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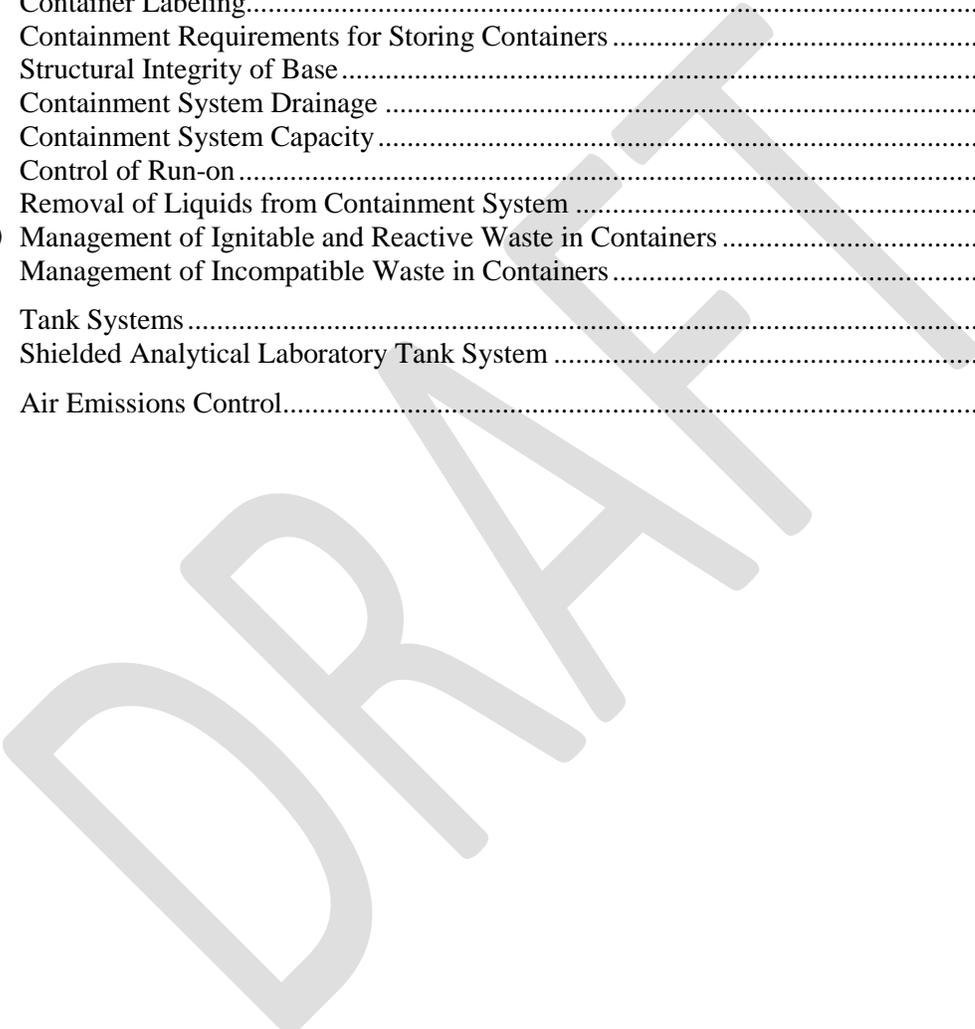
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1 **C PROCESS INFORMATION**

2 This addendum provides a description of waste management, equipment, treatment processes, and storage
3 operations.

4 The 325 HWTUs consist of two dangerous waste management units:

- 5 • The Shielded Analytical Laboratory (SAL), consisting of Rooms 200, 201, 202, 203, and 32 of
6 the 325 Building. This area is used for treatment and storage of dangerous waste in containers
7 and treatment and storage of dangerous waste in a 1514-liter tank located in Room 32 (basement
8 of 325 Building).
- 9 • The Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit (HWTU) consisting of Rooms 520, 524, and 528 of the
10 325 Building. This area is used for treatment and storage of containerized dangerous waste.

11 The maximum amount of dangerous waste being treated or stored at any given time (design capacity) in
12 the dangerous waste management units is as follows:

Activity	HWTU Containers	SAL Containers	SAL Tank
Storage (liters)	9000	3000	1218
Treatment (liters/day)	946	568	1218

13 The estimated annual quantity of containerized waste managed in the 325 HWTUs is 60,000 kilograms of
14 waste storage per year and 22,500 kilograms of waste treatment. The estimated annual quantity for the
15 SAL tank is 10,000 kilograms per year of storage and treatment. The actual quantity of waste present
16 varies each day.

17 The 325 HWTUs receive and treat and/or store wastes described in Addendum B, Waste Analysis Plan.
18 Small-volume containers are segregated by compatibility and stored until sufficient quantity is
19 accumulated to prepare a labpack or bulk container (usually a 208-liter (55 gallon) drum.) Waste
20 introduced into the Shielded Analytical Laboratory (SAL) tank is containerized for further management
21 as described in Section C.2.1. Containers are repackaged for shipment as necessary and shipping
22 documentation prepared pursuant to Permit Condition II.N for shipment to a permitted onsite dangerous
23 waste management unit or offsite TSD facility for any necessary further treatment and compliant disposal.

24 **C.1 Containers**

25 The following sections describe the management of dangerous waste in containers at the 325 HWTUs.
26 Container management occurs at both the HWTU and the SAL. Both portions of the 325 HWTUs are
27 used to store and treat dangerous wastes generated from onsite programs, primarily research laboratory
28 analytical activities in the 325 Building and other PNNL facilities. Containers are then prepared for
29 shipment to other on-site units or off-site TSD facilities for further treatment as required and compliant
30 disposal. Descriptions of the containers used are provided in the sections that follow for the HWTU and
31 SAL.

32 **C.1.1 Container Selection**

33 **C.1.1.1 Containers Located in the Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit**

34 Rooms 520, 524, and 528 of the HWTU will be used to store and treat dangerous waste generated
35 primarily from laboratory operations throughout the 325 Building and the Hanford Facility. The
36 containers used to store and treat dangerous waste vary widely from original manufacturer containers to
37 laboratory glassware for sample analysis or to 322-liter containers used to overpack smaller containers.
38 Containers used will be selected based on several criteria, which may include guidance provided in
39 PNNL's Environmental Management System, Department of Transportation container specifications,
40 specific safety requirements (e.g. fire code requirements for storage of flammable liquids), compatibility
41 with the waste, and/or waste acceptance criteria provided by the facilities to which the waste will

1 ultimately be shipped. Suitable containers will be identified by the waste generator and reviewed by 325
2 HWTUs staff prior to waste acceptance. Acceptable containers for acidic waste include plastic, steel
3 lined with plastic, glass, and fiberglass containers. Acceptable containers for other waste include steel,
4 glass, fiberglass, plastic, and steel lined with plastic. Table C.1 provides an example of the types of
5 containers that could be used in the HWTU rooms, including the material of construction and the capacity
6 of the container.

7 All containers of dangerous waste will be labeled to describe the contents of the container and the major
8 hazards of the waste as required under [WAC 173-303-395](#) and [WAC 173-303-630](#)(3). Each container
9 will be assigned a unique identifying number. All containers used for onsite transfer will be selected and
10 labeled according to requirements of this permit, and any other applicable rules and regulations, such as
11 [49 CFR](#) as required by [WAC 173-303-190](#).

12 All flammable liquid waste will be stored in compatible containers and in Underwriter's Laboratory (UL)-
13 listed and Factory Mutual (FM)-approved flammable storage. Wastes that also designate as ignitable will
14 be managed according to the requirements of [WAC 173-303-630](#)(8)(b) and [WAC 173-303-395](#)(1)(a)-(c).
15 Solid chemicals will be stored on shelving or in drums in specifically designated areas based on the
16 hazard classification ([49 CFR 172.101](#)).

17 **C.1.1.2 Shielded Analytical Laboratory Containers**

18 The primary function of the SAL is to conduct preparation and analysis of samples of highly radioactive
19 materials originating from various locations on the Hanford Site. The types of containers used to store
20 dangerous waste in the SAL can vary widely from laboratory glassware for sample analysis to 322-liter
21 containers used to overpack smaller containers.

22 The containers used for storage or treatment of dangerous waste will be compatible with the waste stored
23 in the containers. Containers used will be selected based on several criteria, which may include guidance
24 provided in PNNL's Environmental Management System, Department of Transportation container
25 specifications, specific safety requirements (e.g. fire code requirements for storage of flammable liquids),
26 compatibility with the waste, and/or waste acceptance criteria provided by the facilities to which the
27 waste will ultimately be shipped. Suitable containers will be identified by the waste generator and
28 reviewed by 325 HWTUs staff prior to waste acceptance. Acceptable containers for acidic waste include
29 plastic, steel lined with plastic, glass, and fiberglass containers. Acceptable containers for other waste
30 include steel, glass, fiberglass, plastic, and steel lined with plastic. Table C.1 provides an example of the
31 types of container that could be used in the SAL, including the material of construction and the capacity
32 of the container.

33 Rooms 32, 200, 201, 202, and 203 will be used to store dangerous waste in containers. The back face of
34 the SAL (Rooms 200, 202, and 203) will typically be used to store waste in larger containers. These
35 containers include various types of 208-liter steel containers (lined and unlined). Because of the nature of
36 some mixed waste being stored at the SAL, it is often necessary that these containers be modified. This
37 modification is intended to make these containers compliant with ALARA criteria. These shielded
38 containers usually contain anywhere from 3.79 liters to 53 liters of waste depending on the amount of
39 shielding required. The waste can be packed in individual 3.79-liter to 4.73-liter containers before
40 placement in the shielded container. The shielding may be accomplished by surrounding the small
41 containers with concrete, lead, or other materials.

42 All containers of dangerous waste must be labeled to describe the contents of the container and the major
43 hazards of the waste as required under [WAC 173-303-395](#) and [WAC 173-303-630](#)(3). Each container is
44 assigned a unique identifying number. All containers used for onsite transfer must be selected and
45 labeled according to requirements of the permit and any applicable regulations, such as [49 CFR](#) when
46 required by [WAC 173-303-190](#).

47 All flammable liquid waste must be segregated from any incompatible waste types and packaged in
48 approved containers as described above.

1 **C.1.2 Container Management Practices**

2 The following sections describe the container management practices used for the HWTU and the SAL, to
3 ensure the safe receipt, handling, preparation for transfer, and transportation of dangerous waste. Table
4 C.1 lists the typical containers used in the 325 HWTUs. Container labels are removed or completely
5 obscured when the container to which they are attached is rendered empty, unless the container will
6 continue to be used for storing dangerous waste.

7 **C.1.2.1 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit Container Management Practices**

8 Dangerous waste containers will be inspected for integrity and adequate seals before being accepted at the
9 HWTU. Waste received for storage and treatment from outside Rooms 520, 524, and 528 will either be
10 picked up by HWTU personnel or moved to Rooms 520, 524, and 528 in containers suitable for the
11 waste. Depending on the container weight, size or number of containers to be moved, container(s) of
12 dangerous waste will be hand carried or moved on a platform or handcart, as appropriate, to Rooms 520,
13 524, or 528. 325 HWTUs staff moves the dangerous containers, keeping incompatible wastes separated.
14 Unsupervised 325 HWTUs staff will not perform waste movement operations until they are formally
15 trained.

16 Waste in containers that are damaged, leaking, lack integrity, or not securely sealed to prevent leakage
17 will not be accepted at Rooms 520, 524, and 528. Examples of acceptable packaging include laboratory
18 reagents in their original bottles, U.S. Department of Transportation-approved containers, spray cans,
19 sealed ampules, paint cans, leaking containers that have been over packed, etc. Unit operations personnel
20 have the authority to determine whether a container is in poor condition or inadequate for storage using
21 the criteria referenced by [WAC 173-303-190](#) and to use professional judgment to determine whether the
22 packaging could leak during handling, storage, and/or treatment.

23 Inspection of Containers

24 A system of daily, weekly, and yearly inspections will be in place to ensure container integrity, and to
25 check for proper storage location, prevent capacity overrun, etc. Inspections are detailed in Addendum I.
26 Containers will be inspected for integrity as part of the HWTU waste acceptance process documented in
27 Addendum B. Containers found to be in poor condition or inadequate for storage will not be accepted
28 unless over packed or repackaged into acceptable containers.

29 Container Handling

30 All HWTU staff will be instructed in proper container handling and spill prevention safeguards as part of
31 their training (Addendum G). Containers will be kept closed except when adding or removing waste in
32 accordance with [WAC 173-303-630\(5\)\(a\)](#). All personnel will be trained and all operations will be
33 conducted to ensure that containers are not opened, handled, or stored in a manner that would cause the
34 container to leak or rupture. All flammable cabinets containing dangerous waste will be maintained with
35 a minimum of 76 centimeters of aisle space in front of the doors. In Room 520, the walk-in fume hood
36 containing the 208-liter containers is designed to hold four 208-liter containers and has over
37 76 centimeters of aisle space; the containers will not be stacked in the hood. In Room 524, the walk-in
38 fume hood containing the 208-liter containers is designed to hold two 208-liter containers and has over
39 76 centimeters of aisle space in front of the doors; the containers will not be stacked in the hood. Waste-
40 handling operations will be conducted only when two or more persons are present in the unit or when the
41 personnel present have immediate access to a communication device such as a telephone or hand-held
42 radio.

43 **C.1.2.2 Shielded Analytical Laboratory Container Management Practices**

44 Containers will not be opened, handled, or stored in a manner that would cause the containers to leak or
45 rupture. Containers will remain closed except when sampling, adding, or removing waste; or when
46 analysis or treatment of the waste is ongoing. Containers of incompatible waste will be segregated in the
47 storage areas. In-cell containers will be stacked no more than four high and labels will not be obscured.

1 Inspection of Containers

2 A system of daily, weekly, and yearly inspections will be in place to ensure container integrity, and to
3 check for proper storage location, prevent capacity overrun, etc. Inspections are detailed in Addendum I.
4 Containers will be inspected for integrity before acceptance at or transport to the SAL. Containers found
5 to be in poor condition or inadequate for storage will not be accepted.

6 Container Handling

7 All personnel will be instructed in proper container-handling safeguards as part of their training
8 (Addendum G). Containers will be kept closed except when adding or removing waste in accordance
9 with [WAC 173-303-630\(5\)\(a\)](#).

10 All container handling in the hot cells must be performed remotely with manipulators. Waste samples
11 managed in the SAL enter the cells through rotating transfer wheels located in the back walls of cells 1, 2,
12 and 6 and through a 17.8-centimeter borehole in the back wall of cell 1. After analysis of the sample and
13 necessary confirmation of results, compatible solid waste samples will be consolidated into appropriate
14 size containers often referred to as 'paint cans' and usually stored in cell 1. However, any of the cells can
15 be used for storage of waste during operations.

16 After evaluation for treatment and the subsequent treatment, liquid waste will either be transferred to the
17 SAL tank (discussed in §C.2), prepared for disposal through stabilization, or absorbed onto appropriate
18 material as necessary to meet the anticipated final disposal unit waste acceptance criteria. The waste will
19 be repackaged into shielded 208-liter containers and stored in the back face area of the SAL. Waste-
20 handling operations will be conducted outside of the cells only when a minimum of two persons are
21 present in the unit or when the personnel present has immediate access to a communication device such as
22 a telephone or hand-held radio.

23 **C.1.3 Container Labeling**

24 Once the material has been designated as a dangerous waste, all containers will be marked and/or labeled
25 to describe the content of the container as required by [WAC 173-303-395](#) and [WAC 173-303-630\(3\)](#).
26 Containers also will be marked with a unique identifying number assigned by the generating unit. All
27 containers used for transfer of dangerous waste will be prepared for transport in accordance with
28 [WAC 173-303-190](#).

29 **C.1.4 Containment Requirements for Storing Containers**

30 A description of secondary containment system design and operation is provided for the HWTU and SAL
31 in this section.

32 **C.1.4.1 Secondary Containment System Design and Operation for the Hazardous Waste
33 Treatment Unit**

34 The secondary containment system for the HWTU has three primary components: UL or FM-approved
35 storage cabinets, individual secondary containment devices, and the firewater containment system
36 (Figure C.1).

37 Liquid dangerous waste and other waste requiring secondary containment in containers not exceeding the
38 secondary containment capacity of the cabinet will be stored in Rooms 520, 524, and 528 in steel storage
39 cabinets. The secondary containment capacity of the cabinets will be documented in the Hanford Facility
40 Operating Record, 325 HWTUs File, and the quantity of waste stored in the cabinet or the capacity of the
41 largest container in the cabinet will be limited by that capacity. The containers are selected as described
42 in Section C.1.1.1 and will be kept closed except when waste is being added or withdrawn. Ignitable and
43 reactive waste will be managed in accordance with [WAC 173-303-395\(1\)\(a\)](#) and the Uniform Building
44 Code (ICBO 1991) (Note: The UBC references requirements of the Uniform Fire Code, or UFC).

45 Larger waste containers that contain bulk liquids will be stored inside DOT approved containers
46 providing secondary containment, or managed on spill containment pallets. For compatible wastes

1 consolidated into lab-pack containers, the DOT approved outer container serves as secondary containment
2 – such outer containers will be stored directly on the floor. Containers holding waste not subject to
3 containment system requirements pursuant to [WAC 173-303-630\(7\)\(c\)](#) will be stored on the floor.

4 Each cabinet will be clearly marked as containing either flammable or corrosive waste. Flammable waste
5 cabinets will be painted yellow, and corrosive cabinets will be painted blue.

6 Prior to acceptance at the unit, liquid "bulk" containers (i.e. containing free liquids) which will not be
7 stored in cabinets will be evaluated to determine compatibility with any other "bulk" containers currently
8 in storage in Rooms 520 or 528. If incompatible (as determined by the Waste Analysis Plan), the
9 incompatible liquid wastes will be placed within drip pans or similar secondary containment devices
10 complying with [WAC 173-303-630\(7\)\(a\)](#). This is intended to prevent incompatible materials from
11 mixing in the fire water tank secondary containment system. Containers from 65 to 328 liters (17 to
12 85 gallons) capacity holding only wastes that do not contain free liquids, do not exhibit either the
13 characteristic of ignitability or reactivity as described in [WAC 173-303-090\(5\)](#) or (7), and are not
14 designated as F020, F021, F022, F023, F026, or F027 will be stored in DOT approved drums on the floor
15 within the unit. Labpacks are considered not to require further secondary containment and will also be
16 stored directly on the floor.

17 Rooms 520 and 528 are located on the main floor of the 325 Building and are constructed of concrete.
18 The concrete floors of both rooms have been equipped with a heat-sealed seamless chemical-resistant
19 polypropylene coating that covers the entire floor area of both rooms and laps approximately
20 10 centimeters up all of the outside walls of each room. The coated floor is capable of containing minor
21 spills and leaks of liquid mixed waste, and prevents migration of spilled waste from one room to another.

22 Major spills or leaks of liquid mixed waste flow into the firewater containment system. The firewater
23 containment system consists of floor trenches located at each entrance to 520 and 528 and the firewater
24 containment tank located in the basement of the building. The system is designed to collect the fire-
25 suppression water in the event that the automatic sprinkler system was activated. The location of the
26 trenches is shown in Figure C.1.

27 The floor trenches located under the double doors on the west side of Rooms 520 and 528 are
28 approximately 20 centimeters wide, 46 centimeters deep and 1.91 meters long. The floor trench located
29 under the single south door of Room 520 is approximately 20 centimeters wide, 46 centimeters deep, and
30 1.5 meters long. The floor trench located under the single southwest door of Room 528 is 20 centimeters
31 wide, 61 centimeters deep, and 1.5 meters long. The trenches extend completely across the entrance of
32 each room so that liquids do not flow out through a doorway. The trenches are constructed of 14-gauge
33 stainless steel and are equipped with a steel grate cover. All seams are welded to ensure integrity.
34 Trenches under the double doors are equipped with two drains in the bottom, and trenches located under
35 single doors are equipped with one drain to allow liquid to drain from the trench through 15-centimeter-
36 diameter carbon steel piping to the firewater containment tank.

37 The firewater containment tank is located beneath Room 520 in the basement of the 325 Building. The
38 rectangular tank has dimensions of 1.65 meters by 2.25 meters by 1.92 meters and a capacity of
39 22,710 liters. The sides and floor of the tank are constructed of epoxy-coated carbon steel plate. The
40 steel sides and floor provide support for the chemical-resistant polypropylene liner. The tank is secured
41 to the concrete floor of the 325 Building basement with 1.3-centimeter bolts at 1.82-meter intervals.

42 The possibility of mixing incompatible waste in the containment system will be minimized since the
43 number of containers open at one time is limited to those in process (waste not in process will be stored in
44 closed containers). As noted above, independent secondary containment will be provided for bulk liquid
45 wastes which are incompatible with any other bulk liquid wastes in storage. In addition, the very large
46 volume of any firewater flow would dilute waste and would minimize the possibility of adverse reactions.

1 **C.1.4.2 Secondary Containment System Design and Operation for the Shielded**
2 **Analytical Laboratory**

3 The secondary containment in the SAL is divided into three systems: the six hot cells, the front face
4 (Room 201), and the back face area (Rooms 200, 202, and 203). Figure C.2 provides a first floor plan
5 view depicting these three areas.

6 The secondary containment for the six hot cells consists of the stainless steel base of the cell. All waste
7 requiring it will be stored in secondary containment consisting of larger containers (e.g. "paint cans" as
8 noted in Section C.1.2.2) and/or pans/trays.

9 The secondary containment system for the back face of the SAL consists of shielded 208-liter containers
10 and plastic containers. Waste will be packaged in containers (e.g., paint cans, bottles, and bags) before
11 removal from the hot cells. Containers of liquid waste will be placed into plastic containers that provide
12 secondary containment and prevent spilled liquids from contacting other waste containers. Once removed
13 from the hot cells, the containers will be placed into specially designed, shielded 208-liter containers to
14 provide secondary containment. Some containers will be placed in shielded cubicles in Room 202 or in
15 the glove boxes in Room 203 depending on container dose rates. The location of the cubicles and glove
16 boxes is shown in Figure C.2. If any bulk liquid waste is stored in the back face area, it will be provided
17 with compliant secondary containment per [WAC 173-303-630\(7\)\(a\)](#).

18 The secondary containment system for the front face of the SAL, which is minimally used to store mixed
19 waste (near the north end away from the manipulator area), is similar to the system for the back face.
20 Containers holding liquid and solid mixed waste will be placed into containers to provide secondary
21 containment.

22 **C.1.5 Structural Integrity of Base**

23 A description of the requirements for base or liner to contain liquid is provided in the following sections
24 for the HWTU and the SAL. The Permittees will place documentation in the Hanford Facility Operating
25 Record, 325 HWTUs File identifying the specific chemical resistant floor and wall coatings used for
26 secondary containment in the 325 HWTUs.

27 **C.1.5.1 Requirements for Base or Liner to Contain Liquids in the Hazardous Waste**
28 **Treatment Unit**

29 The floors in Rooms 520 and 528 have been equipped with a chemical-resistant polypropylene coating.
30 All seams in the coating were finished by heat welding to ensure the integrity of the coating. The coating
31 currently is free of cracks, gaps, and will be maintained that way throughout the life of the HWTU. The
32 condition of the floor will be inspected weekly as part of the inspection program (Addendum I). Floor
33 coating assessment will be carried out whenever the floor coating is observed to be chipped, bubbled up,
34 scraped, or otherwise damaged in a manner that would impact the ability of the coating to contain spilled
35 materials. Minor nicks and small chips resulting from normal operations will be repaired periodically.

36 The floor coating holds spilled liquid until the liquid is cleaned up, or enters the drains in each room.
37 Once the liquid has entered the drains, it flows into the firewater containment tank in the basement, where
38 the liquid will be stored pending chemical analysis and treatment and/or disposal.

39 The base of the HWTU floors consists of 14.2 centimeter, reinforced, poured concrete slabs with no
40 cracks or gaps. The concrete will be mixed in accordance with ASTM 094, Section 5.3, Alternate 2, and
41 will be finished with a smooth troweled surface. The concrete base has a load capacity of 976 kilograms
42 per square meter.

43 The floor trenches that prevent liquids from migrating from rooms 520 and 528 are constructed of
44 14-gauge stainless steel. All seams are welded and the connections with the drains are tight. The
45 stainless steel is compatible with and resistant to the liquid mixed waste managed in the HWTU.

1 **C.1.5.2 Requirements for Base or Liner to Contain Liquids in the Shielded Analytical**
2 **Laboratory**

3 The base currently is free of cracks, gaps, and will be maintained that way throughout the life of the SAL.
4 The base of the floor for the six hot cells consists of a 0.48-centimeter layer of stainless steel formed on
5 top of poured concrete. The stainless steel base will be compatible with most of the waste generated in
6 the hot cells. The exceptions are waste containing hydrofluoric acid and high concentrations of
7 hydrochloric acids. This waste will be stored in individual secondary containment to prevent contact of
8 the waste with the stainless steel in the event that a primary waste container was to fail. Because the
9 volumes of waste generated and stored are small and the hot cell floors are not sloped, waste spilled
10 during waste handling activities probably would remain localized and will be cleaned up expeditiously to
11 ensure that no damage occurs to the stainless steel. In order to avoid spillage reaching the stainless steel
12 tank serving the hot cells, separate secondary containment will be provided for waste stored in the six
13 cells as required by [WAC 173-303-630\(7\)](#). Liner and base requirements for the SAL tank are discussed
14 in §C.2.

15 The bases of the back face and front face of the SAL consist of a 15.2 -centimeter, reinforced, poured
16 concrete slabs with no cracks or gaps. The concrete base has a load capacity of 976 kilograms per square
17 meter. The base in Room 201 is topped with a seamless chemical resistant polypropylene coating.
18 Rooms 202 and 203 are topped with epoxy-based paint. The Room 200 concrete floor is painted with an
19 epoxy-based paint, and has epoxy sealant applied to a trap door in the floor that enables transfer of
20 equipment between Rooms 200 and 32. The airflow between these rooms is from Room 200 to Room 32
21 due to positive air pressure in Room 200.

22 **C.1.6 Containment System Drainage**

23 A description of the containment system drainage for the HWTU and SAL is provided in this section.

24 **C.1.6.1 Containment System Drainage for the Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit**

25 The floors in Rooms 520 and 528 are not sloped. Small spills of liquid probably will collect in the
26 cabinet and remain in a localized area until the spills are cleaned up. Containers of dangerous waste will
27 be stored in drums, on shelves within open-faced hoods, or within flammable or corrosive storage-
28 cabinets to prevent the containers from contacting spilled materials. Large spills of liquid material would
29 spread laterally across the flat surface of the floor. The flow of the spilled liquid would be stopped by an
30 outside wall(s) of the room or by one of the trenches protecting the entrances to the room. The lower
31 10 centimeters of the outside walls of the rooms are covered with the same chemical-resistant coating as
32 that on the floor to prevent spills from migrating through the walls.

33 The floor in Room 524 is not sloped. All liquid waste in this room will be stored in secondary
34 containment. The secondary containment for liquids will consist of steel storage cabinets with secondary
35 containment, DOT approved containers or one of the stainless steel 'container pans'. Any container
36 holding waste not subject to containment system requirements will be stored on the floor.

37 The floor drains across each exit in Rooms 520 and 528 drain spills to an emergency firewater
38 containment tank (22,710-liter capacity) located in the basement of the 325 Building. The tank captures
39 all drained liquid, where the liquid will be stored until sampling and analysis indicates a proper treatment
40 and/or disposal method.

41 **C.1.6.2 Containment System Drainage for the Shielded Analytical Laboratory**

42 The stainless steel base of the hot cell is not sloped. Because of the small volume of waste that is
43 handled, small spills probably would remain in a localized area until the spills are cleaned up. As a result,
44 all containers of liquid mixed waste will be stored within secondary containment to prevent contact with
45 accumulated liquids.

46 The bases of the front and back faces are not sloped. Containers in these areas will be stored within
47 secondary containment and off the base surface to prevent spilled liquids from contacting the containers.

1 **C.1.7 Containment System Capacity**

2 A description of the containment system capacity for the HWTU and SAL is provided in the following
3 sections.

4 **C.1.7.1 Containment System Capacity for the Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit**

5 The maximum combined total volume of all containers of dangerous waste stored in the HWTU is 12,000
6 liters. The largest mixed waste storage container is a 322-liter container. The firewater containment tank
7 provides secondary containment for larger containers stored in Rooms 520 and 528. The capacity of the
8 firewater containment tank is 22,710 liters; therefore, the containment system is more than adequate to
9 contain either 10 percent of the total volume of waste (2,840 liters) or the entire volume of the largest
10 container (322 liters).

11 **C.1.7.2 Containment System Capacity for the Shielded Analytical Laboratory**

12 The total amount of liquid to be stored in the hot cells is governed by the area constraint of the cells.
13 Typically, the largest amount of liquid waste to be stored in the hot cells at one time is 75.8 liters. In-cell
14 secondary containment as described in Section C.1.4.2 is provided for all stored wastes requiring it per
15 [WAC 173-303-630\(7\)](#).

16 Liquid waste stored in Room 201 will be stored in the fume hood. The waste will be stored in glass or
17 plastic bottles that are placed in individual plastic containers of a size that is sufficient to hold all of the
18 contents of the inner vessel. The quantity of liquid waste stored in the hood is governed by the area
19 constraint in the hood. Similarly, liquid waste stored in Room 202 will be stored in glass or plastic bottles
20 that are each placed in individual secondary containment.

21 The floors of the front face and back face are constructed of concrete, and the rear face floor is coated
22 with an epoxy-based paint. The rear face floor in Rooms 202 and 203 is covered with epoxy paint.
23 Because of the small quantities of liquid stored in the front face and back face, any spill that is not
24 contained by the plastic overpack probably would remain on the floor in a localized area until cleaned.

25 **C.1.8 Control of Run-on**

26 Run-on control for the HWTU and SAL is described in the following sections.

27 **C.1.8.1 Control of Run-on for the Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit**

28 The 325 Building mitigates the possibility of run-on for the HWTU. The level of the main floor is
29 approximately 1.52 meters above the level of the ground surface around the building.

30 **C.1.8.2 Control of Run-on for the Shielded Analytical Lab**

31 The 325 Building mitigates the possibility of run-on for the SAL. The level of the main floor is
32 approximately 1.52 meters above the level of the ground surface around the building.

33 **C.1.9 Removal of Liquids from Containment System**

34 The removal of liquids from the containment system for the HWTU and SAL is described in the
35 following sections.

36 **C.1.9.1 Removal of Liquids from the Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit Containment
37 System**

38 On discovery of liquid accumulation in the containment resulting from a spill or other release, the
39 Building Emergency Director (BED) must be contacted in accordance with the contingency plan
40 (Addendum J). The BED may determine that the contingency plan should be implemented. If the
41 incident is minor, and if the BED approves, removal of the liquid commences immediately following a
42 safety evaluation. Appropriate protective clothing and respiratory protection will be worn during removal
43 activities; an industrial hygienist could be contacted to determine appropriate personal protection
44 requirements and any other safety requirements that might be required, such as chemical testing or air

1 monitoring. In addition, ventilation of the spill area might be performed if it is determined to be safe and
2 if appropriate monitoring of the air discharge(s) is performed.

3 Liquid spills will be contained within the Room 520, 524 or 528 storage cabinets, floor, or within the
4 firewater containment tank. Localized spills of liquids to the floor of the HWTU rooms will be absorbed
5 with an appropriate absorbent (after the appropriate chemical reaction has occurred to neutralize reactivity
6 in the case of reactive waste or after neutralization has occurred in the case of corrosive materials). The
7 absorbent material will be recovered and placed in an appropriate container. The floor, cabinets, and any
8 other impacted containers will be cleaned by dry rags, soap and water, or a compatible solvent, if
9 necessary, to remove external contamination. Contaminated rags and other cleanup material will be
10 disposed of in an appropriate manner. If spilled materials in the HWTU reach the firewater containment
11 tank, the material will be held in place until chemical analysis indicates an appropriate treatment and/or
12 disposal method. The waste analysis procedures and analytical methods used to designate the spilled
13 materials are documented in Addendum B, Waste Analysis Plan. The tank is designed to allow easy
14 access for material sampling. Depending on the results of the analysis, the collected spill material will be
15 recovered and disposed of at an appropriate facility.

16 **C.1.9.2 Removal of Liquids from the Shielded Analytical Laboratory Containment** 17 **System**

18 On discovery of liquid accumulation in the hot cells or in the back or front face containment resulting
19 from a spill or other release, the BED must be contacted in accordance with the contingency plan
20 (Addendum J). The BED could determine that the contingency plan should be implemented. If the
21 incident is minor, and if the BED approves, removal of the liquid commences immediately following a
22 safety evaluation. For in-cell spills, hot cell technicians will clean up the spill using sorbents or wipers
23 (possibly including neutralization of a spilled acid or base) and the waste will be submitted for disposal in
24 accordance with Addendum B. For liquids discovered in the back or front face areas, appropriate
25 protective clothing and respiratory protection will be worn during removal activities; an industrial
26 hygienist could be contacted to determine appropriate personal protection requirements and any other
27 safety requirements that might be required, such as chemical testing or air monitoring. In addition,
28 ventilation of the spill area could be performed if it is determined to be safe and if appropriate monitoring
29 of the air discharge(s) is performed.

30 Localized spills of liquids to the floor of the SAL will be absorbed with an appropriate absorbent (after
31 the appropriate chemical reaction to neutralize reactivity has occurred in the case of reactive waste or
32 after neutralization has occurred in the case of corrosive materials). The absorbent material will be
33 recovered and placed in an appropriate container. The floor, cabinets, and any other impacted containers
34 can be cleaned by dry rags, soap and water, or a compatible solvent, if necessary, to remove external con-
35 tamination. Contaminated rags and other cleanup material will be disposed of in accordance with
36 applicable regulations and PNNL internal waste management procedures.

37 **C.1.10 Management of Ignitable and Reactive Waste in Containers**

38 Management of ignitable and reactive-waste in containers within the HWTU and SAL is described in the
39 following sections.

40 **C.1.10.1 Management of Ignitable and Reactive Waste in Containers in the Hazardous** 41 **Waste Treatment Units**

42 Ignitable and reactive wastes will be stored in compliance with Article 79, Regulations for Flammable
43 and Combustible Liquids (ICBO 1997). Containers of ignitable and reactive waste will be stored in
44 individual flammable storage cabinets within the HWTUs.

1 **C.1.10.2 Management of Ignitable and Reactive Waste in Containers in the Shielded**
2 **Analytical Laboratory**

3 Ignitable and reactive wastes will be stored in compliance with Article 79, Regulations for Flammable
4 and Combustible Liquids (ICBO 1997). Containers of ignitable and reactive waste will be stored in
5 individual flammable storage cabinets within the SAL.

6 **C.1.11 Management of Incompatible Waste in Containers**

7 The prevention of reaction of ignitable, reactive, and incompatible waste in containers for the
8 325 HWTUs is discussed in the following sections.

9 **C.1.11.1 Management of Incompatible Waste in Containers at the Hazardous Waste**
10 **Treatment Unit**

11 Containers of ignitable and reactive waste will be stored in segregated flammable storage cabinets.
12 Addendum F, §F.3.2, describes the methods used to determine the compatibility of dangerous waste so
13 that incompatible waste is not stored together. Incompatible waste will never be placed in the same
14 container or in unwashed containers that previously held incompatible waste. Operations will be
15 conducted such that extreme heat or pressure, fire or explosions, or violent reactions do not occur.
16 Uncontrolled toxic mists, fumes, dust, or gases in sufficient quantities to threaten human health or the
17 environment will not be produced; uncontrolled flammable fumes or gases in sufficient quantities to pose
18 a risk of fire or explosion will not be produced; and damage to the container will not occur. Information
19 on the hazard classification of waste accepted by the HWTU will be documented by the generating unit,
20 which is carefully reviewed by HWTU personnel before waste acceptance. Mixing of incompatible waste
21 will be prevented through waste segregation and storage. As the containers received in the HWTU
22 usually are smaller than 19 liters, the most common segregation is performed by storage of incompatible
23 hazard classes in separate chemical storage cabinets. Guidance for the segregation is provided in
24 Addendum F, §F.3.2.

25 Minimum aisle space will be maintained according to the Uniform Fire Code to separate incompatible
26 waste, and the aisle space requirements of [WAC 173-303-630\(5\)](#) and (9), and [WAC 173-303-340\(3\)](#). The
27 possibility of adverse reaction is minimized (see Addendum F, §F.3.1 for methods used to prevent
28 sources of ignition).

29 **C.1.11.2 Management of Incompatible Waste in Containers at the Shielded Analytical**
30 **Laboratory**

31 Incompatible waste in the SAL hot cells will be managed by placing primary containers into a second
32 container or tray capable of managing any leak or spilled material. Incompatible waste will never be
33 placed in the same container, second container or tray, or in an unwashed container that previously held
34 incompatible waste.

35 Treatment operations will be conducted to ensure that extreme heat or pressure, fire, or explosive or
36 violent reactions do not occur. Potential releases would be controlled by the ventilation system that
37 exhausts through two high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters set in series, and due to the limited
38 amount of waste in the SAL. These HEPA filters are part of the building exhaust system, which will be
39 maintained and inspected routinely in accordance with PNNL preventive maintenance standards.
40 Emissions from the 325 Building stack, and control devices for those emissions, are regulated by the
41 Washington State Department of Health pursuant to [Chapter 246-247 WAC](#), and the Washington State
42 Department of Ecology (Ecology) pursuant to [Chapters 173-400](#), [173-401](#), and [173-460 WAC](#),
43 respectively. Air-pressure barriers for containment control will be achieved by supplying air from areas
44 of least contamination (i.e., offices) to areas of higher contamination (i.e., cells). These systems ensure
45 proper emission flow through the HEPA filters.

46 Because waste normally is treated in the SAL hot cells, human exposure to the remote potential of mixing
47 incompatible waste or reactive waste is minimal. Waste generated and treated within the SAL hot cells

1 will be stored within separate secondary containers, which eliminates the potential for combining
2 incompatible waste. Waste stored in the front or back face of the SAL will be packaged by hazard classes
3 for transfer or will be segregated in separate secondary containment.

4 **C.2 Tank Systems**

5 The following sections describe the management of dangerous waste in the SAL tank system. The tank
6 system consists of the tank; associated piping, valves and pumps; and secondary containment. The tank
7 system is located in Room 32 of the SAL and is used to collect liquid waste generated from the analytical
8 laboratory operations. This SAL tank system is described in §C.2.1 and depicted in Figure C.2.

9 **C.2.1 Shielded Analytical Laboratory Tank System**

10 The SAL is an analytical chemistry laboratory used primarily to prepare and analyze samples for research
11 and development activities and waste characterization. Storage and treatment of dangerous waste in
12 containers also occurs in the SAL. This work is conducted in six inter-connected hot cells. Liquid waste
13 generated during these operations will be collected, treated if necessary, and may be containerized or
14 drained from the hot cells to the SAL tank located in Room 32 of the basement directly below the hot
15 cells. A stainless steel trough, 15.2 centimeters wide by 7.62 centimeters deep, traverses the front of all
16 six hot cells in which solution is poured. The trough is equipped with stainless steel grating to capture
17 solids during solution pour. The trough collects any liquid waste poured from analytical chemistry
18 operations, mixed waste treatment operations, other chemical and mixed waste stored in the hot cells, and
19 spills or leaks. The liquid waste is transferred through a common stainless steel pipeline that drains into
20 the SAL tank. The waste will be treated in the tank, as needed, and batch transferred from the SAL tank
21 to containers for disposal through a pressurized transfer line that leads back into Cell 6 of the SAL. The
22 SAL tank volume is 1,218 liters and has a throughput of 10,000 kilograms per year.

23 **C.2.1.1 Design, Installation, and Assessment of Tank Systems**

24 The following sections discuss the design and installation of the SAL tank and provide information on the
25 integrity assessment.

26 **C.2.1.1.1 Design Requirements**

27 Waste stored in the SAL tank has a pH between 7 and 12. The tank is constructed of 316L stainless steel.
28 This material is compatible with any of the dangerous waste that is discharged to the tank.

29 The tank system design has been reviewed by an independent, qualified, registered professional engineer
30 to verify that the strength of the material is adequate and that it can withstand the stress of daily operation.
31 The professional engineer evaluation is included in the tank integrity assessment.

32 The SAL tank is a vertical double-shell tank supported by 3 legs and stands approximately 1.7 meters
33 above the ground. The top head is a 0.95-centimeter-thick flat stainless steel plate. Both bottom heads
34 are flanged and dished heads (torispherical), and the bottom height is 10.2 centimeters above ground. The
35 inner shell is 107 centimeters outside diameter, the outer shell is 114 centimeters outside diameter, and
36 each shell is 0.8-centimeter-thick stainless steel plate. The tank is located inside a containment pan that
37 has a 203-centimeter diameter and is 51 centimeters high; the total volume of the pan is 1,648 liters. The
38 pan provides for secondary containment of leaks from the tank, piping, and ancillary equipment and
39 instruments located above the tank. Flanged and threaded connections are located within the containment
40 boundary of the pan to capture any leaks that might occur from these connections. Outside the
41 containment area, all connections are welded. There are no outlets, drainage or otherwise, on the bottom
42 or sides of the tank.

43 Solution enters the tank through a gravity flow, welded drain line piped from the hot cells. The SAL
44 sources that tie into this drainpipe includes: the hot cells, sink drain, hood drain via the sink drain, and
45 floor drain. The cup sink drain and hood drain line is sealed off and is not in use. The drain line also
46 functions as the tank vent that is exhausted by the hot cell exhaust system. A return line of stainless steel
47 is attached to the top of the tank and can be 'jetted' using water pressure to transfer the tank contents back

1 up to Cell 6 of the SAL. A mixer is located on top of the SAL tank to provide agitation of the contents
2 for sampling and washout purposes. Process water also is provided to the tank system for cleanout of the
3 tank and associated piping. The solution will be stored in the SAL tank, treated as needed and transferred
4 to containers for final disposal.

5 The SAL tank is located in a controlled access room and is monitored from two operating panels. The
6 smaller sample panel is located next to the SAL tank, and the second main control panel is located in
7 Room 201, the main operating gallery. The sample panel provides control for activities related to pulling
8 a sample, such as activating the sample pump and controlling process water, and monitoring the liquid
9 level of the tank. The main control panel provides the operators with the ability to monitor and control
10 the entire SAL tank system. The main control panel provides level indication, high, and high-high level
11 annunciation and contains switches for controlling pumps, agitators, valves, etc. The SAL tank is
12 instrumented with three types of level-monitoring devices. Two devices are wired into the annunciator at
13 the main control panel to provide high-level alarms, and one high-level alarm annunciates at the
14 annunciator board in the control room on the third floor. This control room will be staffed 24 hours a day,
15 7 days a week. If a high-alarm situation occurs after normal working hours, operations personnel would
16 be notified immediately by the alarm and would take corrective action according to procedure. The SAL
17 tank system normally is operated on the day shift. Personnel occupy the main operating gallery in Room
18 201, where the personnel would be alerted to off-normal conditions on the main control panel. A high-
19 level alarm also would deenergize the process water solenoid valves to the closed position on three water
20 lines into the hot cells and on the process water lines to the SAL tank. The containment pan contains a
21 conductivity element that alarms at the main control panel should solution be detected in the pan.
22 Operating procedures require that inspections of the entire system be made daily when in use
23 (Addendum I).

24 **C.2.1.1.2 Integrity Assessments**

25 An independent, qualified, registered professional engineer's tank integrity certification has been
26 completed and must be maintained on file in the Hanford Facility Operating Record, 325 HWTUs File.
27 The Permittees will conduct periodic integrity assessments according to the schedules included in the
28 integrity assessment report.

29 **C.2.1.2 Secondary Containment and Release Detection for Tank Systems**

30 This section describes the secondary containment systems and leak detection systems installed in the
31 SAL.

32 **C.2.1.2.1 Requirements for Tank Systems**

33 The secondary containment system for the SAL Tank in Room 32 consists of two components. The SAL
34 tank is a double-walled vessel and the outer tank provides secondary containment for the inner tank.
35 However, since the inner tank cannot be easily inspected, the outer tank is considered the "primary
36 containment" and a pan installed under the tank is considered to provide secondary containment for the
37 tank system.

38 The existing drainpipe from the hot cells to the SAL tank is a single-walled, 5.1-centimeter welded
39 stainless steel pipe. This piping will be visually inspected for leaks on a daily basis when the tank system
40 is in use, by means of a remote video system. Flanges in this piping and ancillary equipment are located
41 so that secondary containment is provided by the SAL tank secondary containment pan. The
42 325 Building provides additional containment. The basement floors are concrete, and any liquid release
43 remains in the immediate area until cleanup. The openings to the drains in the basement are elevated
44 10.2 centimeters above the floor; thus, any spill would remain in the basement until enough liquid collects
45 to fill the entire basement to a 10.2-centimeter depth. The SAL tank can hold a maximum of 1,218 liters,
46 and the entire contents of the SAL tank would fill an area of only 3.5 meters by 3.5 meters to a depth of
47 10.2 centimeters. Because the basement is larger than 3.5 meters square, the liquid from the SAL tank
48 would not enter a drain opening. Details of the design, construction, and operation of the secondary
49 containment system are described in the following sections.

1 **C.2.1.2.2 Requirements for Secondary Containment and Leak Detection**

2 The secondary containment has been designed to prevent any migration of waste or accumulated liquid
3 from the tank system to the soil, groundwater, or surface water. The secondary containment system also
4 can detect and collect releases of accumulated liquids. A zoom color television camera surveillance
5 system allows for tank, ancillary equipment, and general Room 32 viewing. The camera, located in
6 Room 32, is equipped with auxiliary lighting and mounted on a remote controlled pan and tilt head. The
7 color monitor and camera controls are housed in a dedicated cabinet in Room 527A. The HWTU will
8 have the option of either keeping the camera/monitor controls in Room 527A or moving it to another
9 location for operational flexibility. By maintaining operational flexibility of where the camera controls
10 are located, the HWTU can meet ALARA (As Low As Reasonably Achievable) requirements and
11 minimize the expense of added HWTU training requirements.

12 The following is the system description.

13 Materials of Construction

14 The tank and components are constructed of 316L stainless steel; this material is compatible with the
15 aqueous waste being discharged to the tank. The waste has a pH between 7 and 12.

16 Strength of Materials

17 The system design has been reviewed by an independent, qualified, registered professional engineer to
18 verify that the strength of materials is adequate and that the tank can withstand the stress of daily
19 operation. In addition, pressure relief valves are installed in each line exiting the SAL tank. In the event
20 that there is a blockage in the pipe or tubing, pressure will not build up in the lines. The pressure relief
21 valves are set to 30 psi, which is well below the design strength of stainless steel pipe and tubing. Waste
22 drains back into the SAL tank when a pressure relief valve opens.

23 Strength of Foundation.

24 The system design has been reviewed by an independent, qualified, registered professional engineer to
25 verify that the strength of the tank mounting and foundation is adequate to withstand the design-basis
26 earthquake (DBE). This ensures that the foundation is capable of providing support to the tank and will
27 resist settlement, compression, or uplift.

28 Leak Detection System Description

29 The SAL tank is double walled, and a conductivity probe is installed in the annulus to detect any leak of
30 liquid from the primary containment. If liquid is detected by the probe, alarms are sounded immediately
31 in a local control panel located in Room 32 and in the main control room.

32 A pan installed beneath the SAL tank provides secondary containment. The containment pan has a
33 conductivity element that alarms at the main control panel if the presence of liquid in the pan is detected.
34 The containment pan has a 203-centimeter diameter and a 51-centimeter height with a containment
35 capacity of 1,648 liters. The containment pan will easily hold the total capacity of the 1,218-liter SAL
36 tank plus any potential process water that might be released.

37 Removal of Liquids from Secondary Containment

38 The tank containment, the outer shell of the double-walled vessel, is designed to contain a liquid leak
39 from the inner vessel until provisions can be made to remove the liquid. The liquid might not be removed
40 within 24 hours because of the coordination that must take place in the 325 Building. A tube is installed
41 in the tank annulus, extending to the bottom and is capped at the top. If liquid were detected in the
42 annulus, the liquid could be removed by connecting a tube between the capped fitting and the transfer
43 pump, which would pump out the liquid to appropriate containers.

44 A delay of greater than 24 hours in removing the liquid from the secondary containment poses no threat to
45 human health or the environment, because the waste continues to be contained in a sealed vessel. In the

1 event that the outer tank should also leak, the containment pan installed beneath the tank provides
2 secondary containment.

3 **C.2.1.2.3 Secondary Containment and Leak Detection Requirements for Ancillary** 4 **Equipment**

5 Secondary containment for the SAL tank system ancillary equipment will be provided by the containment
6 pan below the SAL tank, by double-walled piping for the sample line between the tank and the sample
7 station, and by daily visual inspection during use of the entire system including the existing single-walled
8 piping. Flanged and threaded connections, joints, and other connections are located within the confines of
9 the containment pan. Outside this pan, only double-walled piping and welded piping will be allowed.
10 The pumps are magnetic coupling pumps located above the pan. All construction material is stainless
11 steel; for the welded parts, the material is 316L stainless steel. Stainless steel material is compatible with
12 the expected corrosive, dangerous, and mixed waste stored in the SAL tank. The strength and thickness
13 of the piping, equipment supports, and containment pan are designed to onsite standards that take into
14 account seismic requirements for the region and corrosion protection. The entire system is located on an
15 existing basement floor built in the 1960s. The 325 Building has proven over time to be of a sound
16 structural integrity to withstand mild earthquake forces. The containment pan has a liquid element sensor
17 that alarms immediately at the main control panel should any leakage be detected. The containment pan
18 has a 203-centimeter diameter and a 51-centimeter height, or 1,648 liters of capacity. The containment
19 pan will hold the total capacity of the 1,218-liter SAL tank plus any potential process water that also
20 might be released. In the event of an alarm, the process water solenoid valves will become de-energized
21 to the closed position to minimize the loss of additional water.

22 The 325 Building is staffed or monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The control system is designed
23 to alarm on any leak/spill or high-level alarm encountered. The personnel responding to the alarm
24 condition will stop or secure the action causing the leak/spill, warn others of the spill, isolate the spill
25 area, and minimize individual contamination and exposure. The spilled or leaked waste will be removed
26 in an expeditious manner according to Addendum J requirements for cleaning up spills and leaks. Any
27 required release reports will be filed according to the requirements of [WAC 173-303-640\(7\)](#).

28 **C.2.1.2.4 Controls and Practices to Prevent Spills and Overflows**

29 The SAL tank system has been designed to provide safe and reliable operation that prevents the system
30 from rupturing, leaking, corroding, or otherwise failing. The tank will be provided with redundant-level
31 instrumentation to monitor tank levels. Both capacitance- and conductance-level probes will be used for
32 level monitoring and alarming. The tank will alarm on high level and interlock the process water to fail
33 close. The process water will be supplied to both the hot cells and the tank system. The containment pan
34 will be equipped with a liquid-sensing element to detect the presence of liquid and alarms at the main
35 control panel if liquid is detected. Normally, liquid is drained to the tank by operators pouring solution
36 into the troughs in the hot cells. This operation is carried out in a 'batch mode'. If this operation sets off a
37 high-level alarm, the operators stop pouring solution into the troughs. Even if this operation caused an
38 alarm condition, no spill is expected, because the tank has sufficient freeboard to hold additional waste
39 solution. The initial level alarm is set at 92 percent of full volume. This provides an allowance of 97
40 liters.

41 Trained personnel respond to spills by stopping or securing the action causing the spill, notifying others in
42 the area of the spill, and following the requirements of Addendum J. Measures will be in place to inspect
43 the system daily (see Addendum I).

44 **C.2.1.3 Tank Management Practices**

45 Wastes to be introduced to the SAL tank will first be profiled and approved in accordance with the Waste
46 Analysis Plan, Addendum B, before introduction. Introduction of liquid waste to the SAL tank will be
47 conducted by pouring the waste into the troughs. The troughs tie into the 5.08-centimeter drain header
48 located under the hot cells. This drain header is sloped down to the SAL tank located in Room 32 of the
49 basement. The existing drain header is the only method of introducing mixed waste solutions into this

1 tank. The drain line is fully welded and is constructed of 316L stainless steel material. Because this drain
2 line also serves as the SAL tank vent line, the SAL tank operates at the same pressure as that of the hot
3 cells. The heating, ventilation, and air conditioning operating pressure for the hot cells, and therefore the
4 SAL tank, is -1.27 centimeters water (vacuum). The SAL tank operates at slightly sub-atmospheric
5 pressure, and no pressure controls are necessary for this tank system.

6 The SAL tank will be fully monitored with tank-level instruments. A main control panel provides level
7 status and high-alarm annunciation. Two control panels are provided with the SAL tank monitoring
8 system. One control panel is located adjacent to the sampling station in Room 32 to control the sampling
9 pump when samples are pulled. A second control panel is located on the operating floor in Room 201,
10 the SAL main operating gallery. Tank status will be monitored from the first floor control panel.
11 Because waste solution is generated in a batch mode, waste solution drained to the tank is effectively
12 controlled through operating and administrative procedures in order to prevent high-level-alarm
13 conditions. A safety cutoff system for the tank will shut off all incoming water to the SAL in conjunction
14 with a high-level-alarm condition. A backup tank system was determined to be unnecessary for the
15 SAL operations because of the presence of tank monitoring devices and the use of administrative and
16 operational (batch-processing) controls.

17 The tank transfer controls provide similar safety features. The SAL tank volume may be transferred to
18 SAL Cell 6 for treatment and/or subsequent storage in containers using a transfer line. As with the drain
19 lines, the transfer line is constructed of single-wall stainless steel piping. All transfer line connections
20 outside the tank's secondary containment system are protected against over pressurization via a pressure-
21 relief valve on the tank set for 19 psig.

22 **C.2.1.4 Marking or Labeling**

23 Due to the ALARA concerns associated with the SAL tank, the tank itself is not labeled. The tank will be
24 located in a locked room to comply with ALARA standards. Access points to the room will be labeled to
25 meet the requirements of [WAC 173-303-395](#) and [WAC 173-303-640\(5\)\(d\)](#). The marking of the access
26 points will be legible from a distance of 15 meters and identifies the major risks associated with the
27 waste. The label adequately warns employees, emergency response personnel, and the public of the
28 major risks associated with the waste being stored within the tank. The tank will also have a written
29 placard identifying important hazard concerns.

30 **C.2.1.5 Ignitable, Reactive, and Incompatible Waste**

31 Many different types of samples and waste materials will be brought to the SAL hot cells for analytical or
32 research activities. These samples are accompanied by internal PNNL documentation that provides waste
33 characterization information from the sample-generating unit. Chemical characterization provided in
34 these forms is based on previous chemical analysis or process knowledge. The hazard potential includes
35 exposure to mixed waste, corrosive chemicals, and hazardous chemicals. All operations performed in the
36 SAL hot cells will be conducted by qualified operators following approved procedures. Typical hot cell
37 analytic processes generate liquid waste that is highly acidic and/or that have a high chloride level. A
38 small quantity of organic waste will be generated and segregated prior to treatment or disposal. If heavy
39 metals are present in the liquid waste before neutralization, the metals are precipitated as hydroxides
40 incident to the neutralization and are filtered from the solution. If the chloride content of the liquid is
41 above 0.01 Molar, the chlorides may be removed through silver nitrate precipitation. Therefore, waste
42 solutions are not expected to be ignitable, reactive, or incompatible when transferred to the SAL tank.

43 **C.3 Air Emissions Control**

44 There are no process vents in Operating Unit Group 5 (325 HWTU), so the requirements of
45 [WAC 173-303-690](#) do not apply. Similarly, there is no equipment managing or contacting dangerous or
46 mixed waste with volatile organics above 10 wt%, so the requirements of [WAC 173-303-691](#) do not
47 apply. The SAL will be used solely for the management of mixed waste and is therefore exempt from

1 [WAC 173-303-692](#). Containers stored in the HWTU will be evaluated for compliance with
2 [WAC 173-303-692](#) as follows.

3 Compliance with the Subpart CC standards will be maintained at the HWTU by utilizing DOT-
4 specification containers for storage, when the container has a design capacity greater than 0.1 m³
5 (26.4 gallons). Containers greater than 0.46 m³ (121 gallons) are not typically utilized at the HWTU, and
6 if they are, they will be used only for materials with low vapor pressures. Hence Level 1 container
7 standards are the only standards that must be met.

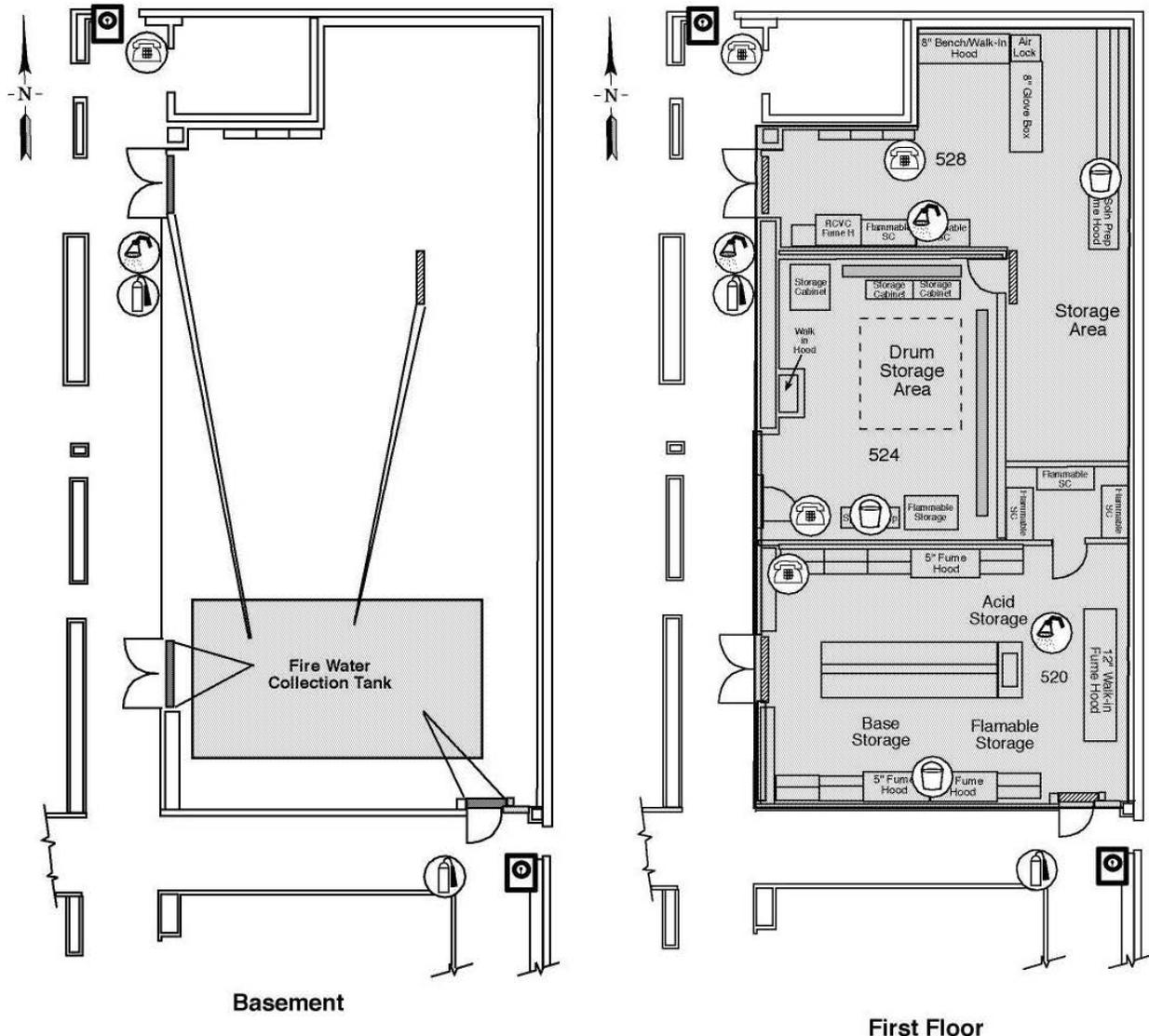
8 To meet the Level 1 standards, the following standards are observed:

- 9 • Opening hazardous waste containers only occurs when adding or removing waste, or for
10 necessary inspection or sampling, after which the container is promptly re-closed.
- 11 • Inspection of the closure of hazardous waste containers will be checked prior to loading for
12 shipment to the HWTU as part of the waste acceptance process (Addendum B, Section B.2.1).
- 13 • Any waste container greater than 0.1 m³ capacity stored longer than one year will be re-inspected
14 at least once every 12 months to check the container for deterioration or damage. Any
15 deterioration or damage will be documented and promptly repaired in accordance with [40 CFR](#)
16 [264.1086\(c\)\(4\)\(iii\)](#).

17 Determination that containers with capacity greater than 0.46 m³ (121 gallons) are not in "light material
18 service" is provided through the acceptance criteria in the 325 HWTUs waste analysis plan
19 (Addendum B, Section B.1.1.1.2).

20 **Table C.1. Typical Storage Containers Used at the 325 Hazardous Waste Treatment Units**

Material of Construction	Waste Capacity
Glass container/bottles	1 milliliter to 3.79 liters
Plastic containers/bottles	1 milliliter to 19 liters
Paint cans	0.47 liters to 4.73 liters
Steel containers	114 liters, 322 liters
Plastic-lined steel containers	114 liters, 208 liters
Steel 'shielded' 208-liter container	Various nominal capacity depending on necessary shielding; 3.79 liters; 53 liters
Overpack containers	322 liters



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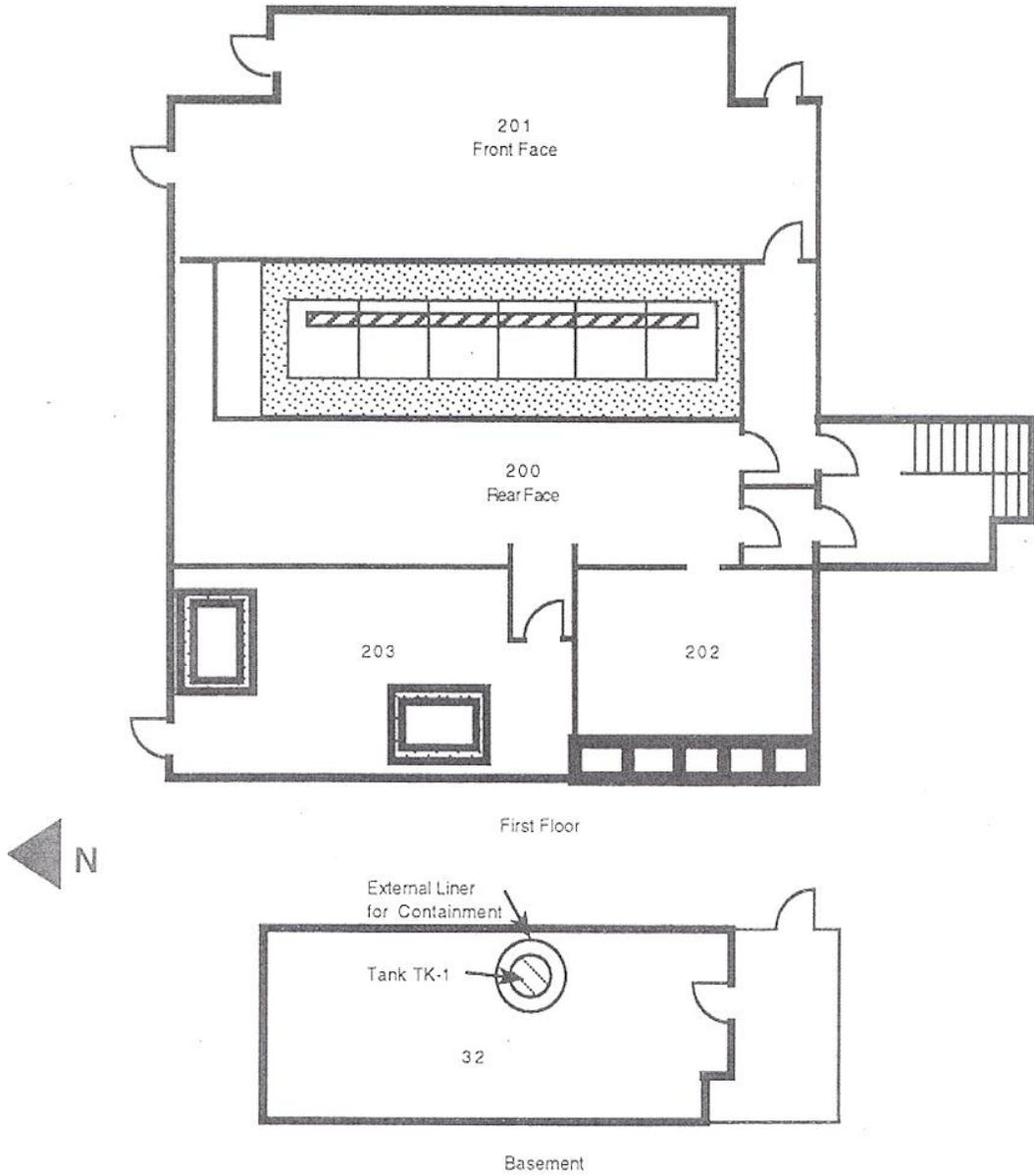
	Fire Alarm Pull Box		Fire Extinguisher
	Emergency Shower/Eyewash		Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit (Shaded Area)
	Phone		Collection Trough
	Spill Control Materials		

Floor Plan of 325 HWTU
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Figure C.1. Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit Secondary Containment System



 Collection Trough to Tank TK-1

Figure C.2. SAL Tank System

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