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UMTRA PROJECT WATER SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This water sampling and analysis plan (WSAP) supplement supports the regulatory and technical basis for water sampling at the Maybell, Colorado, Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project site, as defined in the 1994 WSAP document for Maybell (DOE, 1994a). Further, this supplement serves to confirm our present understanding of the site relative to the hydrogeology and contaminant distribution as well as our intention to continue to use the sampling strategy as presented in the 1994 WSAP document for Maybell.

2.0 GROUND WATER AND SURFACE WATER MONITORING

Ground water and surface water monitoring activities are derived from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations in 40 CFR Part 192 (1994) and 60 CFR 2854 (1995). Sampling procedures are guided by the UMTRA Project standard operating procedures (JEG, n.d.), the Technical Approach Document (DOE, 1989), and the most effective technical approach for the site. Additional site-specific documents relevant to the Maybell site are the Maybell Baseline Risk Assessment (currently in progress), the Maybell Remedial Action Plan (RAP) (DOE, 1994b), and the Maybell Environmental Assessment (DOE, 1995).

3.0 SAMPLING PLAN

The sampling plan, as described in the 1994 WSAP, is to continue annual monitoring of the site ground and surface water to continue to evaluate site characteristics and water quality changes, to monitor potential changes in ground water quality due to surface remediation activities, and to comply with requirements in the RAP. In addition to annual sampling, ground water samples will be collected semiannually from monitor wells situated at the southwest edge of the tailings pile. This pattern of sampling every six months will continue for two years, at which time sampling results will be reviewed to determine if a lesser or greater amount of sampling and analysis is warranted. Sampling was conducted at the Maybell site in March/April and September 1995. A supplemental round of sampling of four surface water locations and one well was conducted in June 1995.

The next round of sampling should be conducted in April 1996 and will include the following wells and surface locations that are to be sampled on an annual basis:

- Background wells (602 and 660) (Figure 1).
- Wells along southwest edge of tailings pile (604, 645, 695 and 696).
- Wells that might be impacted by transient drainage from the tailings pile (667, 676, 663, 609, 666, and 668).
- Surface location (718, Rob Pit) (Figure 2).
Monitor wells to be sampled semiannually are the wells along the southwest edge of the tailings pile (604, 645, 695 and 696).

The following constituents will be analyzed for: calcium, chloride, copper, iron, fluoride, magnesium, manganese, nitrate, phosphate, potassium, selenium, sodium, strontium, sulfate, and uranium. Field analyses will be conducted for alkalinity, dissolved oxygen, oxidation/reduction potential, pH, specific conductance, and temperature.

4.0 REFERENCES


CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

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Figure 1
Locations of Monitor Wells and Lysimeters
Maybell, Colorado, Site
Figure 2
Surface Water Features and Sampling Locations
Maybell, Colorado, Site

Legend
- - - - - Disposal site boundary
- - - - - Intermittent stream
- - - - - - Permanent withdrawal area
- - - - - - Unimproved road
704 Surface sampling location

Topographic contour interval 200 feet

1300 0 1300 2800 Feet
325 0 325 650 Meters

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