	50	Salado	FFG_275	767.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
13	Salado	FFG_238	584.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	51	Salado	FFG_276	766.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
14	Salado	FFG_239	570.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	52	Salado	FFG_277	753.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
15	Salado	FFG_240	568.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	53	Salado	FFG_278	722.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
16	Salado	FFG_241	562.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	54	Salado	FFG_279	735.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
17	Salado	FFG_242	681.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	55	Salado	FFG_280	738.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
18	Salado	FFG_243	615.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	56	Salado	FFG_281	709.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
19	Salado	FFG_244	689.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	57	Salado	FFG_283	450.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
20	Salado	FFG_245	470.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	58	Salado	FFG_284	596.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
21	Salado	FFG_246	473.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	59	Salado	FFG_285	616.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
22	Salado	FFG_247	460.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	60	Salado	FFG_286	728.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
23	Salado	FFG_248	464.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	61	Salado	FFG_287	693.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
24	Salado	FFG_249	464.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	62	Salado	FFG_288	616.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
25	Salado	FFG_250	545.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	63	Salado	FFG_289	639.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
26	Salado	FFG_251	432.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	64	Salado	FFG_290	733.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
27	Salado	FFG_252	567.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	65	Salado	FFG_291	615.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
28	Salado	FFG_253	521.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	66	Salado	FFG_292	686.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
29	Salado	FFG_254	517.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	67	Salado	FFG_293	672.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
30	Salado	FFG_255	467.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	68	Salado	FFG_294	458.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
31	Salado	FFG_256	438.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	69	Salado	FFG_295	438.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
32	Salado	FFG_257	484.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	70	Salado	FFG_297	420.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
33	Salado	FFG_258	497.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	71	Salado	FFG_298	490.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
34	Salado	FFG_259	456.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	72	Salado	FFG_299	441.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
35	Salado	FFG_260	515.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	73	Salado	FFG_300	416.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
36	Salado	FFG_261	502.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	74	Salado	FFG_301	359.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
37	Salado	FFG_262	440.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	75	Salado	FFG_302	420.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
38	Salado	FFG_263	406.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	76	Salado	FFG_303	404.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Salado	FFG_304	399.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	39	Salado	FFG_344	622.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
2	Salado	FFG_305	399.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	40	Salado	FFG_345	628.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
3	Salado	FFG_306	361.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	41	Salado	FFG_347	655.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
4	Salado	FFG_307	383.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	42	Salado	FFG_348	686.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
5	Salado	FFG_308	323.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	43	Salado	FFG_349	678.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
6	Salado	FFG_309	388.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	44	Salado	FFG_350	712.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
7	Salado	FFG_310	430.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	45	Salado	FFG_351	571.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
8	Salado	FFG_311	387.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	46	Salado	FFG_352	573.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
9	Salado	FFG_312	384.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	47	Salado	FFG_353	598.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
10	Salado	FFG_313	832.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	48	Salado	FFG_354	722.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
11	Salado	FFG_314	734.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	49	Salado	FFG_361	905.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
12	Salado	FFG_315	650.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	50	Salado	FFG_362	841.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
13	Salado	FFG_316	624.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	51	Salado	FFG_363	881.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
14	Salado	FFG_317	693.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	52	Salado	FFG_366	863.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
15	Salado	FFG_318	666.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	53	Salado	FFG_367	876.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
16	Salado	FFG_319	662.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	54	Salado	FFG_370	919.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
17	Salado	FFG_320	616.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	55	Salado	FFG_371	919.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
18	Salado	FFG_321	612.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	56	Salado	FFG_374	855.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
19	Salado	FFG_322	616.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	57	Salado	FFG_376	896.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
20	Salado	FFG_323	626.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	58	Salado	FFG_381	875.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
21	Salado	FFG_324	653.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	59	Salado	FFG_383	867.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
22	Salado	FFG_325	713.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	60	Salado	FFG_385	856.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
23	Salado	FFG_326	657.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	61	Salado	FFG_387	862.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
24	Salado	FFG_327	645.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	62	Salado	FFG_390	863.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
25	Salado	FFG_328	620.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	63	Salado	FFG_391	868.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
26	Salado	FFG_329	613.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	64	Salado	FFG_392	863.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
27	Salado	FFG_330	611.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	65	Salado	FFG_393	752.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
28	Salado	FFG_331	602.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	66	Salado	FFG_394	846.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
29	Salado	FFG_332	587.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	67	Salado	FFG_395	842.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
30	Salado	FFG_333	598.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	68	Salado	FFG_396	787.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
31	Salado	FFG_334	589.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	69	Salado	FFG_403	846.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
32	Salado	FFG_335	607.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	70	Salado	FFG_408	827.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
33	Salado	FFG_336	603.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	71	Salado	FFG_411	789.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
34	Salado	FFG_337	584.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	72	Salado	FFG_413	835.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
35	Salado	FFG_338	589.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	73	Salado	FFG_421	879.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
36	Salado	FFG_339	553.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	74	Salado	FFG_426	856.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
37	Salado	FFG_340	559.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	75	Salado	FFG_432	837.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
38	Salado	FFG_342	651.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	76	Salado	FFG_433	816.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Salado	FFG_438	797.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.49	39	Salado	FFG_494	713.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
2	Salado	FFG_445	827.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.49	40	Salado	FFG_495	696.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
3	Salado	FFG_453	726.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	41	Salado	FFG_496	555.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
4	Salado	FFG_455	723.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	42	Salado	FFG_497	601.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
5	Salado	FFG_456	730.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	43	Salado	FFG_498	589.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
6	Salado	FFG_457	784.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	44	Salado	FFG_499	549.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
7	Salado	FFG_458	785.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	45	Salado	FFG_500	582.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
8	Salado	FFG_459	717.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	46	Salado	FFG_501	625.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
9	Salado	FFG_462	781.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	47	Salado	FFG_502	567.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
10	Salado	FFG_463	811.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	48	Salado	FFG_503	573.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
11	Salado	FFG_464	787.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	49	Salado	FFG_504	618.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
12	Salado	FFG_465	783.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	50	Salado	FFG_505	650.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
13	Salado	FFG_467	380.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	51	Salado	FFG_506	649.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
14	Salado	FFG_468	322.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	52	Salado	FFG_507	549.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
15	Salado	FFG_470	360.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	53	Salado	FFG_508	628.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
16	Salado	FFG_471	372.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	54	Salado	FFG_509	616.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
17	Salado	FFG_472	439.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	55	Salado	FFG_510	615.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
18	Salado	FFG_473	339.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	56	Salado	FFG_511	570.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
19	Salado	FFG_474	634.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	57	Salado	FFG_512	576.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
20	Salado	FFG_475	637.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	58	Salado	FFG_513	606.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
21	Salado	FFG_476	711.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	59	Salado	FFG_514	577.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
22	Salado	FFG_477	679.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	60	Salado	FFG_515	556.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
23	Salado	FFG_478	655.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	61	Salado	FFG_516	545.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
24	Salado	FFG_479	661.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	62	Salado	FFG_517	732.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
25	Salado	FFG_480	641.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	63	Salado	FFG_518	720.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
26	Salado	FFG_481	635.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	64	Salado	FFG_519	659.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
27	Salado	FFG_482	665.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	65	Salado	FFG_520	542.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
28	Salado	FFG_483	690.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	66	Salado	FFG_521	604.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
29	Salado	FFG_484	672.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	67	Salado	FFG_522	382.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
30	Salado	FFG_485	682.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	68	Salado	FFG_523	388.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
31	Salado	FFG_486	668.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	69	Salado	FFG_524	561.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
32	Salado	FFG_487	669.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	70	Salado	FFG_525	388.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
33	Salado	FFG_488	648.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	71	Salado	FFG_526	911.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
34	Salado	FFG_489	663.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	72	Salado	FFG_527	871.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
35	Salado	FFG_490	765.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	73	Salado	FFG_528	864.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
36	Salado	FFG_491	752.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	74	Salado	FFG_530	930.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
37	Salado	FFG_492	720.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	75	Salado	FFG_531	855.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
38	Salado	FFG_493	709.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	76	Salado	FFG_532	838.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Salado	FFG_535	850.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	39	Salado	FFG_676	831.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
2	Salado	FFG_536	853.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	40	Salado	FFG_677	857.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
3	Salado	FFG_537	840.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	41	Salado	FFG_679	861.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
4	Salado	FFG_564	557.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	42	Salado	FFG_685	825.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
5	Salado	FFG_584	690.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	43	Salado	FFG_689	718.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
6	Salado	FFG_585	643.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	44	Salado	FFG_690	718.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
7	Salado	FFG_602	743.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	45	Salado	FFG_691	711.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
8	Salado	FFG_606	603.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	46	Salado	FFG_693	712.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
9	Salado	FFG_607	624.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	47	Salado	FFG_694	680.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
10	Salado	FFG_608	593.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	48	Salado	FFG_695	702.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
11	Salado	FFG_609	586.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	49	Salado	FFG_696	703.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
12	Salado	FFG_610	588.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	50	Salado	FFG_697	699.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
13	Salado	FFG_611	579.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	51	Salado	FFG_698	734.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
14	Salado	FFG_612	624.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	52	Salado	FFG_699	691.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
15	Salado	FFG_613	621.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	53	Salado	FFG_700	682.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
16	Salado	FFG_640	519.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	54	Salado	FFG_701	686.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
17	Salado	FFG_643	576.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	55	Salado	FFG_702	693.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
18	Salado	FFG_652	786.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	56	Salado	FFG_703	716.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
19	Salado	FFG_653	788.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	57	Salado	FFG_704	686.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
20	Salado	FFG_654	812.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	58	Salado	FFG_705	610.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
21	Salado	FFG_655	812.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	59	Salado	FFG_706	637.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
22	Salado	FFG_656	808.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	60	Salado	FFG_707	616.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
23	Salado	FFG_657	830.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	61	Salado	FFG_708	669.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
24	Salado	FFG_658	816.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	62	Salado	FFG_710	579.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
25	Salado	FFG_659	821.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	63	Salado	FFG_711	570.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
26	Salado	FFG_660	845.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	64	Salado	FFG_716	553.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
27	Salado	FFG_662	810.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	65	Salado	FFG_717	621.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
28	Salado	FFG_664	794.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	66	Salado	FFG_718	612.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
29	Salado	FFG_666	860.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	67	Salado	FFG_719	571.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
30	Salado	FFG_667	845.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	68	Salado	FFG_720	570.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
31	Salado	FFG_668	905.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	69	Salado	FFG_721	594.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
32	Salado	FFG_669	890.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	70	Salado	FFG_723	712.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
33	Salado	FFG_670	876.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	71	Salado	FFG_724	633.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
34	Salado	FFG_671	873.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	72	Salado	FFG_725	610.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
35	Salado	FFG_672	868.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	73	Salado	FFG_726	589.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
36	Salado	FFG_673	870.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	74	Salado	FFG_727	575.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66
37	Salado	FFG_674	860.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	75	Salado	FFG_728	590.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66
38	Salado	FFG_675	819.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	76	Salado	FFG_729	595.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Salado	FFG_730	622.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	39	Salado	P20	746.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
2	Salado	FFG_731	617.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	40	Salado	P21	751.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
3	Salado	FFG_733	698.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	41	Salado	P3	791.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
4	Salado	FFG_734	654.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	42	Salado	P4	766.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
5	Salado	FFG_735	584.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	43	Salado	P5	769.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
6	Salado	FFG_736	615.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	44	Salado	P6	821.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
7	Salado	FFG_737	559.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	45	Salado	P7	823.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
8	Salado	FFG_738	610.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	46	Salado	P8	799.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
9	Salado	FFG_739	628.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	47	Salado	P9	771.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
10	Salado	FFG_740	609.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	48	Salado	WIPP11	754.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
11	Salado	FFG_741	602.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	49	Salado	WIPP12	767.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
12	Salado	FFG_742	646.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	50	Salado	WIPP13	780.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
13	Salado	FFG_743	630.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	51	Salado	WIPP18	770.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
14	Salado	FFG_744	630.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	52	Salado	WIPP19	773.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
15	Salado	FFG_745	598.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	53	Salado	WIPP21	776.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
16	Salado	FFG_746	581.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	54	Salado	WIPP22	775.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
17	Salado	H1	784.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	55	Salado	WIPP25	807.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
18	Salado	H10C	666.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	56	Salado	WIPP26	866.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
19	Salado	H2C	796.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	57	Salado	WIPP27	841.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
20	Salado	H3	783.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	58	Salado	WIPP28	858.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
21	Salado	H4C	825.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	59	Salado	WIPP29	863.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
22	Salado	H5C	751.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	60	Salado	WIPP30	816.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
23	Salado	H6C	800.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	61	Salado	WIPP32	870.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
24	Salado	H7C	877.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	62	Salado	WIPP33	812.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
25	Salado	H8C	823.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	63	Salado	WIPP34	749.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
26	Salado	H9C	797.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	64	Supra_R	AEC7	1113.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
27	Salado	P1	813.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	65	Supra_R	AEC8	1076.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
28	Salado	P10	738.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	66	Supra_R	B25	1039.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
29	Salado	P11	745.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	67	Supra_R	ERDA10	1027.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
30	Salado	P12	800.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	68	Supra_R	ERDA6	1079.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
31	Salado	P13	799.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	69	Supra_R	ERDA9	1042.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
32	Salado	P14	814.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	70	Supra_R	FFG_002	1090.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
33	Salado	P15	843.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	71	Supra_R	FFG_004	1068.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
34	Salado	P16	814.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	72	Supra_R	FFG_005	1089.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
35	Salado	P17	798.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	73	Supra_R	FFG_006	1091.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
36	Salado	P18	728.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	74	Supra_R	FFG_007	1093.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
37	Salado	P19	740.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	75	Supra_R	FFG_009	1094.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21
38	Salado	P2	753.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	76	Supra_R	FFG_011	1092.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21

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1	Supra_R	FFG_012	1092.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	39	Supra_R	FFG_055	1145.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
2	Supra_R	FFG_013	1080.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	40	Supra_R	FFG_056	1136.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
3	Supra_R	FFG_014	1068.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	41	Supra_R	FFG_057	1134.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
4	Supra_R	FFG_016	1099.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	42	Supra_R	FFG_058	1147.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
5	Supra_R	FFG_017	1100.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	43	Supra_R	FFG_059	1156.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
6	Supra_R	FFG_018	1116.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	44	Supra_R	FFG_060	1138.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
7	Supra_R	FFG_019	1111.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	45	Supra_R	FFG_061	1137.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
8	Supra_R	FFG_020	1091.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	46	Supra_R	FFG_062	1122.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
9	Supra_R	FFG_023	1109.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	47	Supra_R	FFG_063	1118.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
10	Supra_R	FFG_024	1124.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	48	Supra_R	FFG_064	1127.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
11	Supra_R	FFG_025	1117.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	49	Supra_R	FFG_065	1110.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
12	Supra_R	FFG_026	1116.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	50	Supra_R	FFG_066	1113.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
13	Supra_R	FFG_027	1117.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	51	Supra_R	FFG_067	1127.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
14	Supra_R	FFG_028	1183.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	52	Supra_R	FFG_068	1125.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
15	Supra_R	FFG_029	1145.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	53	Supra_R	FFG_069	1130.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
16	Supra_R	FFG_030	1154.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	54	Supra_R	FFG_070	1130.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
17	Supra_R	FFG_031	1168.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	55	Supra_R	FFG_071	1115.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
18	Supra_R	FFG_032	1158.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	56	Supra_R	FFG_072	1105.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
19	Supra_R	FFG_033	1143.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	57	Supra_R	FFG_073	1107.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
20	Supra_R	FFG_034	1139.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	58	Supra_R	FFG_074	1107.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
21	Supra_R	FFG_035	1121.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	59	Supra_R	FFG_075	1108.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
22	Supra_R	FFG_036	1147.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	60	Supra_R	FFG_076	1097.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
23	Supra_R	FFG_037	1129.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	61	Supra_R	FFG_078	1087.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
24	Supra_R	FFG_038	1118.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	62	Supra_R	FFG_079	1091.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
25	Supra_R	FFG_039	1046.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	63	Supra_R	FFG_080	1082.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
26	Supra_R	FFG_040	1077.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	64	Supra_R	FFG_081	1097.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
27	Supra_R	FFG_041	1065.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	65	Supra_R	FFG_082	1084.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
28	Supra_R	FFG_042	1069.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	66	Supra_R	FFG_083	1115.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
29	Supra_R	FFG_043	1067.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	67	Supra_R	FFG_084	1107.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
30	Supra_R	FFG_044	1080.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	68	Supra_R	FFG_085	1108.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
31	Supra_R	FFG_047	1112.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	69	Supra_R	FFG_086	1107.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
32	Supra_R	FFG_048	1106.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	70	Supra_R	FFG_087	1107.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
33	Supra_R	FFG_049	1119.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	71	Supra_R	FFG_088	1108.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
34	Supra_R	FFG_050	1132.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	72	Supra_R	FFG_089	1108.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
35	Supra_R	FFG_051	1131.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	73	Supra_R	FFG_091	1091.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
36	Supra_R	FFG_052	1132.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	74	Supra_R	FFG_092	1097.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
37	Supra_R	FFG_053	1137.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	75	Supra_R	FFG_093	1097.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
38	Supra_R	FFG_054	1150.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24	76	Supra_R	FFG_094	1095.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26

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1	Supra_R	FFG_095	1138.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	39	Supra_R	FFG_135	1002.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
2	Supra_R	FFG_096	1174.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	40	Supra_R	FFG_136	1007.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
3	Supra_R	FFG_097	1149.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	41	Supra_R	FFG_137	1007.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
4	Supra_R	FFG_098	1208.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	42	Supra_R	FFG_138	1023.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
5	Supra_R	FFG_099	1205.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	43	Supra_R	FFG_139	1023.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
6	Supra_R	FFG_100	1153.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	44	Supra_R	FFG_140	1042.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
7	Supra_R	FFG_101	1142.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	45	Supra_R	FFG_141	1030.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
8	Supra_R	FFG_102	1127.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	46	Supra_R	FFG_142	1042.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
9	Supra_R	FFG_103	1108.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	47	Supra_R	FFG_143	1052.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
10	Supra_R	FFG_104	1127.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	48	Supra_R	FFG_144	905.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
11	Supra_R	FFG_105	995.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	49	Supra_R	FFG_145	905.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
12	Supra_R	FFG_106	981.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	50	Supra_R	FFG_146	912.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
13	Supra_R	FFG_107	987.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	51	Supra_R	FFG_147	908.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
14	Supra_R	FFG_108	1015.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	52	Supra_R	FFG_148	907.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
15	Supra_R	FFG_109	1039.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	53	Supra_R	FFG_149	916.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
16	Supra_R	FFG_110	1045.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	54	Supra_R	FFG_152	905.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
17	Supra_R	FFG_111	1062.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	55	Supra_R	FFG_155	918.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
18	Supra_R	FFG_112	1056.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	56	Supra_R	FFG_156	908.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
19	Supra_R	FFG_113	1054.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	57	Supra_R	FFG_157	926.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
20	Supra_R	FFG_114	1014.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	58	Supra_R	FFG_158	941.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
21	Supra_R	FFG_115	970.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	59	Supra_R	FFG_159	1001.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
22	Supra_R	FFG_116	972.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	60	Supra_R	FFG_160	1002.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
23	Supra_R	FFG_117	966.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	61	Supra_R	FFG_161	987.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
24	Supra_R	FFG_119	950.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	62	Supra_R	FFG_162	988.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
25	Supra_R	FFG_120	956.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	63	Supra_R	FFG_163	988.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
26	Supra_R	FFG_121	958.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	64	Supra_R	FFG_164	955.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
27	Supra_R	FFG_122	954.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	65	Supra_R	FFG_165	935.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
28	Supra_R	FFG_123	961.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	66	Supra_R	FFG_166	993.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
29	Supra_R	FFG_124	977.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	67	Supra_R	FFG_167	1019.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
30	Supra_R	FFG_125	976.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	68	Supra_R	FFG_168	1001.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
31	Supra_R	FFG_126	1014.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	69	Supra_R	FFG_169	986.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
32	Supra_R	FFG_127	1019.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	70	Supra_R	FFG_170	934.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
33	Supra_R	FFG_128	994.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	71	Supra_R	FFG_171	956.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
34	Supra_R	FFG_129	961.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	72	Supra_R	FFG_172	986.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
35	Supra_R	FFG_130	979.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	73	Supra_R	FFG_173	1022.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
36	Supra_R	FFG_132	1002.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	74	Supra_R	FFG_177	913.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
37	Supra_R	FFG_133	993.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	75	Supra_R	FFG_178	888.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
38	Supra_R	FFG_134	988.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	76	Supra_R	FFG_179	896.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Supra_R	FFG_180	1062.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	39	Supra_R	FFG_221	1027.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
2	Supra_R	FFG_181	1016.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	40	Supra_R	FFG_222	1019.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
3	Supra_R	FFG_182	986.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	41	Supra_R	FFG_224	1133.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
4	Supra_R	FFG_183	1020.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	42	Supra_R	FFG_225	1138.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
5	Supra_R	FFG_184	1047.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	43	Supra_R	FFG_226	1150.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
6	Supra_R	FFG_185	1022.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	44	Supra_R	FFG_228	1133.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
7	Supra_R	FFG_186	1013.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	45	Supra_R	FFG_229	1146.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
8	Supra_R	FFG_188	979.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	46	Supra_R	FFG_230	1134.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
9	Supra_R	FFG_189	1046.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	47	Supra_R	FFG_231	1120.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
10	Supra_R	FFG_190	1037.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	48	Supra_R	FFG_232	1124.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
11	Supra_R	FFG_191	1041.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	49	Supra_R	FFG_233	1114.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
12	Supra_R	FFG_192	1031.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	50	Supra_R	FFG_234	1112.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
13	Supra_R	FFG_194	1075.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	51	Supra_R	FFG_235	1117.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
14	Supra_R	FFG_195	1059.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	52	Supra_R	FFG_236	1101.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
15	Supra_R	FFG_196	1042.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	53	Supra_R	FFG_237	1137.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
16	Supra_R	FFG_197	1034.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	54	Supra_R	FFG_238	1152.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
17	Supra_R	FFG_198	1031.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	55	Supra_R	FFG_239	1177.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
18	Supra_R	FFG_199	1038.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	56	Supra_R	FFG_240	1162.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
19	Supra_R	FFG_200	1040.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	57	Supra_R	FFG_241	1165.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
20	Supra_R	FFG_201	1074.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	58	Supra_R	FFG_242	1115.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
21	Supra_R	FFG_202	1075.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	59	Supra_R	FFG_243	1153.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
22	Supra_R	FFG_203	1071.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	60	Supra_R	FFG_244	1120.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
23	Supra_R	FFG_204	1096.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	61	Supra_R	FFG_245	1170.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
24	Supra_R	FFG_205	1082.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	62	Supra_R	FFG_246	1161.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
25	Supra_R	FFG_206	1067.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	63	Supra_R	FFG_247	1145.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
26	Supra_R	FFG_207	1072.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	64	Supra_R	FFG_248	1150.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
27	Supra_R	FFG_208	1060.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	65	Supra_R	FFG_249	1169.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
28	Supra_R	FFG_209	1074.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	66	Supra_R	FFG_250	1159.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
29	Supra_R	FFG_210	1066.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	67	Supra_R	FFG_251	1139.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
30	Supra_R	FFG_212	1078.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	68	Supra_R	FFG_252	1134.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
31	Supra_R	FFG_213	1051.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	69	Supra_R	FFG_253	1108.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
32	Supra_R	FFG_214	1061.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	70	Supra_R	FFG_254	1111.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
33	Supra_R	FFG_215	1041.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	71	Supra_R	FFG_255	1122.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
34	Supra_R	FFG_216	993.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	72	Supra_R	FFG_256	1136.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
35	Supra_R	FFG_217	1057.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	73	Supra_R	FFG_257	1137.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
36	Supra_R	FFG_218	1053.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	74	Supra_R	FFG_258	1120.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
37	Supra_R	FFG_219	1036.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	75	Supra_R	FFG_259	1139.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37
38	Supra_R	FFG_220	1051.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	76	Supra_R	FFG_260	1111.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37

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1	Supra_R	FFG_261	1106.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	39	Supra_R	FFG_301	1046.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
2	Supra_R	FFG_262	1109.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	40	Supra_R	FFG_302	1092.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
3	Supra_R	FFG_263	1115.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	41	Supra_R	FFG_303	1099.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
4	Supra_R	FFG_264	1121.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	42	Supra_R	FFG_304	1088.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
5	Supra_R	FFG_265	1130.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	43	Supra_R	FFG_305	1093.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
6	Supra_R	FFG_266	1131.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	44	Supra_R	FFG_306	1075.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
7	Supra_R	FFG_267	1120.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	45	Supra_R	FFG_307	1078.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
8	Supra_R	FFG_268	1115.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	46	Supra_R	FFG_308	1075.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
9	Supra_R	FFG_269	1105.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	47	Supra_R	FFG_309	1093.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
10	Supra_R	FFG_270	1057.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	48	Supra_R	FFG_310	1087.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
11	Supra_R	FFG_271	1049.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	49	Supra_R	FFG_311	1085.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
12	Supra_R	FFG_272	1073.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	50	Supra_R	FFG_312	1076.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
13	Supra_R	FFG_273	1079.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	51	Supra_R	FFG_313	1106.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
14	Supra_R	FFG_274	1137.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	52	Supra_R	FFG_314	1121.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
15	Supra_R	FFG_275	1135.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	53	Supra_R	FFG_315	1131.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
16	Supra_R	FFG_276	1125.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	54	Supra_R	FFG_316	1133.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
17	Supra_R	FFG_277	1123.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	55	Supra_R	FFG_317	1097.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
18	Supra_R	FFG_278	1098.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	56	Supra_R	FFG_318	1123.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
19	Supra_R	FFG_279	1107.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	57	Supra_R	FFG_319	1120.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
20	Supra_R	FFG_280	1120.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	58	Supra_R	FFG_320	1129.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
21	Supra_R	FFG_281	1147.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	59	Supra_R	FFG_321	1124.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
22	Supra_R	FFG_283	1090.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	60	Supra_R	FFG_322	1124.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
23	Supra_R	FFG_284	1117.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	61	Supra_R	FFG_323	1120.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
24	Supra_R	FFG_285	1112.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	62	Supra_R	FFG_324	1122.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
25	Supra_R	FFG_286	1101.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	63	Supra_R	FFG_325	1079.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
26	Supra_R	FFG_287	1094.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	64	Supra_R	FFG_326	1117.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
27	Supra_R	FFG_288	1110.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	65	Supra_R	FFG_327	1102.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
28	Supra_R	FFG_289	1081.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	66	Supra_R	FFG_328	1121.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
29	Supra_R	FFG_290	1103.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	67	Supra_R	FFG_329	1120.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
30	Supra_R	FFG_291	1132.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	68	Supra_R	FFG_330	1115.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
31	Supra_R	FFG_292	1090.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	69	Supra_R	FFG_331	1103.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
32	Supra_R	FFG_293	1085.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	70	Supra_R	FFG_332	1124.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
33	Supra_R	FFG_294	1095.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	71	Supra_R	FFG_333	1130.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
34	Supra_R	FFG_295	1087.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	72	Supra_R	FFG_334	1125.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
35	Supra_R	FFG_297	1104.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	73	Supra_R	FFG_335	1129.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
36	Supra_R	FFG_298	1070.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	74	Supra_R	FFG_336	1124.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
37	Supra_R	FFG_299	1078.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	75	Supra_R	FFG_337	1124.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
38	Supra_R	FFG_300	1062.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40	76	Supra_R	FFG_338	1123.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42

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2	Supra_R	FFG_340	1107.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	40	Supra_R	FFG_398	1011.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
3	Supra_R	FFG_342	1056.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	41	Supra_R	FFG_399	1001.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
4	Supra_R	FFG_344	1040.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	42	Supra_R	FFG_401	972.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
5	Supra_R	FFG_345	1073.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	43	Supra_R	FFG_402	1023.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
6	Supra_R	FFG_347	1039.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	44	Supra_R	FFG_403	995.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
7	Supra_R	FFG_348	1035.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	45	Supra_R	FFG_404	976.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
8	Supra_R	FFG_349	1034.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	46	Supra_R	FFG_407	969.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
9	Supra_R	FFG_350	1041.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	47	Supra_R	FFG_408	965.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
10	Supra_R	FFG_351	1102.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	48	Supra_R	FFG_409	970.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
11	Supra_R	FFG_352	1103.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	49	Supra_R	FFG_411	957.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
12	Supra_R	FFG_353	1095.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	50	Supra_R	FFG_413	968.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
13	Supra_R	FFG_354	1051.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	51	Supra_R	FFG_418	1033.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
14	Supra_R	FFG_361	1012.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	52	Supra_R	FFG_419	1052.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
15	Supra_R	FFG_362	1010.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	53	Supra_R	FFG_420	1045.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
16	Supra_R	FFG_363	1009.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	54	Supra_R	FFG_421	1047.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
17	Supra_R	FFG_364	993.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	55	Supra_R	FFG_422	1054.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
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19	Supra_R	FFG_367	1006.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	57	Supra_R	FFG_432	978.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
20	Supra_R	FFG_370	1012.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	58	Supra_R	FFG_433	968.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
21	Supra_R	FFG_371	1012.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	59	Supra_R	FFG_438	1082.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.49
22	Supra_R	FFG_372	1006.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	60	Supra_R	FFG_445	960.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.49
23	Supra_R	FFG_373	998.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	61	Supra_R	FFG_453	1049.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
24	Supra_R	FFG_374	995.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	62	Supra_R	FFG_455	1061.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
25	Supra_R	FFG_376	1010.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	63	Supra_R	FFG_456	1063.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
26	Supra_R	FFG_381	1021.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	64	Supra_R	FFG_457	1023.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
27	Supra_R	FFG_383	1046.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	65	Supra_R	FFG_458	1025.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
28	Supra_R	FFG_384	976.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	66	Supra_R	FFG_459	1070.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
29	Supra_R	FFG_385	990.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	67	Supra_R	FFG_462	1032.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
30	Supra_R	FFG_387	1019.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	68	Supra_R	FFG_463	1021.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
31	Supra_R	FFG_388	1019.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	69	Supra_R	FFG_464	1035.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
32	Supra_R	FFG_389	1008.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	70	Supra_R	FFG_465	1031.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
33	Supra_R	FFG_390	1022.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	71	Supra_R	FFG_467	1025.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
34	Supra_R	FFG_391	1025.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	72	Supra_R	FFG_468	1064.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
35	Supra_R	FFG_392	1019.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	73	Supra_R	FFG_470	1067.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
36	Supra_R	FFG_393	1061.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	74	Supra_R	FFG_471	1036.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
37	Supra_R	FFG_394	1050.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	75	Supra_R	FFG_472	1032.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
38	Supra_R	FFG_395	1059.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	76	Supra_R	FFG_473	1060.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Supra_R	FFG_474	1100.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	39	Supra_R	FFG_512	1073.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
2	Supra_R	FFG_475	1103.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	40	Supra_R	FFG_513	1061.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
3	Supra_R	FFG_476	1090.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	41	Supra_R	FFG_514	1060.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
4	Supra_R	FFG_477	1102.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	42	Supra_R	FFG_515	1082.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
5	Supra_R	FFG_478	1104.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	43	Supra_R	FFG_516	1075.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
6	Supra_R	FFG_479	1106.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	44	Supra_R	FFG_517	1053.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
7	Supra_R	FFG_480	1096.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	45	Supra_R	FFG_518	1036.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
8	Supra_R	FFG_481	1090.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	46	Supra_R	FFG_519	1033.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
9	Supra_R	FFG_482	1103.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	47	Supra_R	FFG_520	1030.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
10	Supra_R	FFG_483	1094.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	48	Supra_R	FFG_521	1028.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
11	Supra_R	FFG_484	1095.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	49	Supra_R	FFG_522	1055.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
12	Supra_R	FFG_485	1096.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	50	Supra_R	FFG_523	1041.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
13	Supra_R	FFG_486	1097.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	51	Supra_R	FFG_524	1024.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
14	Supra_R	FFG_487	1097.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	52	Supra_R	FFG_525	1047.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
15	Supra_R	FFG_488	1088.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	53	Supra_R	FFG_526	1033.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
16	Supra_R	FFG_489	1086.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	54	Supra_R	FFG_527	1031.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
17	Supra_R	FFG_490	1072.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	55	Supra_R	FFG_528	1023.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
18	Supra_R	FFG_491	1077.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	56	Supra_R	FFG_530	1016.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
19	Supra_R	FFG_492	1067.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	57	Supra_R	FFG_531	998.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
20	Supra_R	FFG_493	1069.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	58	Supra_R	FFG_532	990.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
21	Supra_R	FFG_494	1069.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	59	Supra_R	FFG_534	1021.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
22	Supra_R	FFG_495	1072.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	60	Supra_R	FFG_535	995.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
23	Supra_R	FFG_496	1108.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	61	Supra_R	FFG_536	996.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
24	Supra_R	FFG_497	1090.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	62	Supra_R	FFG_537	985.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
25	Supra_R	FFG_498	1104.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	63	Supra_R	FFG_543	997.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.56
26	Supra_R	FFG_499	1091.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	64	Supra_R	FFG_548	1047.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.56
27	Supra_R	FFG_500	1091.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	65	Supra_R	FFG_552	922.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.56
28	Supra_R	FFG_501	1075.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	66	Supra_R	FFG_562	981.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57
29	Supra_R	FFG_502	1092.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	67	Supra_R	FFG_563	969.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57
30	Supra_R	FFG_503	1064.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	68	Supra_R	FFG_564	969.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57
31	Supra_R	FFG_504	1070.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	69	Supra_R	FFG_568	957.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57
32	Supra_R	FFG_505	1077.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	70	Supra_R	FFG_569	952.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57
33	Supra_R	FFG_506	1069.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	71	Supra_R	FFG_584	1006.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58
34	Supra_R	FFG_507	1051.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	72	Supra_R	FFG_585	1025.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58
35	Supra_R	FFG_508	1051.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	73	Supra_R	FFG_600	1003.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58
36	Supra_R	FFG_509	1066.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	74	Supra_R	FFG_601	983.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58
37	Supra_R	FFG_510	1080.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	75	Supra_R	FFG_602	1053.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58
38	Supra_R	FFG_511	1102.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	76	Supra_R	FFG_606	1012.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Supra_R	FFG_607	1001.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	39	Supra_R	FFG_677	1064.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
2	Supra_R	FFG_608	1018.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	40	Supra_R	FFG_679	1060.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
3	Supra_R	FFG_609	1025.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	41	Supra_R	FFG_685	1003.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
4	Supra_R	FFG_610	1023.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	42	Supra_R	FFG_689	1059.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
5	Supra_R	FFG_611	1009.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	43	Supra_R	FFG_690	1052.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
6	Supra_R	FFG_612	977.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	44	Supra_R	FFG_691	1052.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
7	Supra_R	FFG_613	945.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	45	Supra_R	FFG_692	1057.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
8	Supra_R	FFG_618	897.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	46	Supra_R	FFG_693	1050.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
9	Supra_R	FFG_620	909.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	47	Supra_R	FFG_694	1042.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
10	Supra_R	FFG_621	905.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	48	Supra_R	FFG_695	1048.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
11	Supra_R	FFG_638	975.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	49	Supra_R	FFG_696	1050.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
12	Supra_R	FFG_639	961.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	50	Supra_R	FFG_697	1045.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
13	Supra_R	FFG_640	966.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	51	Supra_R	FFG_698	1039.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
14	Supra_R	FFG_643	975.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	52	Supra_R	FFG_699	1029.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
15	Supra_R	FFG_644	936.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	53	Supra_R	FFG_700	1027.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
16	Supra_R	FFG_648	960.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	54	Supra_R	FFG_701	1032.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
17	Supra_R	FFG_652	1106.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	55	Supra_R	FFG_702	1036.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
18	Supra_R	FFG_653	1096.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	56	Supra_R	FFG_703	1047.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
19	Supra_R	FFG_654	1098.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	57	Supra_R	FFG_704	1032.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
20	Supra_R	FFG_655	1093.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	58	Supra_R	FFG_705	1023.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
21	Supra_R	FFG_656	1091.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	59	Supra_R	FFG_706	1025.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
22	Supra_R	FFG_657	1083.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	60	Supra_R	FFG_707	1019.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
23	Supra_R	FFG_658	1088.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	61	Supra_R	FFG_708	1026.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
24	Supra_R	FFG_659	1072.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	62	Supra_R	FFG_709	1008.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
25	Supra_R	FFG_660	1071.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	63	Supra_R	FFG_710	1007.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
26	Supra_R	FFG_662	1085.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	64	Supra_R	FFG_711	1012.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
27	Supra_R	FFG_664	1084.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	65	Supra_R	FFG_712	1018.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
28	Supra_R	FFG_666	1063.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	66	Supra_R	FFG_713	1011.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
29	Supra_R	FFG_667	1059.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	67	Supra_R	FFG_714	1024.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
30	Supra_R	FFG_668	1043.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	68	Supra_R	FFG_715	1025.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
31	Supra_R	FFG_669	1036.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	69	Supra_R	FFG_716	1060.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
32	Supra_R	FFG_670	1049.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	70	Supra_R	FFG_717	1056.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
33	Supra_R	FFG_671	1044.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	71	Supra_R	FFG_718	1044.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
34	Supra_R	FFG_672	1058.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	72	Supra_R	FFG_719	1040.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
35	Supra_R	FFG_673	1037.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	73	Supra_R	FFG_720	1019.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
36	Supra_R	FFG_674	1064.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	74	Supra_R	FFG_721	1026.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
37	Supra_R	FFG_675	1078.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	75	Supra_R	FFG_723	1054.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
38	Supra_R	FFG_676	1084.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	76	Supra_R	FFG_724	1044.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65

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1	Supra_R	FFG_725	1029.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	39	Supra_R	P15	1008.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
2	Supra_R	FFG_726	1018.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	40	Supra_R	P16	1011.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
3	Supra_R	FFG_727	1020.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	41	Supra_R	P17	1016.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
4	Supra_R	FFG_728	1012.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	42	Supra_R	P18	1059.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
5	Supra_R	FFG_729	1014.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	43	Supra_R	P19	1080.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
6	Supra_R	FFG_730	1018.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	44	Supra_R	P2	1060.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
7	Supra_R	FFG_731	1022.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	45	Supra_R	P20	1083.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
8	Supra_R	FFG_732	1040.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	46	Supra_R	P21	1069.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
9	Supra_R	FFG_733	1028.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	47	Supra_R	P3	1031.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
10	Supra_R	FFG_734	1029.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	48	Supra_R	P4	1049.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
11	Supra_R	FFG_735	1016.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	49	Supra_R	P5	1058.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
12	Supra_R	FFG_736	1025.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	50	Supra_R	P6	1022.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
13	Supra_R	FFG_737	1040.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	51	Supra_R	P7	1015.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
14	Supra_R	FFG_738	1018.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	52	Supra_R	P8	1017.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
15	Supra_R	FFG_739	1015.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	53	Supra_R	P9	1040.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
16	Supra_R	FFG_740	1015.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	54	Supra_R	WIPP11	1044.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
17	Supra_R	FFG_741	1014.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	55	Supra_R	WIPP12	1058.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
18	Supra_R	FFG_742	1023.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	56	Supra_R	WIPP13	1037.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
19	Supra_R	FFG_743	1013.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	57	Supra_R	WIPP15	996.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
20	Supra_R	FFG_744	1012.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	58	Supra_R	WIPP16	1031.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
21	Supra_R	FFG_745	1006.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	59	Supra_R	WIPP18	1053.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
22	Supra_R	FFG_746	1007.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	60	Supra_R	WIPP19	1046.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
23	Supra_R	H1	1035.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	61	Supra_R	WIPP21	1041.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
24	Supra_R	H10C	1123.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	62	Supra_R	WIPP22	1044.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
25	Supra_R	H2C	1029.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	63	Supra_R	WIPP25	979.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
26	Supra_R	H3	1033.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	64	Supra_R	WIPP26	960.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
27	Supra_R	H4C	1016.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	65	Supra_R	WIPP27	968.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
28	Supra_R	H5C	1068.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	66	Supra_R	WIPP28	1020.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
29	Supra_R	H6C	1020.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	67	Supra_R	WIPP29	907.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
30	Supra_R	H7C	964.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	68	Supra_R	WIPP30	1044.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
31	Supra_R	H8C	1046.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	69	Supra_R	WIPP32	921.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
32	Supra_R	H9C	1038.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	70	Supra_R	WIPP33	1012.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
33	Supra_R	P1	1019.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	71	Supra_R	WIPP34	1046.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
34	Supra_R	P10	1069.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	72	Tamarisk	AEC7	882.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
35	Supra_R	P11	1068.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	73	Tamarisk	AEC8	851.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
36	Supra_R	P12	1028.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	74	Tamarisk	AirShft	850.99	Holt and Powers, 1990, Figure 22
37	Supra_R	P13	1019.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	75	Tamarisk	B25	851.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
38	Supra_R	P14	1024.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	76	Tamarisk	ERDA10	910.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1

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1	Tamarisk	ERDA6	889.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	39	Tamarisk	FFG_043	782.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
2	Tamarisk	ERDA9	853.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	40	Tamarisk	FFG_044	733.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
3	Tamarisk	ExhtShft	847.97	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F	41	Tamarisk	FFG_047	607.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
4	Tamarisk	FFG_002	660.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	42	Tamarisk	FFG_048	623.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
5	Tamarisk	FFG_004	710.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	43	Tamarisk	FFG_049	614.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
6	Tamarisk	FFG_005	667.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	44	Tamarisk	FFG_050	621.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
7	Tamarisk	FFG_006	661.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	45	Tamarisk	FFG_051	622.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
8	Tamarisk	FFG_007	649.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	46	Tamarisk	FFG_052	624.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
9	Tamarisk	FFG_009	650.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	47	Tamarisk	FFG_053	615.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
10	Tamarisk	FFG_011	657.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	48	Tamarisk	FFG_054	613.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
11	Tamarisk	FFG_012	659.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	49	Tamarisk	FFG_055	612.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
12	Tamarisk	FFG_013	667.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	50	Tamarisk	FFG_056	615.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
13	Tamarisk	FFG_014	713.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	51	Tamarisk	FFG_057	617.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
14	Tamarisk	FFG_016	637.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	52	Tamarisk	FFG_058	615.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
15	Tamarisk	FFG_017	640.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	53	Tamarisk	FFG_059	617.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
16	Tamarisk	FFG_018	645.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	54	Tamarisk	FFG_060	618.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
17	Tamarisk	FFG_019	637.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	55	Tamarisk	FFG_061	619.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
18	Tamarisk	FFG_020	712.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	56	Tamarisk	FFG_062	547.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
19	Tamarisk	FFG_023	647.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	57	Tamarisk	FFG_063	508.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
20	Tamarisk	FFG_024	632.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	58	Tamarisk	FFG_064	531.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
21	Tamarisk	FFG_025	646.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	59	Tamarisk	FFG_065	515.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
22	Tamarisk	FFG_026	643.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	60	Tamarisk	FFG_066	469.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
23	Tamarisk	FFG_027	636.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	61	Tamarisk	FFG_067	511.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
24	Tamarisk	FFG_028	607.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	62	Tamarisk	FFG_068	475.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
25	Tamarisk	FFG_029	594.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	63	Tamarisk	FFG_069	496.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
26	Tamarisk	FFG_030	592.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	64	Tamarisk	FFG_070	526.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
27	Tamarisk	FFG_031	584.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	65	Tamarisk	FFG_071	784.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
28	Tamarisk	FFG_032	586.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	66	Tamarisk	FFG_072	715.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
29	Tamarisk	FFG_033	582.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	67	Tamarisk	FFG_073	690.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
30	Tamarisk	FFG_034	577.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	68	Tamarisk	FFG_074	698.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
31	Tamarisk	FFG_035	566.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	69	Tamarisk	FFG_075	749.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
32	Tamarisk	FFG_036	576.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	70	Tamarisk	FFG_076	810.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
33	Tamarisk	FFG_037	566.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	71	Tamarisk	FFG_078	847.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
34	Tamarisk	FFG_038	554.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	72	Tamarisk	FFG_079	823.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
35	Tamarisk	FFG_039	772.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	73	Tamarisk	FFG_080	800.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25
36	Tamarisk	FFG_040	713.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	74	Tamarisk	FFG_081	720.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
37	Tamarisk	FFG_041	773.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	75	Tamarisk	FFG_082	753.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26
38	Tamarisk	FFG_042	777.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23	76	Tamarisk	FFG_083	668.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26

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2	Tamarisk FFG_084	694.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	40	Tamarisk FFG_124	857.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
3	Tamarisk FFG_085	687.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	41	Tamarisk FFG_125	883.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
4	Tamarisk FFG_086	697.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	42	Tamarisk FFG_126	880.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
5	Tamarisk FFG_087	671.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	43	Tamarisk FFG_127	885.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
6	Tamarisk FFG_088	667.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	44	Tamarisk FFG_128	917.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
7	Tamarisk FFG_089	649.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	45	Tamarisk FFG_129	893.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
8	Tamarisk FFG_091	692.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	46	Tamarisk FFG_130	920.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
9	Tamarisk FFG_092	706.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	47	Tamarisk FFG_132	929.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
10	Tamarisk FFG_093	710.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	48	Tamarisk FFG_133	932.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
11	Tamarisk FFG_094	713.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	49	Tamarisk FFG_134	935.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
12	Tamarisk FFG_095	681.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	50	Tamarisk FFG_135	910.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
13	Tamarisk FFG_096	665.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	51	Tamarisk FFG_136	911.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
14	Tamarisk FFG_097	645.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	52	Tamarisk FFG_137	919.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
15	Tamarisk FFG_098	619.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	53	Tamarisk FFG_138	874.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
16	Tamarisk FFG_099	615.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	54	Tamarisk FFG_139	882.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
17	Tamarisk FFG_100	598.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	55	Tamarisk FFG_140	823.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
18	Tamarisk FFG_101	569.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	56	Tamarisk FFG_141	845.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
19	Tamarisk FFG_102	587.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	57	Tamarisk FFG_142	821.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
20	Tamarisk FFG_103	652.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	58	Tamarisk FFG_143	831.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
21	Tamarisk FFG_104	545.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	59	Tamarisk FFG_144	903.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
22	Tamarisk FFG_105	901.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	60	Tamarisk FFG_145	905.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
23	Tamarisk FFG_106	931.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	61	Tamarisk FFG_146	912.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
24	Tamarisk FFG_107	916.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	62	Tamarisk FFG_147	893.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
25	Tamarisk FFG_108	912.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	63	Tamarisk FFG_148	907.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
26	Tamarisk FFG_109	892.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	64	Tamarisk FFG_149	912.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
27	Tamarisk FFG_110	859.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	65	Tamarisk FFG_155	905.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
28	Tamarisk FFG_111	867.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	66	Tamarisk FFG_157	907.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
29	Tamarisk FFG_112	854.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	67	Tamarisk FFG_158	931.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
30	Tamarisk FFG_113	869.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	68	Tamarisk FFG_159	928.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
31	Tamarisk FFG_114	898.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	69	Tamarisk FFG_160	924.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
32	Tamarisk FFG_115	889.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	70	Tamarisk FFG_161	930.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
33	Tamarisk FFG_116	904.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	71	Tamarisk FFG_162	925.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
34	Tamarisk FFG_117	902.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	72	Tamarisk FFG_163	927.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
35	Tamarisk FFG_119	937.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	73	Tamarisk FFG_164	955.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
36	Tamarisk FFG_120	913.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	74	Tamarisk FFG_165	935.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30
37	Tamarisk FFG_121	922.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	75	Tamarisk FFG_166	928.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
38	Tamarisk FFG_122	920.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	76	Tamarisk FFG_167	914.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31
39	Tamarisk FFG_123	894.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28	77	Tamarisk FFG_168	933.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31

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1	Tamarisk FFG_169	949.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	39	Tamarisk FFG_216	710.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
2	Tamarisk FFG_170	916.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	40	Tamarisk FFG_217	843.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
3	Tamarisk FFG_171	924.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	41	Tamarisk FFG_218	835.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
4	Tamarisk FFG_172	933.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	42	Tamarisk FFG_219	879.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
5	Tamarisk FFG_173	906.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	43	Tamarisk FFG_220	832.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
6	Tamarisk FFG_180	915.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	44	Tamarisk FFG_221	787.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
7	Tamarisk FFG_181	946.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	45	Tamarisk FFG_222	741.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
8	Tamarisk FFG_182	842.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	46	Tamarisk FFG_224	648.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
9	Tamarisk FFG_183	939.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	47	Tamarisk FFG_225	656.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
10	Tamarisk FFG_184	924.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	48	Tamarisk FFG_226	654.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
11	Tamarisk FFG_185	929.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	49	Tamarisk FFG_228	643.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
12	Tamarisk FFG_186	857.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	50	Tamarisk FFG_229	672.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
13	Tamarisk FFG_188	869.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	51	Tamarisk FFG_230	658.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
14	Tamarisk FFG_189	894.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	52	Tamarisk FFG_231	674.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
15	Tamarisk FFG_190	874.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	53	Tamarisk FFG_232	688.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
16	Tamarisk FFG_191	870.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	54	Tamarisk FFG_233	678.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
17	Tamarisk FFG_192	806.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	55	Tamarisk FFG_234	715.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
18	Tamarisk FFG_194	815.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	56	Tamarisk FFG_235	691.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
19	Tamarisk FFG_195	828.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	57	Tamarisk FFG_236	738.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
20	Tamarisk FFG_196	869.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	58	Tamarisk FFG_237	704.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
21	Tamarisk FFG_197	870.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	59	Tamarisk FFG_238	685.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
22	Tamarisk FFG_198	871.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	60	Tamarisk FFG_239	673.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
23	Tamarisk FFG_199	859.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	61	Tamarisk FFG_240	664.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
24	Tamarisk FFG_200	873.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	62	Tamarisk FFG_241	659.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
25	Tamarisk FFG_201	865.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	63	Tamarisk FFG_242	776.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
26	Tamarisk FFG_202	808.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	64	Tamarisk FFG_243	735.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
27	Tamarisk FFG_203	815.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	65	Tamarisk FFG_244	773.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
28	Tamarisk FFG_204	837.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	66	Tamarisk FFG_245	566.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
29	Tamarisk FFG_205	853.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	67	Tamarisk FFG_246	573.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
30	Tamarisk FFG_206	867.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	68	Tamarisk FFG_247	558.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
31	Tamarisk FFG_207	865.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33	69	Tamarisk FFG_248	566.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
32	Tamarisk FFG_208	874.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	70	Tamarisk FFG_249	564.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
33	Tamarisk FFG_209	866.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	71	Tamarisk FFG_250	644.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
34	Tamarisk FFG_210	858.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	72	Tamarisk FFG_251	538.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
35	Tamarisk FFG_212	845.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	73	Tamarisk FFG_252	677.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
36	Tamarisk FFG_213	868.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	74	Tamarisk FFG_253	632.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
37	Tamarisk FFG_214	848.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	75	Tamarisk FFG_254	623.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36
38	Tamarisk FFG_215	823.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34	76	Tamarisk FFG_255	580.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37

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1	Tamarisk	FFG_256	529.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	39	Tamarisk	FFG_295	554.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
2	Tamarisk	FFG_257	573.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	40	Tamarisk	FFG_297	532.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
3	Tamarisk	FFG_258	587.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	41	Tamarisk	FFG_298	546.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
4	Tamarisk	FFG_259	553.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	42	Tamarisk	FFG_299	564.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
5	Tamarisk	FFG_260	597.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	43	Tamarisk	FFG_300	515.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
6	Tamarisk	FFG_261	586.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	44	Tamarisk	FFG_301	485.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
7	Tamarisk	FFG_262	1109.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	45	Tamarisk	FFG_302	514.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
8	Tamarisk	FFG_263	521.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	46	Tamarisk	FFG_303	505.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
9	Tamarisk	FFG_264	753.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	47	Tamarisk	FFG_304	512.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
10	Tamarisk	FFG_265	749.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	48	Tamarisk	FFG_305	503.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
11	Tamarisk	FFG_266	730.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	49	Tamarisk	FFG_306	465.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
12	Tamarisk	FFG_267	708.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	50	Tamarisk	FFG_307	488.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
13	Tamarisk	FFG_268	684.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	51	Tamarisk	FFG_308	460.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
14	Tamarisk	FFG_269	696.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	52	Tamarisk	FFG_309	503.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
15	Tamarisk	FFG_270	769.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	53	Tamarisk	FFG_310	534.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
16	Tamarisk	FFG_271	808.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	54	Tamarisk	FFG_311	481.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
17	Tamarisk	FFG_272	816.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	55	Tamarisk	FFG_312	504.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
18	Tamarisk	FFG_273	790.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	56	Tamarisk	FFG_313	908.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
19	Tamarisk	FFG_274	827.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	57	Tamarisk	FFG_314	836.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
20	Tamarisk	FFG_275	834.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	58	Tamarisk	FFG_315	758.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
21	Tamarisk	FFG_276	837.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	59	Tamarisk	FFG_316	742.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
22	Tamarisk	FFG_277	829.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	60	Tamarisk	FFG_317	772.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
23	Tamarisk	FFG_278	838.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	61	Tamarisk	FFG_318	734.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
24	Tamarisk	FFG_279	833.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	62	Tamarisk	FFG_319	745.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
25	Tamarisk	FFG_280	830.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	63	Tamarisk	FFG_320	735.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
26	Tamarisk	FFG_281	807.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	64	Tamarisk	FFG_321	732.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
27	Tamarisk	FFG_283	558.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	65	Tamarisk	FFG_322	727.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
28	Tamarisk	FFG_284	705.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	66	Tamarisk	FFG_323	723.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
29	Tamarisk	FFG_285	734.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	67	Tamarisk	FFG_324	738.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
30	Tamarisk	FFG_286	814.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	68	Tamarisk	FFG_325	793.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
31	Tamarisk	FFG_287	786.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	69	Tamarisk	FFG_326	729.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41
32	Tamarisk	FFG_288	738.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	70	Tamarisk	FFG_327	723.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
33	Tamarisk	FFG_289	713.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	71	Tamarisk	FFG_328	728.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
34	Tamarisk	FFG_290	799.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	72	Tamarisk	FFG_329	728.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
35	Tamarisk	FFG_291	736.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	73	Tamarisk	FFG_330	728.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
36	Tamarisk	FFG_292	752.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	74	Tamarisk	FFG_331	722.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
37	Tamarisk	FFG_293	744.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	75	Tamarisk	FFG_332	713.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42
38	Tamarisk	FFG_294	567.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39	76	Tamarisk	FFG_333	717.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source
1	Tamarisk FFG_334	712.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	39	Tamarisk FFG_391	944.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
2	Tamarisk FFG_335	724.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	40	Tamarisk FFG_392	941.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
3	Tamarisk FFG_336	725.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	41	Tamarisk FFG_393	810.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
4	Tamarisk FFG_337	708.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	42	Tamarisk FFG_394	903.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
5	Tamarisk FFG_338	715.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	43	Tamarisk FFG_395	895.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
6	Tamarisk FFG_339	680.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	44	Tamarisk FFG_396	877.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
7	Tamarisk FFG_340	688.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	45	Tamarisk FFG_398	798.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
8	Tamarisk FFG_342	720.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	46	Tamarisk FFG_399	838.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
9	Tamarisk FFG_344	685.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	47	Tamarisk FFG_401	874.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
10	Tamarisk FFG_345	746.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	48	Tamarisk FFG_402	972.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
11	Tamarisk FFG_347	736.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	49	Tamarisk FFG_403	935.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
12	Tamarisk FFG_348	768.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	50	Tamarisk FFG_404	897.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
13	Tamarisk FFG_349	738.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	51	Tamarisk FFG_407	932.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
14	Tamarisk FFG_350	783.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	52	Tamarisk FFG_408	908.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
15	Tamarisk FFG_351	701.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	53	Tamarisk FFG_409	970.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
16	Tamarisk FFG_352	699.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	54	Tamarisk FFG_418	983.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
17	Tamarisk FFG_353	721.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	55	Tamarisk FFG_419	969.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
18	Tamarisk FFG_354	795.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	56	Tamarisk FFG_420	964.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
19	Tamarisk FFG_361	982.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	57	Tamarisk FFG_421	955.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
20	Tamarisk FFG_362	956.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	58	Tamarisk FFG_422	946.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
21	Tamarisk FFG_363	972.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	59	Tamarisk FFG_426	962.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
22	Tamarisk FFG_364	942.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	60	Tamarisk FFG_432	918.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
23	Tamarisk FFG_366	933.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	61	Tamarisk FFG_433	920.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48
24	Tamarisk FFG_367	948.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	62	Tamarisk FFG_438	866.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.49
25	Tamarisk FFG_370	1012.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	63	Tamarisk FFG_453	862.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
26	Tamarisk FFG_371	994.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44	64	Tamarisk FFG_455	810.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
27	Tamarisk FFG_372	1006.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	65	Tamarisk FFG_456	805.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
28	Tamarisk FFG_373	945.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	66	Tamarisk FFG_457	861.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
29	Tamarisk FFG_374	929.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	67	Tamarisk FFG_458	862.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
30	Tamarisk FFG_376	984.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	68	Tamarisk FFG_459	791.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
31	Tamarisk FFG_381	1021.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	69	Tamarisk FFG_462	857.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50
32	Tamarisk FFG_383	931.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	70	Tamarisk FFG_463	886.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
33	Tamarisk FFG_384	937.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	71	Tamarisk FFG_464	872.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
34	Tamarisk FFG_385	922.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	72	Tamarisk FFG_465	875.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
35	Tamarisk FFG_387	934.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45	73	Tamarisk FFG_467	483.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
36	Tamarisk FFG_388	929.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	74	Tamarisk FFG_468	460.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
37	Tamarisk FFG_389	976.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	75	Tamarisk FFG_470	480.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51
38	Tamarisk FFG_390	945.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46	76	Tamarisk FFG_471	495.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Tamarisk	FFG_472	532.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	39	Tamarisk	FFG_510	738.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
2	Tamarisk	FFG_473	463.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	40	Tamarisk	FFG_511	696.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
3	Tamarisk	FFG_474	723.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	41	Tamarisk	FFG_512	714.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
4	Tamarisk	FFG_475	723.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	42	Tamarisk	FFG_513	734.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
5	Tamarisk	FFG_476	797.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	43	Tamarisk	FFG_514	726.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
6	Tamarisk	FFG_477	751.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	44	Tamarisk	FFG_515	692.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
7	Tamarisk	FFG_478	733.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	45	Tamarisk	FFG_516	685.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
8	Tamarisk	FFG_479	730.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	46	Tamarisk	FFG_517	783.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
9	Tamarisk	FFG_480	726.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	47	Tamarisk	FFG_518	772.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
10	Tamarisk	FFG_481	709.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	48	Tamarisk	FFG_519	740.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
11	Tamarisk	FFG_482	738.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	49	Tamarisk	FFG_520	631.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
12	Tamarisk	FFG_483	761.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	50	Tamarisk	FFG_521	650.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
13	Tamarisk	FFG_484	748.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	51	Tamarisk	FFG_522	499.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
14	Tamarisk	FFG_485	756.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	52	Tamarisk	FFG_523	509.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
15	Tamarisk	FFG_486	743.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	53	Tamarisk	FFG_524	670.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
16	Tamarisk	FFG_487	740.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	54	Tamarisk	FFG_525	508.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
17	Tamarisk	FFG_488	726.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	55	Tamarisk	FFG_526	973.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
18	Tamarisk	FFG_489	742.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	56	Tamarisk	FFG_527	933.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
19	Tamarisk	FFG_490	832.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	57	Tamarisk	FFG_528	926.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
20	Tamarisk	FFG_491	830.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	58	Tamarisk	FFG_530	1000.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
21	Tamarisk	FFG_492	792.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	59	Tamarisk	FFG_531	919.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
22	Tamarisk	FFG_493	779.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	60	Tamarisk	FFG_532	907.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
23	Tamarisk	FFG_494	786.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	61	Tamarisk	FFG_534	946.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
24	Tamarisk	FFG_495	777.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	62	Tamarisk	FFG_535	912.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
25	Tamarisk	FFG_496	684.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	63	Tamarisk	FFG_536	928.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
26	Tamarisk	FFG_497	695.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	64	Tamarisk	FFG_537	904.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55
27	Tamarisk	FFG_498	708.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	65	Tamarisk	FFG_543	970.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.56
28	Tamarisk	FFG_499	684.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	66	Tamarisk	FFG_548	907.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.56
29	Tamarisk	FFG_500	698.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	67	Tamarisk	FFG_562	645.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57
30	Tamarisk	FFG_501	704.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	68	Tamarisk	FFG_563	557.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57
31	Tamarisk	FFG_502	697.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	69	Tamarisk	FFG_568	634.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57
32	Tamarisk	FFG_503	679.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	70	Tamarisk	FFG_569	663.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57
33	Tamarisk	FFG_504	699.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	71	Tamarisk	FFG_584	764.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58
34	Tamarisk	FFG_505	734.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	72	Tamarisk	FFG_585	730.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58
35	Tamarisk	FFG_506	725.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	73	Tamarisk	FFG_600	722.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58
36	Tamarisk	FFG_507	688.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	74	Tamarisk	FFG_601	615.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58
37	Tamarisk	FFG_508	738.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53	75	Tamarisk	FFG_602	1053.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58
38	Tamarisk	FFG_509	739.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54	76	Tamarisk	FFG_606	695.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Tamarisk	FFG_607	718.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	39	Tamarisk	FFG_689	793.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
2	Tamarisk	FFG_608	726.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	40	Tamarisk	FFG_690	798.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
3	Tamarisk	FFG_609	732.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	41	Tamarisk	FFG_691	790.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
4	Tamarisk	FFG_610	713.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	42	Tamarisk	FFG_692	780.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
5	Tamarisk	FFG_611	703.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	43	Tamarisk	FFG_693	790.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
6	Tamarisk	FFG_612	712.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	44	Tamarisk	FFG_694	783.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
7	Tamarisk	FFG_613	705.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	45	Tamarisk	FFG_695	788.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
8	Tamarisk	FFG_618	701.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	46	Tamarisk	FFG_696	790.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
9	Tamarisk	FFG_638	567.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	47	Tamarisk	FFG_697	793.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
10	Tamarisk	FFG_639	537.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	48	Tamarisk	FFG_698	835.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
11	Tamarisk	FFG_640	623.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	49	Tamarisk	FFG_699	786.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
12	Tamarisk	FFG_643	662.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	50	Tamarisk	FFG_700	777.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
13	Tamarisk	FFG_644	701.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	51	Tamarisk	FFG_701	781.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
14	Tamarisk	FFG_648	536.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	52	Tamarisk	FFG_702	786.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
15	Tamarisk	FFG_652	853.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	53	Tamarisk	FFG_703	791.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
16	Tamarisk	FFG_653	854.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	54	Tamarisk	FFG_704	779.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
17	Tamarisk	FFG_654	874.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	55	Tamarisk	FFG_705	709.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
18	Tamarisk	FFG_655	873.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	56	Tamarisk	FFG_706	730.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
19	Tamarisk	FFG_656	870.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	57	Tamarisk	FFG_707	714.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
20	Tamarisk	FFG_657	883.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	58	Tamarisk	FFG_708	767.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
21	Tamarisk	FFG_658	874.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	59	Tamarisk	FFG_709	658.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
22	Tamarisk	FFG_659	879.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	60	Tamarisk	FFG_710	659.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64
23	Tamarisk	FFG_660	896.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	61	Tamarisk	FFG_711	668.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
24	Tamarisk	FFG_662	870.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	62	Tamarisk	FFG_712	710.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
25	Tamarisk	FFG_664	862.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61	63	Tamarisk	FFG_713	648.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
26	Tamarisk	FFG_666	914.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	64	Tamarisk	FFG_714	761.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
27	Tamarisk	FFG_667	899.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	65	Tamarisk	FFG_715	774.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
28	Tamarisk	FFG_668	947.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	66	Tamarisk	FFG_716	676.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
29	Tamarisk	FFG_669	934.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	67	Tamarisk	FFG_717	698.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
30	Tamarisk	FFG_670	919.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	68	Tamarisk	FFG_718	700.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
31	Tamarisk	FFG_671	917.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	69	Tamarisk	FFG_719	674.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
32	Tamarisk	FFG_672	919.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	70	Tamarisk	FFG_720	671.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
33	Tamarisk	FFG_673	914.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	71	Tamarisk	FFG_721	673.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
34	Tamarisk	FFG_674	915.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	72	Tamarisk	FFG_723	785.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
35	Tamarisk	FFG_675	871.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	73	Tamarisk	FFG_724	713.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
36	Tamarisk	FFG_676	884.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	74	Tamarisk	FFG_725	689.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
37	Tamarisk	FFG_677	910.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	75	Tamarisk	FFG_726	677.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65
38	Tamarisk	FFG_679	910.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62	76	Tamarisk	FFG_727	674.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Tamarisk	FFG_728	673.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	39	Tamarisk	P18	837.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
2	Tamarisk	FFG_729	683.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	40	Tamarisk	P19	824.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
3	Tamarisk	FFG_730	701.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	41	Tamarisk	P2	824.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
4	Tamarisk	FFG_731	697.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	42	Tamarisk	P20	819.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
5	Tamarisk	FFG_732	713.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	43	Tamarisk	P21	822.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
6	Tamarisk	FFG_733	781.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	44	Tamarisk	P3	862.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
7	Tamarisk	FFG_734	737.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	45	Tamarisk	P4	840.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
8	Tamarisk	FFG_735	679.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	46	Tamarisk	P5	841.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
9	Tamarisk	FFG_736	732.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	47	Tamarisk	P6	887.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
10	Tamarisk	FFG_737	678.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	48	Tamarisk	P7	894.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
11	Tamarisk	FFG_738	692.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	49	Tamarisk	P8	873.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
12	Tamarisk	FFG_739	729.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	50	Tamarisk	P9	843.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
13	Tamarisk	FFG_740	730.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	51	Tamarisk	SaltShft	848.11	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D
14	Tamarisk	FFG_741	697.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	52	Tamarisk	WIPP11	815.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
15	Tamarisk	FFG_742	748.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	53	Tamarisk	WIPP12	840.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
16	Tamarisk	FFG_743	735.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	54	Tamarisk	WIPP13	860.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
17	Tamarisk	FFG_744	717.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	55	Tamarisk	WIPP18	841.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
18	Tamarisk	FFG_745	705.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	56	Tamarisk	WIPP19	841.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
19	Tamarisk	FFG_746	693.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67	57	Tamarisk	WIPP21	846.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
20	Tamarisk	H1	856.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	58	Tamarisk	WIPP22	844.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
21	Tamarisk	H10C	733.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	59	Tamarisk	WIPP25	879.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
22	Tamarisk	H2C	864.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	60	Tamarisk	WIPP26	930.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
23	Tamarisk	H3	855.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	61	Tamarisk	WIPP27	909.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
24	Tamarisk	H4C	893.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	62	Tamarisk	WIPP28	925.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
25	Tamarisk	H5C	821.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	63	Tamarisk	WIPP29	907.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
26	Tamarisk	H6C	863.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	64	Tamarisk	WIPP30	881.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
27	Tamarisk	H7C	921.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	65	Tamarisk	WIPP32	910.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
28	Tamarisk	H8C	897.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	66	Tamarisk	WIPP33	870.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
29	Tamarisk	H9C	869.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	67	Tamarisk	WIPP34	820.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
30	Tamarisk	P1	883.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	68	Tamarisk	WastShft	849.83	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E
31	Tamarisk	P10	831.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	69	Tamarisk	DOE1	831.60	TME 3159, Sep 1982, Table 2
32	Tamarisk	P11	817.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	70	Tamarisk	DOE2	821.70	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2
33	Tamarisk	P12	862.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	71	Tamarisk	ERDA9	849.10	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2
34	Tamarisk	P13	862.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	72	Tamarisk	REF	849.10	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1
35	Tamarisk	P14	878.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	73	Tamarisk	WIPP11	815.70	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2
36	Tamarisk	P15	911.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	74	Tamarisk	WIPP12	840.10	D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2
37	Tamarisk	P16	889.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	75	U_Member	AirShft	782.57	IT Corporation, 1990, Figure 22
38	Tamarisk	P17	875.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	76	U_Member	DOE1	761.00	TME 3159, Sep 1982, Table 2

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source
1	U_Member DOE2	749.00	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	39	Unnamed FFG_027	578.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
2	U_Member ERDA9	779.70	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2	40	Unnamed FFG_028	572.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
3	U_Member ExhtShft	779.82	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F	41	Unnamed FFG_029	558.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
4	U_Member REF	779.70	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	42	Unnamed FFG_030	557.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
5	U_Member SaltShft	779.83	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D	43	Unnamed FFG_031	547.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
6	U_Member WIPP11	754.40	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2	44	Unnamed FFG_032	546.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
7	U_Member WIPP12	767.40	D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2	45	Unnamed FFG_033	542.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22
8	U_Member WastShft	781.32	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E	46	Unnamed FFG_034	542.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
9	Unnamed AEC7	840.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	47	Unnamed FFG_035	530.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
10	Unnamed AEC8	814.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	48	Unnamed FFG_036	535.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
11	Unnamed AirShft	817.19	IT Corporation, 1990, Figure 22	49	Unnamed FFG_037	528.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
12	Unnamed B25	817.20	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	50	Unnamed FFG_038	517.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
13	Unnamed DOE1	799.40	TME 3159, Sep 1982, Table 2	51	Unnamed FFG_039	725.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
14	Unnamed DOE2	784.10	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2	52	Unnamed FFG_040	645.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
15	Unnamed ERDA10	873.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	53	Unnamed FFG_041	726.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
16	Unnamed ERDA6	855.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	54	Unnamed FFG_042	730.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
17	Unnamed ERDA9	820.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	55	Unnamed FFG_043	728.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
18	Unnamed ERDA9	816.40	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2	56	Unnamed FFG_044	680.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
19	Unnamed ExhtShft	814.75	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F	57	Unnamed FFG_047	556.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
20	Unnamed FFG_002	618.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	58	Unnamed FFG_048	573.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
21	Unnamed FFG_004	659.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	59	Unnamed FFG_049	559.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.23
22	Unnamed FFG_005	622.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	60	Unnamed FFG_050	574.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
23	Unnamed FFG_006	608.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	61	Unnamed FFG_051	566.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
24	Unnamed FFG_007	593.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	62	Unnamed FFG_052	589.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
25	Unnamed FFG_009	596.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	63	Unnamed FFG_053	555.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
26	Unnamed FFG_011	603.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	64	Unnamed FFG_054	556.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
27	Unnamed FFG_012	606.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	65	Unnamed FFG_055	557.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
28	Unnamed FFG_013	634.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	66	Unnamed FFG_056	556.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
29	Unnamed FFG_014	658.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	67	Unnamed FFG_057	558.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
30	Unnamed FFG_016	579.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.21	68	Unnamed FFG_058	560.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
31	Unnamed FFG_017	587.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	69	Unnamed FFG_059	564.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
32	Unnamed FFG_018	590.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	70	Unnamed FFG_060	563.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
33	Unnamed FFG_019	580.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	71	Unnamed FFG_061	565.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
34	Unnamed FFG_020	655.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	72	Unnamed FFG_062	507.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
35	Unnamed FFG_023	587.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	73	Unnamed FFG_063	465.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
36	Unnamed FFG_024	571.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	74	Unnamed FFG_064	488.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
37	Unnamed FFG_025	591.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	75	Unnamed FFG_065	464.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24
38	Unnamed FFG_026	585.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.22	76	Unnamed FFG_066	429.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.24

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Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Unnamed	FFG_067	464.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	39	Unnamed	FFG_107	878.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
2	Unnamed	FFG_068	424.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	40	Unnamed	FFG_108	869.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
3	Unnamed	FFG_069	441.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	41	Unnamed	FFG_109	856.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
4	Unnamed	FFG_070	479.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	42	Unnamed	FFG_110	824.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
5	Unnamed	FFG_071	748.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	43	Unnamed	FFG_111	830.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27
6	Unnamed	FFG_072	674.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	44	Unnamed	FFG_112	816.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
7	Unnamed	FFG_073	652.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	45	Unnamed	FFG_113	830.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
8	Unnamed	FFG_074	660.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	46	Unnamed	FFG_114	863.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
9	Unnamed	FFG_075	712.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	47	Unnamed	FFG_115	848.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
10	Unnamed	FFG_076	771.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	48	Unnamed	FFG_116	865.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
11	Unnamed	FFG_078	807.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	49	Unnamed	FFG_117	856.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
12	Unnamed	FFG_079	780.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	50	Unnamed	FFG_119	864.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
13	Unnamed	FFG_080	758.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.25	51	Unnamed	FFG_120	865.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
14	Unnamed	FFG_081	674.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	52	Unnamed	FFG_121	873.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
15	Unnamed	FFG_082	705.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	53	Unnamed	FFG_122	868.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
16	Unnamed	FFG_083	632.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	54	Unnamed	FFG_123	861.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
17	Unnamed	FFG_084	654.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	55	Unnamed	FFG_124	830.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
18	Unnamed	FFG_085	649.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	56	Unnamed	FFG_125	842.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
19	Unnamed	FFG_086	657.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	57	Unnamed	FFG_126	846.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
20	Unnamed	FFG_087	630.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	58	Unnamed	FFG_127	851.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
21	Unnamed	FFG_088	622.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	59	Unnamed	FFG_128	877.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
22	Unnamed	FFG_089	606.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	60	Unnamed	FFG_129	852.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
23	Unnamed	FFG_091	643.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	61	Unnamed	FFG_130	888.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.28
24	Unnamed	FFG_092	662.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	62	Unnamed	FFG_132	890.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
25	Unnamed	FFG_093	668.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	63	Unnamed	FFG_133	895.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
26	Unnamed	FFG_094	666.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	64	Unnamed	FFG_134	896.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
27	Unnamed	FFG_095	645.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	65	Unnamed	FFG_135	875.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
28	Unnamed	FFG_096	629.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.26	66	Unnamed	FFG_136	876.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
29	Unnamed	FFG_097	608.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	67	Unnamed	FFG_137	884.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
30	Unnamed	FFG_098	581.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	68	Unnamed	FFG_138	834.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
31	Unnamed	FFG_099	574.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	69	Unnamed	FFG_139	847.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
32	Unnamed	FFG_100	558.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	70	Unnamed	FFG_140	785.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
33	Unnamed	FFG_101	527.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	71	Unnamed	FFG_141	812.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
34	Unnamed	FFG_102	542.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	72	Unnamed	FFG_142	788.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
35	Unnamed	FFG_103	601.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	73	Unnamed	FFG_143	797.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
36	Unnamed	FFG_104	502.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	74	Unnamed	FFG_144	883.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
37	Unnamed	FFG_105	861.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	75	Unnamed	FFG_145	887.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29
38	Unnamed	FFG_106	894.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.27	76	Unnamed	FFG_146	897.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29

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1	Unnamed	FFG_147	875.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	39	Unnamed	FFG_194	780.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
2	Unnamed	FFG_148	894.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.29	40	Unnamed	FFG_195	792.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
3	Unnamed	FFG_149	903.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	41	Unnamed	FFG_196	827.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
4	Unnamed	FFG_152	893.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	42	Unnamed	FFG_197	831.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
5	Unnamed	FFG_155	894.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	43	Unnamed	FFG_198	831.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
6	Unnamed	FFG_156	895.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	44	Unnamed	FFG_199	818.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
7	Unnamed	FFG_157	898.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	45	Unnamed	FFG_200	828.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
8	Unnamed	FFG_158	918.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	46	Unnamed	FFG_201	830.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
9	Unnamed	FFG_159	891.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	47	Unnamed	FFG_202	763.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
10	Unnamed	FFG_160	886.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	48	Unnamed	FFG_203	767.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
11	Unnamed	FFG_161	894.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	49	Unnamed	FFG_204	805.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
12	Unnamed	FFG_162	884.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	50	Unnamed	FFG_205	816.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
13	Unnamed	FFG_163	888.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	51	Unnamed	FFG_206	828.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
14	Unnamed	FFG_164	928.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	52	Unnamed	FFG_207	826.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.33
15	Unnamed	FFG_165	902.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.30	53	Unnamed	FFG_208	834.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
16	Unnamed	FFG_166	891.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	54	Unnamed	FFG_209	829.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
17	Unnamed	FFG_167	877.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	55	Unnamed	FFG_210	818.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
18	Unnamed	FFG_168	898.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	56	Unnamed	FFG_212	809.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
19	Unnamed	FFG_169	909.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	57	Unnamed	FFG_213	828.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
20	Unnamed	FFG_170	893.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	58	Unnamed	FFG_214	808.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
21	Unnamed	FFG_171	909.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	59	Unnamed	FFG_215	784.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
22	Unnamed	FFG_172	906.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	60	Unnamed	FFG_216	682.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
23	Unnamed	FFG_173	867.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	61	Unnamed	FFG_217	805.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
24	Unnamed	FFG_177	880.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	62	Unnamed	FFG_218	794.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
25	Unnamed	FFG_178	711.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	63	Unnamed	FFG_219	840.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
26	Unnamed	FFG_179	875.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	64	Unnamed	FFG_220	789.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
27	Unnamed	FFG_180	874.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.31	65	Unnamed	FFG_221	744.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
28	Unnamed	FFG_181	922.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	66	Unnamed	FFG_222	705.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.34
29	Unnamed	FFG_182	804.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	67	Unnamed	FFG_224	590.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
30	Unnamed	FFG_183	893.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	68	Unnamed	FFG_225	598.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
31	Unnamed	FFG_184	883.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	69	Unnamed	FFG_226	594.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
32	Unnamed	FFG_185	891.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	70	Unnamed	FFG_228	580.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
33	Unnamed	FFG_186	819.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	71	Unnamed	FFG_229	607.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
34	Unnamed	FFG_188	837.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	72	Unnamed	FFG_230	595.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
35	Unnamed	FFG_189	859.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	73	Unnamed	FFG_231	613.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
36	Unnamed	FFG_190	835.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	74	Unnamed	FFG_232	625.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
37	Unnamed	FFG_191	839.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	75	Unnamed	FFG_233	617.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35
38	Unnamed	FFG_192	764.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.32	76	Unnamed	FFG_234	653.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35

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1	Unnamed	FFG_235	628.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	39	Unnamed	FFG_273	745.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
2	Unnamed	FFG_236	677.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	40	Unnamed	FFG_274	785.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
3	Unnamed	FFG_237	634.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.35	41	Unnamed	FFG_275	794.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
4	Unnamed	FFG_238	621.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	42	Unnamed	FFG_276	795.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
5	Unnamed	FFG_239	613.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	43	Unnamed	FFG_277	789.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
6	Unnamed	FFG_240	602.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	44	Unnamed	FFG_278	765.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
7	Unnamed	FFG_241	598.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	45	Unnamed	FFG_279	767.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
8	Unnamed	FFG_242	724.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	46	Unnamed	FFG_280	780.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
9	Unnamed	FFG_243	659.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	47	Unnamed	FFG_281	754.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38
10	Unnamed	FFG_244	715.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	48	Unnamed	FFG_283	489.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
11	Unnamed	FFG_245	503.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	49	Unnamed	FFG_284	641.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
12	Unnamed	FFG_246	508.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	50	Unnamed	FFG_285	660.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
13	Unnamed	FFG_247	493.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	51	Unnamed	FFG_286	766.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
14	Unnamed	FFG_248	498.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	52	Unnamed	FFG_287	733.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
15	Unnamed	FFG_249	498.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	53	Unnamed	FFG_288	662.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
16	Unnamed	FFG_250	580.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	54	Unnamed	FFG_289	673.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
17	Unnamed	FFG_251	470.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	55	Unnamed	FFG_290	760.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
18	Unnamed	FFG_252	612.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	56	Unnamed	FFG_291	660.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
19	Unnamed	FFG_253	561.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	57	Unnamed	FFG_292	717.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
20	Unnamed	FFG_254	554.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.36	58	Unnamed	FFG_293	710.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
21	Unnamed	FFG_255	506.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	59	Unnamed	FFG_294	497.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
22	Unnamed	FFG_256	470.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	60	Unnamed	FFG_295	480.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
23	Unnamed	FFG_257	517.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	61	Unnamed	FFG_297	455.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.39
24	Unnamed	FFG_258	536.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	62	Unnamed	FFG_298	520.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
25	Unnamed	FFG_259	494.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	63	Unnamed	FFG_299	489.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
26	Unnamed	FFG_260	548.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	64	Unnamed	FFG_300	473.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
27	Unnamed	FFG_261	537.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	65	Unnamed	FFG_301	430.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
28	Unnamed	FFG_262	477.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	66	Unnamed	FFG_302	436.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
29	Unnamed	FFG_263	448.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	67	Unnamed	FFG_303	442.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
30	Unnamed	FFG_264	696.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	68	Unnamed	FFG_304	438.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
31	Unnamed	FFG_265	677.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	69	Unnamed	FFG_305	434.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
32	Unnamed	FFG_266	656.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	70	Unnamed	FFG_306	405.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
33	Unnamed	FFG_267	632.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	71	Unnamed	FFG_307	424.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
34	Unnamed	FFG_268	606.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.37	72	Unnamed	FFG_308	367.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
35	Unnamed	FFG_269	617.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	73	Unnamed	FFG_309	427.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
36	Unnamed	FFG_270	721.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	74	Unnamed	FFG_310	469.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
37	Unnamed	FFG_271	767.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	75	Unnamed	FFG_311	420.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40
38	Unnamed	FFG_272	743.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.38	76	Unnamed	FFG_312	424.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.40

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1	Unnamed	FFG_313	862.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	39	Unnamed	FFG_354	756.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43
2	Unnamed	FFG_314	781.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	40	Unnamed	FFG_361	948.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
3	Unnamed	FFG_315	694.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	41	Unnamed	FFG_362	911.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
4	Unnamed	FFG_316	670.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	42	Unnamed	FFG_363	937.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
5	Unnamed	FFG_317	725.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	43	Unnamed	FFG_364	909.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
6	Unnamed	FFG_318	702.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	44	Unnamed	FFG_366	904.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
7	Unnamed	FFG_319	696.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	45	Unnamed	FFG_367	922.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
8	Unnamed	FFG_320	662.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	46	Unnamed	FFG_370	962.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
9	Unnamed	FFG_321	661.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	47	Unnamed	FFG_371	958.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.44
10	Unnamed	FFG_322	662.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	48	Unnamed	FFG_372	941.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
11	Unnamed	FFG_323	667.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	49	Unnamed	FFG_373	902.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
12	Unnamed	FFG_324	692.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	50	Unnamed	FFG_374	902.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
13	Unnamed	FFG_325	753.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	51	Unnamed	FFG_376	939.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
14	Unnamed	FFG_326	698.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.41	52	Unnamed	FFG_381	908.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
15	Unnamed	FFG_327	681.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	53	Unnamed	FFG_383	902.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
16	Unnamed	FFG_328	664.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	54	Unnamed	FFG_384	912.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
17	Unnamed	FFG_329	661.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	55	Unnamed	FFG_385	906.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
18	Unnamed	FFG_330	661.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	56	Unnamed	FFG_387	901.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.45
19	Unnamed	FFG_331	646.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	57	Unnamed	FFG_388	893.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
20	Unnamed	FFG_332	632.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	58	Unnamed	FFG_389	917.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
21	Unnamed	FFG_333	643.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	59	Unnamed	FFG_390	913.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
22	Unnamed	FFG_334	637.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	60	Unnamed	FFG_391	913.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
23	Unnamed	FFG_335	655.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	61	Unnamed	FFG_392	904.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
24	Unnamed	FFG_336	650.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	62	Unnamed	FFG_393	781.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
25	Unnamed	FFG_337	634.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	63	Unnamed	FFG_394	877.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
26	Unnamed	FFG_338	639.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	64	Unnamed	FFG_395	867.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
27	Unnamed	FFG_339	604.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	65	Unnamed	FFG_396	847.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
28	Unnamed	FFG_340	609.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.42	66	Unnamed	FFG_398	767.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
29	Unnamed	FFG_342	676.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	67	Unnamed	FFG_399	780.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
30	Unnamed	FFG_344	650.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	68	Unnamed	FFG_401	833.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
31	Unnamed	FFG_345	671.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	69	Unnamed	FFG_402	936.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.46
32	Unnamed	FFG_347	692.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	70	Unnamed	FFG_403	903.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
33	Unnamed	FFG_348	733.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	71	Unnamed	FFG_404	867.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
34	Unnamed	FFG_349	709.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	72	Unnamed	FFG_407	898.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
35	Unnamed	FFG_350	739.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	73	Unnamed	FFG_408	901.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
36	Unnamed	FFG_351	621.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	74	Unnamed	FFG_409	932.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
37	Unnamed	FFG_352	621.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	75	Unnamed	FFG_411	873.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47
38	Unnamed	FFG_353	644.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.43	76	Unnamed	FFG_413	906.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.47

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1	Unnamed	FFG_418	923.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	39	Unnamed	FFG_486	708.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
2	Unnamed	FFG_419	936.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	40	Unnamed	FFG_487	706.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
3	Unnamed	FFG_420	927.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	41	Unnamed	FFG_488	692.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
4	Unnamed	FFG_421	913.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	42	Unnamed	FFG_489	708.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
5	Unnamed	FFG_422	915.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	43	Unnamed	FFG_490	801.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
6	Unnamed	FFG_426	919.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	44	Unnamed	FFG_491	793.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
7	Unnamed	FFG_432	876.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	45	Unnamed	FFG_492	757.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52
8	Unnamed	FFG_433	892.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.48	46	Unnamed	FFG_493	743.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
9	Unnamed	FFG_438	829.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.49	47	Unnamed	FFG_494	747.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
10	Unnamed	FFG_445	911.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.49	48	Unnamed	FFG_495	743.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
11	Unnamed	FFG_453	772.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	49	Unnamed	FFG_496	604.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
12	Unnamed	FFG_455	761.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	50	Unnamed	FFG_497	642.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
13	Unnamed	FFG_456	769.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	51	Unnamed	FFG_498	637.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
14	Unnamed	FFG_457	822.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	52	Unnamed	FFG_499	603.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
15	Unnamed	FFG_458	825.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	53	Unnamed	FFG_500	635.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
16	Unnamed	FFG_459	752.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	54	Unnamed	FFG_501	665.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
17	Unnamed	FFG_462	820.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.50	55	Unnamed	FFG_502	630.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
18	Unnamed	FFG_463	843.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	56	Unnamed	FFG_503	616.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
19	Unnamed	FFG_464	833.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	57	Unnamed	FFG_504	667.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
20	Unnamed	FFG_465	835.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	58	Unnamed	FFG_505	696.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
21	Unnamed	FFG_467	423.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	59	Unnamed	FFG_506	690.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
22	Unnamed	FFG_468	373.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	60	Unnamed	FFG_507	599.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
23	Unnamed	FFG_470	402.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	61	Unnamed	FFG_508	680.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.53
24	Unnamed	FFG_471	420.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	62	Unnamed	FFG_509	662.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
25	Unnamed	FFG_472	495.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	63	Unnamed	FFG_510	658.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
26	Unnamed	FFG_473	383.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	64	Unnamed	FFG_511	619.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
27	Unnamed	FFG_474	671.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	65	Unnamed	FFG_512	634.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
28	Unnamed	FFG_475	677.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	66	Unnamed	FFG_513	659.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
29	Unnamed	FFG_476	751.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	67	Unnamed	FFG_514	637.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
30	Unnamed	FFG_477	718.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.51	68	Unnamed	FFG_515	610.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
31	Unnamed	FFG_478	694.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	69	Unnamed	FFG_516	601.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
32	Unnamed	FFG_479	698.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	70	Unnamed	FFG_517	750.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
33	Unnamed	FFG_480	681.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	71	Unnamed	FFG_518	735.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
34	Unnamed	FFG_481	674.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	72	Unnamed	FFG_519	696.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
35	Unnamed	FFG_482	703.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	73	Unnamed	FFG_520	585.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
36	Unnamed	FFG_483	732.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	74	Unnamed	FFG_521	628.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
37	Unnamed	FFG_484	720.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	75	Unnamed	FFG_522	427.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54
38	Unnamed	FFG_485	723.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.52	76	Unnamed	FFG_523	443.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.54

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1	Unnamed	FFG_524	607.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	39	Unnamed	FFG_640	586.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60
2	Unnamed	FFG_525	436.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	40	Unnamed	FFG_643	637.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60
3	Unnamed	FFG_526	943.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	41	Unnamed	FFG_644	670.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60
4	Unnamed	FFG_527	888.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	42	Unnamed	FFG_648	500.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60
5	Unnamed	FFG_528	891.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	43	Unnamed	FFG_652	815.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60
6	Unnamed	FFG_530	957.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	44	Unnamed	FFG_653	815.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
7	Unnamed	FFG_531	888.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	45	Unnamed	FFG_654	839.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
8	Unnamed	FFG_532	873.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	46	Unnamed	FFG_655	840.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
9	Unnamed	FFG_534	883.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	47	Unnamed	FFG_656	838.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
10	Unnamed	FFG_535	875.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	48	Unnamed	FFG_657	856.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
11	Unnamed	FFG_536	884.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	49	Unnamed	FFG_658	842.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
12	Unnamed	FFG_537	872.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.55	50	Unnamed	FFG_659	848.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
13	Unnamed	FFG_543	926.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.56	51	Unnamed	FFG_660	866.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
14	Unnamed	FFG_548	877.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.56	52	Unnamed	FFG_662	837.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
15	Unnamed	FFG_552	722.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.56	53	Unnamed	FFG_664	830.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.61
16	Unnamed	FFG_562	614.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	54	Unnamed	FFG_666	883.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
17	Unnamed	FFG_563	528.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	55	Unnamed	FFG_667	869.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
18	Unnamed	FFG_564	663.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	56	Unnamed	FFG_668	919.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
19	Unnamed	FFG_568	625.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	57	Unnamed	FFG_669	905.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
20	Unnamed	FFG_569	624.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.57	58	Unnamed	FFG_670	889.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
21	Unnamed	FFG_584	736.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	59	Unnamed	FFG_671	891.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
22	Unnamed	FFG_585	678.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	60	Unnamed	FFG_672	889.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
23	Unnamed	FFG_600	692.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	61	Unnamed	FFG_673	887.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
24	Unnamed	FFG_601	572.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	62	Unnamed	FFG_674	885.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
25	Unnamed	FFG_602	794.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	63	Unnamed	FFG_675	844.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
26	Unnamed	FFG_606	667.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.58	64	Unnamed	FFG_676	854.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
27	Unnamed	FFG_607	671.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	65	Unnamed	FFG_677	883.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
28	Unnamed	FFG_608	654.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	66	Unnamed	FFG_679	883.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.62
29	Unnamed	FFG_609	646.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	67	Unnamed	FFG_685	911.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
30	Unnamed	FFG_610	640.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	68	Unnamed	FFG_689	756.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
31	Unnamed	FFG_611	635.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	69	Unnamed	FFG_690	760.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
32	Unnamed	FFG_612	669.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	70	Unnamed	FFG_691	752.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
33	Unnamed	FFG_613	668.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	71	Unnamed	FFG_692	741.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
34	Unnamed	FFG_618	679.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	72	Unnamed	FFG_693	753.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
35	Unnamed	FFG_620	731.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	73	Unnamed	FFG_694	743.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
36	Unnamed	FFG_621	695.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.59	74	Unnamed	FFG_695	749.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
37	Unnamed	FFG_638	530.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	75	Unnamed	FFG_696	751.60	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.63
38	Unnamed	FFG_639	498.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.60	76	Unnamed	FFG_697	754.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64

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1	Unnamed	FFG_698	795.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	39	Unnamed	FFG_737	611.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66
2	Unnamed	FFG_699	749.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	40	Unnamed	FFG_738	654.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66
3	Unnamed	FFG_700	744.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	41	Unnamed	FFG_739	683.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66
4	Unnamed	FFG_701	740.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	42	Unnamed	FFG_740	653.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66
5	Unnamed	FFG_702	747.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	43	Unnamed	FFG_741	651.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66
6	Unnamed	FFG_703	753.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	44	Unnamed	FFG_742	690.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
7	Unnamed	FFG_704	737.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	45	Unnamed	FFG_743	675.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
8	Unnamed	FFG_705	671.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	46	Unnamed	FFG_744	670.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
9	Unnamed	FFG_706	694.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	47	Unnamed	FFG_745	650.40	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
10	Unnamed	FFG_707	677.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	48	Unnamed	FFG_746	637.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.67
11	Unnamed	FFG_708	728.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	49	Unnamed	H1	822.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
12	Unnamed	FFG_709	625.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	50	Unnamed	H10C	699.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
13	Unnamed	FFG_710	625.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.64	51	Unnamed	H2C	833.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
14	Unnamed	FFG_711	626.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	52	Unnamed	H3	821.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
15	Unnamed	FFG_712	669.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	53	Unnamed	H4C	858.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
16	Unnamed	FFG_713	613.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	54	Unnamed	H5C	787.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
17	Unnamed	FFG_714	725.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	55	Unnamed	H6C	829.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
18	Unnamed	FFG_715	735.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	56	Unnamed	H7C	880.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
19	Unnamed	FFG_716	597.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	57	Unnamed	H8C	859.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
20	Unnamed	FFG_717	665.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	58	Unnamed	H9C	831.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
21	Unnamed	FFG_718	656.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	59	Unnamed	P1	847.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
22	Unnamed	FFG_719	618.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	60	Unnamed	P10	777.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
23	Unnamed	FFG_720	614.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	61	Unnamed	P11	782.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
24	Unnamed	FFG_721	639.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	62	Unnamed	P12	828.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
25	Unnamed	FFG_723	755.10	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	63	Unnamed	P13	828.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
26	Unnamed	FFG_724	678.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	64	Unnamed	P14	842.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
27	Unnamed	FFG_725	646.50	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	65	Unnamed	P15	876.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
28	Unnamed	FFG_726	641.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.65	66	Unnamed	P16	851.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
29	Unnamed	FFG_727	630.70	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	67	Unnamed	P17	839.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
30	Unnamed	FFG_728	638.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	68	Unnamed	P18	773.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
31	Unnamed	FFG_729	641.00	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	69	Unnamed	P19	776.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
32	Unnamed	FFG_730	665.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	70	Unnamed	P2	791.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
33	Unnamed	FFG_731	662.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	71	Unnamed	P20	784.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
34	Unnamed	FFG_732	678.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	72	Unnamed	P21	787.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
35	Unnamed	FFG_733	741.90	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	73	Unnamed	P3	828.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
36	Unnamed	FFG_734	699.20	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	74	Unnamed	P4	805.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
37	Unnamed	FFG_735	630.30	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	75	Unnamed	P5	805.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1
38	Unnamed	FFG_736	667.80	Richey, 1989, Table 2, p.66	76	Unnamed	P6	851.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1

Table B.2. Elevations of Stratigraphic Layers Near WIPP (Continued)

Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source	Layer	Well ID	Elevation	Source		
1	Unnamed	P7	856.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	39	V_Trise	SaltShft	627.89	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D
2	Unnamed	P8	838.50	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	40	V_Trise	SaltShft	628.33	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D
3	Unnamed	P9	809.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	41	V_Trise	WIPP11	611.20	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2
4	Unnamed	REF	816.40	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1	42	V_Trise	WIPP11	612.70	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2
5	Unnamed	SaltShft	813.97	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix D	43	V_Trise	WIPP12	620.80	D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2
6	Unnamed	WIPP11	779.90	Mercer, 1983, Table 1	44	V_Trise	WIPP12	621.70	D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2
7	Unnamed	WIPP11	780.00	SNL and USGS, 1982a, Table 2	45				
8	Unnamed	WIPP12	803.90	D'Appolonia Consulting, 1983, Table 2					
9	Unnamed	WIPP12	803.80	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
10	Unnamed	WIPP13	817.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
11	Unnamed	WIPP15	996.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
12	Unnamed	WIPP16	672.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
13	Unnamed	WIPP18	807.10	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
14	Unnamed	WIPP19	809.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
15	Unnamed	WIPP21	812.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
16	Unnamed	WIPP22	811.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
17	Unnamed	WIPP25	835.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
18	Unnamed	WIPP26	897.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
19	Unnamed	WIPP27	871.40	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
20	Unnamed	WIPP28	884.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
21	Unnamed	WIPP29	894.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
22	Unnamed	WIPP30	845.60	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
23	Unnamed	WIPP32	894.00	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
24	Unnamed	WIPP33	836.70	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
25	Unnamed	WIPP34	784.30	Mercer, 1983, Table 1					
26	Unnamed	WastShft	817.02	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix E					
27	V_Trise	AirShft	622.89	IT Corporation, 1990, Figure 22					
28	V_Trise	AirShft	625.30	IT Corporation, 1990, Figure 22					
29	V_Trise	DOE1	604.50	TME 3159, Sep 1982, Table 2					
30	V_Trise	DOE1	605.70	TME 3159, Sep 1982, Table 2					
31	V_Trise	DOE2	598.10	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2					
32	V_Trise	DOE2	600.30	Mercer et al., 1987, Table 3-2					
33	V_Trise	ERDA9	625.70	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2					
34	V_Trise	ERDA9	627.60	SNL and USGS, 1982b, Table 2					
35	V_Trise	ExhtShft	625.11	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F					
36	V_Trise	ExhtShft	626.66	Bechtel, Inc., 1986, Appendix F					
37	V_Trise	REF	625.70	Rechard et al., 1991, Figure 2.2-1					
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### Mathematical Symbols

- A - cross-sectional area ( $m^2$ )
- $A_m$  - amplitude scaling factor for precipitation variation
- a - minimum range of distribution
- $a_R$  - factor for Redlich-Kwong-Soave equation of state
- $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  - coefficients of empirical equations
- 2B - characteristic fracture spacing or block length (m)
- $B_\ell, B_g$  - formation volume factor (reservoir conditions/standard conditions) for liquid or gas, respectively
- b - maximum range of distribution
- $b_R$  - factor for Redlich-Kwong-Soave equation of state
- $2b_f$  - fracture aperture (m)
- C - concentration ( $kg/m^3$ )
- $C_w$  - total concentration of water in solution (e.g., brine)
- $C_\ell(S_j)$  -  $\ell$ th consequence model of scenario set  $S_j$  of the performance assessment methodology
- $\hat{C}$  - mass fraction ( $kg/kg$ )
- $C^\circ$  - solubility ( $kg \text{ chemical}/m^3 \text{ fluid}$ )
- c - capacitance ( $\beta_b + \phi\beta_\ell$ ) ( $Pa^{-1}$ )
- $D_m$  - molecular diffusion in porous media matrix ( $D^\square \cdot \tau$ ) ( $m^2/s$ )
- $D^\square$  - molecular diffusion in pure fluid ( $m^2/s$ )
- $D_L, D_T$  - hydrodynamic dispersion  $D_m + \alpha_L \bar{V}$  and  $D_m + \alpha_T \bar{V}$ , respectively ( $m^2/s$ )

Nomenclature

1	D	- hydrodynamic dispersion tensor
2		
3	d	- diameter
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5	$d_i$	- separation distance to grid point i, e.g., separation distance between
6		interpolated point and a nearby point
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8	$d_s$	- distance traveled by solute
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10	E	- Young's modulus (Pa)
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12	e	- weighting power for inverse-distance interpolation
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14	f	- fanning friction factor
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16	$f_w$	- waste unit factor
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18	$f_c, f_m, f_s$	- volume fraction of combustibles, metals/glass, and sludge, respectively
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20	$f_{rchg}$	- recharge factor evaluated from precipitation fluctuation
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22	F(x)	- cumulative distribution function, integral of f(x), probability density
23		function of parameter x
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25	f(x)	- distribution of x
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27	g	- acceleration due to gravity = $\sim 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ or $9.80616 - 2.5928 \times 10^{-2}$
28		$\cos^2\phi_{lat} + 6.9 \times 10^{-5} \cos^2\phi_{lat} - 3.086 \times 10^{-6}z_{sur} - 1.543 \times 10^{-6}\Delta z$ , where
29		$\phi_{lat}$ is the latitude, $z_{sur}$ is the surface elevation in meters, and $\Delta z$ is the
30		depth in meters below the surface (Helmert's equation) (Weast and Astle,
31		1981, F-78) ( $9.792 \text{ m/s}^2$ at 1039.06 m [surface] and $9.791 \text{ m/s}^2$ at 351 m
32		[repository level])
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34	h	- multiplier factor
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36	$h^*$	- Plank's constant, $6.6262 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$
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38	K	- hydraulic conductivity (m/s)
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40	$K_d$	- distribution (or partition) coefficient ( $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}$ )
41		
42	$K_{bulk}$	- bulk modulus ( $E/(3(1-2\nu))$ ) (Pa)
43		
44	$k^*$	- Boltzmann's constant $1.3806 \times 10^{-23} \text{ (J/K)}$
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46	k	- permeability ( $\text{m}^2$ )
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1	$k_{rl}, k_{rg}$	- relative liquid and gas permeability, respectively
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3	$L_i$	- release limit for radionuclide i (from 40 CFR 191 Appendix A, Table 1)
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5	$M$	- molecular weight (g/mol)
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7	$M_{dc}, M_{dm}, M_{ds}$	- average mass of combustibles, metals/glass, and sludge, respectively, per drum (kg)
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10	$m_A$	- atomic mass
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12	$\dot{m}_b, \dot{m}_c, \dot{m}_t$	- gas generation rate, biodegradation (mol/kg cellulose/s), corrosion (mol/m <sup>2</sup> surface area steel/s), and total, respectively
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16	$N_R$	- Reynold's number, $\frac{\rho_f v d}{\mu}$
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20	$N_p$	- Peclet number, $\overline{v} d_{50} / \tau D^2$ , where $d_{50}$ is average particle diameter (length dimension)
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24	$N$	- molarity (mol/l)
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26	$n$	- number of moles
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28	$n_g$	- number of grid points used for interpolation
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30	$n_R$	- number of radionuclides released from repository
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32	$n_S$	- number of mutually-exclusive release scenario classes
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34	$n_k$	- number of sampling vectors from Monte Carlo (LHS) sampling
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36	$n_V$	- number of model parameters
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38	$P(r > R)$	- probability of $r > R$
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40	$P(r > R   S_j)$	- conditional probability of $r > R$ given scenario set $S_j$ occurs
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42	$P(S_j)$	- probability model of scenario set $S_j$ occurring over 10,000 yr
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44	$p$	- pressure (Pa)
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46	$p_c$	- capillary pressure (Pa)
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48	$p_{cr}$	- critical pressure (Pa)
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1		
2	Q	- flow rate
3		
4	$Q_{i,k}$	- predicted cumulative release for radionuclide i for run k (Ci)
5		
6	$q_{i,k}$	- predicted release at time t for radionuclide i for run k (Ci/s)
7		
8	Risk	- risk, Risk = { $S_j$ , P( $S_j$ ), R( $S_j$ ), j = 1, ..., nS}
9		
10	$R_m, R_f$	- retardation, matrix and fracture, respectively
11		
12	$R(S_j(x_k))$	- calculated, summed, EPA normalized releases for Monte Carlo vector k
13		$R(S_j(x_k)) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_r} \frac{Q_{i,k}}{L_i} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, nK$
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24	$R^*$	- universal gas constant $\left[ 8.31441 \frac{\text{Pa} \cdot \text{m}^3}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}} \right]$
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27	$r_{\text{rank}}$	- correlation coefficient, actual and rank transform, respectively
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29	$r_{\text{vec}}$	- Monte Carlo simulation (vector) ID
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31	$r_{g/\ell}$	- gas (nonwetting phase)/liquid (wetting phase) ratio
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33	$\bar{T}_p, \bar{T}_f$	- average annual precipitation (m/s), present and future, respectively
34		
35	$S_j$	- scenario class j
36		
37	$S_s$	- specific storage ( $\gamma c$ ) ( $\text{m}^{-1}$ )
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39	$S_b$	- bulk storativity $\frac{A \cdot \Delta z \cdot S_s}{\rho g}$ ( $\text{m}^3/\text{Pa}$ )
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43	s	- standard deviation, ( $s^2$ is variance)
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45	$S_g, S_\ell$	- saturation (ratio of gas or liquid volume to total void volume), gas (nonwetting phase) and liquid (wetting phase), respectively ( $V/V_v$ )
46		
47		
48	$S_{gr}, S_{\ell r}$	- residual saturation, gas (nonwetting phase) and liquid (wetting phase), respectively
49		
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51	$T_K$	- transmissivity ( $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ )
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53	T	- temperature (K)
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55	$T_{cr}$	- critical temperature (Pa)
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2	$T_r$	- reduced temperature ( $T/T_{cr}$ )
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4	$t$	- time (s)
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6	$t_{1/2}$	- radionuclide half life (s)
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8	$V$	- volume ( $m^3$ )
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10	$V_{cr}$	- theoretical volume of gas assuming ideal gas behavior at critical temperature and pressure of the gas
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13	$V_d, V_s, V_w$	- volume of the drum, solids, and design capacity of the repository, respectively ( $m^3$ )
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16	$v$	- velocity (m/s)
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18	$x, y, z$	- variable or parameter
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20	$\bar{x}$	- mean or expected value
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22		
23	$x_{50}, x_{99}$	- value of $x$ at 50% (0.50) quantile and 99% (0.99) quantile
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25	$Z$	- gas compressibility factor
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27	$\Delta z$	- thickness
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29	$\alpha$	- parameter of probability density function
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31	$\alpha_R$	- factor for Redlich-Kwong-Soave equation of state
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33	$\alpha_L, \alpha_T$	- dispersivity, longitudinal or transverse, respectively (m)
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35	$\beta_s, \beta_b, \beta_l$	- material compressibility solid, bulk $[(1 - \phi)\beta_s]$ , and liquid, respectively ( $Pa^{-1}$ )
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38	$\Gamma$	- strain rate ( $dv/dy$ ) ( $s^{-1}$ )
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40	$\gamma$	- unit weight ( $\rho g$ )
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42	$\varepsilon$	- roughness height (m)
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44	$\xi_1, \xi_2$	- oldroyd viscosity parameter
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46	$\Theta$	- Pleistocene glaciation frequency ( $s^{-1}$ )
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48	$\dot{\theta}$	- angular velocity of drill bit (m/s)

## Nomenclature

1		
2	$\lambda$	- parameter of probability density function
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4	$\Lambda(t)$	- failure rate function for probability model of human intrusion
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6	$\mu_\ell, \mu_g$	- viscosity, liquid or gas, respectively (Pa • s)
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8	$\rho_s, \rho_b, \rho_f$	- density, solid, bulk, and fluid, respectively (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
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10	$\tau$	- tortuosity ( $\ell/\ell_{\text{path}}$ ) <sup>2</sup>
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12	$\Phi$	- Holocene precipitation fluctuation frequency (s <sup>-1</sup> )
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14	$\phi_{\text{lat}}$	- latitude
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16	$\phi_m, \phi_f$	- porosity, matrix and fracture (b/[B + b]), respectively
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18	$\zeta$	- skin resistance from materials lining fractures, (b <sub>s</sub> /D <sub>s</sub> )
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20	$v$	- molar volume (m <sup>3</sup> /mol)
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22	$\nu$	- Poisson's ratio
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24	$\omega_R$	- acentric factor for Redlich-Kwong-Soave equation of state
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26	$\chi$	- mole fraction
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28	$\eta$	- Brooks-Corey relative permeability model parameter exponent
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31	<b>Superscripts</b>	
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33	*	- physical constants
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35	°	- property at reference conditions
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37	□	- property in pure fluid
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39	•	- parameter with respect to time (rate)
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41	—	- mean of parameter
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43	<b>Subscripts</b>	
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45	g	- gas
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47	ℓ	- liquid

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- ANL-E - Argonne National Laboratories, East
- ASCII - American Standard Code for Information Interchange
- ALGEBRA - support program for manipulating data in CAMDAT
- BLOT - a mesh and curve plot program for CAMDAT data
- BOAST - Black Oil Applied Simulation Tool; 3-D, 3-phase code for flow-through porous media
- BRAGFLO - Brine And Gas Flow; 2-D, 2-phase code for flow-through porous media
- CAM - Compliance Assessment Methodology
- CAMCON - Compliance Assessment Methodology CONTroller——controller (driver) for compliance evaluations developed for WIPP
- CAMDAT - Compliance Assessment Methodology DATa——computational data base developed for WIPP (modification of GENESIS and EXODUS)
- CCDF - Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function
- CCDFPLT - program to calculate and display complementary cumulative distribution function
- CH - Contact Handled (TRU waste)
- DCL - Digital Equipment Corporation Command Language
- DOE - U.S. Department of Energy
- DRZ - Disturbed Rock Zone
- EPA - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- EOS - equation of state
- FD - Finite-Difference numerical analysis
- FE - Finite-Element numerical analysis
- Fm - formation
- GENMESH - rectilinear three-dimensional finite-difference grid generator

1	HANF	- Hanford Reservation
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3	HLW	- High-Level Waste
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5	HST3D	- a program to simulate heat and solute transport in a three-dimensional groundwater flow system
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8	INEL	- Idaho National Engineering Laboratory
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10	LANL	- Los Alamos National Laboratory
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12	LHS	- Latin Hypercube Sampling (efficient, stratified Monte Carlo sampling)
13		
14	LLNL	- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
15		
16	MATSET	- a program to insert user-selected parameter or material values into the computational data base
17		
18		
19	MOUND	- Mound Laboratory
20		
21	NEFTRAN	- NETwork Flow and TRANsport code
22		
23	NRC	- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
24		
25	NTS	- Nevada Test Site
26		
27	ORNL	- Oak Ridge National Laboratory
28		
29	PCCSRC	- program for calculating partial correlation coefficients (PCC) and standardized regression coefficients (SRC)
30		
31		
32	PREBOAST	- preprocessor (translator) for input to BOAST
33		
34	PREBRAG	- preprocessor (translator) for input to BRAGFLO
35		
36	PREHST	- preprocessor (translator) for input to HST3D
37		
38	PRELHS	- preprocessor (translator) for input to LHS
39		
40	PREPCC	- preprocessor (translator) for input to PCC/SRC
41		
42	PRENEF	- preprocessor (translator) for input to NEFTRAN
43		
44	PRESTEP	- preprocessor (translator) for input to STEPWISE
45		
46	PRESUTRA	- preprocessor (translator) for input to SUTRA
47		
48	PRESWFT	- preprocessor (translator) for input to SWIFT II
49		

Nomenclature

1	POSTBOAST	- postprocessor (translator) of output from BOAST to CAMDAT
2		
3	POSTBRAG	- postprocessor (translator) of output from BRAGFLO to CAMDAT
4		
5	POSTHST	- postprocessor (translator) of output from HST3D to CAMDAT
6		
7	POSTLHS	- postprocessor (translator) of output from LHS to CAMDAT
8		
9	POSTSUTRA	- postprocessor (translator) of output from SUTRA to CAMDAT
10		
11	POSTSWFT	- postprocessor (translator) of output from SWIFT II to CAMDAT
12		
13	QA	- Quality Assurance
14		
15	RCRA	- Resource, Conservation, and Recovery Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-580)
16		and subsequent amendments (e.g., HSWA—Hazardous and Solid Waste
17		Amendments of 1984)
18		
19	RFP	- Rocky Flats Plant
20		
21	RH	- Remote Handled (TRU waste)
22		
23	SNL	- Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM
24		
25	SRS	- Savannah River Site
26		
27	STEPWISE	- stepwise regression program with rank regression and predicted error sum
28		of squares criterion
29		
30	SWIFTII	- Sandia Waste-Isolation, Flow and Transport code for solving transient,
31		three-dimensional, coupled equations for fluid flow, heat transport,
32		brine-miscible displacement, and radionuclide-miscible displacement in
33		porous and fractured media
34		
35	SUTRA	- Saturated-Unsaturated TRANsport code
36		
37	TRACKER	- a support program to estimate the pathway of a particle released in a
38		fluid velocity field
39		
40	TRU	- Transuranic
41		
42	WIPP	- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
43		
44	40 CFR 191	- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 191
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## CONVERSION TABLES FOR SI AND COMMON ENGLISH UNITS

Table 1. Base and Derived SI Units

Quantity	Name	Symbol	Expression in Terms of Other Units	Expression in Terms of SI Base Units
<b>Base SI Units</b>				
length	meter	m		
time	second	s		
mass	kilogram	kg		
temperature	kelvin	K		
amount of substance	mole	mol		
electric current	ampere	A		
<b>SI-Derived Units</b>				
force	newton	N		$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$
pressure, stress	pascal	Pa	N/m <sup>2</sup>	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$
energy, work, quantity of heat	joule	J	N · m	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$
power, radiant flux	watt	W	J/s	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-3}$
electric potential	volt	V	W/A	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-3} \cdot \text{A}^{-1}$
electric resistance	ohm	Ω	V/A	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-3} \cdot \text{A}^{-2}$
frequency	hertz	Hz		$\text{s}^{-1}$
activity (of a radionuclide)	becquerel	Bq		$\text{s}^{-1}$
absorbed dose	gray	Gy	J/kg	$\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$
quantity of electricity, electric charge	coulomb	C		$\text{A} \cdot \text{s}$

Table 2. List of Prefixes

Factor	Prefix	Symbol*
$10^{12}$	tera	T
$10^9$	giga	G
$10^6$	mega	M
$10^3$	kilo	k
$10^2$	hecto	h
10	deka	da
$10^{-1}$	deci	d
$10^{-2}$	centi	c
$10^{-3}$	milli	m
$10^{-6}$	micro	$\mu$
$10^{-9}$	nano	n
$10^{-12}$	pico	p
$10^{-15}$	femto	f
$10^{-18}$	atto	a

\* Only the symbols T (tera), G (giga), and M (mega) are capitalized. Compound prefixes are not allowed — for example, use nm (*nanometre*) rather than m $\mu$ m (*millimicrometre*).

Table 3. Length Conversions

	m	cm	Å	in.	ft	mi	nmi
meter (m)	1	*100	*1x10 <sup>10</sup>	39.37	3.281	6.214x10 <sup>-4</sup>	5.400x10 <sup>-4</sup>
centimeter (cm)	*0.01	1	*1x10 <sup>8</sup>	0.3937	3.281x10 <sup>-2</sup>	6.214x10 <sup>-6</sup>	5.400x10 <sup>-6</sup>
angstrom (Å)	*1x10 <sup>-10</sup>	*1x10 <sup>-8</sup>	1	3.937x10 <sup>-9</sup>	3.281x10 <sup>-10</sup>	6.214x10 <sup>-14</sup>	5.400x10 <sup>-14</sup>
inch (in.)	*0.0254	*2.54	*2.54x10 <sup>8</sup>	1	8.333x10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.578x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.371x10 <sup>-5</sup>
foot (ft)	*0.3048	*30.48	*3.048x10 <sup>9</sup>	*12	1	1.894x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.646x10 <sup>-4</sup>
mile (U.S.) (mi)	1609	1.609x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.609x10 <sup>13</sup>	*6.336x10 <sup>4</sup>	*5280	1	0.8690
nautical mile (nmi)	*1852	*1.852x10 <sup>5</sup>	*1.852x10 <sup>13</sup>	7.291x10 <sup>4</sup>	6.076x10 <sup>3</sup>	1.151	1

\* Exact

Table 4. Area or Permeability

	m <sup>2</sup>	ha	in. <sup>2</sup>	ft <sup>2</sup>	ac	mi <sup>2</sup>	Darcy	cm <sup>2</sup>
square meters (m <sup>2</sup> )	1	*1x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1550	10.76	2.471x10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.861x10 <sup>-7</sup>	1.013x10 <sup>12</sup>	*1.000x10 <sup>4</sup>
hectare (ha)	*1x10 <sup>4</sup>	1	1.550x10 <sup>7</sup>	1.076x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.471	3.861x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.013x10 <sup>16</sup>	*1.000x10 <sup>8</sup>
square inches (in. <sup>2</sup> )	6.452x10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.452x10 <sup>-8</sup>	1	6.944x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.594x10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.491x10 <sup>-10</sup>	6.537x10 <sup>8</sup>	6.452
square feet (ft <sup>2</sup> )	9.290x10 <sup>-2</sup>	9.290x10 <sup>-6</sup>	144	1	2.296x10 <sup>-5</sup>	3.587x10 <sup>-8</sup>	9.413x10 <sup>10</sup>	929
acre (ac)	4047	0.4047	6.273x10 <sup>6</sup>	*4.356x10 <sup>4</sup>	1	1.563x10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.100x10 <sup>15</sup>	4.047x10 <sup>7</sup>
square miles (mi <sup>2</sup> )	2.590x10 <sup>6</sup>	2590	4.015x10 <sup>9</sup>	2.788x10 <sup>7</sup>	*640	1	2.624	2.590x10 <sup>10</sup>
darcy (D)	9.869x10 <sup>-13</sup>	9.869x10 <sup>-17</sup>	1.530x10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.062x10 <sup>-11</sup>	2.439x10 <sup>-16</sup>	3.811x10 <sup>-19</sup>	1	9.864x10 <sup>-9</sup>
square centimeters (cm <sup>2</sup> )	*1x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1x10 <sup>-8</sup>	0.1550	1.076x10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.471x10 <sup>-8</sup>	3.861x10 <sup>-11</sup>	1.013x10 <sup>8</sup>	1

\*Exact

Table 5. Volume

	m <sup>3</sup>	l	ft <sup>3</sup>	yd <sup>3</sup>	gal (U.S.)	bbbl	drum	std bx	room	panel	disposal	ac-ft	sec-ft-day	bushel
cubic meters (m <sup>3</sup> )	1	*1000	35.31	1.308	264.2	6.290	4.803	0.5618	2.744x10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.169x10 <sup>-5</sup>	2.293x10 <sup>-6</sup>	8.107x10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.087x10 <sup>-4</sup>	28.38
liter (l)	*1x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1	3.531x10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.308x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.2642	6.290x10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.803x10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.618x10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.744x10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.169x10 <sup>-8</sup>	2.293x10 <sup>-9</sup>	8.107x10 <sup>-7</sup>	4.087x10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.838x10 <sup>-2</sup>
cubic feet (ft <sup>3</sup> )	2.832x10 <sup>-2</sup>	28.32	1	3.704x10 <sup>-2</sup>	7.481	0.1781	0.1360	1.591x10 <sup>-2</sup>	7.770x10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.143x10 <sup>-7</sup>	6.494x10 <sup>-8</sup>	2.296x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.157x10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.8036
cubic yard (yd <sup>3</sup> )	0.7646	7646	*27	1	201.97	4.809	3.672	0.4295	2.098x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.659x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.753x10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.198x10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.125x10 <sup>-4</sup>	21.70
U.S. gallon (gal)	3.785x10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.785	0.1337	4.951x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1	2.381x10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.818x10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.127x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.039x10 <sup>-6</sup>	8.212x10 <sup>-8</sup>	8.682x10 <sup>-9</sup>	3.069x10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.547x10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.1074
barrel (bbl)	0.1590	159	5.615	0.2079	*42	1	0.7636	8.932x10 <sup>-2</sup>	4.363x10 <sup>-5</sup>	3.449x10 <sup>-6</sup>	3.646x10 <sup>-7</sup>	1.289x10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.498x10 <sup>-5</sup>	4.512
drum (55-gal)	0.2082	208.2	7.352	0.2723	*55	1.310	1	0.1170	5.713x10 <sup>-5</sup>	4.556x10 <sup>-6</sup>	4.804x10 <sup>-7</sup>	1.688x10 <sup>-4</sup>	8.510x10 <sup>-5</sup>	5.908
standard-waste box (std bx)	1.9	1780	62.86	2.328	470.2	1.120	8.550	1	4.884x10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.895x10 <sup>-5</sup>	4.107x10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.443x10 <sup>-3</sup>	7.275x10 <sup>-4</sup>	50.51
room volume (room)	3644	3.644x10 <sup>6</sup>	1.287x10 <sup>5</sup>	4767	9.627x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.292x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.750x10 <sup>4</sup>	2047	1	7.906x10 <sup>-2</sup>	8.358x10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.955	1.490	1.034x10 <sup>5</sup>
panel volume (panel)	4.610x10 <sup>4</sup>	4.610x10 <sup>7</sup>	1.628x10 <sup>6</sup>	6.029x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.218x10 <sup>7</sup>	2.899x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.214x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.590x10 <sup>4</sup>	12.65	1	0.1057	37.37	18.84	1.308x10 <sup>6</sup>
disposal area (disposal)	4.360x10 <sup>5</sup>	4.360x10 <sup>8</sup>	1.540x10 <sup>7</sup>	5.703x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.152x10 <sup>8</sup>	2.730x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.094x10 <sup>6</sup>	2.450x10 <sup>5</sup>	119.6	9.459	1	353.5	178.2	1.237x10 <sup>7</sup>
acre-foot (ac-ft)	1233	1.233x10 <sup>6</sup>	*43560	1613	3.259x10 <sup>5</sup>	7758	5925	6.930	0.3385	2.699x10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.846x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1	0.5042	3.500x10 <sup>4</sup>
second-foot-day (sec-ft-day)	2447	2.447x10 <sup>6</sup>	*86400	*3200	6.463x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.539x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.175x10 <sup>4</sup>	1374	0.6713	5.353x10 <sup>-2</sup>	5.645x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.983	1	6.943x10 <sup>4</sup>
bushel (bu)	3.524x10 <sup>-2</sup>	35.24	1.244	4.609x10 <sup>-2</sup>	9.309	0.2216	0.1693	1.980x10 <sup>-2</sup>	9.669x10 <sup>-6</sup>	7.711x10 <sup>-7</sup>	8.131x10 <sup>-8</sup>	2.857x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.440x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1

\*Exact

Table 6. Discharge (Volume/Time)

	m <sup>3</sup> /s	m <sup>3</sup> /yr	l	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	ft <sup>3</sup> /min	ft <sup>3</sup> /day	acre·ft/day	gal/min	gal/day	dbl/day
cubic meters per second (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	1	3.156x10 <sup>7</sup>	*1000	35.31	2119	3.051x10 <sup>6</sup>	70.05	1.585x10 <sup>4</sup>	2.282x10 <sup>7</sup>	5.434x10 <sup>5</sup>
cubic meters per year (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	3.169x10 <sup>-8</sup>	1	3.169x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.119x10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.714x10 <sup>-5</sup>	9.669x10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.220x10 <sup>-6</sup>	5.023x10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.7233	1.722x10 <sup>-2</sup>
liters per second (l/s)	*1x10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.156x10 <sup>4</sup>	1	3.531x10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.119	3051	7.005x10 <sup>-2</sup>	15.85	2.282x10 <sup>4</sup>	543.4
cubic feet per second (ft <sup>3</sup> /s)	2.832x10 <sup>-2</sup>	8.936x10 <sup>5</sup>	28.32	1	*60	*8.640x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.983	448.8	6.463x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.539x10 <sup>4</sup>
cubic feet per minute (ft <sup>3</sup> /min)	4.719x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.489x10 <sup>4</sup>	0.4719	1.667x10 <sup>-2</sup>	1	1440	3.306x10 <sup>-2</sup>	7.481	1.077x10 <sup>4</sup>	256.5
cubic feet per day (ft <sup>3</sup> /day)	3.277x10 <sup>-7</sup>	10.34	3.277x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.157x10 <sup>-5</sup>	6.944x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1	2.296x10 <sup>-5</sup>	5.195x10 <sup>-3</sup>	7.481	0.1781
acre·foot per day (acre·ft/day)	1.428x10 <sup>-2</sup>	4.505x10 <sup>5</sup>	14.28	0.5042	30.25	4.356x10 <sup>4</sup>	1	226.3	3.259x10 <sup>5</sup>	7758
gallons per minute (gal/min)	6.309x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1991	6.309x10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.228x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.1337	19.25	4.419x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1	1440	34.29
gallons per day (gal/day)	4.381x10 <sup>-8</sup>	1.383	4.381x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.547x10 <sup>-6</sup>	9.283x10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.1337	3.069x10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.944x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1	2.381x10 <sup>-2</sup>
barrels per day (dbl/day)	1.840x10 <sup>-6</sup>	58.07	1.840x10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.498x10 <sup>-5</sup>	3.899x10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.615	1.289x10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.917x10 <sup>-2</sup>	*42	1

\*Exact

Table 7. Velocity, Hydraulic Conductivity, Precipitation

	m/s	m/yr	in./yr	cm/yr	km/yr	ft/s	ft/day	mph	knots	gal/(day·ft <sup>2</sup> )
meters per second (m/s)	1	3.156x10 <sup>7</sup>	1.242x10 <sup>9</sup>	3.156x10 <sup>9</sup>	3.156x10 <sup>4</sup>	3.281	2.835x10 <sup>5</sup>	2.237	1.944	2.120x10 <sup>6</sup>
meters per year (m/yr)	3.169x10 <sup>-8</sup>	1	39.37	*100	*1x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.040x10 <sup>-7</sup>	8.983x10 <sup>-3</sup>	7.089x10 <sup>-8</sup>	6.160x10 <sup>-8</sup>	6.719x10 <sup>-2</sup>
inches per year (in./yr)	8.049x10 <sup>-10</sup>	*2.540x10 <sup>-2</sup>	1	*2.540	*2.540x10 <sup>-5</sup>	2.641x10 <sup>-9</sup>	2.282x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.800x10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.565x10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.707x10 <sup>-3</sup>
centimeters per year (cm/yr)	3.169x10 <sup>-10</sup>	*1x10 <sup>-2</sup>	0.3937	1	*1x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.040x10 <sup>-9</sup>	8.983x10 <sup>-5</sup>	7.089x10 <sup>-10</sup>	6.160x10 <sup>-10</sup>	6.719x10 <sup>-4</sup>
kilometers per year (km/yr)	3.169x10 <sup>-5</sup>	*1000	3.937x10 <sup>4</sup>	*1x10 <sup>5</sup>	1	1.040x10 <sup>-4</sup>	8.983	7.089x10 <sup>-5</sup>	6.160x10 <sup>-5</sup>	67.19
feet per second (ft/s)	*0.3048	9.619x10 <sup>6</sup>	3.787x10 <sup>8</sup>	9.619x10 <sup>8</sup>	9619	1	*8.640x10 <sup>4</sup>	0.6818	0.5925	6.463x10 <sup>5</sup>
feet per day (ft/day)	3.528x10 <sup>-6</sup>	111.3	4383	1.113x10 <sup>4</sup>	0.1113	1.157x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1	7.891x10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.857x10 <sup>-6</sup>	7.481
miles per hour (mph)	0.4470	1.411x10 <sup>7</sup>	5.554x10 <sup>8</sup>	1.411x10 <sup>9</sup>	1.411x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.467	1.267x10 <sup>5</sup>	1	0.8690	9.479x10 <sup>5</sup>
knots	0.5144	1.623x10 <sup>7</sup>	6.391x10 <sup>8</sup>	1.623x10 <sup>9</sup>	1.623x10 <sup>4</sup>	1.688	1.458x10 <sup>5</sup>	1.151	1	1.091x10 <sup>6</sup>
gallons per day per square foot (gal/(day·ft <sup>2</sup> ))	4.716x10 <sup>-7</sup>	14.88	585.9	1488	1.488x10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.547x10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.1337	.055x10 <sup>-6</sup>	9.167x10 <sup>-7</sup>	1

\*Exact

Table 8. Force

	N	kg-force	dyne	lbf
Newton (N)	1	0.1020	$*1 \times 10^5$	0.2248
kilogram-force (kg-force)	9.807	1	$9.807 \times 10^5$	2.205
dyne	$*1.00 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.020 \times 10^{-6}$	1	$2.248 \times 10^{-6}$
pound force (lbf)	4.448	0.4536	$4.448 \times 10^5$	1

\*Exact

Table 9. Pressure and Stress

	Pa	bar	dyne/cm <sup>2</sup>	atm	mm Hg	psi	lb/ft <sup>2</sup>
pascal (Pa)	1	$*1 \times 10^{-5}$	$*10$	$9.869 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.501 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.450 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.089 \times 10^{-2}$
bar	$*1 \times 10^5$	1	$*1 \times 10^6$	0.9869	750.1	14.50	2089
dyne per square centimeters (dyne/cm <sup>2</sup> )	$*0.1$	$*1 \times 10^{-6}$	1	$9.869 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.501 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.450 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.089 \times 10^{-3}$
atmosphere (atm)	$1.013 \times 10^5$	1.013	$1.013 \times 10^6$	1	$*760$	14.70	2116
millimeter of Mercury (mm Hg)	1333	$1.333 \times 10^{-3}$	1333	$1.316 \times 10^{-3}$	1	$1.934 \times 10^{-2}$	2.785
pound per square inch (psi)	698.5	$6.895 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.895 \times 10^4$	$6.805 \times 10^{-2}$	51.71	1	$*144$
pounds per square foot (lb/ft <sup>2</sup> )	47.88	$4.788 \times 10^{-4}$	478.8	$4.725 \times 10^{-4}$	0.3591	$6.944 \times 10^{-3}$	1

\*Exact

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Table 10. Absolute Viscosity

	Pa·s (kg/(m·s))	cP	lbm/ft/s	slug/(ft·s) lbf · ft/s <sup>2</sup>
Pascal-second (Pa·s) (kg/(m·s))	1	*1000	0.6720	2.089x10 <sup>-2</sup>
centipoise (cP)	*1x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1	6.720x10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.089x10 <sup>-5</sup>
pound mass per foot per second (lbm/ft/s)	1.488	1488	1	3.108x10 <sup>-2</sup>
slug per foot per second (slug/(ft·s) or lbf · ft/s <sup>2</sup> )	47.88	4.788x10 <sup>4</sup>	32.17	1

\*Exact

Table 11. Mass

	kg	metric tonne	oz	lbm	short ton	long ton	slug
kilogram (kg)	1	*1x10 <sup>-3</sup>	35.27	2.205	1.102x10 <sup>-3</sup>	9.842x10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.852x10 <sup>-2</sup>
metric tonne (t)	*1000	1	3.527x10 <sup>4</sup>	2205	1.102	0.9842	68.52
avoirdupois ounce (oz)	2.835x10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.835x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1	*0.0625	*3.125x10 <sup>-5</sup>	2.790x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.943x10 <sup>-3</sup>
pound mass (lbm)	0.4536	4.536x10 <sup>-4</sup>	*16	1	*5.000x10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.464x10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.108x10 <sup>-2</sup>
short ton	907.2	9.072	*32000	*2000	1	0.8927	62.16
long ton	1016	1.016	*35840	*2240	*1.12	1	69.62
slug	14.59	1.459x10 <sup>-2</sup>	514.8	32.17	1.609x10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.436x10 <sup>-2</sup>	1

\*Exact

Table 12. Density

	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	lb/gal	lb/bbl
kilogram per cubic meters (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1	*1x10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.243x10 <sup>-2</sup>	8.345x10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.853
grams per cubic centimeters (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	*1000	1	62.43	8.345	350.5
pounds per cubic feet (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	16.02	1.602x10 <sup>-2</sup>	1	0.1337	5.615
pounds per gallon (lb/gal)	119.8	0.1198	7.481	1	*42
pounds per barrel (lb/bbl)	2.853	2.853x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.1781	2.381x10 <sup>-2</sup>	1

\*Exact

Table 13. Time

	s	min	h	day	yr
mean solar second (s)	1	1.6667x10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.7779x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.15741x10 <sup>-5</sup>	3.1689x10 <sup>-8</sup>
mean solar minute (min)	*60	1	1.6667x10 <sup>-2</sup>	6.9444x10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.9013x10 <sup>-6</sup>
mean solar hour (h)	*3600	*60	1	4.16667x10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.1408x10 <sup>-4</sup>
mean solar day	*8.640x10 <sup>4</sup>	*1440	*24	1	2.7379x10 <sup>-3</sup>
tropical time year (yr)	3.1557x10 <sup>7</sup>	5.2595x10 <sup>5</sup>	8765.8	365.24	1

\*Exact

Conversion Tables

Table 14. Temperature (T)

	K	°C	°R	°F
kelvin (K)	1	K-273.15	K x 9/5	(K-273.15) x 9/5 +32
Celsius (°C)	°C + 273.15	1	(°C + 273.15) x 9/5	°C x 9/5 +32
Rankine (°R)	°R x 5/9	(°R x 5/9) -273.15	1	°R -459.67
Fahrenheit (°F)	(°F + 459.67) x 5/9	(°F - 32) x 5/9	°F + 459.67	1

Table 15. Specific Activity<sup>(1)</sup>

	Bq	Ci	kg
becquerel (Bq)	1	2.703x10 <sup>-11</sup>	$\frac{\ln^2}{t_{1/2}} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23}}{M} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ g}}{\text{kg}} = \frac{4.174 \times 10^{26}}{t_{1/2} \times M}$
curie (Ci)	*3.7x10 <sup>10</sup>	1	$\frac{1.128 \times 10^{16}}{t_{1/2} \times M}$
kg	$2.396 \times 10^{-27} \times t_{1/2}^{(2)} \times M^{(3)}$	$8.864 \times 10^{-17} \times t_{1/2} \times M$	1

(1) Specific Activity is  $\frac{ds_A}{s_A}$ ; where  $s_A = s_{OA} e^{-\lambda t}$ ;  $\lambda = \frac{\ln^2}{t_{1/2}}$

(2)  $t_{1/2}$  is half life in seconds

(3) M is gram molecular weight (g/mol)

\*Exact

Table 16. Miscellaneous

To convert:	to	Multiply by	Inverse
1. Angular velocity rad/s	rpm	$\frac{30}{\pi} = 9.549$	$\frac{\pi}{30} = 0.1047$
2. Radioactivity			
a. Dose equivalent Sv	rem	100	0.01
b. Absorbed dose Gy (gray) (1J/kg)	rad	100	0.01
c. Activity (1 disintegration/s) becquerel (Bq)	Ci	$2.703 \times 10^{11}$	$3.7 \times 10^{10}$
d. Charge roentgen (R)	c/kg	$2.58 \times 10^{-4}$	3876

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