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**Subject: Section 12 Mine Drum Resin Remediation  
Section 12 Mine  
Ambrosia Lake, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Wildenstein,

This report documents the remediation and radiological survey activities that were conducted on the abandoned uranium-contaminated resin drums located in the hoist house at Section 12 Mine. This work was conducted in accordance with Final Reclamation Plan, Section 12 Mine. Included in this package is one bound copy for your files.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact the undersigned at your convenience at 505-280-1079.

Sincerely,  
**NV5, Inc.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Everett'.

Barbara Everett  
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Section 12 Mine (Mine) is located at 35° 27' 17"N, 107° 51' 01"W in T14N, R10W, SW 1/4 of Section 12, McKinley County, New Mexico (Figure 1). This underground uranium mine was developed by Cobb Resources, and it operated intermittently in 1959 and 1962, and then from approximately 1974 to early 1982. The mine is currently inactive and owned by Southwest Resources Inc. (SRI). The financial interests of SRI, including reclamation of the Section 12 Mine, are being managed by Empire Trust, Inc. (Empire Trust).

Sometime in the past, an unknown entity disposed of 15 drums of uranium-contaminated resin in the hoist house at the Mine. Over time, a few of the drums corroded and a few were opened, spilling resin on the floor of the hoist house. As part of the mine reclamation plan, the removal and proper disposal of these drums is the responsibility of SRI. Reclamation activities are being conducted according to the approved Final Reclamation Plan Section 12 Mine (AKA, 2020).

Empire Trust contracted NV5, Inc. (NV5) to oversee the removal and cleanup of uranium-contaminated resin stored in drums and spilled on the floor located in the east half of the hoist house of the Section 12 Mine. Cash Properties, LLC (Cash) was contracted to do the actual cleanup of the resin and any material contaminated by the resin within the east half of the hoist house. Lucas Engineering was contracted to identify a licensed disposal facility or recycler, negotiate the acceptance of the drums and oversee, and certify that the drums were shipped off-site to a recycler or appropriate, licensed disposal facility. Both Cash and Lucas Engineering were contracted by Empire Trust.

## 2.0 PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES

Preliminary activities included identifying appropriate disposal facilities and uranium recycling facilities. NV5 identified the need for a certified waste shipper for the project. Mike Nolan, Lucas Engineering, a certified radioactive waste shipper, was contracted to assist with the drum disposal. White Mesa Mill was contacted and it agreed to accept the drums for recycling and processing. Once negotiations between White Mesa Mill and Empire Trust concluded, the project proceeded. Hammond Trucking was contracted to transport the drums from the Mine to White Mesa Mill.

Both Lucas Engineering and NV5 Dade Moeller were required to apply for and receive reciprocal recognition of radioactive material licenses. Reciprocal recognition allows the licensee to work on sites within New Mexico that are not under exclusive federal jurisdiction. Once the reciprocity agreements were approved by New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), preparations were made to proceed with the project. NV5 held a teleconference "kick-off" meeting with Lucas Engineering and Cash to discuss logistics prior to mobilizing to the field.

## 3.0 SUMMARY OF FIELD EVENTS

Field events were conducted in two separate mobilizations. The first event was to identify the condition of the drums and conduct hazardous waste sampling and radiation screening. This information was needed to confirm the proper disposal options and comply with low-level radioactive waste transportation and disposal regulations.

The second mobilization focused on the transport of the drums for recycling at the White Mesa Mill and radiation screening to confirm that all radioactive resin had been removed from the east half of the hoist house.

### **September 19-20, 2022**

NV5 personnel Barbara Everett and Sharon Chavez met with Mike Nolan of Lucas Engineering and Kory Cash, Kendall Cash, and Brandon Martin of Cash. A site safety and project kick-off meeting was held. During the walk thru an abundant amount of rodent droppings were observed; therefore, the east half of the hoist house (area housing the drums) was sprayed down with Clorox solution as a precaution against hantavirus. Once the radiological screening instruments were calibrated, they were used to conduct preliminary screenings to assess the level of personal protection equipment needed and overall radiation levels of the resin and drums.

As the floor of the rooms included rodent waste, the floors were sprayed with a ten percent chlorine bleach solution and allowed to sit for a minimum of five minutes prior to collecting the rodent waste with a HEPA vacuum. PPE required for the work included Tyvek coveralls, booties, nitrile gloves, and KN-95 respirators.

The Cash crew used vacuums with HEPA filters to cleanup resin around the drums. Resin was collected and put into an open drum. The drums were surveyed for radiation levels to support characterization. Because the drums were closed-top and had been cut open, it was decided to overpack each drum. To do this, the lid of the overpack was inverted and placed on the floor. Each resin drum was placed on a lid, the drum body was inverted over the resin drum, and the lid was tightened down. The drum was flipped over, the drum ring tightened, and each drum was numbered, and the mass was recorded and marked on the drum. This process was repeated until all 15 drums were overpacked.

Drums were weighed and put in overpack drums. Lucas Engineering conducted radiological screening and sampling. Radiological surveys were conducted after the overpacking was complete.

Each drum was subsequently surveyed and the dose rate, in  $\mu\text{Rem}/\text{hour}$ , was recorded on a survey map and on each drum. Contamination surveys were taken on the bottom ring of each drum. No radiological contamination was measured in the rooms or on the drums. The radiological survey data collected during the activities of September 19 and 20, 2022 are documented in the Lucas Engineering Report. Once the drums were surveyed, they were moved to the front room of the hoist house for shipment.

Photo documentation of the activities are shown on Figures 2 through 23. Additional pictures of the drum overpacks and staging are contained in the NV5 Dade Moller report in Appendix A.

The radiological survey data collected during the activities of September 19 and 20, as well as analytical data collected from laboratory sampling, were used to complete drum characterization to support shipping on October 4, 2022. Shipping papers were completed, in advance of shipment. Details of the data collected and sampling results are contained in Lucas Engineering's report included in Appendix B.

**October 3-5, 2022**

Barbara Everett and Sharon Chavez of NV5, Brittney Massey of NV5-Dade Moeller, and Mike Nolan of Lucas Engineering met at the Mine to complete pre-shipping documentation and radiological surveys. A safety meeting and plan of the day meeting for the shipping of the drums was held. NV5-Dade Moeller personnel calibrated instruments and conducted an initial radiological survey.

The drums were marked RADIOACTIVE, and UN-2910 (Radioactive material, limited quantity of material), as required by Department of Transportation regulation 49 CFR 173.421 for shipment to White Mesa Mill, located in southeastern Utah. Contamination surveys of each drum was completed for verification of compliance with 49CFR 173.443. No contamination was measured. See Figure 23 for labeled drums ready for shipping.

On October 4, 2022 Brittney Massey, NV5-Dade Moeller; Mike Nolan, Lucas Engineering; and the Cash crew arrived at the Mine to complete the transfer of the drums to White Mesa Mill and conduct final radiological surveys. Due to adverse weather that occurred on October 3, Cash loaded the overpacked drums into a flatbed trailer moved them to the road for easy access for the transporter. Once Hammond Trucking, the waste transporter, arrived, the drums were loaded into a trailer. The drums were blocked and braced as required by DOT requirements. The driver was given instructions for compliant transport and given two copies of shipping documents and was released for shipment. See Figures 24, 29, 30, and 31 for loaded drums ready for transport. Hammond Trucking departed for White Mesa Mill. Later that afternoon, the driver notified Lucas Engineering and NV5 Dade Moller that the shipment had been received and accepted for processing by White Mesa Mill.

After the drums were shipped offsite, the Cash crew sprayed a ten-percent Clorox solution on the rodent droppings in the front and middle rooms of the Hoist House, prior to any vacuuming activity. Cash used a HEPA-filtered vacuum to collect any potential remaining resin and dirt from the floor. Figures 27, 28, 32 through 36 document the pre- and post-cleaning activity. NV5 completed the radiological surveys, and vacuum equipment and debris were disposed of down the shaft in accordance with the Final Reclamation Plan (AKA, 2020). NV5 noticed that Micro R meter was out of calibration and ordered a replacement.

On October 5, 2022, NV5 Dade Moeller returned to the Mine to perform an exposure rate survey with a valid Micro R meter and completed the survey and documentation. A detailed summary of the surveys, instrumentation used in the surveys and photo documentation is included in Appendix A.

**3.0 SUMMARY**

The 15 drums of uranium-contaminated resin were successfully transferred to White Mesa Uranium Mill for recycling and processing.

In the east half of the Mine hoist house, six surveys were conducted between October 3-5, 2022, using Large Area Wipes (LAWs) followed by tech smears of floors and debris. A pancake GM detector was used for surveys one (1) and two (2), the removable surface contamination was indistinguishable from background.

The Ludlum 43-93 was used for surveys three (3) to six (6), again removable surface contamination was indistinguishable from background. A microrem meter was used to collect dose rate measurements. All results for removable contamination were indistinguishable from background.

Debris and cleanup equipment from the hoist house were disposed of down the mine shaft upon completion of clean up activities.

## 4.0 REFERENCES

Alan Kuhn Associates (AKA), 2020. Final Reclamation Plan, Section 12 Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Rev. 0, Southwest Resources Inc., July, 2020.

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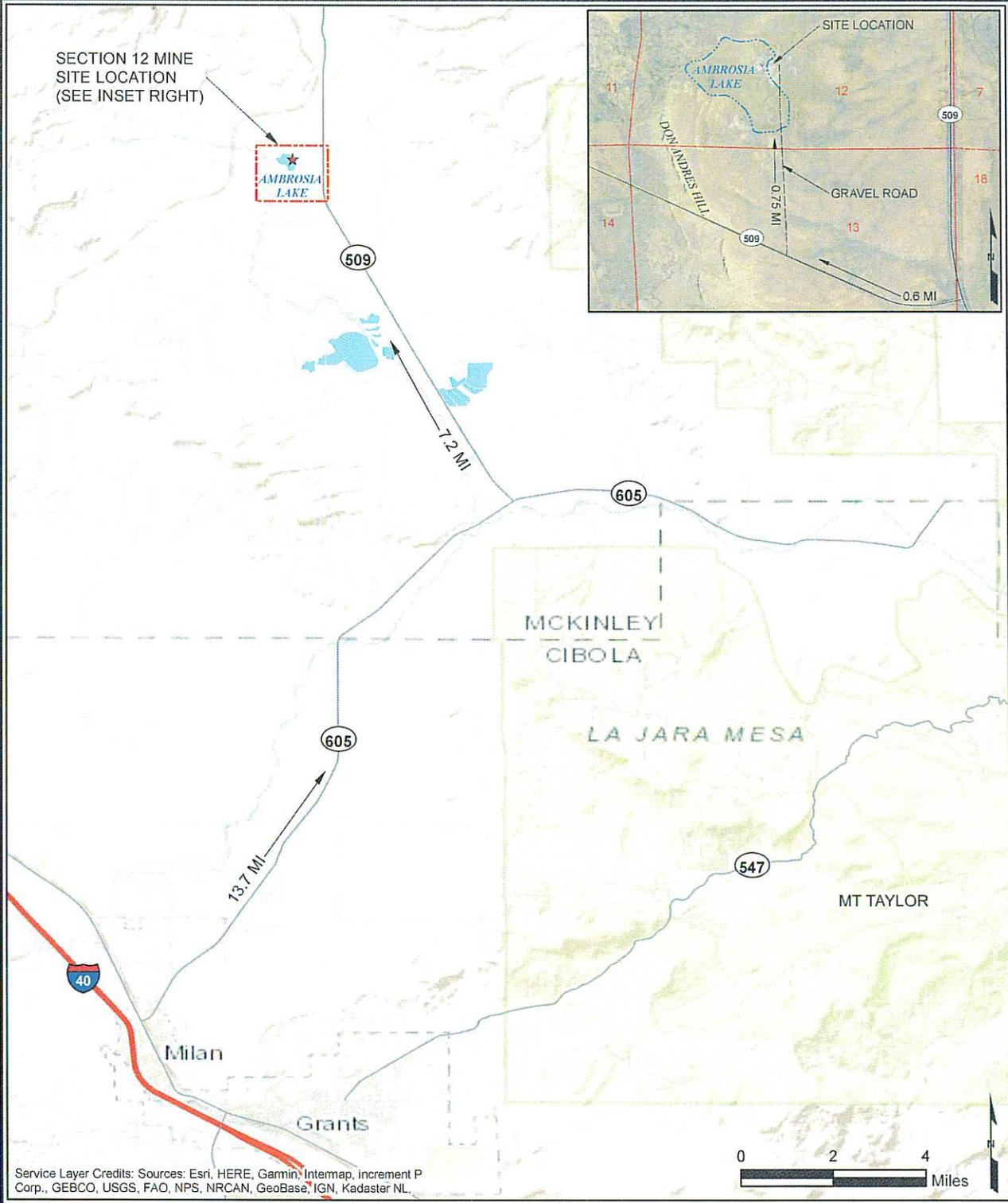
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**SITE LOCATION MAP**

SOUTHWEST RESOURCES, INC.  
SECTION 12 MINE  
AMBROSIA LAKE, NEW MEXICO

FIGURE  
**1**



Figure 2

16 drums being surveyed .jpg





16 drums being surveyed 2 .jpg



Hoist House front room.jpg

Figure 4



Hoist House.jpg



Vacuuming resin.jpg

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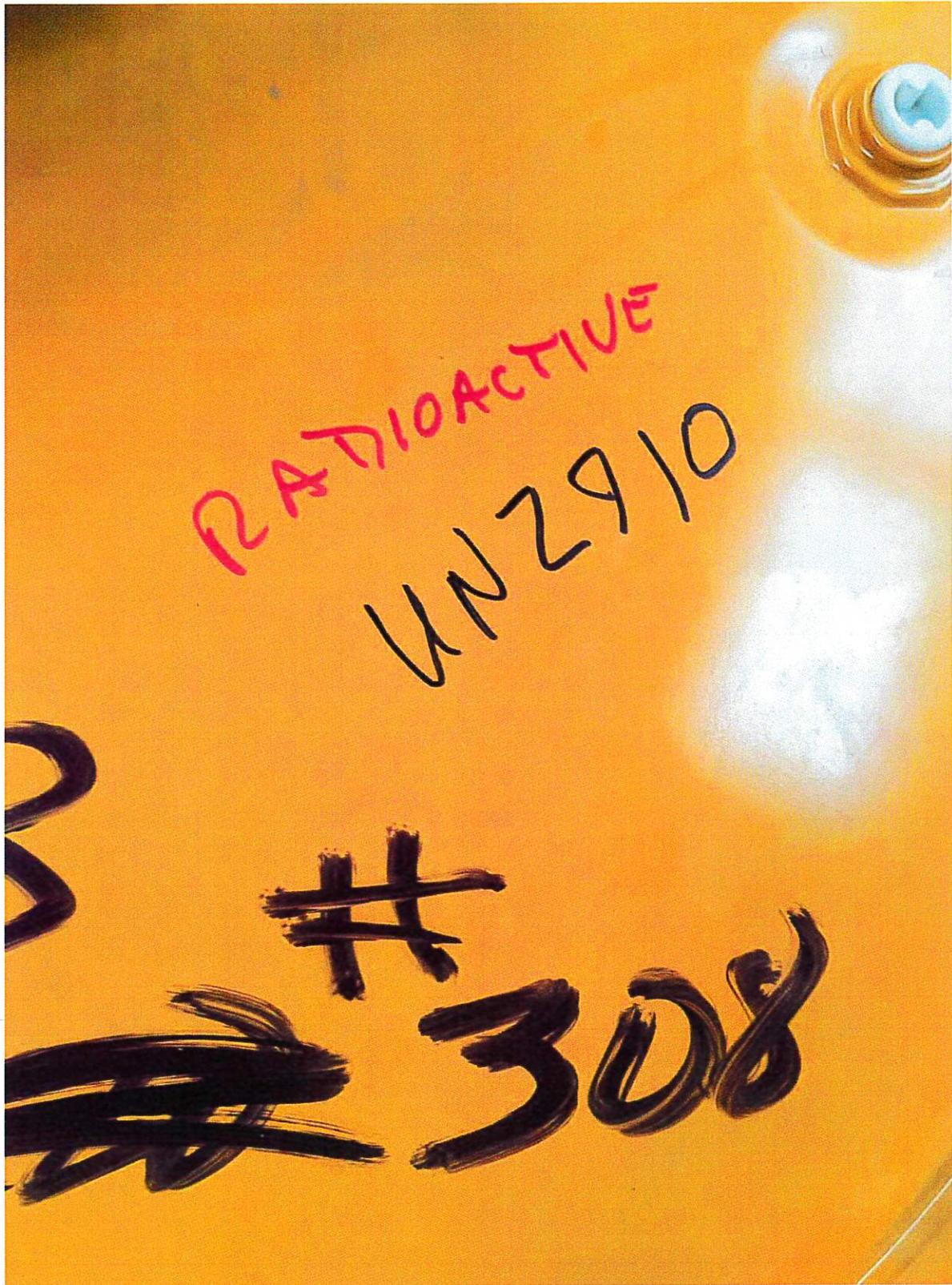


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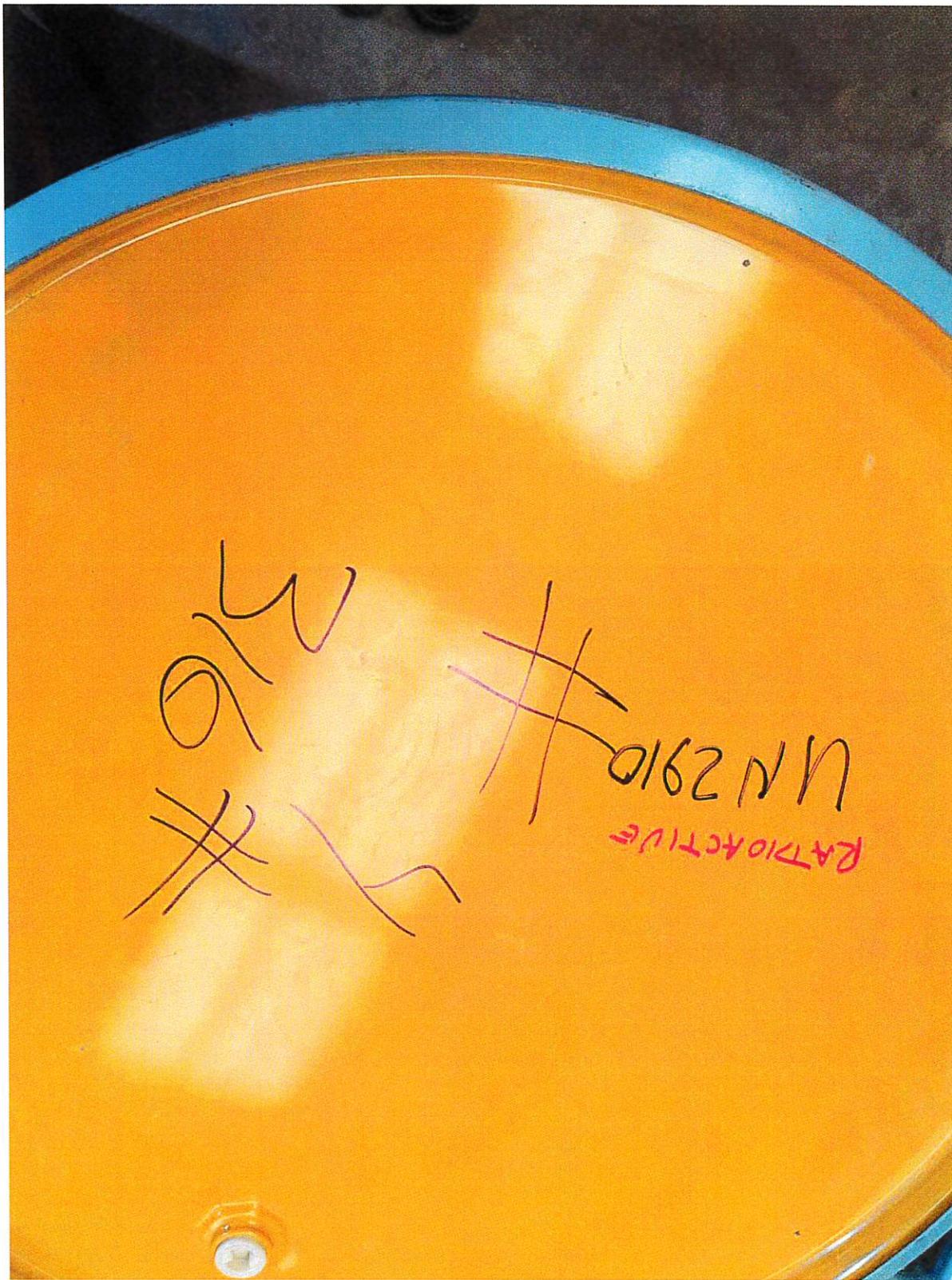


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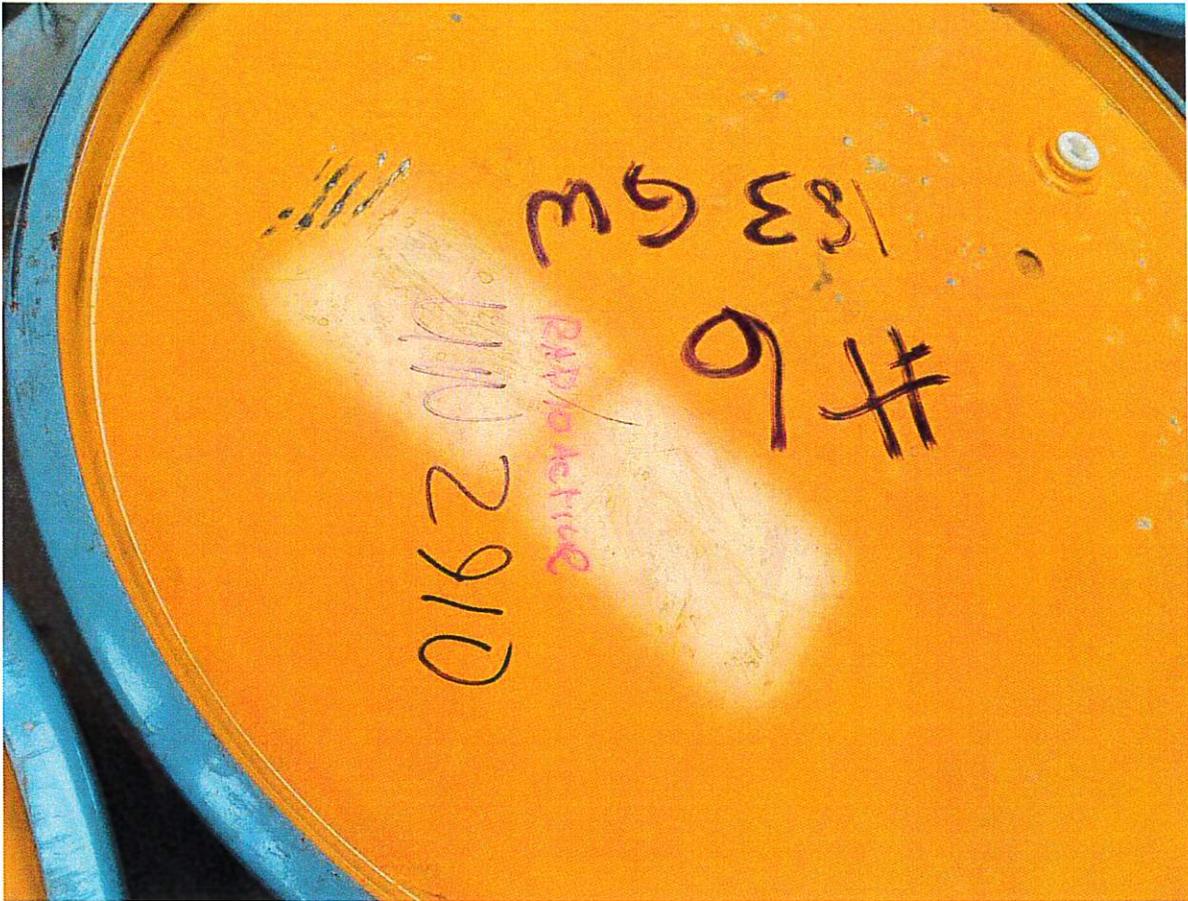


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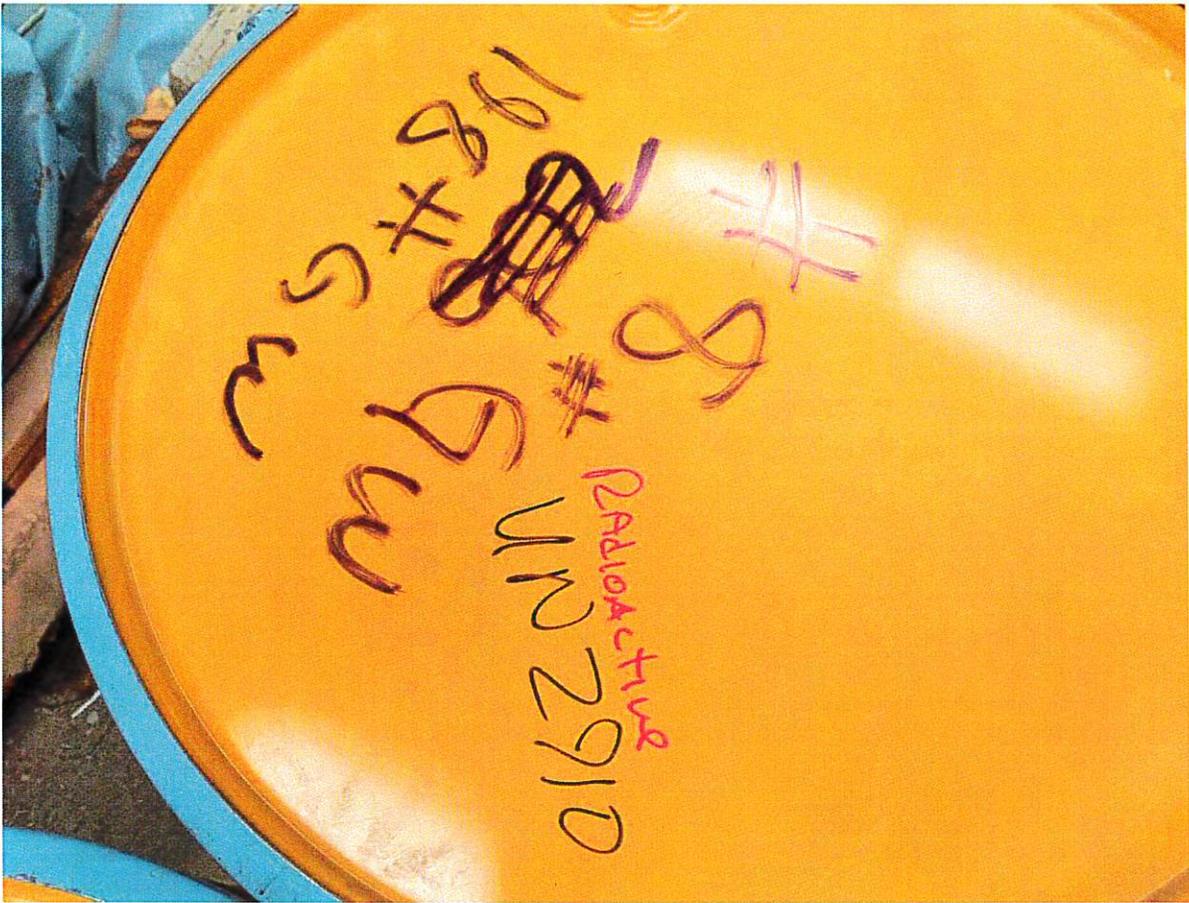
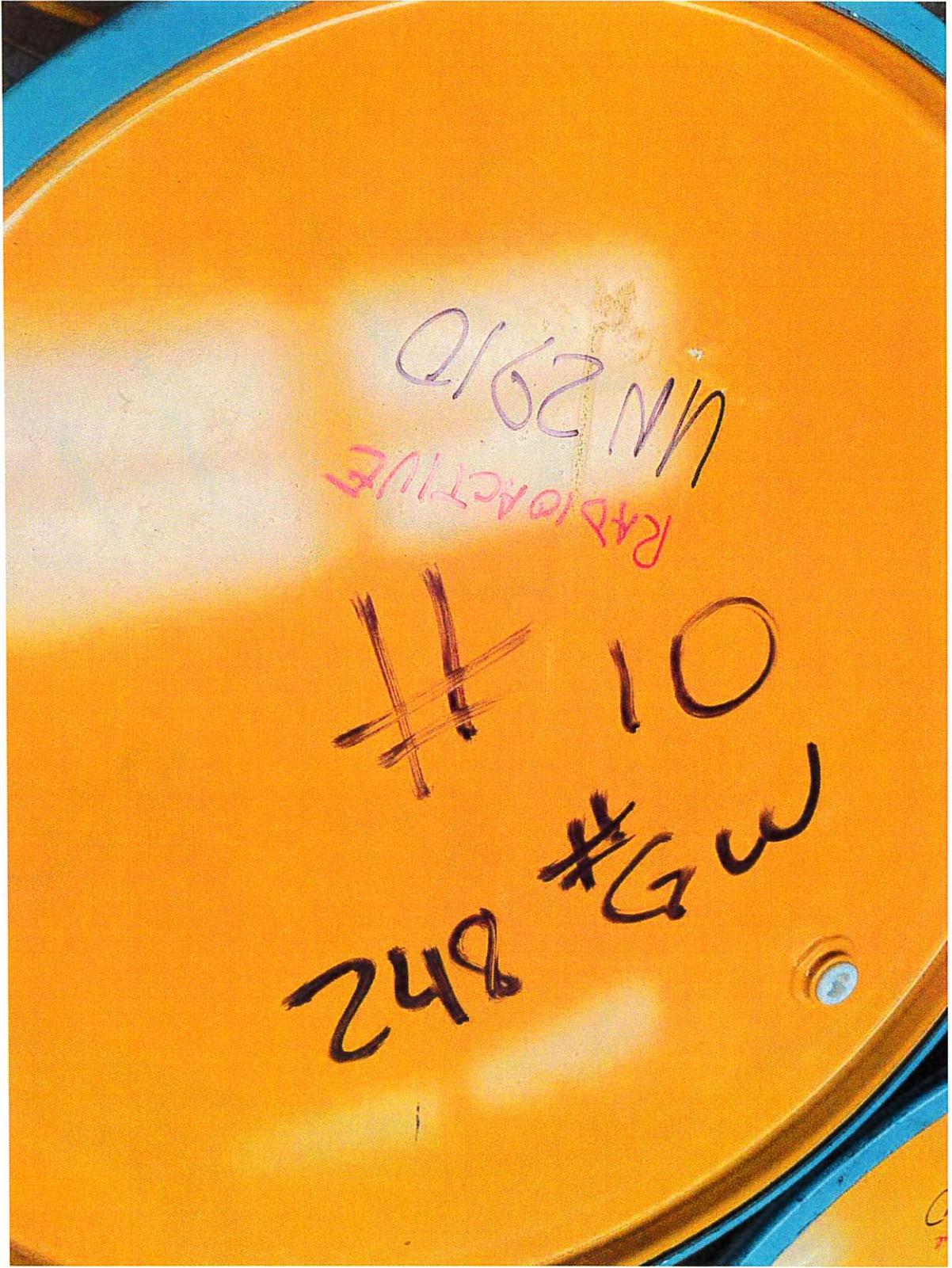


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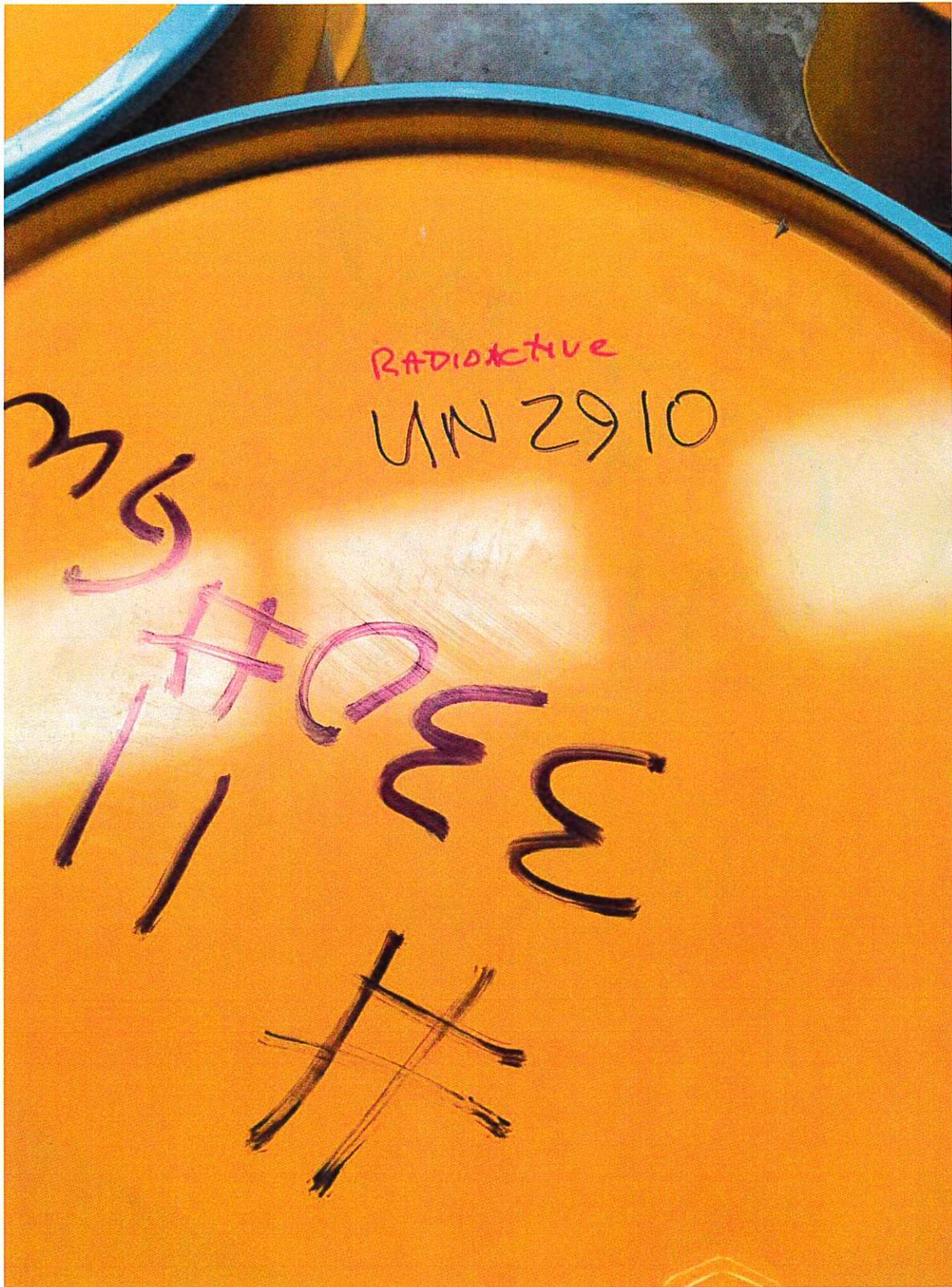


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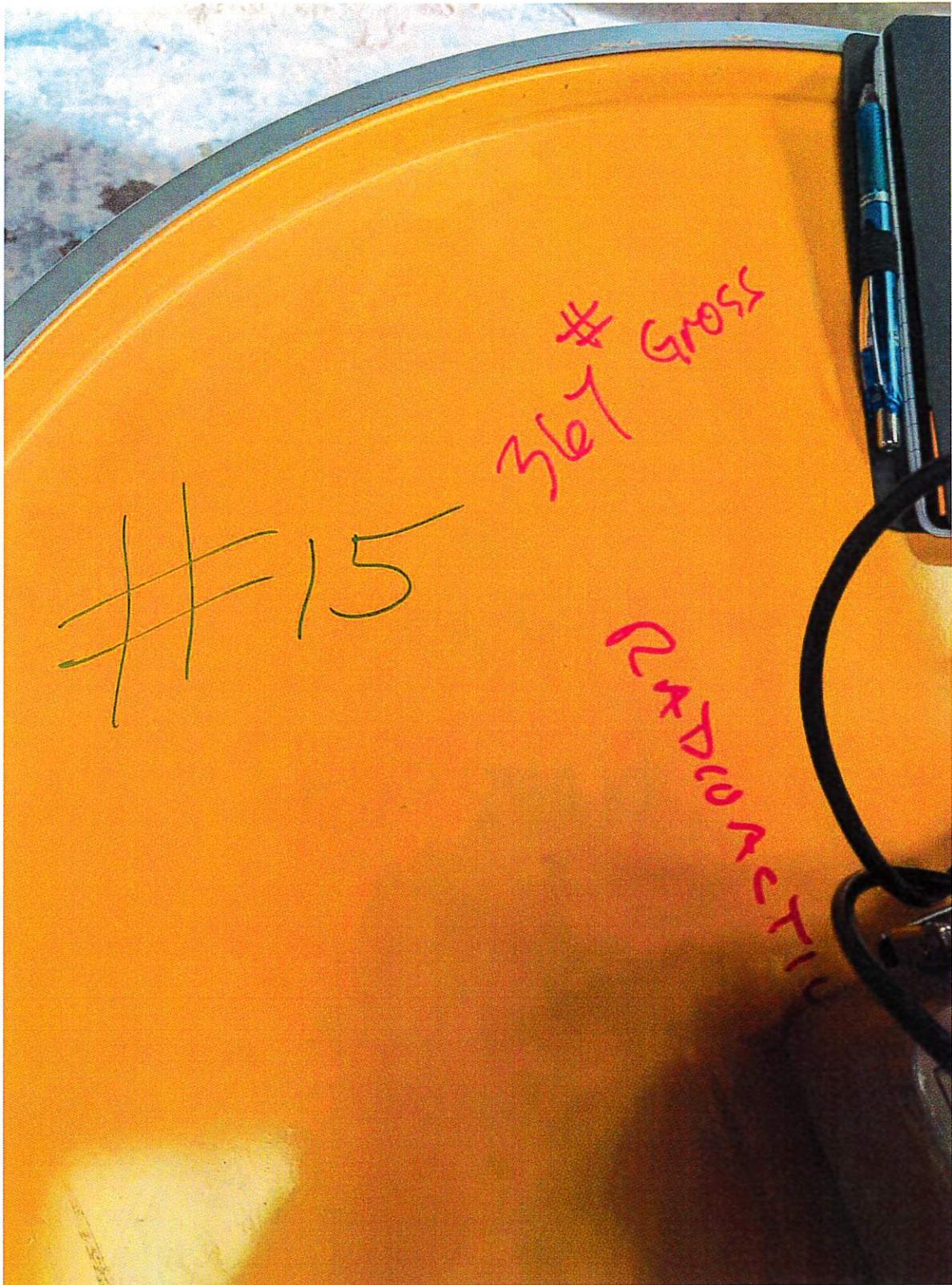


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15 contained drums of resin Pt.2 .jpg



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All 15 drums loaded into livestock trailer .jpg



Back rooms of Hoist House pt2.jpg



Back rooms of Hoist House.jpg



Cash team spraying Clorox and vacuuming resin.jpg

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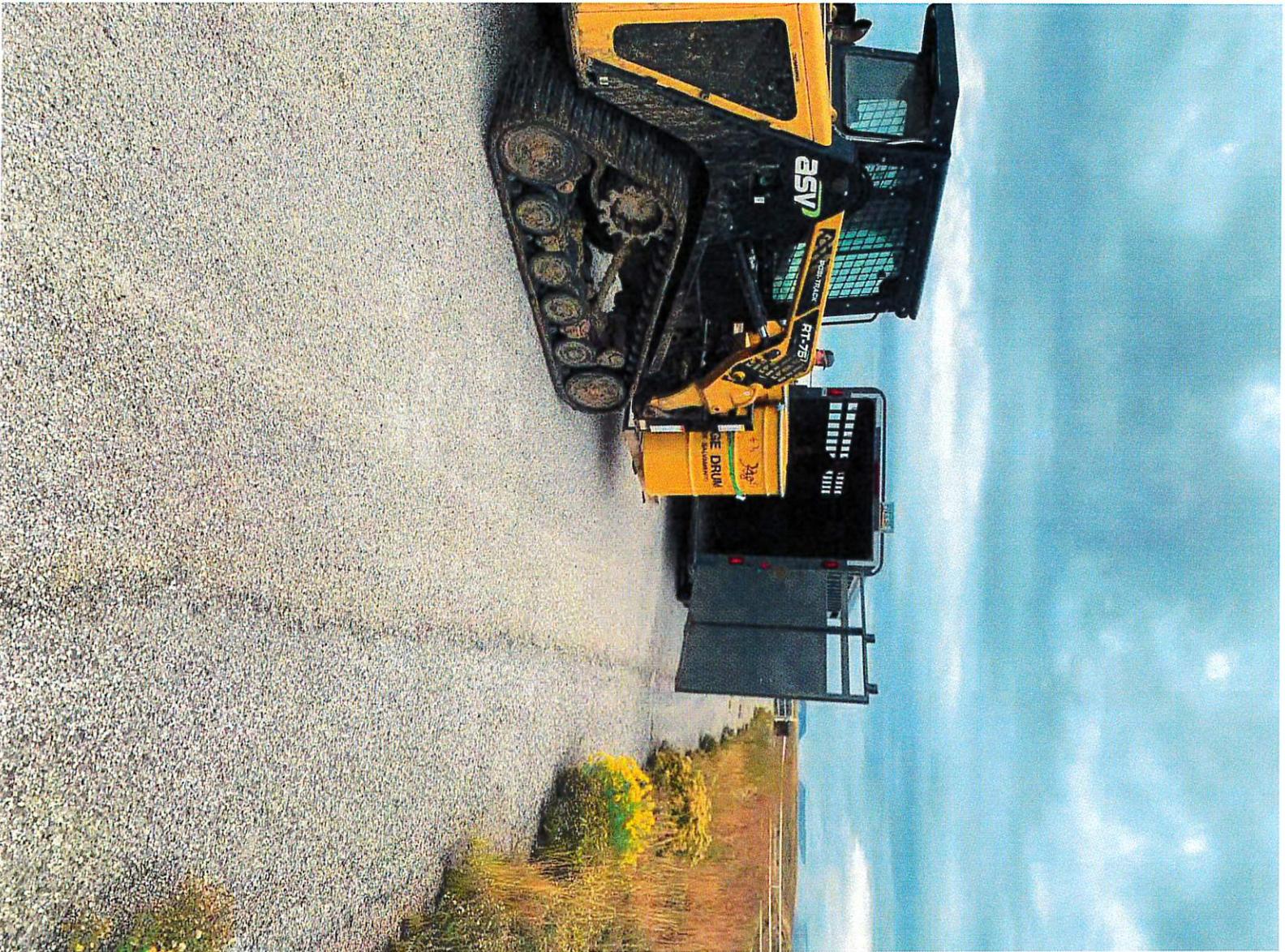


Debris in front room of HH after drum removal.jpg



Debris in front room of HH before drum removal.jpg

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Drums being loaded into transporters livestock trailer.jpg

Figure 30



Drums loaded onto Cash Properties, LLC flatbed trailer.jpg

Figure 31



Fenced storage area in front room of Hoist House.jpg

Figure 32



Front room of Hoist House.jpg

**APPENDIX A**  
**NV5-DADE MOLLER RADIATION SCREENING REPORT**



Dade Moeller, an NV5 company, was utilized to support cleanup of any uranium contaminated resin, to ship the barrels of resin off of the site, and to establish the radiologic condition of the floor surface following cleanup. The resin was handled in accordance with the statement of work and was transported off site. We performed surveys of the area where the resin was stored, of the barrels themselves, and of the transportation vehicle to ensure all applicable Department of Transportation and New Mexico radiation limits were met for the transportation of the material off site. We then performed surveys to establish the surface contamination levels and dose rates are on the slab.

Release limits for facilities that have radiological contamination in most regulatory areas, including New Mexico, are based on limiting exposure to a member of the public to 25 mrem/year or less. There are two different types of contamination that can result in doses to the public: surface contamination and volumetric contamination. Surface contamination is radioactive contamination on an otherwise non-radioactive surface, like on the surface of a table or on a concrete slab. Volumetric contamination is radioactive material that has mixed with non-radioactive material like contamination mixed into the soil, or in some cases material that is partially made of radioactive material such as some minerals or rocks. Those two limits are separate, with different units usually dpm/100 cm<sup>2</sup> for surface contamination and pCi/g for volumetric contamination.

The State of New Mexico has documented in *State of New Mexico Radiation Cleanup Criteria* in Section 2 of the *Joint Guidance for the Cleanup and Reclamation of Existing Uranium Mining Operations in New Mexico* (MMD/NMED, 2016), concentration limits considered acceptable for soil after remediation, based on the 25 mrem/year to the public and based on the Ra-226 activity, of 5 pCi/g in addition to natural radioactivity. The Post-Reclamation Radiation Level (PRRL) for the Section 12 Mine is 5 plus 1.41, or 6.41 pCi/g Ra-226 with a gamma radiation rate of approximately 24,520 counts per minutes (cpm) and a predicted exposure rate of 22.1 µR/h.

The NRC issued Regulatory Guide 1.86 with limits calculated for surface contamination that would not exceed the 25 mrem/year to the public. Those limits are presented in Table I, which includes natural Uranium with limits of 1000 dpm/100 cm<sup>2</sup> alpha for removable contamination and 5000 dpm/100 cm<sup>2</sup> alpha for fixed contamination. The same values are found in the DOE regulations, 10 CFR 835 Appendix D. These would be the values applicable to surface contamination at the mine site to meet the 25 mrem/year to a member of the public.

In addition to comparing any surface contamination levels found to these limits, we also need to ensure the instrumentation and methods used are adequate to detect that level of contamination. The minimum detectable count rate (MDCR) is commonly used for this, and can be calculated using the average background count rate of the instrument/method. The Stapleton equation is then used for less than 100 cpm data ( $5.41 + 4.65 * \sqrt{\text{background cpm}}$ ) and the Poisson equation used for values greater than 100 cpm ( $2.71 * 4.66 * \sqrt{\text{background cpm}}$ ). This value must be below the applicable limit, ideally a fraction of the limit. Any observed readings that are below the MDCR are considered indistinguishable from background.

Survey 1, performed on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, shows that the accessible floor area in the front room of the hoist building has removable surface contamination levels that are indistinguishable from background as seen by beta activity. Beta activity was monitored for this initial survey by a pancake GM detector. This detector responds to alpha, beta, and gamma emissions. This increases the likelihood of finding any appreciable contamination. Swipes are characterizations of removable surface contamination over 100 cm<sup>2</sup> and are designated by circles with numbers on the survey. The notation LAW means large area wipe, which is a swipe of an area much larger than 100 cm<sup>2</sup> that is only semi-quantitative and is used to detect lower levels of contamination on a large area. The background is shown on the report as 60 cpm which would lead to a MDCR of 39 cpm above background. Since all results are below the MDCR, all the results would be considered indistinguishable from background.

Survey 2, performed on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, shows the accessible floor area in the middle room of the hoist building. This survey also shows a background of 60 cpm which would lead to a MDCR of 39 cpm above background. The removable surface contamination levels are indistinguishable from background except for Location 12. This area contained resin that was then cleaned up.

Survey 3 was performed on October 4<sup>th</sup>, after the resin drums were removed from the building. The Ludlum 43-93, an alpha/beta dual phosphor detector was used. This detector is sensitive to alpha and beta radiation and can separate the two giving quantifiable results for each type of radiation. The alpha readings, in dpm/100cm<sup>2</sup>, are the values that are used to compare to the allowable limits. The background listed on the report is 2 cpm alpha and 375 dpm beta, which correlate to a MDCR of 12 cpm above background for alpha and 93 cpm above background for beta. Since all results are below the MDCR, all of the results are indistinguishable from background. This survey was for removable contamination only.

Survey 4 was performed on October 4<sup>th</sup> and documents the direct beta reading from the 43-93 and dose rates from the microrem meter in the front room of the hoist building. It was discovered when documenting the survey that the microRem instrument was past the one-year calibration date, so the instrument was returned to the rental company, a replacement instrument was obtained, and the dose rate survey was performed on October 5<sup>th</sup> using the valid meter. The final survey reported on the form is for the 10/4 beta readings and 10/5 dose rate measurements. The background listed for beta is 375 cpm and the background listed on the form for the dose rate instrument is 40  $\mu$ R/hr, with a note that it was taken outside of the building and was lower inside.

Survey 5 was performed on October 4<sup>th</sup> and documents the removable surface contamination found in the middle room of the hoist building. The background listed on the report is 2 cpm alpha and 375 dpm beta, which correlate to a MDCR of 12 cpm above background for alpha and 93 cpm above background for beta. Since all results are below the MDCR, all of the results are indistinguishable from background. This survey was for removable contamination only.

Survey 6 was performed on October 4<sup>th</sup> and documents the direct beta reading from the 43-93 and dose rates from the microrem meter in the middle room of the hoist building. It was discovered when documenting the survey that the microrem instrument was past the one-year calibration date, so the instrument was returned to the rental company, a replacement instrument was obtained, and this survey was redone on October 5<sup>th</sup> using the valid meter. The final survey reported on the form is for the 10/4 direct measurements and the 10/5 dose rate measurements. The background listed on the form for beta is 375 cpm and the background listed for the dose rate instrument is 40  $\mu$ R/hr, with a note that it was taken outside of the building and was lower inside.

The six surveys are included as Appendix A.

The calibration forms for the instruments are found in the Cal Certs Oct22.pdf file for all instruments except for the dose rate instrument used on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The certificate for the dose rate instrument is found as the cal cert dose rate.pdf file. These forms are included as Appendix B.

Daily field reports are found in the files with the names NV5\_Daily\_Field\_Report\_10x22 with the x replaced with the day. Daily tailgate safety meeting sign in sheets are found in the files with the names 10xx22.jpg with the xx replace with the two-digit day. The daily field reports and daily tailgate safety meetings are included as Appendix C.

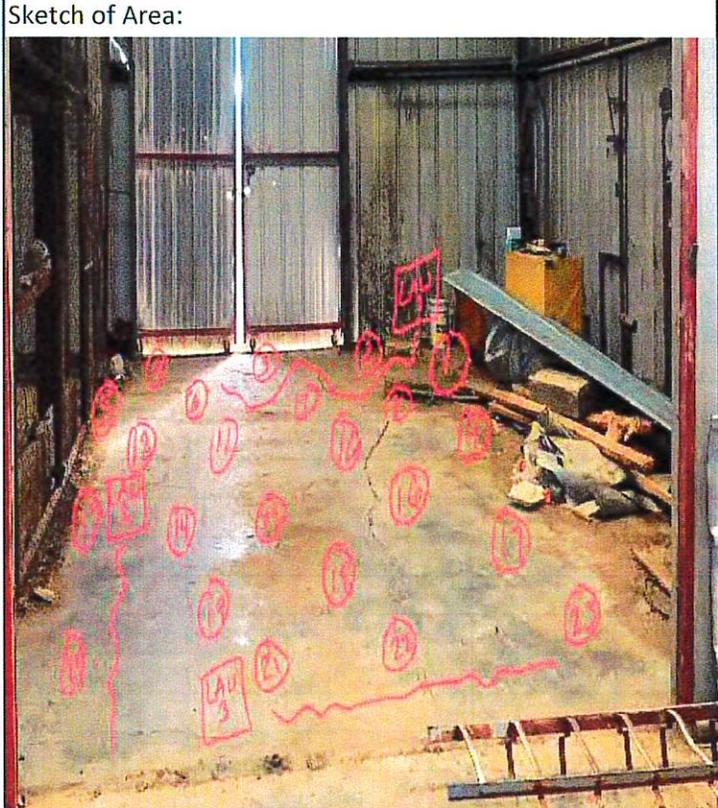
Additionally, there are photos that document the before, during, and after the surveys. These photos are included in Appendix D.

Appendix A



Area Description: Section 12 Front Room of Hoist Building Date 10/3/2022

Purpose of Survey: Initial Survey Performed by Brittney Massey



Survey Results - Instrument 1				
Location Number	Alpha cpm	Beta cpm	Alpha dpm/100cm <sup>2</sup>	Beta dpm/100cm <sup>2</sup>
1	N/A	64	N/A	0
2	N/A	60	N/A	0
3	N/A	60	N/A	0
4	N/A	84	N/A	2
5	N/A	80	N/A	2
6	N/A	86	N/A	3
7	N/A	80	N/A	2
8	N/A	86	N/A	2
9	N/A	64	N/A	0
10	N/A	82	N/A	2
11	N/A	88	N/A	3
12	N/A	60	N/A	0
13	N/A	66	N/A	1
14	N/A	88	N/A	3
15	N/A	86	N/A	3
16	N/A	82	N/A	2
17	N/A	82	N/A	2
18	N/A	60	N/A	0
19	N/A	84	N/A	2
20	N/A	66	N/A	1
21	N/A	64	N/A	0
22	N/A	60	N/A	0
23	N/A	86	N/A	3
LAW 1	N/A	80	N/A	2
Law 2	N/A	68	N/A	1
Law 3	N/A	66	N/A	1

Legend: # - General Area Dose Rate    # - Contact Dose Rate  
⊕ - Smear/Direct Location

Indicate LAW and scanning using lines representing area covered.

Instrumentation							Source Check (pre/post)		
Model	Serial	α eff	β eff.	α bkg	β bkg	size cm <sup>2</sup>	Isotope	reading	unit
12/44-9	125264/PR 134191	N/A	10.3	N/A	60	100	CO-60	110,00/108,000	CPM
3/44-2	137288/PR341172	N/A		N/A	1		CO-60	2,000/2,000CPM	

Comments: Front Room of Section 12 Hoist Building. LAWs followed by tech smears of floor and debris. Ref: 20.3.10 NMAC; 20.3.4.426 NMAC. NRC Reference Guide 1.86. \*Note background was taken outside of building.

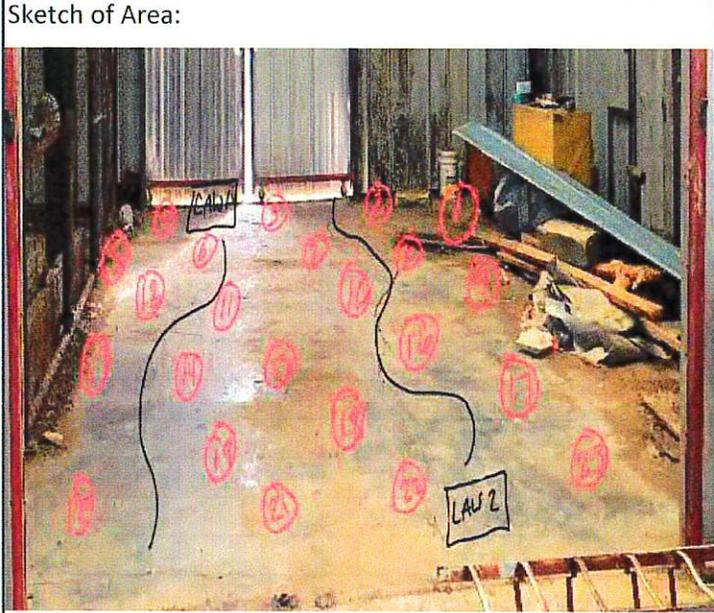
Performed by (Signature): Brittney Massey Date: 10/3/2022

Reviewed by (Signataure): *Charles [Signature]* CHP, CSP Date: 10/10/2022



Area Description: Section 12 Front Room of Hoist Building Date: 10/4/2022

Post survey of Resin Drum Removal and Vacuum. Performed by: Brittney Massey



Survey Results - Instrument 1				
Location Number	Alpha cpm	Beta cpm	Alpha dpm/100cm <sup>2</sup>	Beta dpm/100cm <sup>2</sup>
	1	64	0	-28
2	1	60	0	-29
3	1	60	0	-29
4	1	72	0	-28
5	1	46	0	-30
6	1	62	0	-28
7	1	58	0	-30
8	1	67	0	-30
9	1	73	0	-27
10	1	56	0	-29
11	1	65	0	-28
12	1	60	0	-29
13	1	64	0	-28
14	1	61	0	-29
15	1	65	0	-28
16	1	73	0	-27
17	1	70	0	-28
18	1	66	0	-28
19	1	63	0	-28
20	1	72	0	-28
21	1	60	0	-29
22	1	71	0	-28
23	1	70	0	-28
LAW 1	2	65	0	-28
LAW 2	2	79	0	-27

Legend: # - General Area Dose Rate    # - Contact Dose Rate  
 ⊕ - Smear/Direct Location

Indicate LAW and scanning using lines representing area covered.

Instrumentation								Source Check (pre/post)		
Model	Serial	α eff	β eff.	α bkg	β bkg	size cm <sup>2</sup>	Isotope	reading	unit	
2360	202403	18.3	11	2	375	100	SR-90	56,643/57,283	CPM	
43-93	PR385932	N/A		N/A		1	CO-60	72,389/69,473	CPM	

Comments: Front Room of Section 12 Hoist Building. LAWs followed by tech smears of floor and debris. Ref: 20.3.10 NMAC; 20.3.4.426 NMAC. NRC Reference Guide 1.86. \*Note Backgrounds were taken outside of building.

Performed by (Signature): Brittney Massey Date: 10/4/2022

Reviewed by (Signataure): *Chris [Signature]* CHP, CSP Date: 10/10/22







Appendix B





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**EQUIPMENT PACKING SLIP**

**Company Name:** NV5/Dade Moller

**Order Number:** 5196

**Contact Name:**

**P.O. or Reference Number:** 444322-

**Contact Telephone:**

1095000.00

**Date Ordered:** 9/29/2022

**Shipping Method:** n/a

**Date Shipped:** 9/30/2022

**Shipping Number:** 4374-3886-2

**Date of Delivery:** 9/30/2022

**Ship To Information:**

**Billing Address:**

NV5/Dade Moller

nv5/Dade Moller - ABQ  
 Accounts Payable  
 4374 Alexander Boulevard NE  
 Ste K  
 Albuquerque, NM 87107

**Equipment Enclosed:**

<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Serial Number</i>	<i>Tested</i>
Ludlum 12	125264	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ludlum 2360	202403	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ludlum 3 & 44-2	137288 & PR341712	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ludlum 43-93	PR385932	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ludlum 44-9	PR134191	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicon Micro REM	1535	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Special Instructions:**

(1) box of smears

**Note:**

(a) By accepting and using ERG rental equipment, the Renter indemnifies and holds harmless ERG against any and all claims, actions, proceedings, costs, expenses, damages, and liabilities (including attorney's fees and costs) arising out of Renter's use of equipment.



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CERT # 4084.01

Customer ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION GROUP

Mfg. TEC Model MICRO REM ORDER NO. 20407614/513808

Mfg. \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. 1535

Cal. Date 22-Sep-21 Cal Due Date 22-Sep-22 Cal. Interval 1 Year Meterface 200

Check mark  applies to applicable instr. and/or detector IAW mfg. spec. T. 74 °F RH 38 % Alt 698.0 mm Hg

New Instrument  Instrument Received  Within Toler. +-10%  10-20%  Out of Tol.  Requiring Repair  Other-See comments

- Mechanical ck.  Meter Zeroed  Background Subtract  Input Sens. Linearity
- F/S Resp. ck.  Reset ck.  Window Operation  Geotropism
- Audio ck.  Alarm Setting ck.  Batt. ck.
- Calibrated in accordance with LMI SOP 14.8  Calibrated in accordance with LMI SOP 14.9

Instrument Volt Set \_\_\_\_\_ V Input Sens. \_\_\_\_\_ mV Det. Oper. \_\_\_\_\_ V at \_\_\_\_\_ mV Threshold Dial Ratio \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ mV

HV Readout (2 points) Ref./Inst. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ V Ref./Inst. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ V

## COMMENTS:

Gamma Calibration: GM detectors positioned perpendicular to source except for M 44-9 in which the front of probe faces source.

Multimeter uncertainty within 1.3% of reading. Gamma uncertainty within 5.0% of reading. Neutron uncertainty within 7.0% of reading. Count rate uncertainty within 5.4% of reading

RANGE/MULTIPLIER	REFERENCE CAL. POINT	INSTRUMENT REC'D "AS FOUND READING"	INSTRUMENT METER READING
X 1000	150 mR/hr	140 $\mu$ Rm/h	150 $\mu$ Rm/h
X 1000	50 mR/hr	45	50
X 100	1.5 mR/hr	150	150
X 100	5 mR/hr	45	45
X 10	1500 $\mu$ R/hr	150	150
X 10	500 $\mu$ R/hr	50	50
X 1	150 $\mu$ R/hr	150	150
X 1	100 $\mu$ R/hr	100	100
X 0.1	15 $\mu$ R/hr	150	150
X 0.1			

Range(s) Calibrated Electronically

Digital Readout	REFERENCE CAL. POINT	INSTRUMENT RECEIVED	INSTRUMENT METER READING	Log Scale	REFERENCE CAL. POINT	INSTRUMENT RECEIVED	INSTRUMENT METER READING

Ludlum Measurements, Inc. certifies that the above instrument has been calibrated by standards traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, or to the calibration facilities of other International Standards Organization members, or have been derived from accepted values of natural physical constants or have been derived by the ratio type of calibration techniques. All pass/fail determinations are based on the manufacturer's specifications without considering uncertainty factors. Measurement results represent expanded uncertainties expressed at approximately the 95% level of confidence, using a coverage factor of k=2. The calibration system conforms to the requirements of ANSI/NCCL Z540-1-1994 and ANSI N323A8-2013. ISO/IEC 17025:2017(E) State of Texas Calibration License No. LC-1963

Reference Instruments and/or Sources: Cs-137 S/N:  059  2171CP  2261CP  720  734  781  1131  1616  1696  1909  1916CP  2324/2521  5717CO  5719CO  60646  70897  73410  E552  G-12  2168CP  S-394  S-1054  T10081  T10082 Neutron Am-241 Be  T-304 Ra-226  Y982  E551  5105  CSV280

Alpha S/N \_\_\_\_\_  Beta S/N \_\_\_\_\_  Other Cs-137 201  $\mu$ ci

m 500 S/N \_\_\_\_\_  Oscilloscope S/N \_\_\_\_\_  Multimeter S/N \_\_\_\_\_

Calibrator Donnie Miekos / Donnie Miekos Title Calibrator Date 22-Sep-21

QC'd By Rick Title Final QC Date 24-Sep-21

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AC Inst.  Passed Dielectric (Hi-Pot) and Continuity Test Only  Failed: \_\_\_\_\_



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CERT # 4084,01

Customer ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION GROUP

ORDER NO. 20408870/514644

Mfg. Ludlum Measurements, Inc. Model 3

Serial No. 137288

Mfg. Ludlum Measurements, Inc. Model 44-2

Serial No. PR341712

Cal. Date 5-Oct-21 Cal Due Date 5-Oct-22 Cal. Interval 1 Year Meterface 202-666

Check mark  applies to applicable instr. and/or detector IAW mfg. spec. T. 74 °F RH 37 % Alt. 707.8 mtr Hg

- New Instrument
- Instrument Received
- Within Toler. +10%
- 10-20%
- Out of Tol.
- Requiring Repair
- Other-See comments
- Mechanical ck.
- Meter Zeroed
- Background Subtract
- Input Sens. Linearity
- F/S Resp. ck.
- Reset ck.
- Window Operation
- Geotroplism
- Audio ck.
- Alarm Setting ck.
- Batt. ck.
- Calibrated in accordance with LMI SOP 14.8
- Calibrated in accordance with LMI SOP 14.9

Instrument Volt Set 650 V Input Sens. 35 mV Def. Oper. 650 V at 35 mV Threshold Dial Ratio = mV

HV Readout (2 points) Ref./Inst. / V Ref./Inst. / V

**COMMENTS:**

Gamma Calibration: GM detectors positioned perpendicular to source except for M 44-9 in which the front of probe faces source.  
Multimeter uncertainty within 1.3% of reading, Gamma uncertainty within 5.0% of reading, Neutron uncertainty within 7.0% of reading, Count rate uncertainty within 5.4% of reading

RANGE/MULTIPLIER	REFERENCE CAL. POINT	INSTRUMENT REC'D "AS FOUND READING"	INSTRUMENT METER READING
X 100	4000 µR/hr	38 µR/hr	40 µR/hr
X 100	1000 µR/hr	8	10
X 10	400 µR/hr = 636.0 cpm	39	40
X 10	100 µR/hr	9	10
X 1	636.0 cpm	38	40
X 1	159.0 cpm	8	10
X 0.1	63.6 cpm	38	40
X 0.1	15.9 cpm	8	10

X 1, 0.1 Range(s) Calibrated Electronically

Digital Readout	REFERENCE CAL. POINT	INSTRUMENT RECEIVED	INSTRUMENT METER READING	Log Scale	REFERENCE CAL. POINT	INSTRUMENT RECEIVED	INSTRUMENT METER READING

Ludlum Measurements, Inc. certifies that the above instrument has been calibrated by standards traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, or to the calibration facilities of other International Standards Organization members, or have been derived from accepted values of natural physical constants or have been derived by the ratio type of calibration techniques.  
All numerical determinations are based on the manufacturer's specifications without considering uncertainty factors.  
Measurement results represent expanded uncertainties expressed at approximately the 95% level of confidence, using a coverage factor of k=2.  
The calibration system conforms to the requirements of ANSI/NCSL 1540-1-1994 and ANSI N323A5-2013  
ISO/IEC 17025:2017(E)  
State of Texas Calibration License No. 119-1763

Reference Instruments and/or Sources: Cs-137 S/N:  039  2171GP  2261CP  720  734  781  1131  1616  1696  1929  1916CP  2324/2521  
 5717CO  5719CO  60646  70897  73410  E582  G112  2168CP  5-394  5-1054  T100B1  T100B2 Neutron Am-241 Be  1-304 Ra-226  Y982  
 E551  5105  CSV280

Alpha S/N \_\_\_\_\_  Beta S/N \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 m 500 S/N 189509  Oscilloscope S/N \_\_\_\_\_  Multimeter S/N 82970215

Calibrator Adrienne Aguilar Title Calibrator Date 05 OCT 21  
QC'd By James Brown Title Final QC Date 5-06-21





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Calibration and Voltage Plateau

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Meter:	Manufacturer:	Ludlum	Model Number:	2360	Serial Number:	202403
Detector:	Manufacturer:	Ludlum	Model Number:	43-93	Serial Number:	PR385932

Mechanical Check     THR/WIN Operation    HV Check (+/- 2.5%):  500 V     1000 V     1500 V  
 F/S Response Check     Reset Check    Cable Length:  39-inch     60-inch     Other:  
 Geotropism     Audio Check  
 Meter Zeroed     Battery Check    Alpha Threshold: 120 mV    Barometric Pressure: 24.43 inches Hg  
Source Distance:  Contact     6 inches     Other:    Beta Threshold: 4    Temperature: 72 °F  
Source Geometry:  Side     Below     Other:    Beta Window: 30 mV    Relative Humidity 20 %  
Pulser: Ludlum 500-1 sn 201932    Multimeter: Fluke 110 PLUS    Instrument found within tolerance:  Yes     No

Range/Multiplier	Reference Setting	"As Found Reading"	Meter Reading	Integrated 1-Min. Count	
				$\alpha$	$\beta$
x 1000	400 Kcpm	400	400	400062	400105
x 1000	100 Kcpm	100	100		
x 100	40 Kcpm	400	400	40014	40012
x 100	10 Kcpm	100	100		
x 10	4 Kcpm	400	400	4000	4001
x 10	1 Kcpm	100	100		
x 1	400 cpm	400	400	401	400
x 1	100 cpm	100	100		

High Voltage	Pot. Setting	Background Counts		Alpha Source Counts				Beta Source Counts				Other Source Counts			
		$\alpha$	$\beta$	Gross		Net		Gross		Net		Gross		Net	
				$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\alpha$	$\beta$
625		2	81	2792	327	2790	246	5	942	3	861				
650		2	130	3218	354	3216	224	2	1523	0	1393				
675		2	227	3426	392	3424	165	7	2079	5	1852				
700		3	295	3747	533	3744	238	7	2612	4	2317				
725		3	356	3755	708	3752	352	4	2964	1	2608				

Recommended HV (VDC) 675 Pot. Setting

### Additional Comments:

Alpha Source: Th-230 sn:U9-059 18,759dpm/9,474cpm (4/8/22) 47mm disk    Total Efficiency: 0.090    4 $\pi$  Efficiency: 0.183  
Beta Source: Tc-99 sn:U9-060 16,817dpm/9,250cpm (4/11/22) 47mm disk    Total Efficiency: 0.050    4 $\pi$  Efficiency: 0.110  
Other Source:    Total Efficiency: n/a    4 $\pi$  Efficiency: n/a

NOTE: The total efficiency provided is calculated per ISO-7503/NUREG 1575 (MARSSIM): Total Efficiency = Instrument Efficiency x Source Efficiency, where Instrument Efficiency is calculated as net counts + source 2 $\pi$  emission rate. The 4 $\pi$  efficiency is calculated as net counts + source 4 $\pi$  activity. The provided efficiencies are radionuclide specific and are calculated using source counts and background counts at the recommended operating HV. The provided efficiencies are for general information purposes only and are not intended to replace user efficiency calculation method or results.

Calibrated By: [Signature]    Calibration Date: 8/3/22    Calibration Due: 8/3/23  
Reviewed By: [Signature]    Date: 8/4/22



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## Calibration Form

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Meter: Manufacturer: Ludlum Model Number: 12 Serial Number: 125264  
 Detector: Manufacturer: Ludlum Model Number: 44-9 Serial Number: PR134191

Mechanical Check     THR/WIN Operation    HV Check (+/- 2.5%):  500 V     1000 V     1500 V  
 P/S Response Check     Reset Check    Cable Length:  39-inch     72-inch     Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Geotropism     Audio Check  
 Meter Zeroed     Battery Check

Source Distance:  Contact     6 inches     Other: \_\_\_\_\_    Threshold: 40 mV  
 Source Geometry:  Side     Below     Other: \_\_\_\_\_    Window: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Barometric Pressure: 24.43 inches Hg  
 Temperature: 73 °F  
 Relative Humidity: 20 %

Pulsar: Ludlum 500-1 sn 201932    Multimeter: n/a    Instrument found within tolerance:  Yes     No

Range/Multiplier	Reference Setting	"As Found Reading"	Meter Reading	Integrated 1-Min. Count	Log Scale Count
x 1000	400	400 kepm	400 kepm		kepm
x 1000	100	100 kepm	100 kepm		kepm
x 100	400	400 kepm	400 kepm		kepm
x 100	100	100 kepm	100 kepm		kepm
x 10	400	400 kepm	400 kepm		kepm
x 10	100	100 kepm	100 kepm		kepm
x 1	400	400 cpm	400 cpm		cpm
x 1	100	100 cpm	100 cpm		cpm

Count Time (min): 1.0    Background Counts: 60  
 Operating HV: 900 VDC  
 Gross Source 1 Counts: 1800    Gross Source 2 Counts: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Net Source 1 Counts: 1740    Net Source 2 Counts: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Source 1: Tc-99 sn: U9-060 16,817dpm/9,250cpm (4/11/22) 47mm disk    Total Efficiency: 0.047    4π Efficiency: 0.103  
 Source 2: \_\_\_\_\_    Total Efficiency: n/a    4π Efficiency: n/a

NOTE: The total efficiency provided is calculated per ISO-7503/NUREG 1575 (MARSSIM): Total Efficiency = Instrument Efficiency × Source Efficiency, where Instrument Efficiency is calculated as net counts ÷ source 2π emission rate. The 4π efficiency is calculated as net counts ÷ source 4π activity. The provided efficiencies are radionuclide specific and are calculated using source counts and background counts at the recommended operating HV. The provided efficiencies are for general information purposes only and are not intended to replace user efficiency calculation method or results.

Calibrated By: [Signature]    Calibration Date: 9/13/22    Calibration Due: 9/13/23  
 Reviewed By: [Signature]    Date: 9/13/22

**Environmental Conditions**

Temperature (°C): 22.0

Relative Humidity (%): 39.0

Barometric P

**Calibration Data**

**Preliminaries:**

5 VDC +/- .5 VDC: Yes

-4.5 VDC +/- .25 VDC: Yes

1 mV

Mechanical Zero: Yes

Geotropism: Yes

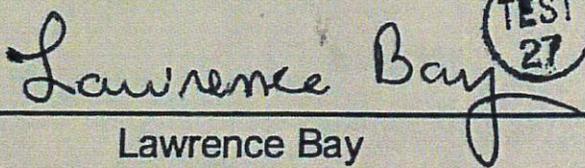
**Isotopic Linearity:**

Range	Test Point (mR/h)	Tolerance (µrem/h)	As Found (µrem/h)	AF I
X1000	160	144000 - 176000	176000	
X1000	40	36000 - 44000	38000	
X100	16	14400 - 17600	17600	
X100	4	3600 - 4400	3800	
X10	1.6	1440 - 1760	1760	
X10	.4	360 - 440	400	
X1	.16	144 - 176	160	

**Pulser Linearity:**

Range	Test Point (CPM)	Tolerance (µrem/h)	As Found (µrem/h)	AF I
X1	16000	Pulser Ref = 160	160	
X1	4000	36 - 44	40	
X.1	1600	14.4 - 17.6	16	
X.1	400	3.6 - 4.4	3	

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Appendix C



# SAFETY BRIEFING ATTENDANCE SHEET

Site Name: Section 12 Mine  
Location: McKinnley County  
Lead Company: NV5/Lucas  
Supporting Company: Cash

Project No.: 444322-109500.00  
Date: 9/19/2022  
Document Originator: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefing Subject: Drum/Resin Cleanup, Hantavirus Prevention, Snakes

ESH Issues of Concern: Radioactivity of drum & resin;  
Inhalation of rat/mice droppings & dust  
Snakes, spiders

Briefing Summary: Reviewed the H&S plan. Reviewed the first aid course  
of emergency & what to do.

Training Materials Provided or Used: H&S plan

## ATTENDEES

Print Name / ID Number	Signature
<u>Sharon Chavez</u>	<u>Sharon Chavez</u>
<u>Brandon Martin</u>	<u>BB</u>
<u>Kendal Cash</u>	<u>Kc</u>
<u>Barbara Everett</u>	<u>Barbara Everett</u>
<u>Kory Cash</u>	







DAILY FIELD REPORT

NV5

Date: 9/19/2022 DFR ID:
Project No.: 444322-109500.00 Project Name: Section 12 Mine Drum Resin Clearing
Location: Ambrosia Lake, NM Activity:
Subcontractor: Cash Properties NV5 Field Rep: B. Everett, S. Chavez, M. Nolan
Time Arrive At Site: Time Left Site: Total Hours On Site:
Weather: Sunny, 75°F

Equipment Utilized: shovels, scale, fork lift.

Subcontractor Items for Payment:

Total Operation Hours: (breakdown hours below)
Standby Hrs.: < 1 hr Comment: Cash forgot bleach, need add'l HEPA filter
H&S Clearing Drilling Hrs.: 1 hr Comment: Spraying rat/mouse droppings for Hantavirus protection
Mob/Demob Hrs.:
Other Hrs.:
Drilling Footage: Air Rotary: Mud Rotary: HSA: Other:
Sampling:
Other Payable:

Samples (Handling, Storage, Transportation):

Visitors:

Lost Time (Time/Cause):

Instructions, Decisions, Deviations/Variations from Work Plans, Action Needed:

Cash needs to bring portapotty for Oct 3-7, 2022
Air monitoring equipment needs new fuse -
Add. P#

DAILY FIELD REPORT

NV5

Date: 9/19/22

DFR ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Events:

Arrived on site at 8:30am. Met up with Cash crew.  
Reviewed SOW, H&S Plan, Emergency Scenarios  
M. Nolan outlined the work to be done today.  
Calibrated Radiological Survey equipment  
and air monitoring.

Signatures:

Field Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name / Employee No.) (Signature)

Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name / Employee No.) (Signature)

# DAILY FIELD REPORT

# NV5

Date: 10/3/22 DFR ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Name: Section 12 Mine  
Location: Grants, NM Activity: Initial Radiological Survey  
Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_ NV5 Field Rep: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time Arrive At Site: 0810 Time Left Site: 1041 Total Hours On Site: 2hrs 21 min.  
Weather: Cloudy with partial sun

## Equipment Utilized:

Radiological Survey instruments and equipment

## Subcontractor Items for Payment:

Total Operation Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ (breakdown hours below)  
Standby Hrs.: .30 Comment: Missing Keys  
Drilling Hrs.: \_\_\_\_\_ Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mob/Demob Hrs.: \_\_\_\_\_ Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Hrs.: 1.9 Comment: Source Checking and Surveying  
Drilling Footage: Air Rotary: \_\_\_\_\_ Mud Rotary: \_\_\_\_\_ HSA: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sampling: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Payable: \_\_\_\_\_

## Samples (Handling, Storage, Transportation):

## Visitors:

## Lost Time (Time/Cause):

## Instructions, Decisions, Deviations/Variances from Work Plans, Action Needed:

Instructed to do initial radiological survey. Delay of work due to CASH not having employee on site for disposal of debris.

# DAILY FIELD REPORT

# NV5

Date: 10/3/22

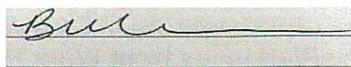
DFR ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### Summary of Events:

Arrived to site with Mike Nolan, Barbara, and Sharon. Keys were missing to unlock roll-up door. Looked for alternate entry point, received entry access. Instruments were sourced checked by Brittney. Initial survey preformed by Brittney of front and middle rooms. Front room contains various debris and the 15 over packed resin drums staged to be shipped. Middle room contains various debris. No labor workers were on site to dispose of debris. Visual survey for personal OS&H found many trip hazards and mouse droppings. Once initial radiological survey was completed. Mike and Brittney left site.

### Signatures:

Field Representative: Brittney Massey  
(Print Name / Employee No.)



(Signature)

Date: 10/3/22

Reviewed By: Clark Barton  
(Print Name / Employee No.)



(Signature)

Date: 10/10/2022

# DAILY FIELD REPORT

# NV5

Date: 10/4/22 DFR ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Name: Section 12 Mine  
Location: Grants, NM Activity: Post Drum Removal Radiological Survey  
Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_ NV5 Field Rep: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time Arrive At Site: 0800 Time Left Site: 1140 Total Hours On Site: 3hrs 40 min.  
Weather: Cloudy with partial sun

### Equipment Utilized:

Radiological Survey instruments and equipment

### Subcontractor Items for Payment:

Total Operation Hours: 9hrs (breakdown hours below)  
Standby Hrs.: .30 Comment: Waiting for truck driver for resin drums  
Drilling Hrs.: \_\_\_\_\_ Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mob/Demob Hrs.: \_\_\_\_\_ Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Hrs.: 8.5 Comment: Source Checking and Surveying/documentation/driving to get new instrument.  
Drilling Footage: \_\_\_\_\_ Air Rotary: \_\_\_\_\_ Mud Rotary: \_\_\_\_\_ HSA: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sampling: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Payable: \_\_\_\_\_

### Samples (Handling, Storage, Transportation):

### Visitors:

### Lost Time (Time/Cause):

### Instructions, Decisions, Deviations/Variations from Work Plans, Action Needed:

Instructed to do initial radiological survey. While performing documentation, noticed Micro R meter was out of calibration. Called ERG to swap instrumentation.

# DAILY FIELD REPORT

# NV5

Date: 10/4/22

DFR ID: \_\_\_\_\_

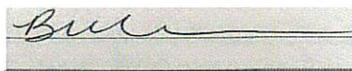
### Summary of Events:

Arrived to site with Mike Nolan, and the Cash Team. The Cash team loaded up drums on a flatbed trailer drove to main entrance gate. The transporter arrived around 0830. Drums were loaded into a livestock trailer and the transporter left around 0915. Mike and Brittney proceeded to hoist building to direct Cash team where remaining resin was left. Before removing resin Cash sprayed the front and middle room with a bleach solution due to rat feces. After waiting 15 mins for bleach solution to dry, proceeded to vacuum up remaining resin that was in the middle room located in the gap in the floor and then swept all small debris in both room towards south side of the building. Radiological surveys performed by Brittney were then conducted with no elevated dose rates above background nor were there any contaminations levels found above 1,000dmp beta/gamma 20 dpm alpha. Radiological surveys performed: exposure rates, removeable and fixed. Left site around 1140 to complete documentation. Noticed Micro R meter was out of calibration. Called ERG, Scott met me at the Route 66 Casino to swap out instruments.

### Signatures:

Field Representative: Brittney Massey

(Print Name / Employee No.)



(Signature)

Date: 10/4/2022

Reviewed By:

Clark Barton

(Print Name / Employee No.)



(Signature)

Date: 10/10/2022

# DAILY FIELD REPORT

# NV5

Date: 10/5/22 DFR ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Name: Section 12 Mine  
Location: Grants, NM Activity: Post Drum Removal Radiological Survey  
Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_ NV5 Field Rep: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time Arrive At Site: 0800 Time Left Site: 0930 Total Hours On Site: 1hrs 30 min.  
Weather: Cloudy with partial sun

**Equipment Utilized:**  
Radiological Survey instruments and equipment

### Subcontractor Items for Payment:

Total Operation Hours: 1hrs 30 mins (breakdown hours below)

Standby Hrs.: 1.0 Comment: Hiking to site

Drilling Hrs.: \_\_\_\_\_ Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Mob/Demob Hrs.: \_\_\_\_\_ Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Hrs.: .30 Comment: Source Checking and Surveying

Drilling Footage: \_\_\_\_\_ Air Rotary: \_\_\_\_\_ Mud Rotary: \_\_\_\_\_ HSA: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Sampling: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Payable: \_\_\_\_\_

### Samples (Handling, Storage, Transportation):

### Visitors:

### Lost Time (Time/Cause):

### Instructions, Decisions, Deviations/Variations from Work Plans, Action Needed:

Exposure Rate survey.

# DAILY FIELD REPORT

# NV5

Date: 10/5/22

DFR ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### Summary of Events:

Arrived to site at 0800, opened gate and parked car on pavement on other side of gate. Hiked to job site, performed exposure rate survey and hiked back to car. Headed back to town for documentation.

### Signatures:

Field Representative: Brittney Massey

(Print Name / Employee No.)



(Signature)

Date: 10/5/2022

Reviewed By:

Clark Barton

(Print Name / Employee No.)



(Signature)

Date: 10/10/2022

Appendix D













SALVAGE DRUM  
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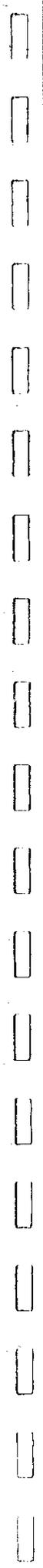












**APPENDIX B**  
**LUCAS ENGINEERING**  
**FINAL REPORT FOR MANAGING THE DRUMS AT SECTION 12 MINE**  
**NEAR GRANTS, NM**



**Final Report for Managing the Drums at Section 12 Mine near Grants, NM**

**Lucas Engineering & Management Services**

**Mike Nolan, Project Radiation Safety Officer**

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## Final Report for Managing the Drums at Section 12 Mine near Grants, NM

Mike Nolan, Project Radiation Safety Officer, Lucas Engineering & Management Services

**Purpose** – The purpose of this paper is to describe the actions taken to clean up the resin found on the floor of the Hoist Building, including spraying the floor and other areas where rodent debris was found, with a ten percent chlorine solution, which is adequate to remove the contaminants and guard against hantavirus.

### Project Summary

Once the reciprocity agreement was approved by New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), preparations were made to proceed with the project. NV5 was kept informed of progress prior to activities at the mine.

Initially, an inspection of mine site and hoist house, including the rooms where the drums were located was conducted by project personnel on 9/19/22. Project personnel included Barbara Everett and Sharon Chavez from NV5, Kory Cash and three laborers from Cash and Mike Nolan, Lucas Engineering & Management Services.

A radiological survey was conducted; radiological instrumentation was rented from ERG, an Albuquerque company. The result of the survey is included in Appendix A. The survey results were used to determine the radiological personnel protective equipment that would be required (minimum of booties and gloves). As the floor of the rooms included rodent waste, the floors were sprayed with a ten percent chlorine bleach solution and allowed to sit for a minimum of five minutes prior to collecting the rodent waste with a HEPA vacuum. PPE required for the work included Tyvek coveralls and KN-95 respirators.

Resin was collected and the drums were surveyed for radiation levels to support characterization. Because the drums were closed-top and had been cut open, it was decided to overpack each drum. To do this, the lid of the overpack was inverted and placed on the floor. Each resin drum was placed on a lid, the drum body was inverted over the resin drum, and the lid was tightened down. The drum was flipped over, the drum ring tightened, and each drum was numbered, and the mass was recorded and marked on the drum. This process was repeated until all 15 drums were overpacked. Each drum was subsequently surveyed and the dose rate, in  $\mu\text{Rem}/\text{hour}$ , was recorded on a survey map and on each drum. Contamination surveys were taken on the bottom ring of each drum. No contamination was measured in the rooms or on the drums. Once the drums were surveyed, they were moved to the hoist room for shipment.

The data collected during the activities of September 19 and 20, as well as analytical data collected from laboratory sampling were used to complete drum characterization to support shipping on October 4, 2022. Shipping papers were completed, in advance of shipment.

On October 3, the drums were marked RADIOACTIVE, and UN-2910 (Radioactive material, limited quantity of material), as required by Department of Transportation regulation 49 CFR 173.421 for shipment to White Mesa Mill. Contamination surveys of each drum was completed for verification of compliance with 49CFR 173.443. No contamination was measured.

On October 4, due to adverse weather on 10/3, Cash construction placed the overpacked drums onto pallets and moved the drums to the access road. This eliminated the potential for getting the trucking company's vehicle stuck due to the wet road and clay roadbed. The trucking company arrived, the drums were loaded, blocked, and braced as required by DOT requirements. The driver was given instructions for compliant transport and given two copies of shipping documents and was released for shipment at 0920. The driver contacted the project RSO at 1330, informing him that the shipment had arrived and was accepted for processing.

Radiological instrumentation was rented from ERG, an Albuquerque company. Personnel on site on 9/19/22 included Barbara Everett and Sharon Chavez from NV5, Kory Cash and three laborers from Cash and myself. The following chronology, in bullet form, provides details of activities conducted:

September 19, 2022

- 0730 – Met with Barbara Everett and Sharon Chavez from NV5. We discussed the NV5 and Cash construction scope of work. Departed for the mine at 0745.
- 0815 – Arrived at the mine with all personnel listed above present. Walked down the building, including the mine shaft area to identify the drums, areas where rodent waste was found and viewed the drums, which were to be surveyed and overpacked.
- 0830 – Discussed the health and safety plan, including hantavirus and other hazards, e.g., spiders, snakes, tripping hazards, radiological hazards; primarily spilled resin and informed workers to identify those hazards. The mine discussion was important as material, which was not associated with resin on the floor, will be lowered into the mine shaft. This action is approved by New Mexico Environment Department (NMED).
- 0915 – Radiological instrumentation was delivered and inspected for use.
- 0930 - Started source checking instruments. Finished at about 1000.
- 1030 – Mixed up the ten percent chlorine solution. Dressed out one of the laborers with Tyvek suit and KN-95 mask. He continued to spray the rodent debris areas, focusing on resin areas, until all the areas were well soaked to prevent Hantavirus issues and allowed to remain undisturbed for a minimum of five minutes; it was allowed to sit for over 15 minutes.
- 1100 - Conducted initial dose rate surveys of the resin drums. Survey results ranged from 70  $\mu$ Rem/hour to 300  $\mu$ Rem/hour. The variation in dose rates is primarily due to the amount of resin in each drum. One other factor is the smaller five fiberboard drums. Two of the drums contained activated carbon and resin mix; therefore, lower dose rates. These drums were handled very carefully due to potential integrity issues near the bottom of four of the drums.
- 1100 – While surveys of the drums were completed, two of the laborers dressed out in Tyvek and KN-95 masks begin vacuuming the rodent debris and resin into a vacuum, which had a HEPA filter installed. As vacuum cleaner bags of resin and debris were filled, the filter bags were removed from the vacuum and placed into larger bags for placement into the mine for disposal.
- 1:00 - Started placing the resin drums into 85-gallon overpack drums to support shipment. Because of the condition of the drums (closed-top drums opened with a tool that cuts the top of the drum most of the way off) and the condition of fiberboard drums, it was determined to be safer to place to drum onto the underside of the overpack drum's lid, install the lid onto the overpack, close the body of the overpack onto the lid, tighten the drum lid and flip the drum over. In addition, each of the drums were weighed prior to overpacking, with exception of the fiberboard drums, which were not weighed until after closure into an overpack drum. The net weight of these drums was calculated by subtracting 66 pounds, which is the weight of an empty overpack drum. Twelve of the drums were overpacked.

Activities completed on September 20:

- Inform NMED one hour prior to traveling to the mine, as required.
- Response checked instruments
- Overpack the last three drums
- Conducted radiological surveys of the last three overpacked drums (dose rate and contamination along the bottom ring of each drum). No contamination was measured.

- Completed contamination surveys of the floor where resin was observed. No decontamination was required as no contamination was measured.
- The overpacked drums were staged in the non-contaminated area inside the building, awaiting shipment on 10/4/2022.
- Inform NMED that all planned activities are completed until October 3, 2022. Instrumentation was returned to ERG
- Verified that the transportation company would support the project and be at the mine at 0830 on October 4 for shipment.

#### October 3 through 4, 2022

Activities completed on October 3, 2022:

A new NV5 RP Technician, Brittany Massey, arrived and attended the morning safety briefing. She proceeded to source check instruments.

Two non-project individuals arrived at the mine to start taking down portions of the hoist building and subsequently remove the hoist. They were instructed to stay out of the areas where the resin drums had been stored and where the overpack drums are currently staged for shipment.

M Nolan briefed Brittany on surveys taken to date. She completed confirmatory contamination surveys of the drums and floor where drums had been stored. She noted a few very small areas of resin in the trench in the floor of the drum storage area. No contamination was measured, aside from the visible resin in the trench area and on a piece of metal siding. Cash personnel were to bring a HEPA-vacuum to collect the remaining resin. We departed the site at about 1130.

Activities completed on October 4, 2022:

At 0800, all project personnel (three Cash workers, Brittany Massey, and myself) arrived and attended the morning safety briefing. Cash had pallets loaded with the 15 drums and moved them outside of the gate in preparation for shipment.

- Shipment of the overpacked drums to White Mesa Mill

The truck driver had been instructed to be at the mine road at 0830 for loading. He arrived on time. Shipping papers were completed and ready for shipment. Drums were loaded by Cash personnel into the trailer. Drums were subsequently blocked and braced into the trailer using straps and an intermediate door. The driver was briefed on the shipment, signed shipping papers and related documentation, and released for shipping. The driver arrived at White Mesa Mill at 1330. I was contacted by Garrin Palmer, White Mesa Radiation Safety Officer that the shipment had been received and accepted for processing.

At 1000, after the drums had been released, Brittany and I conducted a detailed contamination and radiation survey of the floor of both areas (hoist room and drum storage room). All contamination survey results were at or below background. Radiation survey results indicated micro-rem/hr readings were at or below background.

We departed the site at approximately 1100.



**APPENDIX A**  
**RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY AND SAMPLING RESULTS**



APPENDIX A

Drum Number	Mass		gm	Gross lb	As found lb	Dose Rate (ur/hr)		Microcuries			U <sup>235</sup> Total	
	Gross kg	As found kg				As found DR	Overpacked DR	U-233	U-234	U-235		
1	140	110	1.40E+05	308	242	300	140	5.10E+02	2.98E+01	3.63E+02	9.02E+02	
2	152	122	1.52E+05	334	268	150	160	5.53E+02	3.24E+01	3.94E+02	9.79E+02	
3	140	110	1.40E+05	308	242	170	170	5.10E+02	2.98E+01	3.63E+02	9.02E+02	
4	144	114	1.44E+05	316	250	220	140	5.24E+02	3.07E+01	3.73E+02	9.28E+02	
5	55	85	5.50E+04	187	121	180	50	2.00E+02	1.17E+01	1.42E+02	3.54E+02	
6	59	83	5.30E+04	183	117	160	60	1.93E+02	1.13E+01	1.37E+02	3.41E+02	
7	64	94	6.40E+04	206	140	200	170	2.33E+02	1.36E+01	1.66E+02	4.12E+02	
8	60	90	6.00E+04	198	132	220	60	2.18E+02	1.28E+01	1.55E+02	3.87E+02	
9	92	122	9.20E+04	268	202	300	160	3.35E+02	1.96E+01	2.38E+02	5.93E+02	
10	83	113	8.30E+04	248	182	300	170	3.02E+02	1.77E+01	2.15E+02	5.35E+02	
11	120	150	1.20E+05	330	264	280	170	4.37E+02	2.56E+01	3.11E+02	7.73E+02	
12	78	108	7.80E+04	238	172	200	180	2.84E+02	1.66E+01	2.02E+02	5.03E+02	
13	152	182	1.52E+05	400	334	200	170	5.53E+02	3.24E+01	3.94E+02	9.79E+02	
14	155	185	1.55E+05	407	341	250	170	5.64E+02	3.30E+01	4.01E+02	9.99E+02	
15	137	167	1.37E+05	367	301	200	130	4.99E+02	2.92E+01	3.55E+02	8.83E+02	
								5.92E+03	3.46E+02	4.21E+03	1.05E+04	uCi
								5.92E+00	3.46E-01	4.21E+00	1.05E+01	mCi

Notes: "As found" mass is the mass of the drums prior to overpacking  
 "As found" dose rates are similarly documented

Lab Sample Results

	(pCi/gm)			(µCi/gm)		
	U-234	U-235	U-238	U-234	U-235	U-238
1	3.64E+03	2.13E+02	2.59E+03	3.64E-03	2.13E-04	2.59E-03
2	1.51E+04	8.50E+02	1.10E+04	1.51E-02	8.50E-04	1.10E-02
3	1.50E+04	8.80E+02	1.12E+04	1.50E-02	8.80E-04	1.12E-02
4	1.64E+04	9.46E+02	1.84E+04	1.64E-02	9.46E-04	1.84E-02
5	9.74E+03	5.84E+02	6.83E+03	9.74E-03	5.84E-04	6.83E-03
6	1.95E+04	1.15E+03	1.43E+04	1.95E-02	1.15E-03	1.43E-02
	7.93E+04	4.62E+03	6.44E+04	7.93E-02	4.62E-03	6.44E-02
Avg (pCi/gm)	1.32E+04	7.70E+02	1.07E+04			
Avg (µCi/gm)				1.32E-02	7.70E-04	1.07E-02



**Radiological Survey Record**

Date: 9/19/22

DATE: <u>9/19/22</u>	TIME: <u>11:00</u>	<b>INSTRUMENT USED</b>			
Survey Number: <u>1</u>	Model: <u>TFC</u>	S/N: <u>1535</u>	% Eff.:	Cal. Due: <u>9/22/22</u>	Bkg: <u>10</u>
Location: <u>Drum Room</u>		Surveyor: <u>Mike Nolan</u>			
Health Physicist:					
Description of Survey: <u>CONTACT DOSE RATES on the 15<sup>th</sup> DRUMS prior to overpacking</u>					

Smear location circled; Dose Rates - mRem/hr

DRUM #	DOSE RATE	Drum LOCATIONS	Location and Smear Results		
			Item	$\beta/\gamma$	$\alpha$
1	300				
2	150				
3	170				
4	220				
5	180				
6	160				
7	200				
8	220				
9	300				
10	300				
11	280				
12	200				
13	200				
14	250				
15	200				

Comments: 5 Drums are 30 GAL Fiberboard drums two are open top 30 GAL DRUMS and the remaining eight are closed top drums that were cut open. Drums will be weighed and overpacked.

Conducted By (Print/Sign): [Signature] 1 Mike Nolan Date: 9/19/22

Reviewed By (Print/Sign): Dr. H. Stephen 1 [Signature] Date: 9/27/22



**Radiological Survey Record**

Date: 9/19/22

DATE: <u>9/19/22</u>	TIME: <u>14:00</u>	INSTRUMENT USED				
Survey Number: <u>2</u>	Model: <u>TBC R/M</u>	S/N: <u>1535</u>	% Eff:	Cal. Due: <u>9/22/22</u>	Bkg: <u>10</u>	
Location: <u>HOIST ROOM</u>	Surveyor: <u>MIKE NOLAN</u>					
Health Physicist:						
Description of Survey: <u>Res in / 4 drums <del>at</del> <sup>9/19/22</sup> <del>at</del> <sup>ACT 512</sup> <del>to</del> <sup>9/19/22</sup> <del>slump</del> <sup>ACT 512</sup> <del>drum</del> <sup>ACT 512</sup> <del>drum</del> <sup>ACT 512</sup></u>						

Smear location circled; Dose Rates -- mRem/hr

Drum #	Gross kg	Net kg	Gross #	Dose Rate mR/hr	Location and Smear Results		
					Item	Bq	α
1	140	110	308	140			
2	152	122	334	160			
3	140	110	308	170			
4	144	114	316	140			
5	55	55	187	50			
6	53	83	183	60			
7	64	94	206	170			
8	60	90	198	60			
9	92	122	268	160			
10	83	113	248	170			
11	120	150	330	170			
12	78	108	238	180			
13	152	182	400	170			
14	155	185	407	170			
15	137	167	367	130			

Comments: Dose rate is highest dose rate on outside of SVAS found in drums after overpacking

Drum Room

Conducted By (Print/Sign): MIKE NOLAN Date: 9/19/22

Reviewed By (Print/Sign): A.H. Stephen Date: 9/19/22







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