

**WASTE ANALYSIS PLAN
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8.1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Waste Analysis Plan (WAP) documents how US Ecology Nevada (USEN⁵) obtains detailed chemical and physical analysis of a representative sample before hazardous wastes are stored, treated or disposed. USEN uses a pre-acceptance process to determine if sufficient information exists, and to determine if the waste can be managed at the facility within permit limits. Pre-acceptance also determines how wastes will be treated and how employee safety will be protected. USEN inspects all incoming waste shipments and, if necessary, analyzes each shipment received at the facility to determine if it matches the identity of the waste specified on the accompanying manifest. In addition, post-treatment testing confirms that wastes meet land disposal restrictions prior to disposal.

This Waste Analysis Plan describes how USEN complies with these responsibilities. Specifically and in accordance with 40 CFR §264.13(b), this plan delineates the following:

- The waste analyses hazardous waste generators supply (Section 8.2.0);
- The sampling methods used to obtain a representative sample of the waste to be analyzed (Section 8.2);
- The parameters for which each hazardous waste will be analyzed and the rationale for the selection of these parameters [i.e.; how analysis for these parameters will provide sufficient information on the properties of the waste (Section 8.6.6);
- The test methods used to test for these parameters (Section 8.6.6);
- The frequency with which the initial analysis of the waste will be reviewed or repeated to assure the analysis is accurate and up to date (Section 8.4.0 and Section 8.6.7);
- The procedures used to inspect and, if necessary, analyze hazardous waste received on-site to assure it matches the identity of the waste designated on the accompanying manifest or shipping paper, including:
 - the procedures used to determine the identity of waste managed at the facility (Section 8.6.0); and the sampling method used to obtain a representative sample of the waste to be identified (Section 8.2.0)
 - the procedures used to determine whether a hazardous waste generator or treater has added a biodegradable sorbent to the waste (Section 8.3.0).

⁵ For the purpose of this WAP, "USEN" means any US Ecology Nevada and any other US Ecology laboratory, subsidiary/affiliated laboratory, or designated contract laboratory.

- The procedures used to document waste movements within the facility prior to off-site shipment or on-site disposal (Section 8.8.0)
- The methods used to meet the additional waste analysis requirements for specific waste management methods as specified in 40 CFR §§264.17, 264.314, 264.341, and 268.7 (Section 8.8.0).
- Since the facility uses no surface impoundments exempted from land disposal restrictions under 40 CFR §268.4(a), no special procedures or schedules are provided for such surface impoundments.

8.2.0 REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING METHODS

Sampling and analysis are commonly performed by waste generators or their representatives to characterize wastes. Typically, when a waste shipment arrives on-site for treatment, storage, or disposal, a determination has already been made by the generator that the waste is either:

- a listed hazardous waste, as defined in Subpart D of 40 CFR Part 261;
- a characteristic hazardous waste, as defined in Subpart C of 40 CFR Part 261; or
- a solid waste which is not hazardous waste, as defined by 40 CFR §261.4(b).

USEN's instructions for its Profile/Waste Product Questionnaire⁶ (WPQ) refer generators to 40 CFR Part 261, Appendix I for sampling procedures. This Appendix, in turn, references both ASTM methods and EPA methods. Samples collected using protocols for these types of wastes are considered by EPA to be representative samples.

The generator's waste characterization normally includes an analysis of a representative sample of the waste, however, in some cases, generator knowledge of the waste is sufficient. Waste generators may also provide data originally used to characterize wastes, or provide existing published or documented data on the hazardous waste or data on hazardous waste generated from similar processes. The generator or an independent laboratory (including USEN) may perform analyses using standard test methods (EPA, ASTM, AWWA, or other approved standards) or alternative methods approved in USEN's RCRA permit.

The generator also evaluates the candidate waste for additional characteristics that may exclude the waste from acceptance at USEN and certifies that the waste does not exhibit any of these characteristics. For example, wastes restricted from on-site management (i.e.; pyrophoric wastes) will not be approved for on-site management.

Each WPQ includes a generator certification statement that reads, "I certify under penalty of law that I am familiar with this waste stream through analysis and/or process knowledge, and that all information provided is true, accurate, representative and complete, and that all known or suspected hazards have

⁶ Also commonly known as the "waste profile."

been disclosed. Furthermore, I certify that this form was completed in accordance with the instructions provided.”

See Attachment 1 for an example of the WPQ form and related instructions.

8.3.0 PRE-ACCEPTANCE REVIEW

USEN's pre-acceptance review determines whether adequate information is available to determine the acceptability of the waste for on-site management. Waste may be rejected or accepted based on the conditions or limitations of existing permits, the waste's compatibility with other wastes being managed on-site, or the waste's suitability for management utilizing the process options available on-site.

Pre-acceptance review commonly takes place on-site before waste is scheduled for delivery. Pre-acceptance information may also be collected at another US Ecology facility, or upon receipt of the load prior to waste acceptance.

USEN commonly obtains the following information for each new waste stream that is a candidate for on-site management:

- Pertinent chemical and physical data (i.e., waste characteristics) and, when appropriate, information concerning representative sampling methods and certification on the WPQ.
- A representative sample, unless pre-acceptance review determines that a representative sample is not necessary.
- Land Disposal Restriction (LDR) Notification/Certification and/or data, unless data is submitted with each load.
- Other supporting documentation as appropriate, including any information such as a description of the process generating the waste, additional analytical results, Material Safety Data sheets, product ingredients, etc.

The pre-acceptance review identifies the Fingerprint Analyses and any Supplemental Analyses necessary on a sample collected upon receipt of the waste. These additional analyses may be required in order to determine appropriate waste management techniques to be used.

Selected waste management techniques are based on:

- Management methods available;
- Conditions or limitations of existing permits and regulations;
- Capability to manage the waste in a safe and environmentally sound manner;
- WPQ description of the process generating the waste;
- WPQ description of the chemical and physical properties of the waste;

- Any additional documentation supplied by the generator, including information that the waste is subject to a Land Disposal Restriction of 40 CFR Part 268, if appropriate;
- Results of Fingerprint Analyses, if necessary;
- Results of Supplemental Analyses, as appropriate; and
- Management's technical experience and judgment.

The pre-acceptance evaluation concludes with a documented decision regarding the acceptability of the waste and the proposed method of management. Included within the documentation is the required notification to the generator that the waste is approved for management in accordance with the facility's permit and 40 CFR §264.12(b).

Copies of these decisions are sent to the NDEP for review and for their concurrence, modification or rejection.

USEN maintains copies of generator-supplied and USE-developed information. This information may be accessed electronically or via hard copy.

8.3.1 NDEP RESTRICTED WASTES

Wastes that are identified by NDEP as "Restricted Wastes" are wastes that USEN are not authorized by NDEP to receive, treat, store, dispose of, or otherwise manage. The following steps will be taken to identify and avoid accepting restricted wastes:

- All USEN technical staff authorized to approve profiles will be aware of which wastes are considered restricted. Training will be performed as needed.
- Ask generators for additional analysis or MSDSs if needed.
- Request the assistance of the US Ecology Inc. Radiation Safety Officer for any material that may contain any radiological component.

8.3.2 USEN RESTRICTED WASTES

Wastes that are identified by USEN as "Restricted Wastes" are wastes that are identified as being outside of the facility's treatability scope and/or outside of the facility's ability to safely store. The following waste types are identified as being Restricted Waste and require a permit modification to amend the acceptability of the waste.

- Organic Peroxide: USEN only accepts organic peroxides with DOT Generic Types G, F, and E as identified in associated SDSs or by 49 CFR 173.128(c)

- RCRA Hazardous Compressed or Pressurized Gas (not to include retail aerosol containers): USEN only accepts the RCRA compressed gases of propane and butane. Cylinders are required to be equal to less than to 50 gallons.

The following steps will be taken to identify and avoid accepting restricted wastes:

- All USEN technical staff authorized to approve profiles will be aware of which wastes are considered restricted. Training will be performed as needed.
- Ask generators for additional analysis or MSDSs if needed.

8.4.0 WASTE PROFILE RE-EVALUATION

A waste profile is re-evaluated if:

- A generator notifies USEN that the process generating the waste has changed;
- The results of inspection or analysis indicate the waste received at the facility does not match the identity of the waste designated on the accompanying manifest (or shipping paper).

When the waste profile is re-evaluated, the generator may be asked to review and update the current waste profile, to supply a new profile, and/or to submit a sample for analysis. USEN may also develop new data by using a representative sample collected from a load of the waste.

8.5.0 WASTE TREATMENT RECIPE DEVELOPMENT

Typically, USEN requires a representative sample of wastes prior to on-site treatment to develop a treatment recipe. The waste sample is mixed in the lab with various reagents⁷ to determine an acceptable mix design (recipe) by which the waste is ultimately treated to meet required standards.

In some cases, it may be appropriate to create mix designs after acceptance, but prior to treatment (e.g., when aggregated batches of mixed wastes streams are treated together). Recipes may also be adjusted after treatment if the recipe is unsuccessful or if more efficient treatment techniques are developed.

Treatment effectiveness is verified prior to disposal except when wastes from the same source are routinely received, these wastes are identified as Single Source Waste Streams. In these cases, samples are collected from a batch of treated wastes for treatment effectiveness; treatment effectiveness is verified when the batch meets required standards. Verification frequency of treatment effectiveness is

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Typical reagents used on-site include fly ash, portland cement, cement kiln dust, lime, gypsum, water, clays, oxidizers, and carbon, although other treatment reagents may be used, Including other wastes with characteristics appropriate for treatment.

dependent on the type of Single Source Waste Stream and may be increased for waste streams that exhibit significant variable characteristics or at the facility discretion.

- **Process Generated Single Source Waste Stream:** Treatment effectiveness will be verified for the first treated batch and every 180th day afterward. Reverification of treatment effectiveness is required prior to the 180th day when:
 - The facility receives notice that the process generating the waste has changed or
 - The facility has observed a change in waste characteristics.

- **Remediation Projects Single Source Waste Streams:** Treatment effectiveness will be verified from two consecutive treated batches and every 150th batch afterward with two consecutive treated batches verified. Reverification of treatment effectiveness is required prior to the 150th treated batch when:
 - The 180th day after the date of verification is reached before the 150th batch,
 - The facility received notice that the process generating the waste has changed, or
 - The facility has observed a change in waste characteristics.

Since wastes are treated based on a developed or verified recipe, they are assumed to meet the applicable treatment standards and may be staged in storage or disposal units pending confirmatory analyses. If post-treatment analyses determines a treated batch does not meet applicable standards, the waste will be retrieved for re-treatment or off-site management.

A treatment certification is issued to the generator for each batch successfully treated.

8.6.0 INCOMING WASTE SHIPMENT INSPECTION AND SAMPLING

Each shipment of waste is inspected, sampled and analyzed before acceptance, except as noted below, to compare the actual waste identity with that determined in the pre-acceptance phase and ensure proper disposition of the waste for treatment, storage, and/or disposal. A USEN-approved subcontractor or a USEN employee operating off-site can provide the analyses required for acceptance. Waste shipments arriving on-site are in process until a final decision regarding waste acceptability is made. At such time, the wastes are accepted or rejected.

Subject to the exceptions below, bulk waste loads are sampled and analyzed, except where large volumes of a single waste stream are received from a single source, (e.g.; a site cleanup, a large volume generator, etc.). In such cases, all shipments are inspected and at least 10% of such loads are sampled and analyzed. Bulk waste may also be sampled in an original bulk container (rail cars, for example) prior to loading into trucks or other containers.

At least 10% of non-bulk containers from each waste stream in the shipment are sampled, except as noted below. Container samples from the same profile may be composited prior to analysis, providing the individual samples have similar physical descriptions. At a minimum, all remaining un-sampled containers are visually inspected for container integrity and labeling. If a significant discrepancy in waste type is discovered, the contents of all of the containers for that waste stream are inspected. In some cases, where the waste stream is consistent but packaged for ease of transportation or disposal (e.g., multiple cubic yard bags containing the same waste), the load may be managed as a bulk load.

8.6.1 Wastes Meeting the Treatment or Technology Standard upon Arrival

USEN frequently receives waste meeting applicable treatment standards that has been treated by the generator, treated by another treatment facility, or verified to meet the standard as initially generated. Shipments of waste meeting applicable treatment standards that have been treated by the generator or treated by another treatment facility must be accompanied by a proper notification and certification upon each receipt. Shipments of waste verified to meet applicable treatment standards as initially generated are required to provide a one-time notification and certification to USEN; subsequent shipments are not required to be accompanied by proper notification and certification

See Attachment 2 for a copy of the LDR Form. This form must include the applicable analytical data or reference to such data, in accordance with 40 CFR §268.7.

These wastes may be analyzed for conformance with the treatment standards during the pre-acceptance review, during the load acceptance review, or when USEN believes the waste may meet the appropriate standard or method.

8.6.2 Wastes Subject to LDRs

Initial waste shipments subject to the Land Disposal Restrictions which require treatment must be accompanied by a one-time notification to USEN of the appropriate treatment standard or prohibition, including any applicable data or reference to such data or documentation which must be met in accordance with 40 CFR §268.7, except as otherwise allowed.

When verifying that waste has been treated to meet LDR treatment standards, compliance with concentration level standards is based on grab sampling. When there is any uncertainty in achievement of treatment standards, the treated waste is resampled.

8.6.3 Wastes Which Are Not Sampled

Sampling and analysis of some waste materials is not required because the chemical and physical characteristics of the waste are known in sufficient and reliable detail, or the waste has been previously characterized and shipped from another generator, broker or TSD, or visual inspection of these shipments is sufficient for verification of their identity. USEN may waive incoming waste load sampling and analysis where the pre-acceptance documentation supplies sufficient information to assure compliance with permit conditions and operational constraints, or any of the following conditions exist:

- Obtaining a representative sample poses an unnecessary hazard of acute or chronic exposure of USEN employees to carcinogenic, mutagenic, neoplastigenic, teratogenic, or other hazardous or sensitizing materials;
- The material may react violently with air or moisture;
- The material's odor causes a public nuisance when sampled; or
- A sample cannot be reasonably obtained, such as filter cartridges, tank clean-out sludge (prior to the clean-out), large pieces of contaminated material, or contaminated debris.

In these cases, the shipment will still be inspected for conformance with manifest and pre-acceptance documentation as previously described.

The following types of wastes are typically excluded from sampling and analysis upon receipt:

- Waste contained in a lab-Pack (combination packaging). Combination packaging is defined in 49 CFR §171.8 as "...one or more inner packagings secured in a non-bulk outer packaging" and is subject to the Department of Transportation shipping package requirements of 49 CFR Part 173.
- Commercial products or chemicals: off-specification, outdated, unused, contaminated or banned. This also includes products voluntarily removed from the market place by a manufacturer or distributor.
- "Empty" containers of waste materials, commercial products or chemicals. This applies to portable containers which have been emptied, but which may hold residues of the product, chemical, or containers containing other empty containers. Examples of containers are: tanks, drums, barrels, cans, bags, liners, etc. A container shall be determined "empty" according to the criteria specified at 40 CFR §261.7. These empty containers may be crushed, shredded, or landfilled intact.
- Residue and debris from the cleanup of spills or releases of chemical substances, previously approved wastes, commercial products, or a waste which would otherwise qualify as an exception.

- Waste that is visually identifiable through an inspection process. Examples may include cathode ray tubes, batteries, fluorescent light tubes, filters and filter cartridges, wire or tubing, paper products, metal sheeting and parts, crushed glass, piping, and other debris.
- Demolition wastes. This consists of waste produced from the demolition or dismantling of industrial process equipment or facilities contaminated with chemicals from the process. Knowledge of the process and chemicals used in the process allows characterization of the waste sufficient for safe management.
- Debris as defined at 40 CFR §268.2. These materials will be visually inspected prior to acceptance in order to ensure the waste meets the definition of debris.
- Articles, debris, non-RCRA wastes, equipment and clothing containing or contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). This includes PCB capacitors, transformers, gloves or aprons from draining operations, empty drums that formerly held PCBs, etc.
- PCB drainings and flushings removed from PCB articles. This includes PCB articles flushed with a substance (e.g. unused diesel).
- USEN site-generated waste, including hazardous and non-hazardous waste.
- Household hazardous waste, pesticide, waste from small quantity generators, and/or small volume waste streams (<100 tons per year). For these exceptions, the generator will supply USEN with sufficient chemical and physical characteristics information for proper management of the waste.
- Controlled substances regulated by government agencies including drugs and/or materials from clandestine labs.
- Materials designated for storage and trans-shipment off-site. These materials are received for storage and subsequent trans-shipment only and are not otherwise actively managed on-site. If USEN processes a waste previously designated for storage and subsequent trans-shipment, the waste will be subject to the normal pre-approval process prior to on-site processing. For materials received at another regulated company and subsequently shipped to USEN, the other facility may transmit the relevant information to USEN for use in the pre-acceptance or load arrival review programs, as is appropriate.
- Wastes from remedial projects in which the waste characterization is known through a sampling plan that was approved by a federal or state agency (e.g.; CERCLA project) or other well-developed plan.
- Contaminated personnel protective equipment (PPE) (e.g., gloves, tyveks, respirator cartridges).
- Aerosol cans.
- Vitrified, Cemented, and Other Materials Exhibiting High Structural Integrity which are not conducive to sampling. Structural steel, tanks, pipe, cement, glass, empty drums, machinery,

equipment, manufactured items, monolithic / cemented materials, and similar materials do not allow for normal sampling protocols. They are inspected and analyzed case-by-case.

- Environmental remediation wastes where a government clean-up agency, generator, or contractor has established a data base and waste characterization information. This information may be used in lieu of pre-acceptance analytical and incoming load analytical information, and the physical appearance screen will be used to confirm material acceptability upon arrival.
- Exempt Radioactive Waste (including NORM, NARM, etc).

8.6.4 SAMPLING METHODS, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

Sampling methods used for specific materials are consistent with those referenced in 40 CFR Part 261, Appendix I. The sampling equipment and procedures described in this WAP represent USEN’s customary sampling protocol for general types of waste materials and containment. Specific waste materials or shipments may require different sampling techniques. For example, if examination indicates strata in the waste, then each layer may be composited in proportion to its estimated volume or analyzed separately. Deviations from the recommended protocol may occur based on waste inspection and testing, and such deviations are consistent with the purposes and practices of this WAP.

The equipment used for different materials is presented in the following table.

Table 1: Sampling Materials and Equipment	
Material	Equipment
Extremely viscous liquid	Thief or COLIWASA/tube sampler
Crushed or powdered material	Tube sampler, trier, auger, scoop, or shovel
Soil-like material	Tube sampler, trier, auger, scoop, or shovel
Fly ash-like material	Tube sampler, trier, auger, scoop, or shovel
Containerized liquids	COLIWASA/tube sampler, weighted bottle, cup, bomb, or tank sampling port
Steel or Large Solid Objects (e.g.; tanks, process devices)	Drill

8.6.4.1 Container Sampling

USEN samples various container types, such as drums, tanks, portable transport units (e.g., tote bins, roll-off boxes, lugger boxes), tankers, or dump-type trucks. Sampling devices are selected depending on the size and type of the container and on the specific material involved.

Specific sampling procedures are dependent on both the distribution and the nature of the waste components in the container. Due to these variations, minor modifications may be needed to the recommended sampling procedure in order to obtain a sample. Although preferential sampling devices in Table 1, other devices identified in agency guidance or selected at the Lab Manager's direction may be used.

Methods for sampling small containers (e.g., drums, cartons, & other small units) vary with the nature of the waste. For flowable materials, the sampling device of choice is a Coliwasa or tubing. For non-flowable wastes, a tubing or trier is typically used to obtain a representative sample.

Large containers and tanks of flowable or solid materials may be either stationary or mobile. Liquids may be sampled with Coliwasa, tubing, weighted bottle, or bomb sampler to sample at various depths. Tank sampling may be accomplished through ports or taps located along the side of the tank or sampling through pumps or fittings. These samples may be composited to yield a representative sample. Light, dry powders and granules may be sampled with a scoop, tubing or thief. Heavier solids such as contaminated soils may be sampled by trier, shovel, or by coring with heavy tubing. Tank sediments may be sampled from the bottom-sampling valve when not readily sampled from above.

8.6.5 WASTE MANIFEST REVIEW & DISCREPANCY RESOLUTION

Upon arrival of a waste shipment at USEN, the accompanying manifest is reviewed for completeness and the shipment is inspected for agreement with the manifest information.

Waste is non-conforming if there is a significant discrepancy between the waste shipment and the manifest (as defined in 40 CFR §264.72), unless the discrepancy can be resolved through contact with the waste generator, transporter or broker. Non-conforming wastes may be rejected immediately, or may be re-evaluated for acceptance despite the inconsistency. Changes to the manifest or WPQ may be made with the customer's concurrence or at the customer's request. Any corrections or other changes made to the manifest or WPQ are initialed by the person making the change. Other manifest discrepancies may be corrected or noted on the manifest.

For bulk loads manifested by weight, the load is typically weighed on-site. However, if the scale is out of service, other methods may be employed to estimate the weight of the delivery. These include off-site scales, weight estimation techniques, and using tare weights to calculate approximate net weights. If a significant weight discrepancy is noted, the procedures of 40 CFR §264.72 are employed. For bulk loads manifested by volume, this mechanism is not appropriate

as visual estimates are too subjective, settling may occur during transport, liquids are subject to phase separation, and specific gravity calculations can be inaccurate. For piece count deliveries (e.g., vans of containers, etc.), the piece count is confirmed.

Non-conformance is typically conducted upon delivery to the facility or during the load acceptance process. Occasionally, a load is delivered and staged prior to being approved or accepted, or small containers are contained within heat shrink material and cannot be counted prior to breaking the load. In these instances and consistent with 40 CFR §264.71(a)(3), the transporter is given a signed copy of the manifest. If a significant weight or piece count discrepancy is later discovered, USEN will attempt to reconcile the discrepancy. If this cannot be done within 15 days of discovery, notification of the discrepancy will be sent to the NDEP, along with the steps taken to resolve the discrepancy.

Manifest discrepancies are resolved, if possible, by contacting the generator, transporter, or their representative to obtain the needed information. Entire loads or portions of loads may be rejected (e.g., a bulk load may contain un-profiled or unacceptable⁸ materials). The requirements of 40 CFR 262 Subpart B “Manifests” are followed when documenting rejection of waste loads and their return to the generator.

8.6.6 FINGERPRINT TESTING UPON WASTE RECEIPT

USEN inspects waste shipments and conducts fingerprint testing to confirm consistency of received waste with pre-acceptance characterization contained in the Waste Product Questionnaire⁹, waste analysis, or other information. The waste characterization on the WPQ provides information concerning the contaminant type and concentration and the nature of the waste.

All incoming wastes are inspected as outlined in Section 8.6.0 to assure that readily-observable characteristics (color, form, absence or presence of odors, size, etc.) are consistent with pre-acceptance data. Inspectors can also observe whether free liquids are present and determine whether additional fingerprint testing, such as a paint filter test, may be needed.

Fingerprint testing provides general waste identification and confirmation. Results are compared with pre-acceptance information to confirm that the waste is the same. Results may be used in

8 The material may be "unacceptable" due to permit constraints or the inability of the facility to manage the waste..

9 Also commonly referred to as a "waste profile".

conjunction with other waste analyses and information to further identify a waste and/or ensure the type of on-site management chosen is suitable for that particular waste.

Specific fingerprint tests are established during pre-acceptance based on the characteristics of the waste and limits of fingerprint parameter variability. Certain types of waste streams that are not conducive to fingerprint sampling such as debris and solid resins, are not readily sampled and fingerprint testing may be limited to field testing and inspection. Other wastes may need additional testing due to the results of initial tests or due to direct observations.

The following Fingerprint Analyses may be employed:

- **Physical Description** is observed for every waste to determine its general properties (color, physical appearance, texture, presence of absence of odors, presence of free liquids).
- **pH Screen** measures the corrosive nature of the waste, but commonly is not used for organic wastes, oily waste, or other wastes which are not water soluble.
- **Water Reactivity Screen (Water Compatibility)** determines whether the waste has a potential to vigorously react with water to form gases or other byproducts or significant heat. The reactivity screen is not used for wastes that are already in contact with excess water or if sufficient analytical data indicate no potential reactivity with water.
- **Flammability Potential Screen** can be applied to all waste liquids, semi-solids or solids. It is used to identify obvious inconsistencies, such as a flammable sludge substituted for an inert solid. This test is not commonly performed on solids unless the waste contains free liquids.
- **Cyanides Screen** indicates whether the waste can produce hydrogen cyanide gas upon acidification below pH 2. It is not required if the pH of the waste is >7, or if the waste is not miscible with water.
- **Sulfide Screen** indicates whether the waste has the potential to produce hydrogen sulfide gas upon acidification below pH 2. It is not required if the pH of the waste is >7, or if the waste is not miscible with water.
- **Radioactive Screen** ensures compliance with Waste Acceptance Criteria, and is only used when radioactivity may be present.

8.6.7 SUPPLEMENTAL ANALYSES

USEN decides whether supplemental analyses are required for a particular waste based upon:

- Results of Fingerprint Analyses;
- Knowledge of generator and/or waste-generating process;
- Results of pre-acceptance evaluation;
- Waste codes.

Further testing will be conducted if inspections or fingerprint tests indicate inconsistencies with pre-acceptance analytical results, or if there is suspicion the waste composition has changed. USEN may obtain supplemental analyses to:

- Confirm and/or augment existing information on the waste;
- Further identify a waste;
- Further ensure the appropriate treatment, storage, or disposal processes can be used, or
- To provide operations information used for control of these processes.

Supplemental Analyses may also be performed on any waste sample, when necessary for pre-acceptance purposes, if the generator-supplied information is not sufficient.

The parameters which constitute Supplemental Analyses are described in Attachment 3 and primarily consist of standard analytical techniques (recognized by the EPA, ASTM or other authoritative sources).

USEN may use other standard analytical techniques and unique analyses (developed by USEN) to monitor operating equipment or treatment techniques where this use does not impact regulatory decisions or reporting. These other standard techniques and analyses (see Attachment 4) are not specifically covered by this WAP. Analyses are not necessarily repeated for sequential activities or movement of the same waste within the facility unless required by changes in the waste's character. Facility Management may waive specific tests if performing the analysis presents a safety hazard in the laboratory (e.g., organic extraction on an oxidizing waste) or if the characteristic or constituent (e.g.; Underlying Hazardous Constituents) are not reasonably expected to be in the waste.

8.7.0 GENERAL SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS ISSUES

8.7.1 Disposition of Samples

Samples of waste streams are commonly disposed in the same fashion as the waste stream itself. If, for example, a waste is approved for stabilization and landfilling, the sample may be stabilized in the lab, in containers, or mix bins and subsequently disposed. Samples received which are unauthorized for management on-site are typically returned to the generator (or representative) or aggregated (under the provisions of 40 CFR §262.34) and sent off-site to an authorized facility for subsequent management. To facilitate sample management, samples approved for the same management processes may be consolidated (e.g.; in tanks or containers) and managed under the provisions of 40 CFR §262.34. Should samples arrive on-site from an identified generator, but without proper waste identification, USEN will contact the generator to

identify the associated waste and appropriate hazardous waste codes, if any. If sample identity cannot be resolved, USEN will return the sample to the generator, or manage the sample as on-site generated waste for the characteristics/contaminants reasonably expected.

8.7.2 Sampling Safety Precautions

Per the USEN Health and Safety Plan, personnel wear personal protective equipment. Load receipt personnel check the manifest or other shipping or pre-acceptance information to be familiar with the material and ensure necessary precautions are taken. Pre-acceptance reviews may result in specific requirements for personal protective equipment.

8.7.3 Remote Project Sampling and/or Analysis

In cases where USEN directs off-site sampling or analysis to assure that a waste meets Waste Acceptance Criteria, USEN will instruct off-site personnel in the requirements of this WAP, or a company representative will be present to assure compliance with the WAP.

8.7.4 Interim Processing Loads

Following treatment, the treated waste is sent to the landfill for final disposal and staged in the landfill while applicable verification testing is performed (See Section 8.6.2). A maximum of 15 batches may be staged at any point in time for up to 10 consecutive days for metal bearing wastes, and up to 20 consecutive days for organic bearing wastes. The staged waste will be isolated within the landfill and stored on a plastic liner.

USEN may submit an extension request to the NDEP if additional time is needed to verify treatment due to sampling and analysis requirements (i.e., samples need to be sent offsite for organic analysis and results are not expected within 20 working days).

Wastes treated and staged in an interim processing area that do not meet treatment standards may be re-sampled for verification analyses. If the re-sampling indicates the waste meets treatment standards, the waste will be disposed. If re-sampling indicates the material does not meet treatment standards, the waste will be retrieved for further treatment.

8.7.5 Lab Packs

Lab pack materials which are proposed to be managed on-site are inventoried by the generator, and the inventories are sent to USEN for review for incompatibility of contained materials, land disposal restrictions, and use of appropriate packing materials. Since lab packs contain many small quantities of individual materials, they are not sampled, but are inspected to ensure

adequate packing material is present and the drum is at least 90% full (if destined for direct landfilling). If necessary, absorbent material may be added until the lab pack is 90% full.

8.7.6 Management of Residues

Waste residues and other miscellaneous equipment or debris originating from on-site management areas or activities may be characterized and managed as on-site-generated wastes. If on-site-generated waste is derived from a specific identifiable waste, it will be managed in accordance with the approved management conditions for that waste (e.g.; a spill of F002 material is managed as F002). If precluded by permit, regulation, or operational conditions, the waste may be subject to alternative management, as appropriate. Stabilization residues and other treatment residues will carry the waste code(s) of the last waste stream in the unit and will be managed in the same manner. For example, sludges removed from a stabilization mix bin which last received K061 wastes carry the K061 code and must meet appropriate treatment standards for K061 before being land disposed on-site. Residues from truck washouts and equipment washes conducted in the truck wash bay are managed as on-site-generated waste. Residues of "RCRA Empty" containers are not subject to this WAP since they are not solid or hazardous wastes.

8.7.7 Non-Hazardous Wastes (NHW)

USEN accepts wastes which are not hazardous as defined under RCRA. Although non-hazardous wastes are not subject to RCRA WAP requirements, USEN commonly uses this WAP to review non-hazardous wastes. Depending on the specific waste, specific sections of this WAP may not be applicable (e.g.; manifesting provisions, LDR verification of treated wastes, etc.).

8.7.8 Protectively-Characterized Wastes

Generators occasionally "protectively" characterize¹⁰ wastes sent to off-site TSDFs for a variety of reasons (including public relations, legal reasons, financial incentives, lack of characterization experience, or lack of specific analytical information). When USEN collects specific analytical data or possesses process knowledge or regulatory knowledge, USEN may characterize waste during the pre-acceptance or load-arrival process. Prior to disposal, USEN will complete appropriate notifications, and/or prepare an appropriate LDR Certification, as necessary.

¹⁰ "Over-characterization" means the practice of applying waste codes or UHCs to a waste which do not regulatorily apply and/or to the practice of not applying appropriate LDR Notifications or Certifications.

8.7.9 Standard Profiles

“Standard profiles” may be used for waste streams which are similar in physical or chemical characteristics, or which are generated by similar industries or processes. All the wastes within a standard profile are generally managed at USEN using the same treatment process.

USEN reviews generator-provided information to evaluate whether an individual waste stream is sufficiently similar in physical and/or chemical characteristics to an established standard profile. The specific waste stream information must fall within the standard profile representative ranges in order to incorporate that waste stream into the standard profile. Specific candidate waste streams which conform to an existing approved standard profile will be managed under the waste management decision for that standard profile.

8.7.10 Trans-Shipped Wastes

Waste destined for other facilities may not be subject to this WAP since they will be subject to the waste analysis plan of the facility to which they will be forwarded. For proper segregation, the materials will be segregated into areas appropriate to the DOT Hazardous Class. For materials received at another USE affiliate company and subsequently shipped to the USEN Facility, the shipping facility will transmit the relevant analytical information to USEN for use in the pre-acceptance or load arrival review programs, as appropriate.

8.7.11 Changes in Rules and Procedures

References are made throughout this plan to regulations promulgated by the EPA regarding waste analysis requirements for hazardous waste management facilities. These requirements are generally found in 40 CFR Part 260 to 264, which has been adopted by reference in the rules of the NDEP. Unless otherwise specified herein, cited federal regulations have been adopted by reference by the NDEP.

If underlying EPA regulations change, USEN will create a written protocol specifying the new testing and frequency requirements prior to processing regulated waste. USEN may also periodically revise the WAP to reflect scientific advances, additional land ban requirements, and/or other pertinent factors. If WAP revisions are necessary because of a new regulatory rule, the revisions will be submitted for NDEP approval within 90 days of the regulatory change.

8.7.12 Special Procedures for CAMU-eligible Wastes

For each CAMU remediation waste proposed for acceptance, USEN will submit a CAMU-eligible waste stream information package for review by the Director unless exempted as provided below. The information package will document that:

- The designation of CAMU-eligible waste has been performed by a duly authorized agency,
- Principal hazardous constituents have been identified and are required to be treated to meet any of the standards referenced in 40 CFR §264.555 (a) (2),
- The CAMU-eligible waste designating authority provided a public notice and an opportunity for public comment for both the CAMU designation and the placement of the CAMU in an off-site permitted hazardous waste landfill,
- The approval is specific to a single remediation,
- All information provided by the person seeking approval (the waste generator) to the duly authorized agency making the CAMU-eligible waste designation has been included in the information package.

For each CAMU-eligible waste proposed for acceptance, the Director and persons on the USEN mailing list will be notified of USEN's intent to receive CAMU-eligible wastes. This notification shall include the source of the remediation waste, the principal hazardous constituents in the waste, and the treatment requirements. The mailing list notice will be sent within 7 days of the request to the Director and will state that comments or objections to receipt of the waste may be submitted to the Director within 15 days of the notice. Proof of the mailing list notification will be submitted to the Director within seven (7) days of completion.

USEN must comply with 40 CFR § 268.7(b)(4) except the certification must state the CAMU wastes meet the referenced treatment requirements at 40 CFR § 264.555(a)(2). USEN must dispose of all CAMU-eligible wastes in permitted landfill cells only. Prior to disposal, all CAMU-eligible wastes must meet one of the standards as discussed in 40 CFR § 264.555(a)(2)(i), (ii), or (iii).

The Permittee may not receive any CAMU-eligible waste until written approval is received from the Director. The Director may take a 30-day review period, with an optional 30-day extension, from the date of receipt of the request from USEN.

The Director may object to USEN's acceptance of any specific CAMU-eligible waste stream. If such written objection is issued, USEN may not receive the specific CAMU-eligible waste stream. If at the end of the review period the Director has not notified USEN that he or she has chosen not to object, USEN may not receive the specific CAMU-eligible waste stream until the objection has been resolved, or USEN obtains a permit modification specifically authorizing receipt of the specific CAMU-eligible waste stream.

As part of the permit modification process, the Director may modify, reduce, or eliminate the notification requirements described in this section of the WAP as they apply to specific categories of CAMU-eligible waste, based on minimal risk.

8.8.0 PROCESS OPERATIONS

During movement of a waste within the facility, changes in its characteristics may occur. These changes may make the waste subject to additional inspection, sampling, and analysis to determine appropriate handling and management of the waste. Many of the analyses needed for the treatment, storage, and/or disposal functions are performed during incoming shipment identification and are not repeated unless waste characteristics may have significantly changed during storage or processing or new information is necessary for the safe management of the waste.

Existing and anticipated process operations at the facility, for which current and periodic sampling and analyses are important, include the following:

- Storage;
- Treatment; and
- Disposal
- Aerosol can recycling
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The analytical procedures for each of these processes are described separately below.

8.8.1 STORAGE

Before waste is placed into storage USEN assesses the compatibility of the waste with wastes already in storage.

8.8.1.1 Liquid Storage / Transfer

Liquid wastes may be transferred from containers to tanks or to trucks although a waste may be fed directly to the designated treatment unit (e.g.; stabilization tank). Upon arrival, liquid waste will be tested as specified for waste identification and commingled waste compatibility test, as needed to assure safe storage. If a liquid load is exempted from sampling, the waste will be segregated from other wastes based on its compatibility class.

8.8.1.2 Containerized Storage

Using the predominant hazard classification on incoming containerized waste, a storage area will be designated to insure incompatible waste segregation.

Based on the initial hazard determination made by the generator on the WPQ and/or the final identification of the waste shipment, containerized waste will typically be segregated in the following manner: flammable, corrosive, and oxidizing waste materials will be separated from incompatible materials or stored in separate areas. Wastes are separated/maintained in separate storage areas until they are treated, transferred, or disposed.

8.8.1.3 Special Requirements for Ignitable or Reactive Wastes

Ignitable or reactive wastes will not be stored within 15 meters (50') of the facility's property line.

8.8.1.4 Special Requirements for Incompatible Wastes

In accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR §264.177, USEN has developed a program to prevent the accidental commingling or reaction of incompatible wastes, including:

- Proper identification of the hazardous characteristics of incoming waste streams during the waste stream approval process.
- Proper segregation of incompatible materials.
 - Incompatible wastes or materials will not be stored or placed in the same container.
 - Wastes will be segregated according to the designated compatibility group, and placed so as to prevent waste-to-waste contact that could lead to a reaction.
 - Proper identification of the potential for incompatible reactions through the waste stream verification program including testing of incoming shipments in accordance with the WAP.

Compatibility between the waste and storage container will be ensured by placing waste into clean containers, or through use of technical knowledge of the waste and containers.

8.8.2 TREATMENT AND TRANSFER OPERATIONS

This section discusses analyses for hazardous waste treatment operations and off-site transfer of material for combustion.

The treatment sampling & analysis program may be divided into three (3) segments:

- Pre-treatment analyses confirm the waste falls within the selected process design and allows adjustment of the process operational conditions during treatment;
- In-process analyses to monitor treatment progress; and
- Post-treatment analyses to confirm successful treatment and to determine characteristics of the process effluent. Process residues for LDR wastes will be analyzed and/or evaluated, as needed, against the appropriate treatment standards or prohibitions. Any residues or waste sent off-site for disposal or further management will have the appropriate notification and/or certification form (in accordance with 40 CFR Part 268).

8.8.2.1 Bulking for Treatment or Off-Site Shipment

Wastes aggregated for consolidated treatment or disposal are not typically identified during the pre-acceptance process. Instead, these wastes are typically reviewed upon receipt to determine appropriate waste characterization, and to develop treatment recipes. Liquid or solid wastes may be bulked for on-site consolidated treatment or disposal. In-process analyses may be performed to assure the aggregation/bulking of wastes does not create a reactivity or incompatibility issue and to confirm that the resultant waste is within the receiving facility's specifications. Incidental mixing of wastes that occurs when several waste streams are bulked is not considered blending.

Wastes may also be aggregated for off-site delivery, for example to off-site incinerators, lime kilns or similar operations. Pre-acceptance analyses may be used to determine the acceptability of each waste stream as a fuel or heat source. Additional analysis for heat value may be required for materials destined for supplemental fuel. Bulking in this case typically involves pumping containerized liquid / semi-solid wastes into tank trucks or other large containers for delivery off-site. Wastes containing sufficient heating values for combustion are bulked with other suitable waste. Post-treatment analyses may be used to confirm that the bulked material is suitable for use as fuels or for incineration. The resultant bulked materials are used to provide heat content for combustion processes (either as hazardous waste derived fuel (HWDF) or as a hazardous waste, as applicable).

8.8.2.2 Specific Treatment Technologies

Federal regulations define distinct treatment technologies including Stabilization Chemical Oxidation, Chemical Reduction, Deactivation, Macro/Micro Encapsulation, Neutralization, Adsorption, Bio-remediation, Evaporation, and Precipitation.

- **Stabilization** is defined by 40 CFR §268.42 as stabilization with the following reagents (or waste reagents) or combinations of reagents (1) Portland Cement;

or (2) lime/pozzolans (e.g., fly ash and cement kiln dust). This definition does not preclude the addition of reagents (e.g., iron salts, silicates, and clays) designed to enhance the set/cure time and/or compressive strength, or to reduce leachability of hazardous constituents. A mix design is developed prior to the treatment of a waste stream. Stabilization may be performed within Mix Bin Tanks or Containers. Treatment may occur with the Container Building, at the outdoor stabilization unit, or within containers. Sampling, analysis verification of the treatment effectiveness and frequency of testing follows the guidelines presented in this WAP

- **Chemical Oxidation** is a treatment process targeted primarily at organic constituents, (e.g., toluene and benzene) but may be used for inorganic constituents as well (e.g., cyanides and heavy metals such as mercury). An organic or inorganic species is oxidized when its respective chemical oxidation number increases (i.e., the compound loses electrons). Consistent with 40 CFR 268.42, the following oxidation reagents (or waste reagents) may be used in part or whole: (1) Hypochlorite (e.g. bleach); (2) chlorine; (3) chlorine dioxide; (4) ozone or UV (ultraviolet light) assisted ozone; (5) peroxides; (6) persulfates; (7) perchlorates; (8) permanganates; and/or (9) other oxidizing reagents of equivalent efficiency. An approved mix design is formulated and tested prior to treatment.

Chemical oxidation may be performed within Mix Bin Tanks or Containers. Treatment is performed to meet EPA LDR standards. Sampling, analysis verification of the treatment effectiveness and frequency of testing follows the guidelines presented in this WAP.

- **Chemical reduction or redox** occurs when the targeted component/constituent atoms change as a resultant transfer of electrons from one chemical species to another. The chemical oxidation number for the targeted components decreases (i.e., gains electrons) when the target constituents are reduced. Conversely, the reducing reagents used in this process lose electrons or become oxidized. Derived from 40 CFR 268.42, the following reducing reagents (or waste reagents) may be used in whole or part: (1) Sulfur dioxide; (2) sodium, potassium, (salts), or other alkali salts or sulfites, bisulfites, metabisulfites and polyethylene glycols (e.g., NaPEG and KPEG); (3) sodium hydrosulfide; (4) ferrous salts; and/or (5) other reducing reagents of equivalent efficiency. An approved mix design is formulated and tested prior to treatment.

Chemical reduction may be performed within Mix Bin Tanks or Containers. Treatment is performed to meet EPA LDR standards. Sampling, analysis verification of the treatment effectiveness and frequency of testing follows the guidelines presented in this WAP.

- **Deactivation** treats wastes that exhibit the characteristics of ignitability, corrosivity, and/or reactivity. Appropriate use of this treatment technology is determined during the pre-acceptance process. A mix design is developed prior to the treatment of the waste stream. Deactivation may be performed within Mix Bin Tanks or Containers. Treatment is performed to meet applicable LDR standards. Sampling, analysis verification of the treatment effectiveness and frequency of testing follows the guidelines presented in this WAP.
- **Macro-encapsulation** is a confining or immobilization technology used to treat all types of hazardous debris independent of the hazardous constituents involved (with the exception of cyanide-reactive debris, and of RCRA codes D001, D002 and D003). The macro-encapsulation process encases the debris to provide a physical barrier that prevents/minimizes potential leaching of hazardous constituents from the debris. The encapsulating barrier does not need to chemically bond to either the debris or hazardous constituents. Macro-encapsulation is defined in 40 CFR §268.42, Table 1 as the application of surface coating materials such as polymeric organics (e.g., resins, plastics) or use of a jacket of inert inorganic materials to substantially reduce surface exposure to potential leaching media. Inert non-waste material, or waste meeting appropriate LDRs, may be used for filler material.

Macro-encapsulation does not require specific testing for LDR constituent standards. This waste is treated at the facility to meet all requirements of the LDR treatment technology standard and is certified by USEN to meet these requirements prior to disposal. Macro-encapsulation may be performed at the Container Building or within the landfill.

The performance standard for the macro-encapsulation technology is described under 40 CFR Part §268.45, Table 1, entitled "Alternative Treatment Standards for Hazardous Debris". This standard states that "Encapsulating material must completely encapsulate debris and be resistant to degradation by the debris and

its contaminants and materials into which it may come into contact after placement (leachate, other wastes, microbes).”

- **Micro-encapsulation** is confining or immobilization technology that requires the stabilization of the debris with the following types of reagents (or waste reagents) such that the leachability of the hazardous contaminants is reduced: (1) Portland cement; or (2) lime/pozzolans (e.g., fly ash and cement kiln dust) (3) Additional reagents (e.g., iron salts, silicates, carbon, polymers or clays) as appropriate.

Micro encapsulation does not require specific testing for LDR constituent standards. Following the treatment process, the micro-encapsulated debris is visually inspected. Micro encapsulation may be conducted in tanks or containers. The performance standard for the micro-encapsulation technology is described under 40 CFR Part §268.45, Table 1 titled “Alternative Treatment Standards for Hazardous Debris”. This standard states that “Leachability of contaminants must be reduced”.

- **Neutralization** renders corrosive matrices non-corrosive. According to 40 CFR 268.42, the following reagents (or waste reagents) in part or whole may be used for neutralization: (1) Acids; (2) Bases; or (3) water (including wastewater's) resulting in a pH greater than 2 but less than 12.5 measured in the aqueous residuals. An approved mix design will be formulated and tested before waste is treated by neutralization.

Neutralization may be performed within Mix Bin Tanks or Containers. Treatment is performed to meet EPA LDR standards. Sampling, analysis verification of the treatment effectiveness and frequency of testing follows the guidelines presented in this WAP.

- **Precipitation** is the process by which regulated metals and/or inorganics are precipitated out as insoluble precipitates of oxides, hydroxides, carbonates, sulfates, chlorides, fluorides, or phosphates. This process entails adjusting the pH of the waste matrix between 9 and 11. This pH range is ideal for hydroxide precipitation. An alternative to this common standard practice is sulfide precipitation. Sulfide precipitates are less soluble and non-amphoteric (less pH dependent than hydroxyl precipitates). However, caution must be employed to ensure hydrogen sulfide is not released at harmful levels by maintaining a pH

greater than 8 throughout the treatment process. Based on 40 CFR 268.42, the following reagents (or waste reagents) are typically used alone or in combination: (1) Lime (i.e., containing oxides and/or hydroxides of calcium and/or magnesium); (2) caustic (i.e., sodium and/or potassium hydroxides); (3) soda ash (i.e., sodium carbonate); (4) sodium sulfide; (5) ferric sulfate or ferric chloride; (6) alum; or (7) sodium sulfate. Additional flocculating, coagulation or similar reagents/processes that pertain to precipitation are not precluded from use. An approved mix design will be tested prior to treatment.

Precipitation may be performed within Mix Bin Tanks or Containers. Treatment is performed to meet EPA LDR standards. Sampling, analysis verification of the treatment effectiveness and frequency of testing follows the guidelines presented in this WAP.

- **Adsorption** is the use of an appropriate reagent (e.g. activated carbon or treated clay) to remove chemical components from aqueous or compressed gas waste streams. It is most commonly employed for the removal of organic compounds, although some inorganic constituents are effectively removed as well. This process is achieved through physical, chemical, and electrostatic interactions between the waste material and the adsorbent media. Pursuant to 40 CFR 268.42, Total Organic Carbon can be used as an indicator parameter for the adsorption of many organic constituents that cannot be directly analyzed in wastewater residues.

Adsorption primarily occurs in tanks, however it may be performed within Mix Bins, Tanks or Containers. Treatment is performed to meet EPA LDR standards. Sampling, analysis verification of the treatment effectiveness and frequency of testing follows the guidelines presented in this WAP.

- **Evaporation** uses natural conditions to remove water from wastes. At USEN this takes place at the Evaporation Pad. The Evaporation Pad reduces the volume of waste by solar evaporation of liquids. Pre-acceptance evaluation and waste receipt controls are also used as part of the waste process controls. Wastes designated for placement in the Evaporation Pad are predominantly aqueous waste. No wastes subject to 40 CFR Part 264, Subpart CC management requirements are accepted for management in this unit. VOC

testing will be performed annually to verify the unit meets Subpart CC requirements.

- **Bio-remediation** is the use of biological mechanisms to destroy, transform, or immobilize environmental contaminants. Bio-remediation is normally conducted in-situ, however, there may be scenarios where it would be conducted within tanks or containers.

8.8.2.3 Treating Wastes Containing Free Liquids

When wastes contain free liquids, the wastes are treated to solidify free liquids. Free liquids may be detected with a paint filter test or by direct observation. If free liquids are observed, USEN can conclude the waste has free liquids without testing. Direct observation may also be used to determine that free liquids are not present and that a paint filter test is not needed.

If free standing liquids are present, they are:

- Removed by vacuum, decanting, or bailing,
- stabilized by placing a stabilization agent in the container,
- stabilized by placing the contents into a stabilization tank and crushing or shredding the container, or
- stabilized by shredding the container and its contents and stabilizing the shredded material.

If free liquids are removed, any remaining material containing free liquids will be stabilized using appropriate reagents prior to landfilling.

Bulk loads, which otherwise do not contain significant quantities of free standing liquids may be “spot stabilized” in order to meet the requirements of 40 CFR §264.314(a)(2) as is sometimes necessary for otherwise dry wastes which have received visible precipitation during transportation. Stabilized wastes will be tested using the Paint Filter Liquids test if the presence of free liquids is still suspected. If free-standing liquids are not observed, then the waste may be landfilled directly. If wastes have been inspected and/or tested and incidental water is detected during the off-loading process, free liquids will be stabilized in situ.

8.8.2.2.5 Treating Wastes to an Approved Delisting Requirement

Wastes treated to an approved delisting requirement shall be sampled and analyzed in accordance with the specific delisting requirements. Such sampling and analysis may be documented by the regulated delisting facility / activity.

8.8.2.2.4 Universal Waste

USEN is a Destination Facility¹¹ for Universal Waste. Universal Waste managed at a destination facility is subject to all applicable requirements of 40 CFR Parts 264, 265, 266, 268, 270, and 124.

8.8.2.2.5 Hazardous Debris Treatment

USEN manages RCRA Hazardous debris according to the treatment standards specified in 40 CFR Part 268.45. As stated in 40 CFR Part 268.2:

“Debris means solid material exceeding a 60 mm particle size that is intended for disposal and that is: A manufactured object; or plant or animal matter; or natural geologic material. However, the following materials are not debris: Any material for which a specific treatment standard is provided in Subpart D, Part 268, namely lead acid batteries, cadmium batteries, and radioactive lead solids; Process residuals such as smelter slag and residues from the treatment of waste, wastewater, sludges, or air emission residues; and Intact containers of hazardous waste that are not ruptured and that retain at least 75% of their original volume. A mixture of debris that has not been treated to the standards provided by Sec. 268.45 and other material is subject to regulation as debris if the mixture is comprised primarily of debris, by volume, based on visual inspection.”

RCRA Hazardous Debris is debris that contains a hazardous waste specified in 40 CFR Part 261. The land disposal restrictions (LDR) of Part 268 require that certain wastes meet treatment standards before land disposal. Treatment standards are either concentration-based or technology-based. A waste with a concentration-based standard may be treated to meet LDR using any effective treatment method (except impermissible dilution). A technology-based standard requires treatment by the specified technology. Appropriate technologies for treatment of hazardous waste are identified as “Alternative Treatment Standards.”

40 CFR Part 268.45 outlines alternative treatment standards for hazardous debris. If a waste stream meets the debris definition, it may be treated using a technology based

¹¹ As defined at 40 CFR §273.9.

treatment standard, and land disposed in a Subtitle C landfill. Technology based treatment standards authorized for debris treatment include, extraction, destruction, and immobilization technologies. USEN currently performs the following immobilization treatment for hazardous debris:

Microencapsulation – As defined in 40 CFR Part 268.45, Table 1, microencapsulation is “Stabilization of the debris with the following reagents (or waste reagents) such that the leachability of the hazardous contaminants is reduced: (1) Portland cement; or (2) lime/ pozzolans (e.g., fly ash and cement kiln dust). Reagents (e.g., iron salts, silicates, and clays) may be added to enhance the set/cure time and/or compressive strength, or to reduce the leachability of the hazardous constituents.”

Microencapsulation treatment is performed in the indoor or outdoor stabilization unit.

Macroencapsulation – As defined in 40 CFR Part 268.45, Table 1 macroencapsulation is “Application of surface coating materials such as polymeric organics (e.g., resins and plastics) or use of a jacket of inert inorganic materials to substantially reduce surface exposure to potential leaching media.”

In some cases, it is advantageous to macroencapsulate debris subject to this standard in the landfill. The debris is placed in a suitable final location within the landfill, and macro-encapsulation is performed in-place with the selected reagent(s) or materials (e.g.; HDPE, LDPE, Portland cement, etc).

Hazardous debris that has been treated by immobilization technologies remains hazardous, but meets the alternative treatment standards. Immobilized hazardous debris is disposed in the landfill.

8.8.3 LANDFILL DISPOSAL

USEN's sampling & analyses program is an integral part of this phase of operation as the results serve to evaluate compliance with permit constraints and land disposal restrictions, and determine safety constraints. Wastes destined for direct landfill disposal generally require only pre-disposal analyses. Wastes to be landfilled are typically subject to the Fingerprint Analyses for pre-acceptance samples and incoming waste shipments.

8.8.4 Aerosol Can Recycling Unit

The facility receives aerosols for on-site recycling. The process separates aerosol components that can be managed separately. Recovered items include scrap metal, propellants and liquids. Each residual is managed appropriately as a waste or commodity. Analysis is conducted as needed for management. For example, a waste residual to be managed onsite will undergo the standard Waste Analysis procedure for storage, treatment and/or disposal.

8.8.5 Drum Re-Use Management

Containers that have been rendered RCRA empty per 40 CFR 261.7 and meet facility designated criteria are transferred to the Drum Re-Use Management Area to be leakproof tested, washed, and prepared for re-use. Rinsewater, once deemed unusable or spent, is removed from the washing units and will undergo the standard Waste Analysis procedure for storage, treatment, and/or disposal.

8.8.6 Compressed Gas Transfer

The facility receives compressed gas cylinders equal to or less than 50 gallons that contain propane and/or butane for on-site gas evacuation. The compressed gas is evacuated under vacuum into the Aerosol Recycling Operation Tank Farm for re-use as a fuel. The empty cylinders are sent off-site for recycling.

8.9.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL

The following quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) information for this facility is being provided as required by 40 CFR §270.30(e) and in accordance with the following EPA guidance documents:

- Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste: Physical/Chemical Methods, SW-846, Third Edition, Final Update I, U.S. EPA, Office of Solid Waste, Washington, DC, July 1992, Chapter One, as updated
- Handbook for Analytical Quality Control in Water and Wastewater Laboratories, EPA 600/4-79-019, March 1979, US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Environmental Monitoring and Support Laboratory (EMSL), Cincinnati, OH.

Quality protocols are applicable to both sampling and analytical techniques. This section does not provide specific QA/QC performance standards for individual sampling and analysis techniques. Such specifics are defined in the USEN Laboratory QA/QC Plan. The specific performance standards are dynamic and are revised as warranted to reflect technological advances in sampling and analytical techniques. These performance standards are described in policies maintained and used at USEN. USEN has developed a program of analytical quality practices and procedures to ensure that precision and accuracy are maintained. These programs include use of control standards, duplicates, spikes, and

blanks. Third party laboratories employed by USEN demonstrate quality control practices that are comparable to USEN's practices. Good laboratory practices which encompass sampling, sample handling, housekeeping and safety are required by specific USEN procedures.

Sampling and analytical quality practices help ensure the data obtained are precise and accurate for the waste stream being sampled. The analytical results are used by facility management to decide whether or not to accept a particular waste and, upon acceptance, to determine the appropriate method of treatment, storage, and disposal. Results are also important to ensure that wastes are managed properly by the facility and that incompatible wastes are not inadvertently combined. The quality of these results are as important as the results themselves. Thus, the quality of the analytical data, the thoroughness and care with which the sampling and analyses are performed and reported, provides an important basis for day-to-day operational decisions.