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Table of Acronyms

aCi/L	-	attocuries per liter	pCi/L	-	picocuries per liter
ATR	-	Advanced Test Reactor	pCi/m ³	-	picocuries per cubic meter
BEA	-	Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC	QAPP	-	Quality Assurance Program Plan
BLR	-	Big Lost River	QA/QC	-	Quality Assurance/Quality Control
CERCLA	-	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act	RCRA	-	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
CFA	-	Central Facilities Area	RPD	-	relative percent difference
CFR	-	Code of Federal Regulations	RWMC	-	Radioactive Waste Management Complex
CITRC	-	Critical Infrastructure Test Range Complex	RTC	-	Reactor Technology Complex
CWI	-	CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC	SD	-	standard deviation
DEQ-INL OP	-	The State of Idaho, Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho National Laboratory Oversight Program	SMCL	-	secondary maximum contaminant level
DOE	-	U.S. Department of Energy	TAN	-	Test Area North
EBR I & II	-	Experimental Breeder Reactors I & II	TDS	-	total dissolved solids
EFS	-	Experimental Field Station	TMI	-	Three Mile Island
EIC	-	electret ionization chamber	TRA	-	Test Reactor Area
EML	-	Environmental Monitoring Laboratory	TSP	-	total suspended particulate
EPA	-	Environmental Protection Agency	TSS	-	total suspended solids
ESER	-	Environmental Surveillance, Education and Research Program	USGS	-	U.S. Geological Survey
ESP	-	Environmental Surveillance Program	VOC	-	volatile organic compound
ESRPA	-	Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer	WLAP	-	Wastewater Land Application Permit
GSS	-	Gonzales-Stoller Surveillance, LLC			
HPIC	-	high-pressure ion chamber			
LLD	-	lower limit of detection			
IBL	-	Idaho Bureau of Laboratories			
ICPP	-	Idaho Chemical Processing Plant			
INL	-	Idaho National Laboratory			
INTEC	-	Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center			
LSC	-	liquid scintillation counting			
MFC	-	Materials and Fuels Complex			
µg/L	-	micrograms per liter			
mg/L	-	milligrams per liter			
mrem	-	millirem or 1/1000 th of a rem			
mR	-	milliRoentgen			
mR/hr	-	milliRoentgen per hour			
µR/hr	-	microRoentgen per hour			
MCL	-	maximum contaminant level			
MDA	-	minimum detectable activity			
MDC	-	minimum detectable concentration			
NIST	-	National Institute of Standards and Technology			
nCi/L	-	nanocuries per liter			
NCRP	-	National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements			
NOAA	-	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration			
pCi/g	-	picocuries per gram			

Introduction

The State of Idaho, Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho National Laboratory Oversight Program (DEQ-INL OP) conducts an Environmental Surveillance Program (ESP) at locations on the INL, near the boundaries of the INL, and at distant locations to the INL in accordance with accepted monitoring procedures and management practices. This program is designed to provide the people of the state of Idaho with independently evaluated information about the impacts of the Department of Energy's (DOE) activities in Idaho.

The primary objective for DEQ-INL OP's ESP is to maintain an independent environmental monitoring and verification program designed to verify and supplement DOE's environmental data and programs. This program also provides the citizens of Idaho with information on current and proposed DOE programs that has been independently evaluated to enable them to reach informed conclusions about DOE activities in Idaho and potential impacts to public health and the environment.

Results of the ESP are published using two distinct reporting formats: quarterly data reports and an annual ESP report. The annual ESP report is designed for a broad audience and summarizes the results of the ESP for the previous four quarters. The annual report's primary emphasis is to focus on trends, ascertain the impacts of DOE operations on the environment, and confirm the validity of DOE monitoring programs. This quarterly report is designed to document the results of the ESP on a quarterly basis and provide detailed data to those who wish to "see the numbers." It is organized according to the media sampled and also provides a quality assurance assessment.

Air and Precipitation Monitoring Results

The ESP operated eight air monitoring stations on and near the INL as well as two monitoring stations distant from the INL during the fourth quarter, 2014 (**Figure 1**). These stations employed instrumentation for collecting airborne particulate matter, gaseous radioiodine, precipitation, and water vapor for tritium analysis (**Table 1**). The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes operated an air monitoring station located at Fort Hall. The Fort Hall station uses identical instrumentation and sampling protocol as the ten stations operated by the ESP. The DEQ-INL OP reports the Fort Hall station data as an additional distant site.

Airborne particulate matter was sampled using high-volume total suspended particulate (TSP) air samplers. Starting in the fourth quarter of 2013 a new sampler (HVP 4304) is operating side by side at Idaho Falls air station with the current sampler (HVP 3804). The new sampler (HVP 4304) is being operated to test dependability and durability under field conditions. Weekly gross alpha and gross beta particulate radioactivity results for filters from the TSP samplers are presented in **Appendix A** and summarized as a range of results in **Table 2**. Results are within the expected historical range.

Composites of filters collected using TSP samplers during the course of a calendar quarter are analyzed using gamma spectroscopy. Typically, gamma spectroscopy results are only reported when exceeding a minimum detectable activity (MDA) or minimum detectable concentration (MDC). Gamma spectroscopy results for the fourth quarter of 2014 for TSP filters are presented in **Table 3**. The only reported gamma-emitting radionuclide was beryllium-7, a naturally occurring, cosmogenic radionuclide.

Radioactive iodine samples are collected weekly. Samples are collected by drawing air through a canister filled with activated charcoal using a low-volume air pump. The activated charcoal contained in

the canister traps the radioiodine by adsorption onto its porous surface. Each week, canisters are collected from all eleven air monitoring stations and analyzed together as a composite. If Iodine-131 is detected in this grouping, the canisters are individually analyzed. No radioactive isotopes of iodine, specifically Iodine-131, were detected on the weekly charcoal cartridges used to collect this nuclide during the fourth quarter.

Atmospheric moisture was collected by drawing air through hygroscopic media at each of the 11 monitoring stations. This moisture was stripped from the hygroscopic media and analyzed to calculate the atmospheric tritium concentration. Reported values are the result of either a single sample or a weighted mean based upon the volume of air sampled when more than one atmospheric moisture sample was collected during the calendar quarter. There is one individual sample within the weighted mean that exceeded MDC located at Experimental Field Station: 0.89 pCi/m³ (MDC 0.84 pCi/m³). Results are well below the DEQ-INL OP action level for atmospheric tritium of 150 pCi/m³ (40 CFR 61). Average atmospheric tritium concentrations are presented in **Table 4**.

Precipitation samples were collected at six monitoring locations during the fourth quarter of 2014. Precipitation samples were analyzed for tritium and gamma-emitting radionuclides. Reported values were either the result of a single sample or a weighted mean when more than one precipitation sample was collected during the calendar quarter. Tritium and gamma-emitting radionuclides were below minimum detectable concentration in precipitation collected during the fourth quarter of 2014. Tritium and Cesium-137 analysis results are presented in **Table 5**.

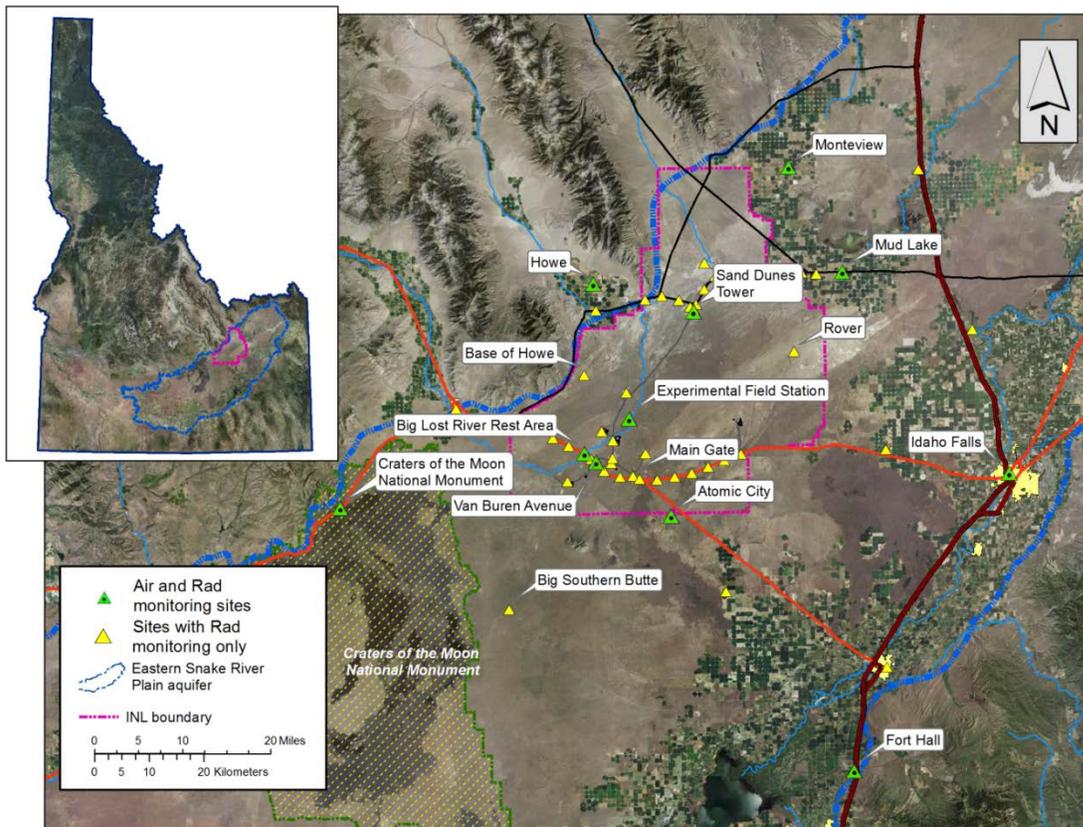


Figure 1. Air and radiation monitoring sites.

Table 1. Sampling locations and sample type.

Station Locations	Sample type ¹			
	TSP	Radioiodine	Water Vapor	Precipitation
On-site Locations				
Big Lost River Rest Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Experimental Field Station	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sand Dunes Tower	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Van Buren Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boundary Locations				
Atomic City	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Howe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monteview	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mud Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Distant Locations				
Craters of the Moon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fort Hall ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Idaho Falls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

¹ Samples collected weekly; Samples collected quarterly.

² TSP and radioiodine samples collected by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

Table 2. Range of gross alpha and gross beta concentrations for TSP filters, fourth quarter, 2014.

Station Location	Concentration					
	Gross Alpha			Gross Beta		
On-Site Locations						
Big Lost River Rest Area	0.6	-	4.6	18.2	-	78.9
Experimental Field Station	0.3	-	4.9	15.6	-	83.3
Sand Dunes Tower	0.2	-	3.7	13.4	-	60.5
Van Buren Avenue	0.3	-	3.7	14.1	-	65.0
Boundary Locations						
Atomic City	0.4	-	4.6	15.3	-	70.8
Howe	0.4	-	3.4	16.6	-	52.9
Monteview	0.5	-	3.8	17.9	-	65.4
Mud Lake	0.7	-	5.0	23.8	-	74.7
Distant Locations						
Craters of the Moon	0.2	-	5.0	15.1	-	80.7
Fort Hall ¹	0.3	-	3.0	12.6	-	44.4
Idaho Falls – HVP 3804	0.5	-	3.9	19.0	-	67.6
Idaho Falls – HVP 4304	0.6	-	4.9	21.0	-	81.7

¹ Operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

Note: Concentrations are expressed in 1×10^{-3} pCi/m³.

Table 3. Gamma spectroscopy analysis data for TSP filters, composite samples, fourth quarter, 2014.

Station Location	Naturally Occurring Radionuclide Beryllium-7		Man-Made Gamma Emitting Radionuclides
	Concentration	± 2 SD	
On-site Locations			
Big Lost River Rest Area	60.5	3.2	<MDC ²
Experimental Field Station	44.2	2.5	<MDC
Sand Dunes Tower	38.6	2.2	<MDC
Van Buren Avenue	40.4	2.3	<MDC
Boundary Locations			
Atomic City	48.5	2.6	<MDC
Howe	43.5	2.4	<MDC
Monteview	46.5	2.6	<MDC
Mud Lake	59.2	3.1	<MDC
Distant Locations			
Craters of the Moon	39.9	2.3	<MDC
Fort Hall ¹	35.7	2.1	<MDC
Idaho Falls – HVP 3804	61.5	3.3	<MDC
Idaho Falls – HVP 4304	42.4	2.3	<MDC

¹Operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.²MDC for Cs-137 typically (5-10)×10⁻⁵ pCi/m³.Note: Concentrations are reported in 1 x 10⁻³ pCi/m³ with associated uncertainty (± 2 SD), and minimum detectable concentration (MDC).**Table 4. Tritium concentrations in air from atmospheric moisture, fourth quarter, 2014**

Station Location	Tritium		
	Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC
On-site Locations			
Big Lost River Rest Area	0.16	0.30	0.52
Experimental Field Station	0.43	0.40	0.66
Sand Dunes Tower	0.00	0.26	0.46
Van Buren Avenue	0.22	0.40	0.65
Boundary Locations			
Atomic City	0.30	0.40	0.64
Howe	0.02	0.36	0.60
Mud Lake	0.17	0.36	0.60
Monteview	0.09	0.34	0.57
Distant Locations			
Craters of the Moon	0.12	0.14	0.23
Fort Hall ¹	0.02	0.49	0.81
Idaho Falls	0.19	0.36	0.61

¹Operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.Note: Concentrations are reported in pCi/m³ with associated uncertainty (± 2 SD) and minimum detectable concentration (MDC).

Table 5. Tritium and Cesium-137 concentrations from precipitation, fourth quarter, 2014.

Station Location	Tritium			Cesium-137		
	Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC	Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC
On-site Locations						
Big Lost River Rest Area	-50	90	150	0.4	1.6	2.8
Boundary Locations						
Atomic City	-60	90	150	-0.1	1.2	2.2
Howe	-50	90	150	2.0	2.1	3.4
Monteview	20	110	180	-0.1	1.3	2.2
Mud Lake	80	90	150	0.9	1.9	3.2
Distant Locations						
Idaho Falls	10	90	150	-0.6	1.8	3.1

Note: Concentrations are reported in pCi/L with associated uncertainty (± 2 SD) and minimum detectable concentration (MDC).

Environmental Radiation Monitoring Results

The ESP operated 14 environmental radiation stations during the fourth quarter of 2014 (**Figure 1**). To detect gamma radiation, each station is instrumented with triplicate electret ionization chambers (EIC), and 11 of the stations also are equipped with a high-pressure ion chamber (HPIC) (**Table 6**).

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes operate an additional environmental radiation monitoring station at Fort Hall equipped with EIC's and an HPIC, both of which belong to the DEQ-INL OP. The DEQ-INL OP reports these results.

HPICs are instruments capable of real-time measurements, and are sensitive enough to detect small changes in gamma radiation levels. The real-time gamma radiation measurements collected by the HPICs at each location are radioed to DEQ-INL OP and presented graphically via the worldwide web at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/inl-oversight/monitoring/gamma-radiation-measurements.aspx>.

EICs are a passive-integrating system that provides a cumulative measure of environmental gamma radiation exposure in the field. EICs are deployed, collected, and analyzed quarterly. EICs offer an inexpensive methodology to measure gamma radiation over a wide area, particularly in regions which do not have a power source. EICs can also provide valuable gamma radiation data in the event of an emergency. For this reason EICs are deployed at an additional 40 locations by DEQ-INL OP in a widespread network around the INL measuring external radiation. This information is tabulated in **Appendix B**.

These two systems are used by DEQ-INL OP to measure external gamma radiation for various radiological monitoring objectives. **Table 7** lists the average radiation exposure rates measured by the HPICs for fourth quarter 2014. **Table 8** lists the EIC monitoring results for fourth quarter 2014. Overall exposure rates were within the expected historical range of values observed by DEQ-INL OP for background radiation.

Table 6. Summary of instrumentation at radiation monitoring stations.

Station Location	Instrument Type	
	HPIC	EIC
On-site Locations		
Base of Howe	■	■
Big Lost River Rest Area	■	■
Experimental Field Station		■
Main Gate	■	■
Rover	■	■
Sand Dunes Tower	■	■
Van Buren Avenue		■
Boundary Locations		
Atomic City	■	■
Big Southern Butte	■	■
Howe Met Tower	■	■
Monteview	■	■
Mud Lake/Terreton	■	■
Distant Locations		
Craters of the Moon		■
Fort Hall ¹	■	■
Idaho Falls	■	■

¹HPIC operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes with the EICs maintained by DEQ-INL OP.

Table 7. Average gamma exposure rates, fourth quarter, 2014, from HPIC network.

Station Location	Exposure Rate (µR/hr)	
	Quarterly Average	± 2 SD
On-site Locations		
Base of Howe	15.6	1.9
Big Lost River Rest Area	15.2	1.2
Main Gate	14.6	1.3
Rover	16.3	1.6
Sand Dunes Tower	13.3	1.0
Boundary Locations		
Atomic City	13.2	1.2
Big Southern Butte	14.7	1.8
Howe Met Tower	12.7	1.0
Monteview	13.3	1.1
Mud Lake/Terreton	14.3	1.2
Distant Locations		
Fort Hall ¹	12.4	1.0
Idaho Falls	12.8	1.4

¹Operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

Table 8. Electret ionization chamber (EIC) cumulative average exposure rates, fourth quarter, 2014.

Station Location	Exposure Rate ($\mu\text{R/hr}$)	
	Quarterly Average ¹	± 2 SD
On-site Locations		
Base of Howe	15.8, 16.4	
Big Lost River Rest Area	12.7	2.8
Experimental Field Station	13.6	3.4
Main Gate	14.5	1.9
Rover	14.3	0.7
Sand Dunes Tower	13.6	1.2
Van Buren Avenue	14.5	2.5
Boundary Locations		
Atomic City	11.6	3.1
Big Southern Butte	12.6	3.1
Howe Met Tower	11.9, 12.9	
Monteview	10.2, 11.0	
Mud Lake / Terreton	12.5	1.2
Distant Locations		
Craters of the Moon	12.7, 13.7	
Fort Hall ²	11.3	2.5
Idaho Falls	12.4	3.6

¹Results are the average of triplicate exposure rate measurements with the associated sample variability (± 2 SD), or the 2 measured exposure rates remaining after removal of an outlying value. One of the triplicate measurements is rejected if it is outside the average of the triplicate measurements ± 2 SD of the historical population variability. Typically, the two most consistent measurements are reported, based on judgment of the data analyst.

²Station operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

Water Monitoring

Water monitoring sites are sampled for the purposes of examining trends of INL contaminants and other general ground water quality indicators and for verifying DOE monitoring results. Sites sampled include ground water locations (wells and springs), surface water locations (streams), and selected wastewater sites. Sample sites have been selected to aid in identifying INL impacts on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer (ESRPA), and are categorized as up-gradient, facility, boundary, distant, surface water, and waste water (**Figure 2 and Figure 3**). Up-gradient locations are not impacted by INL operations and are considered representative of background ground water quality conditions. Facility sites are sample locations on the INL near facilities, in areas of known contamination, or wells selected to illustrate trends for specific INL contaminants or indicators of ground water quality. Boundary locations are on or near the perimeter of the INL and are down-gradient of potential sources of INL contamination. Distant locations are monitored to provide trends in water quality down-gradient of the INL and include wells and springs used for irrigation, public water supply, livestock, domestic, and industrial purposes. During the fourth quarter of 2014, 2 up-gradient, 18 facility, 3 boundary, 5 distant, and 1 surface water location were sampled.

Most sites sampled by DEQ-INL OP are sampled with another agency or organization. Samples are collected at about the same time using the same collection equipment as the other agency or organization (co-sampled). DEQ-INL OP verifies work by these agencies monitoring on behalf of DOE by comparing results from co-sampled sites.

Gross alpha and gross beta analyses are conducted as a screening tool for alpha and beta emitting radionuclides potentially released from INL operations. Quantitative gamma analyses are conducted to identify and determine concentrations of gamma emitting radionuclides. Selected sites are sampled for the man-made, alpha emitting isotopes of plutonium (^{238}Pu , $^{239/240}\text{Pu}$), uranium (^{234}U , ^{235}U , and ^{238}U), and americium (^{241}Am); and beta emitting radionuclides technetium-99 (^{99}Tc) and strontium-90 (^{90}Sr), based on historic INL contamination. In the event of suspect or unexpected levels of gross radioactivity, additional samples may also be analyzed for other specific radionuclides.

Gross alpha radioactivity was detected at 3 facility locations and was within the range of concentrations observed for naturally-occurring radioactivity. The EPA maximum contaminant level (MCL) for alpha particles is 15 pCi/L.

Gross beta radioactivity was detected at every location sampled this quarter. Concentrations observed at these locations, including up-gradient, facility, boundary, distant and surface water, are consistent with the expected ranges found in each area. The MCL for beta and gamma radioactivity is 4 mrem/year, equivalent to 8 pCi/L if the source is ^{90}Sr ; 900 pCi/L if ^{99}Tc ; 20,000 pCi/L if tritium (^3H); or 200 pCi/L if ^{137}Cs . Man-made, gamma emitting radioactivity was not detected at any of the sampled locations. Results for gross alpha; gross beta; and man-made, gamma emitting ^{137}Cs are shown in **Table 9**.

Four sites were sampled for isotopes of uranium (**Table 10**). All sites had detectable results for ^{234}U and ^{238}U . Two sites, A11A31 and M3S, showed results for ^{235}U that were greater than the MDC; however, those values are less than three standard deviations and are considered non-detections. The results observed at the four sample sites cannot be distinguished from background values, which means the uranium found in the samples is likely to be naturally occurring.

Three of the thirteen samples analyzed for ^{90}Sr had detectable results this quarter, with all three collected from areas of known contamination (**Table 11**). All eight locations sampled for ^{99}Tc had detectable results this quarter that were within the expected ranges of concentrations (**Table 12**).

Using the standard analytical method, ^3H was detected at thirteen facility locations (**Table 13**). Tritium levels found at these wells are similar to historic concentrations for these sites and are consistent with INL waste disposal influences at each facility. Sample location TAN-10A has shown a slight increase in ^3H over the last few years with concentrations of 280 ± 120 pCi/L in 2009 up to 540 ± 110 pCi/L in 2013. For 2014 ^3H concentrations held steady at 540 ± 120 pCi/L. Selected water samples with tritium concentrations not measurable using the standard method (typically a MDC of 130 pCi/L) are analyzed using an electrolytic enrichment method with a much lower MDC of 10 to 14 pCi/L. There were two samples analyzed using the enrichment method for the current quarter, as well as sample analyses from seventeen sites collected during previous quarters that were completed and presented this quarter (**Table 14**). A backlog of 19 samples remains.

Samples were also analyzed for metals and the results shown in **Table 15**. All results are within their expected ranges. Common ion results are shown in **Table 16** and nutrient results are shown in **Table 17**. All results are consistent with the expected values at each location.

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) were sampled at five locations this quarter in an area of known contamination near RWMC. Four of the five locations had detectable concentrations for two analytes, carbon tetrachloride and trichloroethylene. Results are illustrated in **Table 18** and are consistent with previous concentrations found at these locations. The background concentrations for VOCs should be undetectable. The results discussed in this section only refer to detectable VOC concentrations; a complete list of analyses is shown in **Appendix C**.

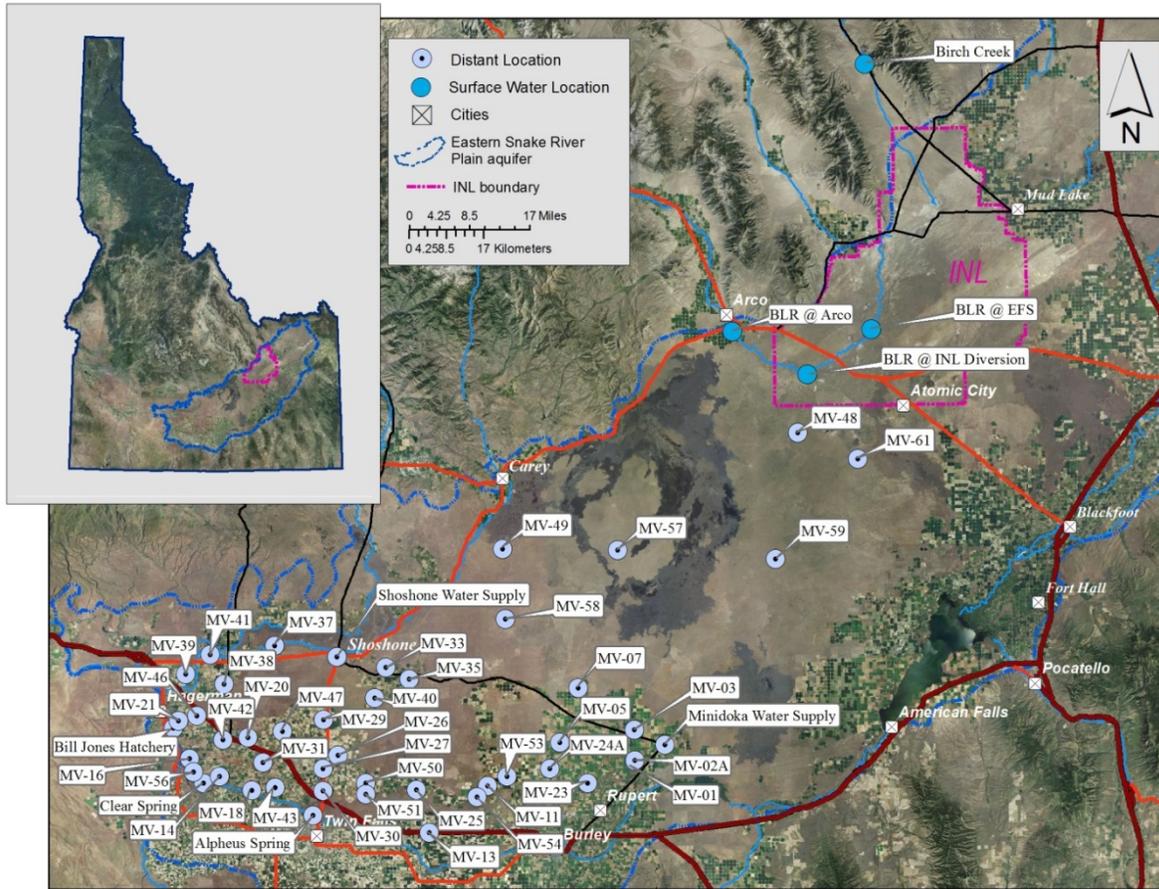


Figure 2. Distant and Surface Water monitoring locations.

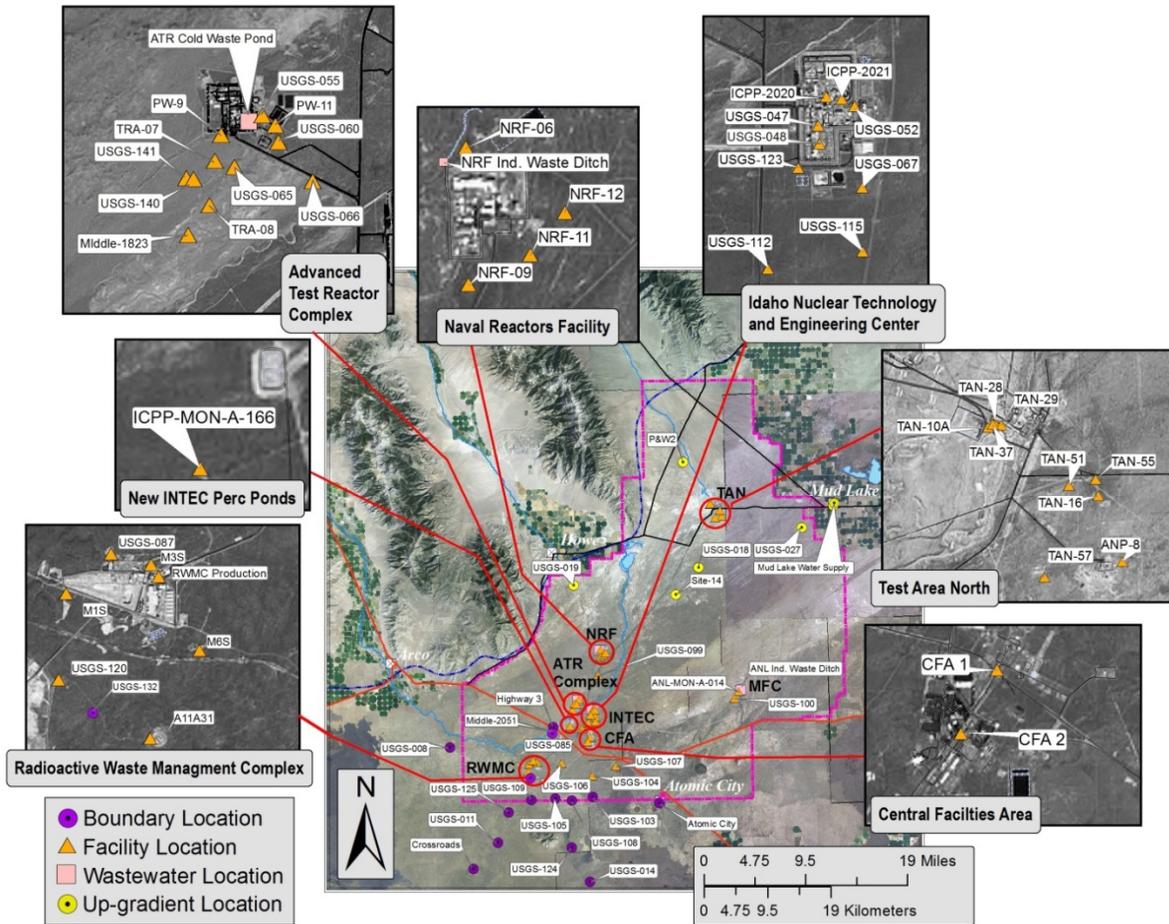


Figure 3. Upgradient, facility, boundary, and wastewater monitoring locations.

Table 9. Gross alpha, gross beta, and gamma-emitting radionuclide concentrations for water samples, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Sample Date	Gross Alpha			Gross Beta			Man-made gamma-emitting radionuclide Cesium-137		
		Concentration ^{1,2}	±2 SD		Concentration ^{1,2}	±2 SD		Concentration ^{1,2}	±2 SD	
Up-gradient										
Mud Lake Water Supply	11/20/2014	0.1	U	0.8	4.4		0.8	1.1	U	1.8
Site-14	10/20/2014	0.0	U	0.8	3.6		0.8	0.5	U	1.6
Facility										
A11A31	11/4/2014	0.3	U	0.9	4.7		0.9	1.5	U	1.8
CFA 2	10/22/2014	7.1		3.2	8.3		2.5	0.6	U	1.5
M1S	11/3/2014	2.2		1.0	4.3		0.9	2.2	U	2.1
M3S	11/3/2014	0.5	U	0.9	4.5		0.9	-0.7	U	1.2
M6S	11/4/2014	-0.2	U	0.8	3.7		0.9	1.3	U	1.6
Middle-1823	10/6/2014	0.8	U	1.0	2.5		0.9	0.4	U	2.1
PW-11	10/6/2014	1.4	U	1.3	5.8		1.0	0.1	U	1.7
PW-9	10/20/2014	2.1	U	1.7	5.4		1.1	-0.4	U	1.3
RWMC Production	10/16/2014	0.9	U	0.7	2.7		0.7	1.1	U	1.5
TAN-10A	10/14/2014	2.9	U	2.3	142.4		4.6	-0.3	U	1.5
TRA-08	10/6/2014	1.4	U	1.2	5.6		1.0	1.4	U	1.4
USGS-055	10/6/2014	1.2	U	1.5	97.4		2.6	0.3	U	1.4
USGS-060	10/20/2014	1.6	U	1.2	4.7		1.0	0.1	U	1.2
USGS-066	10/22/2014	5.0		1.8	5.9		1.1	0.5	U	1.9
USGS-104	10/21/2014	-0.6	U	0.7	2.7		0.8	-0.6	U	2.0
USGS-112	10/7/2014	0.9	U	1.1	23.6		1.4	-0.9	U	1.9
USGS-115	10/7/2014	0.8	U	1.0	8.3		1.0	1.1	U	1.8
USGS-120	10/14/2014	-0.9	U	1.0	3.1		0.9	-0.7	U	1.4
Boundary										
Highway 3	10/21/2014	1.4	U	1.1	4.4		0.9	1.6	U	1.6
USGS-014	10/14/2014	1.3	U	1.2	2.8		1.0	1.5	U	2.0
USGS-125	10/14/2014	-0.3	U	1.0	2.9		0.9	0.8	U	1.5
Distant										
Alpheus Spring	11/17/2014	1.1	U	1.2	6.2		1.1	0.5	U	2.5
Bill Jones Hatchery	11/17/2014	0.5	U	1.1	4.0		0.9	1.6	U	1.4
Clear Spring	11/17/2014	0.5	U	1.3	4.2		1.0	2.3	U	1.6
Minidoka Water Supply	11/17/2014	1.0	U	1.3	3.2		0.9	0.2	U	1.8
Shoshone Water Supply	11/17/2014	0.8	U	1.2	3.3		0.9	-0.4	U	1.5
Surface water										
Birch Creek	10/16/2014	0.8	U	1.0	1.8		0.8	-0.4	U	1.2

¹Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected.

²Concentrations expressed in pCi/L.

Table 10. Reported concentrations of uranium isotopes in water samples, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Sample Date	Uranium-234			Uranium-235			Uranium-238		
		Concentration ^{1,2}	±2 SD		Concentration ^{1,2}	±2 SD		Concentration ^{1,2}	±2 SD	
Facility										
A11A31	11/4/2014	1.52		0.36	0.038	U*	0.047	0.74		0.22
M1S	11/3/2014	1.22		0.39	-0.002	U	0.094	0.59		0.25
M3S	11/3/2014	0.93		0.25	0.038	U*	0.047	0.58		0.19
M6S	11/4/2014	1.36		0.35	0.035	U	0.057	0.55		0.19

¹Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected.

²Concentrations expressed in pCi/L.

*The result is greater than the MDC but is less than 3 SD so is therefore considered a non-detection.

Table 11. Reported concentrations of strontium-90 in water samples, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Sample Date	Strontium-90		
		Concentration ^{1,2}		±2 SD
Facility				
CFA 2	10/22/2014	0.42	U	0.30
Middle-1823	10/6/2014	0.19	U	0.30
PW-11	10/6/2014	0.03	U	0.40
PW-9	10/20/2014	-0.02	U	0.29
RWMC Production	10/16/2014	0.09	U	0.29
TAN-10A	10/14/2014	55.0		13.0
TRA-08	10/6/2014	0.49	U	0.33
USGS-055	10/6/2014	30.6		7.3
USGS-060	10/20/2014	0.47	U	0.34
USGS-066	10/22/2014	0.02	U	0.29
USGS-112	10/7/2014	7.2		1.8
USGS-115	10/7/2014	0.02	U	0.25
USGS-120	10/14/2014	0.11	U	0.25

¹Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected.

²Concentrations expressed in pCi/L.

Table 12. Reported concentrations of technetium-99 in water samples, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Sample Date	Technetium-99		
		Concentration ^{1,2}		±2 SD
Facility				
A11A31	11/4/2014	0.7		0.2
CFA 2	10/22/2014	3.8		0.2
M1S	11/3/2014	0.6		0.2
M3S	11/3/2014	1.6		0.2
M6S	11/4/2014	0.7		0.2
USGS-112	10/7/2014	2.2		0.2
USGS-115	10/7/2014	7.0		0.3
USGS-120	10/14/2014	1.3		0.2

¹Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected.

²Concentrations expressed in pCi/L. Samples are filtered unless otherwise indicated.

Table 13. Tritium concentrations for water samples, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Sample Date	Tritium		
		Concentration ^{1,2}		±2 SD
Up-gradient				
Mud Lake Water Supply	11/20/2014	0	U	110
Site-14	10/20/2014	70	U	110
Facility				
A11A31	11/4/2014	170	U	110
CFA 2	10/22/2014	3600		190
M1S	11/3/2014	-200	U	100
M3S	11/3/2014	760		120
M6S	11/4/2014	20	U	110
Middle-1823	10/6/2014	780		130
PW-11	10/6/2014	1650		140
PW-9	10/20/2014	5200		200
RWMC Production	10/16/2014	710		110
TAN-10A	10/14/2014	540		120
TRA-08	10/6/2014	1230		140
USGS-055	10/6/2014	5220		200
USGS-060	10/20/2014	-10	U	80
USGS-066	10/22/2014	130	U	90
USGS-104	10/21/2014	690		120
USGS-112	10/7/2014	790		130
USGS-115	10/7/2014	1050		130
USGS-120	10/14/2014	180		110
Boundary				
Highway 3	10/21/2014	-20	U	110
USGS-014	10/14/2014	70	U	110
USGS-125	10/14/2014	120	U	110
Distant				
Alpheus Spring	11/17/2014	90	U	110
Bill Jones Hatchery	11/17/2014	20	U	110
Clear Spring	11/17/2014	130	U	110
Minidoka Water Supply	11/17/2014	160	U	110
Shoshone Water Supply	11/17/2014	-40	U	110
Surface water				
Birch Creek	10/16/2014	50	U	110

¹Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected.

²Concentrations expressed in pCi/L.

Table 14. Enriched Tritium concentrations for water samples from current and previous sampling quarters.

Sample Location	Sample Date	Enriched Tritium		
		Concentration ^{1,2}		±2 SD
Upgradient				
Mud Lake Water Supply	5/15/2014	0	U	6
Site-14	10/20/2014	-1	U	7
Facility				
ICPP-MON-A-166	9/10/14	75		9
Boundary				
USGS-103 (1269.4 ftbls ³)	6/14/2011	329		15
USGS-132 (763.0 ftbls)	6/19/2012	220		12
Middle-2051 (1021.0 ftbls)	6/20/2012	242		14
USGS-103 (1269.4 ftbls)	6/25/2012	286		15
USGS-132 (763.0 ftbls)	6/19/2013	214		13
Highway 3	10/21/2014	68		10
Distant				
Bill Jones Hatchery	8/13/2014	11	U	7
Clear Spring	8/13/2014	2	U	6
Minidoka Water Supply	8/13/2014	-1	U	7
Shoshone Water Supply	8/13/2014	11		6
MV-27	8/20/2014	11	U	7
MV-39	8/13/2014	14		6
MV-30	7/21/2014	24		7
MV-37	7/22/2014	72		9
MV-40	8/13/2014	8	U	8
MV-50	7/21/2014	19		7

¹Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected.

²Concentrations expressed in pCi/L.

³ftbls = feet below land surface.

Table 15. Reported metals concentrations in water samples, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Sample Date	Concentration ^{1,2}															
		Arsenic		Barium		Chromium		Iron		Lead		Manganese		Selenium		Zinc	
Up-gradient																	
Site-14	10/20/2014	<5.0	U	66		5.6		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
Facility																	
A11A31	11/4/2014	<5.0	U	36		13		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	44	
CFA 2	10/22/2014	<5.0	U	110		9.6		28		<5.0	U	9.2		<10	U	<5.0	U
M1S	11/3/2014	<5.0	U	24		34		11		<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
M3S	11/3/2014	<5.0	U	48		13		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
M6S	11/4/2014	<5.0	U	30		28		30		<5.0	U	2.9		<10	U	<5.0	U
Middle-1823	10/6/2014	<5.0	U	69		10		<10	U	<5.0	U	3.3		<10	U	<5.0	U
PW-11	10/6/2014	<5.0	U	94		13		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	9.5	
PW-9	10/20/2014	<5.0	U	57		33		<10	U	<5.0	U	64		<10	U	<5.0	U
RWMC Production	10/16/2014	<5.0	U	42		13		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
TAN-10A	10/14/2014	<5.0	U	260		<5.0	U	1500		<5.0	U	890		<10	U	<5.0	U
TRA-08	10/6/2014	<5.0	U	50		15		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	6.3	
USGS-055	10/6/2014	7.4		92		19		17		<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
USGS-060	10/20/2014	8.4		88		5.0		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
USGS-066	10/22/2014	<5.0	U	48		8.3		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
USGS-104	10/21/2014	<5.0	U	34		8.7		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
USGS-112	10/7/2014	<5.0	U	92		12		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
USGS-115	10/7/2014	<5.0	U	62		7.2		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	520	
USGS-120	10/14/2014	<5.0	U	44		10		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
Boundary																	
Highway 3	10/21/2014	<5.0	U	56		<5.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	61	
USGS-014	10/14/2014	<5.0	U	23		<5.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
USGS-125	10/14/2014	<5.0	U	36		<5.0	U	110		<5.0	U	21		<10	U	<5.0	U
Surface water																	
Birch Creek	10/16/2014	<5.0	U	67		<5.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U

¹Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected, "<" = a result below the Minimum Detectable Concentration (MDC), NR = analysis not requested.

²Concentrations are expressed in µg/L. Samples are filtered unless otherwise indicated.

Table 16. Reported common ion concentrations in water samples, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Sample Date	Concentration ^{1,2}									
		Calcium	Magnesium	Sodium	Potassium	Fluoride	Chloride	Sulfate	Alkalinity ³		
Up-gradient											
Site-14*	10/20/2014	33	13	14	3.0	0.515	10.2	25.8	126		
Facility											
A11A31*	11/4/2014	37	16	21	3.6	0.222	23.8	41.4	132		
CFA 2*	10/22/2014	81	27	35	4.8	<0.20 U	144	52.5	133		
M1S*	11/3/2014	26	12	11	2.4	0.275	13.8	21.7	95		
M3S*	11/3/2014	44	15	8.5	2.7	0.212	15.9	26.4	140		
M6S*	11/4/2014	39	19	16	3.4	0.243	29.6	63.5	99		
Middle-1823*	10/6/2014	54	18	11	1.9	<0.20 U	12.3	39.2	173		
PW-11*	10/6/2014	94	20	20	3.8	0.258	19.3	161	154		
PW-9*	10/20/2014	64	19	20	2.6	<0.20 U	61.0	68.6	135		
RWMC Production*	10/16/2014	50	17	9.5	2.8	0.267	26.7	30.6	137		
TAN-10A*	10/14/2014	86	23	43	4.0	0.235	105	36.3	215		
TRA-08*	10/6/2014	48	18	11	2.5	0.206	12.4	51.5	149		
USGS-055*	10/6/2014	80	22	16	3.0	0.254	18.6	131	158		
USGS-060*	10/20/2014	69	18	13	2.7	0.277	16.4	104	150		
USGS-066*	10/22/2014	94	19	15	2.2	<0.20 U	21.9	175	138		
USGS-104*	10/21/2014	35	14	8.9	2.6	0.291	15.1	22.1	119		
USGS-112*	10/7/2014	52	14	14	2.7	0.293	21.2	32.4	152		
USGS-115*	10/7/2014	44	13	16	3.9	0.321	46.5	26.1	111		
USGS-120*	10/14/2014	39	18	14	3.2	0.292	15.6	31.3	140		
Boundary											
Highway 3*	10/21/2014	45	12	6.1	2.4	0.287	6.39	21.8	140		
USGS-014*	10/14/2014	39	16	18	3.0	0.983	22.9	22.9	137		
USGS-125*	10/14/2014	39	16	12	2.8	0.302	12.8	25.2	136		
Surface water											
Birch Creek*	10/16/2014	45	16	5.4	1.0	<0.20 U	4.7	25.8	145		

¹Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected. * = samples are filtered for calcium, magnesium, sodium and potassium. "<" = a result below the Minimum Detectable Concentration (MDC). NR = analysis not requested.

²Concentrations are expressed in mg/L.

³As CaCO₃.

Table 17. Reported nutrient concentrations in water samples, fourth quarter, 2014

Sample Location	Sample Date	Concentration ^{1,2}			
		Nitrite + Nitrate		Phosphorus	
Up-gradient					
Site-14	10/20/2014	0.62		0.016	
Facility					
A11A31	11/4/2014	0.97		0.020	
CFA 2	10/22/2014	3.9		0.017	
M1S	11/3/2014	1.0		0.021	
M3S	11/3/2014	0.87		0.025	
M6S	11/4/2014	1.9		0.023	
Middle-1823	10/6/2014	1.0		0.029	
PW-11	10/6/2014	1.6		0.038	
PW-9	10/20/2014	3.1		0.0069	
RWMC Production	10/16/2014	1.0		0.110	
TAN-10A	10/14/2014	0.085		0.067	
TRA-08	10/6/2014	1.0		0.021	
USGS-055	10/6/2014	1.5		0.220	
USGS-060	10/20/2014	1.4		0.150	
USGS-066	10/22/2014	1.6		0.024	
USGS-104	10/21/2014	0.86		0.019	
USGS-112	10/7/2014	1.2		0.032	
USGS-115	10/7/2014	1.6		0.017	
USGS-120	10/14/2014	0.88		0.024	
Boundary					
Highway 3	10/21/2014	0.47		0.023	
USGS-014	10/14/2014	1.3		0.018	
USGS-125	10/14/2014	0.63		0.018	
Surface water					
Birch Creek	10/16/2014	0.25		0.0051	

¹Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected, NR = analysis not requested.

²Concentrations expressed in mg/L. Samples are filtered unless otherwise noted.

Table 18. Reported VOC concentrations in water samples, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Sample Date	Concentrations ^{1,2}						
		1,1-Dichloroethene	Carbon tetrachloride	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Tetrachloroethylene (PERC)	Trichloroethylene	Vinyl chloride
A11A31	11/4/2014	<0.5	2.0	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.89	<0.5
M3S	11/3/2014	<0.5	3.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	1.1	<0.5
M6S	11/4/2014	<0.5	2.2	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.77	<0.5
RWMC Production	10/16/2014	<0.5	6.1	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	3.0	<0.5

¹Data qualifiers: J = estimate, R = rejected. <DL = less than detection limit.

²Concentrations expressed in µg/L.

Terrestrial Monitoring Results

The DEQ-INL OP conducts terrestrial (soil and milk) monitoring to characterize deposition and migration of contaminants, and provide independent verification of DOE's terrestrial monitoring programs. Physical soil sampling and *in-situ* gamma spectrometry are used to characterize actual deposition and accumulation of radioactive contaminants in soils. Milk samples are collected to evaluate the potential for ingestion of radioactivity by the population around the INL. No physical soil sampling was performed during the fourth calendar quarter of 2014.

Milk

DEQ-INL OP monitors milk for the naturally occurring radionuclide potassium-40 (^{40}K) and man-made iodine-131 (^{131}I). Milk samples are collected on a monthly basis. Results for analyses of milk samples are presented in **Table 19**. ^{40}K was detected in all samples within the expected range of concentration. ^{131}I was not detected. Based on measurements of radionuclides in milk, there were no discernable impacts to the off-site environment from INL operations.

Table 19. Gamma spectroscopy analysis data for milk samples, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location/Dairy	Sample Date	Naturally occurring Potassium-40		Man-made Iodine-131 ¹
		Concentration ³	± 2 SD	
Monitoring Samples				
Fort Hall	11/03/2014	1492	109	<MDC
	12/02/2014	1572	112	<MDC
Riverside	10/06/2014	2383	138	<MDC
	11/03/2014	2285	149	<MDC
	12/02/2014	2642	152	<MDC
Verification Samples²				
Howe	10/07/2014	1491	108	<MDC
Rupert	10/07/2014	1747	107	<MDC
Terreton	11/04/2014	1713	121	<MDC
Dietrich	11/04/2014	1761	107	<MDC
Idaho Falls	12/02/2014	1742	109	<MDC
Rupert	12/02/2014	1683	119	<MDC

¹ <MDC – Less than Minimum Detectable Concentration (approximately 4 pCi/L for iodine-131).

² DEQ-INL OP samples collected by the off-site INL environmental surveillance contractor.

³ Concentrations are expressed in pCi/L.

Soil

DEQ-INL OP monitors long-term radiological conditions via physical soil sampling as well as field instrumentation capable of identifying and measuring *in-situ* concentrations of gamma-emitting radionuclides in soil. Monitoring concentrations of gamma-emitting radionuclides in surface soil provides some insight to transport, deposition, and accumulation of radioactive material in the environment as a result of INL operations as well as historical above ground testing of nuclear weapons.

In-Situ gamma spectroscopic measurements were performed at 43 locations (**Figure 4**) during the fourth calendar quarter of 2014. ^{137}Cs was the only man made gamma emitting radionuclide detected. Analysis results for ^{137}Cs concentrations for in-situ soil monitoring are shown in **Table 20**.

Table 20. Gamma spectroscopic analysis results (^{137}Cs) for physical soil sampling, fourth quarter 2014.

Location	Date Acquired	Concentration ¹	2-sigma	MDA
Boundary Sampling Locations				
Mud Lake/Terreton Air Station	11/5/2014	0.028	0.022	0.011
Monteview Air Station	11/5/2014	0.068	0.021	0.009
Mud Lake Soil Site #2	11/5/2014	0.106	0.025	0.011
Monteview Soil Site	11/5/2014	0.137	0.022	0.009
Large Grid 18-4	11/13/2014	0.172	0.028	0.009
Large Grid 12-5	11/13/2014	0.164	0.026	0.011
Large Grid 12-4	11/13/2014	0.171	0.026	0.010
Big Southern HPIC	11/13/2014	0.201	0.026	0.010
Frenchman's Cabin	11/13/2014	0.136	0.026	0.011
Atomic City	11/17/2014	0.189	0.033	0.008
Reno Ranch	11/18/2014	0.253	0.024	0.007
Butte City	11/19/2014	0.023	0.002	0.009
Howe Met Tower	11/19/2014	0.115	0.020	0.008
Distant Sampling Locations				
Idaho Falls ²	10/28/2014	0.066	0.021	0.009
Idaho Falls CMS ³	10/28/2014	0.060	0.016	0.006
St. Anthony	10/28/2014	0.242	0.030	0.012
Crystal Ice Caves	10/29/2014	0.242	0.028	0.011
Roberts	11/5/2014	0.179	0.025	0.010
Sage Junction	11/18/2014	0.205	0.025	0.012
Carey	11/19/2014	0.167	0.027	0.011
On site Sampling Locations				
INT B15	10/14/2014	1.386	0.053	0.012
INT B28	10/14/2014	0.901	0.043	0.011
INT B29	10/14/2014	0.681	0.038	0.010
INT B50	10/14/2014	1.212	0.048	0.012
INT B52	10/14/2014	0.618	0.038	0.012
INT B40	10/14/2014	0.737	0.040	0.011
Large Grid 18-3	11/12/2014	0.208	0.033	0.009
Large Grid 18-8	11/12/2014	0.216	0.028	0.008
Large Grid 24-2	11/12/2014	0.209	0.029	0.010
Large Grid 24-7	11/12/2014	0.131	0.030	0.010
Rover	11/12/2014	0.091	0.018	0.007
Experimental Field Station	11/17/2014	0.176	0.025	0.010
Large Grid 6-3	11/17/2014	0.186	0.023	0.009
INL Main Gate	11/17/2014	0.194	0.026	0.010
Sand Dunes	11/18/2014	0.154	0.024	0.015
Large Grid 18-1	11/18/2014	0.151	0.024	0.010
Large Grid 18-7	11/18/2014	0.145	0.023	0.009
Large Grid 30-1	11/18/2014	0.201	0.024	0.009
Large Grid 24-9	11/18/2014	0.199	0.025	0.010
Large Grid 24-8	11/18/2014	0.301	0.041	0.011
Van Buren	11/19/2014	0.311	0.029	0.010
Big Lost River Rest Area	11/19/2014	0.172	0.022	0.008
Base of Howe	11/19/2014	0.165	0.024	0.010

¹Concentrations are reported in pCi/g.

²DEQ-INL OP HPIC air monitoring station near Idaho Falls, ID.

³DEQ-INL OP HPIC Community Monitoring Station (CMS) near John's Hole Bridge, Idaho Falls, ID.

The average Cesium-137 value was 0.27 picocuries per gram (pCi/g) with a minimum value of 0.02 pCi/g and a maximum of 1.39 pCi/g, well below the DEQ-INL OP action level of 6.4 pCi/g and the recommended federal screening limit for surface soil of 6.8 pCi/g. Based upon terrestrial radiological measurements of soil and milk, there were no discernable impacts to the off-site environment from INL operations. All soil monitoring results were consistent with historical measurements. With the exception of the ¹³⁷Cs measurement near the INTEC facility (locations INT B15, B28, B29, B50, B52, and B40) all measurements were in the range of concentrations expected as a result of historic above-ground testing of nuclear weapons. Higher concentrations of ¹³⁷Cs are expected around some site facilities due to past INL operations. While these concentrations exceed fallout levels, they are still well below the DEQ-INL OP action level. In addition, these areas are on-site where access is controlled.

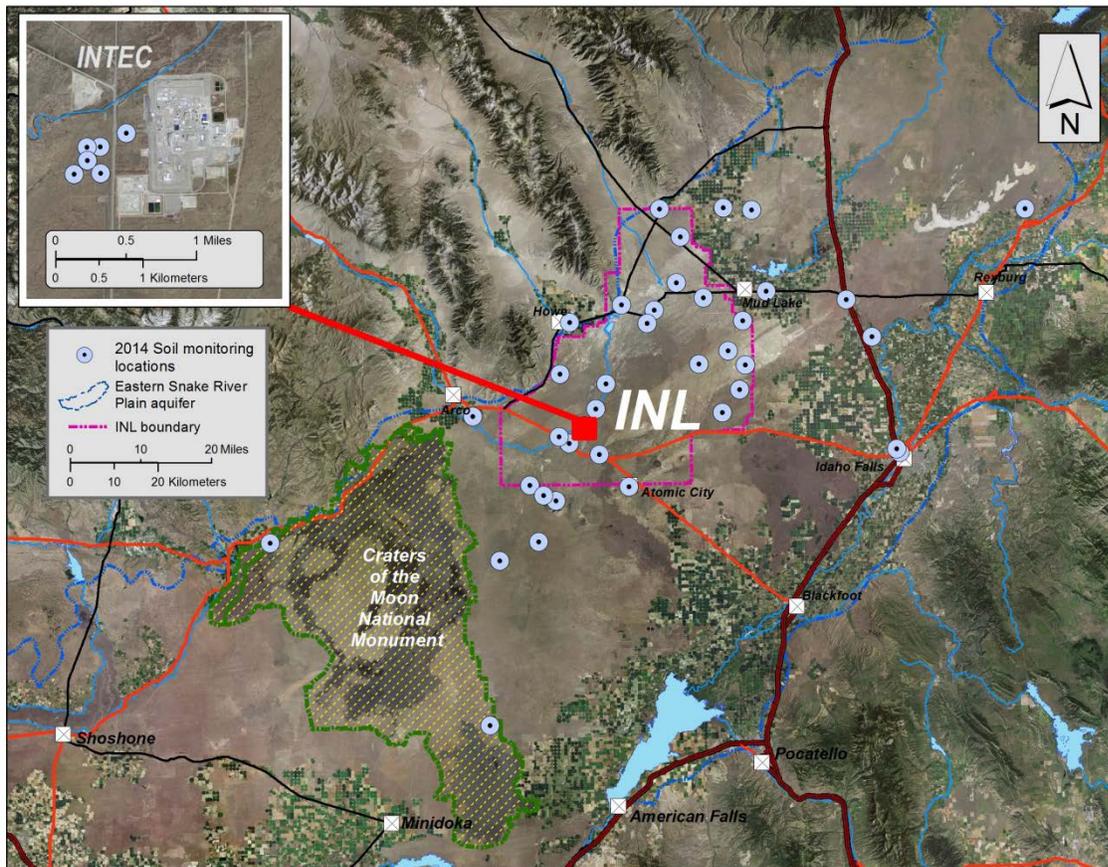


Figure 4. Physical soil monitoring sites, fourth quarter 2014.

Quality Assurance

The measurement of any physical quantity is subject to inaccuracy from errors that may be introduced during sample collection, measurement, calibration, and the reading and reporting of results. While all of these inaccuracies cannot be quantified with certainty for each analytical result, a quality assurance program can evaluate the overall quality of a data set and, in many cases, identify and address errors or inaccuracies. The DEQ-INL OP quality assurance program is designed to (1) ensure sample integrity, (2) ensure precision and accuracy in the analytical results, and (3) ensure that the environmental data are representative and complete.

This section summarizes the results of the quality assurance (QA) assessment of the data collected for the fourth quarter of 2014 for the DEQ-INL OP's ESP (Environmental Sampling Program). It also

summarizes the quality control (QC) samples (spikes, blanks, and duplicates) submitted to the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories-Boise (IBL) for non-radiological analyses and to Idaho State University's Environmental Monitoring Laboratory (ISU-EML) for radiological analyses during the quarter. All analyses and QC measures at the analytical laboratories used by the ESP are performed in accordance with approved written procedures maintained by each respective analytical laboratory. Sample collection is performed in accordance with written procedures maintained by the DEQ-INL OP.

Analytical results for blanks, duplicates, and spikes are used to assess the precision, accuracy, and representativeness of results from analyzing laboratories. During the fourth quarter of 2014, the DEQ-INL OP submitted 100 QC samples for various radiological and non-radiological analyses (**Table 21**).

Blank Samples

Blank samples consist of matrices that have negligible, acceptably low, or immeasurable amounts of the analyte(s) of interest in them. They are designed to determine if an analysis will yield a "zero" result when no contaminant is present, or a sufficiently low result to serve as an acceptable measure of "background." Blank samples are used to monitor for bias introduced during sample collection, storage, shipment, and analysis. Blank sample results submitted for gross alpha and gross beta screening in air for the fourth quarter of 2014 are presented in **Table 22**.

Blank sample results for select gamma emitters in air from composited air filters are presented in **Table 23**. Data for blank analyses used to assess data quality for tritium in water vapor in air are presented in **Table 24**. Blank analyses results for radiological and non-radiological analytes in ground and surface water are presented in **Table 25**, **Table 26**, **Table 27**, and **Table 28**.

There was one anomaly observed from the assessment of field blank water samples as measured by the analytical laboratories used by DEQ-INL OP for the fourth quarter of 2014. This anomaly included a detection for gross alpha in a blank sample (**Table 26**). Six samples were analyzed along with the blank sample and all results were less than detection for gross alpha and therefore will not be flagged.

Duplicate Samples

A laboratory's analytical precision capability, i.e., its ability to reproduce results, is assessed by comparing duplicate sample results. Duplicate samples are samples collected from the same location at approximately the same time and are considered to be essentially identical in composition. The difference between duplicate sample results is expressed as the relative percent difference (RPD), calculated from the following equation:

$$RPD = (R_1 - R_2) / ((R_1 + R_2) / 2) * 100$$

Where:

R_1 = First sample result.

R_2 = Second sample result.

A relative percent difference of up to ± 20 percent is acceptable. For non-radiological analysis, the RPD is used to compare each set of duplicate samples in which both of the results exceed five times the detection level. If one or both of the duplicate sample results are less than five times the detection level, the absolute difference between the two results is acceptable if it is less than or equal to the method detection limit.

For radiological analysis, the RPD is calculated (using the above equation) to compare duplicate samples if both duplicate results are greater than the sample-specific minimum detectable concentration (MDC). DEQ-INL OP also considers duplicate sample results that have an absolute difference of no more than three times the pooled error (or “3 sigma”) to be in acceptable agreement. This is accomplished using the following equation:

$$|R_1 - R_2| \leq 3(S_1^2 + S_2^2)^{1/2}$$

Where:

R_1 = First sample result.

R_2 = Second sample result.

S_1 = Uncertainty (one standard deviation) associated with the laboratory measurement of the first sample.

S_2 = Uncertainty (one standard deviation) associated with the laboratory measurement of the second sample.

Radiological duplicate sample results satisfying either the RPD or pooled error test are considered acceptable.

Duplicate results for ground and surface water are presented in **Table 29** for radiological analyses, and **Table 30**, **Table 31** and **Table 32** for non-radiological analyses. Duplicate results for radiological analyses are presented in **Table 33** for *in-situ* soil analyses.

All duplicate comparisons passed DEQ-INL criteria for the fourth quarter of 2014.

Spiked Samples

Spiked samples are samples to which known concentrations of specific analytes have been added in order to assess the bias a laboratory may have in accurately measuring these analytes. To determine agreement after laboratory analysis, DEQ-INL OP calculates the ratio of the spike concentration determined from the laboratory measurement to the known spike concentration in the sample. This result is known as percent recovery (%R) and the acceptable range used by DEQ-INL OP is 100 ± 25 percent. Additionally, all results were qualified as “estimates (J)” if the associated quality control spike sample had a recovery of 50 – 74% or 126 – 150%, provided that each result was greater than the instrument detection limit (IDL). All results were qualified as “rejected (R)” if the associated quality control spike sample had a recovery of < 50% or > 150%, provided each result was also greater than the IDL.

During fourth quarter 2014, no field matrices were spiked to assess the influence of the sample media on laboratory performance; however, several non-radiological spiked samples were created using de-ionized water and submitted to the analytical laboratories for analyses. These non-radiological constituents were used to assess ground water analyte recovery rates and the results are presented in **Table 33**, **Table 34**, **Table 35** and **Table 36**. Spiked samples for lead failed to achieve recovery limits. Both spiked metal samples were analyzed in the same batch with results for both lead concentrations higher than the spiked values. Lead results for all other samples analyzed with the spikes were non-detect. No lead samples will be flagged. Spiked samples for VOC analyses failed to achieve recovery limits for styrene. The result for styrene was lower than the spiked value. Styrene has never been detected at the site analyzed with the spiked sample and was not detected during this round of sampling. This sample will not be flagged.

DEQ-INL OP also prepares additional “spike-like” quality control samples to assess ambient radiation measurement bias. Once per quarter, DEQ-INL OP irradiates a number of electret ionization chambers

(EICs) to verify EIC response. Irradiations of EICs are conducted in a repeatable geometry to a known exposure of near 30 mR and two additional higher and lower exposures, ranging from 15 to 60 mR. EIC responses are compared directly with the exposure received from the NIST traceable cesium-137 source provided by ISU-EML. EIC response is considered acceptable if each measurement has a percent recovery of $100 \pm 25\%$ when compared to the known irradiated quantity. The irradiation results for fourth quarter 2014 are presented in **Table 37**. Real-time pressure correction is used to calculate the net exposure measured by these EIC control sets. All EIC spiked samples passed the DEQ-INL OP criteria.

There were no other anomalies observed from the assessment of spiked samples as measured by the analytical laboratories used by DEQ-INL OP for the fourth quarter of 2014.

Analytical QA/QC Assessment

Other than those listed above, no issues involving sample chain of custody, sample holding times, and the analysis of blank, duplicate, and spiked samples were observed during the fourth quarter of 2014, which significantly affected data quality. Methodologies and data reports issued by the contracting laboratories generally conformed to the requirements of DEQ-INL OP during the fourth quarter of 2014.

Data usability is the measure of data that is not rejected compared to the amount that was expected to be obtained. The overall data usability rate for the fourth quarter of 2014 met the minimum criteria of the DEQ-INL OP ESP and is summarized in **Table 21**.

Preventative Maintenance and Equipment Reliability

All equipment was calibrated and checked according to prescribed periodicity. During the fourth quarter of 2014 the TSP blower at the Sand Dunes sampling station was replaced. Service reliability for air sampling equipment for the fourth quarter of 2014 is summarized in **Table 38**.

Conclusion

All data collected for the fourth quarter of 2014 have been assigned the applicable qualifiers to designate the appropriate use of the data. In addition, all data has been verified and deemed complete meeting the requirements and data quality objectives established by DEQ-INL OP.

Table 21. Summary of the analytical performance and usability of the analyses performed for the DEQ-INL OP ESP, fourth quarter, 2014.

Media Sampled	Collection Device	Analyte	Test Analyses	Blank Analyses	Duplicate Analyses	Spike Analyses	Data Rejected ¹	Analyzing Lab ²
Air								
Particulate	4-inch filter	Gross alpha	156	13	0	0	2	ISU-EML
		Gross beta	156	13	0	0	2	ISU-EML
		Gamma emitters	12	1	0	0	0	ISU-EML
		Radiochemical	0	0	0	0	0	ISU Sub
Water Vapor	Desiccant column	Tritium	28	2	0	0	0	ISU-EML
Gaseous	Charcoal filter	Iodine-131	13	0	0	0	0	ISU-EML
Precipitation	Poly bottle	Tritium	6	0	0	0	0	ISU-EML
		Gamma emitters	6	0	0	0	0	ISU-EML
Water								
Groundwater & Surface Water	Grab or composite	Gross alpha	29	2	4	0	0	ISU-EML
		Gross beta	29	2	4	0	0	ISU-EML
		Gamma emitters	29	2	4	0	0	ISU-EML
		Tritium	29	2	4	0	0	ISU-EML
		Enriched tritium	19	2	1	0	0	ISU-EML
		Technetium-99	8	0	2	0	0	ISU-EML
		Radiochemical	17	0	3	0	0	ISU Sub
		Metals	23	1	3	2	0	IBL
		Common Ions	23	1	3	2	0	IBL
		Nutrients	23	1	3	2	0	IBL
Volatile Organics	4	2	1	1	0	IBL		
Terrestrial								
Milk	Grab or composite	Gamma emitters	11	0	0	0	0	ISU-EML
Soil	<i>in situ</i>	Gamma emitters	43	0	8	0	0	DEQ-INL OP
	Grab – “puck”	Gamma emitters	0	0	0	0	0	ISU-EML
Radiation								
Ambient	EICs	Gamma Radiation	55	0	0	9	0	DEQ-INL OP
	HPICs	Gamma Radiation	12	NA	NA	NA	0	DEQ-INL OP
Total Test Analyses			731	44	40	16	4	
Total of QC Analyses (blanks, duplicates, and spikes)			100					
Percentage of QC analyses of total Test analyses³			13.7%					
Percentage of usable data⁴			99.5%					

¹ Combined Laboratory and DEQ-INL OP rejection criteria (data was rejected for any reason).² ISU-EML = Idaho State University – Environmental Monitoring Laboratory; ISU Sub = Subcontract laboratory to ISU-EML; IBL = Idaho Bureau of Laboratories, Boise; IBL Sub = Subcontract laboratory to IBL; DEQ-INL OP = Analyzed by INL Oversight Program, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.³ Analyzing quality control samples at a rate of approximately 5 to 10 percent of the total number of test analyses performed for the year is deemed appropriate for the DEQ-INL OP ESP.⁴ Data usability rate [total analyses – rejected data]/[total analyses] of 90 percent or higher is acceptable for the DEQ-INL OP ESP.

Table 22. Blank analysis results for gross alpha and beta in particulate air (TSP), fourth quarter, 2014.

Collection Period		Corrected volume (m ³) ¹	Gross alpha		Gross beta	
Start	Stop		Value	Uncertainty (± 2 SD)	Value	Uncertainty (± 2 SD)
10/02/14	10/09/14	2002	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.5
10/09/14	10/16/14	2002	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.5
10/16/14	10/23/14	2002	0.0	0.1	-0.3	0.5
10/23/14	10/30/14	2002	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4
10/30/14	11/06/14	2002	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.5
11/06/14	11/13/14	2002	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5
11/13/14	11/20/14	2002	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.4
11/20/14	11/26/14	2002	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5
11/26/14	12/04/14	2002	0.0	0.1	-0.3	0.5
12/04/14	12/11/14	2002	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.5
12/11/14	12/18/14	2002	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5
12/18/14	12/24/14	2002	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.5
12/24/14	12/31/14	2002	0.0	0.1	-0.5	0.5

Note: Concentrations and associated uncertainties (± 2 SD) are expressed in 1 x 10⁻³ pCi/m³.

¹ A volume equal to the average of the volumes collected through each valid field filter was used to compute “concentrations” for the blank for meaningful comparison to sample results. No air was passed through the blank filters.

Table 23. Blank analysis results for gamma spectroscopy for TSP particulate air filters, fourth quarter, 2014.

Analysis Date	Beryllium-7			Ruthenium-106/Rhodium-106			Antimony-125		
	Concentration ¹	± 2 SD	MDC	Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC	Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC
01/21/15	-10	28	49	-7	34	59	-9	11	19
Analysis Date	Cesium-134			Cesium-137					
	Concentration ¹	± 2 SD	MDC	Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC			
01/21/15	2	4	7	1	3	6			

Note: Concentrations are expressed in 1 x 10⁻⁵ pCi/m³ with associated uncertainty (± 2 SD) and minimum detectable concentration (MDC).

¹ These concentrations are from blank filters collected weekly, composited, and analyzed for the calendar quarter. A composite volume equal to the sum of the weekly average volumes collected through each valid field filter was used to compute “air concentrations” for the blank for meaningful comparison to sample results. No air was actually passed through the blank filters.

Table 24. Blank analysis results for tritium in water vapor from air samples, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Number	Start Date	Collection Date	Analysis Date	Tritium		
				Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC
OP144ZTR01	1/12/15	1/13/15	1/19/15	-0.07	0.08	0.14
OP144ZTR02	1/12/15	1/13/15	1/19/15	-0.01	0.08	0.14

Note: Concentrations are expressed in nCi/L with associated uncertainty (± 2 SD) and minimum detectable concentration (MDC).

Table 25. Radiological blank analysis results in groundwater and/or surface water, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Number	Sample Date	Concentration ¹	± 2 SD	MDC	Within Blank Criteria?
Gross Alpha					
141W517	10/16/2014	0.9	0.5	0.7	No
141W536	11/20/2014	0.3	0.4	0.6	Yes
Gross Beta					
141W517	10/16/2014	0.2	0.6	0.9	Yes
141W536	11/20/2014	-0.3	0.6	1.0	Yes
Cesium-137					
141W517	10/16/2014	1.0	2.0	3.3	Yes
141W536	11/20/2014	-0.1	1.4	2.5	Yes
Tritium					
141W518	10/16/2014	100	110	180	Yes
141W537	11/20/2014	90	110	180	Yes
Enriched Tritium					
141W513	9/10/2014	23	8	12	Yes*
141W413	8/13/2014	34	8	11	Yes*

¹ Concentrations are expressed in pCi/L with associated uncertainty (± 2 SD) and minimum detectable concentrations (MDC).

* Note: Reflects typical concentrations found in DI water.

Table 26. Blank analysis results (µg/L) for metals in groundwater and/or surface water, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Number	Sample Date	Arsenic	Barium	Chromium	Iron	Lead	Manganese	Selenium	Zinc
141W520	10/16/2014	<5.0	<2.0	<5.0	<10	<5.0	<2.0	<10	<5.0

Table 27. Blank analysis results (mg/L) for common ions and nutrients in groundwater and/or surface water, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Number	Sample Date	Calcium	Magnesium	Sodium	Potassium	Fluoride	Chloride	Sulfate	Total Alkalinity	Total Nitrogen	Total Phosphorus
141W521,520,519	10/16/2014	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.2	<0.4	<0.8	<1.0	<0.01	<0.005

Table 28. Blank analysis results (µg/L) for VOCs in groundwater and/or surface water, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Number	Sample Date	1,1-Dichloroethene	Carbon tetrachloride	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Tetrachloroethylene (PERC)	Trichloroethylene	Vinyl chloride
141W522	10/16/2014	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
141W541	11/4/2014	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5

Table 29. Duplicate radiological analysis results in pCi/L for groundwater and/or surface water, fourth quarter, 2014.

Analysis/Sample Location	Original Sample Number	Concentration	± 2 SD	Duplicate Sample Number	Concentration	± 2 SD	R ₁ -R ₂	3(S ₁ ² +S ₂ ²) ^{1/2}	Within Criteria? ¹
Gross Alpha									
M6S	141W787	-0.2	0.8	141W799	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.9	Yes
USGS-060	141W616	1.6	1.2	141W622	1.8	1.5	0.2	2.9	Yes
USGS-115	141W667	0.8	1.0	141W674	-0.2	1.1	1.0	2.2	Yes
Alpheus Spring	141W810	1.1	1.2	141W812	-0.6	1.4	1.7	2.8	Yes
Gross Beta									
M6S	141W787	3.7	0.9	141W799	3.1	0.9	0.6	1.9	Yes
USGS-060	141W616	4.7	1.0	141W622	4.5	1.0	0.2	2.1	Yes
USGS-115	141W667	8.3	1.0	141W674	7.1	1.0	1.2	2.1	Yes
Alpheus Spring	141W810	6.2	1.1	141W812	7.7	1.1	1.5	2.3	Yes
Gamma Spectroscopy Cesium-137									
M6S	141W787	1.3	1.6	141W799	1.1	1.5	0.2	3.3	Yes
USGS-060	141W616	0.1	1.2	141W622	0.1	1.4	0.0	2.8	Yes
USGS-115	141W667	1.1	1.8	141W674	0.8	1.4	0.3	3.4	Yes
Alpheus Spring	141W810	0.5	2.5	141W812	2.1	2.7	1.6	5.5	Yes
Tritium									
M6S	141W792	20	110	141W804	20	110	0	233	Yes
USGS-060	141W618	-10	80	141W624	-30	80	20	170	Yes
USGS-115	141W670	1050	130	141W677	1070	130	20	276	Yes
Alpheus Spring	141W811	90	110	141W813	10	110	80	233	Yes
Enriched Tritium									
MV-27	141W371	11	7	141W455	17	9	6	17	Yes
Strontium-90									
USGS-060	141W617	0.47	0.34	141W623	-0.07	0.29	0.54	0.67	Yes
USGS-115	141W668	0.02	0.25	141W675	0.16	0.27	0.14	0.55	Yes
Technetium-99									
M6S	141W791	0.7	0.2	141W803	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.42	Yes
USGS-115	141W669	7.0	0.3	141W676	6.7	0.3	0.3	0.64	Yes
Uranium-234									
M6S	141W793	1.36	0.35	141W805	1.15	0.33	0.21	0.72	Yes
Uranium-235									
M6S	141W793	0.035	0.057	141W805	0.005	0.068	0.03	0.13	Yes
Uranium-238									
M6S	141W793	0.55	0.19	141W805	0.51	0.20	0.04	0.41	Yes

¹ $|R_1 - R_2| \leq 3(S_1^2 + S_2^2)^{1/2}$

Table 30. Duplicate results for metals (µg/L) in groundwater and/or surface water, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Sample Number	Sample Date	Arsenic	Barium	Chromium	Iron	Lead	Manganese	Selenium	Zinc
M6S	141W795	11/4/2014	<5.0	30	28	30	<5.0	2.9	<10	<5.0
M6S	141W807	11/4/2014	<5.0	30	28	30	<5.0	2.9	<10	<5.0
RPD			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
USGS-060	141W620	10/20/2014	8.4	88	5.0	<10	<5.0	<2.0	<10	<5.0
USGS-060	141W626	10/20/2014	8.6	89	<5.0	<10	<5.0	<2.0	<10	<5.0
RPD			-2.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
USGS-115	141W672	10/7/2014	<5.0	62	7.2	<10	<5.0	<2.0	<10	520
USGS-115	141W679	10/7/2014	<5.0	63	6.8	10	<5.0	<2.0	<10	540
RPD			0.0	-2.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-4.0

Relative Percent Difference (RPD) = $(R_1 - R_2) / ((R_1 + R_2) / 2) * 100$

Table 31. Duplicate results for common ions and nutrients (mg/L) in groundwater and/or surface water, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Sample Number	Sample Date	Calcium	Magnesium	Sodium	Potassium	Fluoride	Chloride	Sulfate	Total Alkalinity	Total Nitrogen	Total Phosphorus
M6S	141W796,795,794	11/4/2014	39	19	16	3.4	0.243	29.6	63.5	99	1.9	0.023
M6S	141W808,807,806	11/4/2014	38	19	16	3.4	0.237	29.7	63.6	97	1.9	0.023
RPD			2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	-0.3	-0.2	2.0	0.0	0.0
USGS-060	141W621,620,619	10/20/2014	69	18	13	2.7	0.277	16.4	104	150	1.4	0.15
USGS-060	141W627,626,625	10/20/2014	69	18	13	2.7	0.259	16.4	105	150	1.4	0.15
RPD			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	0.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
USGS-115	141W673,672,671	10/7/2014	44	13	16	3.9	0.321	46.5	26.1	111	1.6	0.017
USGS-115	141W680,679,678	10/7/2014	44	13	16	3.9	0.301	42.0	25.8	108	1.6	0.013
RPD			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.4	10.2	1.2	2.7	0.0	27.0¹

Relative Percent Difference (RPD) = $(R_1 - R_2) / ((R_1 + R_2) / 2) * 100$

¹Both results were less than five times the detection limit; their absolute difference is acceptable (\leq the method detection limit of 0.005 mg/L).

Table 32. Duplicate results for VOCs (µg/L) in groundwater, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Sample Date	Sample Number	Concentrations						
			1,1-Dichloroethene	Carbon tetrachloride	Cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	Trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Tetrachloroethylene (PERC)	Trichloroethylene	Vinyl chloride
M6S	11/4/2014	141W797	<0.5	2.2	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.77	<0.5
M6S	11/4/2014	141W809	<0.5	2.4	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.79	<0.5
RPD			0.0	-8.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.6	0.0

Relative Percent Difference (RPD) = $(R_1 - R_2) / ((R_1 + R_2) / 2) * 100$

Table 33. Duplicate *in-situ* analyses of gamma emitting radionuclides in soil, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Sample Date	Original Result K-40 (pCi/g) ¹	QA Result K-40 (pCi/g) ¹	K-40 RPD (%)	K-40 Less than 3 sigma test	K-40 Meets either criterion?	Original Result Cs-137 (pCi/g) ¹	QA Result Cs-137 (pCi/g) ¹	Cs-137 RPD (%)	Cs-137 Less than 3 sigma test	Cs-137 Meets either criterion?
Mud Lake Soil	11/5/2014	21.5 ± 0.8	22.7 ± 0.9	5.6	In Spec	Yes	0.106 ± 0.025	0.129 ± 0.026	19.6	In Spec	Yes
LG 24-7	11/12/2014	19.9 ± 0.9	19.3 ± 0.9	3.1	In Spec	Yes	0.131 ± 0.030	0.138 ± 0.025	5.4	In Spec	Yes
LG 12-4	11/13/2014	13.0 ± 0.7	15.1 ± 0.7	14.6	In Spec	Yes	0.171 ± 0.026	0.208 ± 0.030	19.9	In Spec	Yes
LG 12-5	11/13/2014	13.9 ± 0.7	14.6 ± 0.7	4.8	In Spec	Yes	0.164 ± 0.026	0.186 ± 0.027	12.2	In Spec	Yes
EFS	11/17/2014	17.5 ± 0.8	19.7 ± 0.8	11.8	In Spec	Yes	0.176 ± 0.025	0.147 ± 0.023	17.6	In Spec	Yes
LG 24-9	11/18/2014	20.7 ± 0.9	19.3 ± 0.8	6.9	In Spec	Yes	0.199 ± 0.025	0.196 ± 0.025	1.6	In Spec	Yes
LG 24-8	11/18/2014	15.9 ± 0.7	16.0 ± 0.7	1.0	In Spec	Yes	0.301 ± 0.041	0.322 ± 0.055	6.8	In Spec	Yes
Reno Ranch	11/18/2014	14.6 ± 0.7	15.3 ± 0.7	4.1	In Spec	Yes	0.253 ± 0.024	0.259 ± 0.026	2.2	In Spec	Yes

¹Result ±2 SD

Table 34. De-ionized water spike results (in µg/L) and percent recovery for metals in groundwater and/or surface water, fourth quarter, 2014.

Spike Sample Number	Sample Date	Barium			Chromium			Lead			Manganese			Zinc		
		Spike	Result	%R ¹	Spike	Result	%R	Spike	Result	%R	Spike	Result	%R	Spike	Result	%R
141W534	10/21/2014	52.6	57	108	10.8	11	102	5.59	8.4	150	6.0	7.0	117	21.8	22	101
141W524	11/3/2014	79.3	88	111	13.6	14	103	7.03	9.0	128	7.55	8.4	111	27.4	27	98

¹A percent recovery of 100 ± 25 is considered acceptable and is recorded as %R.

Table 35. De-ionized water spike results (in mg/L) and percent recovery for common ions and nutrients in groundwater and/or surface water, fourth quarter, 2014.

Spike Sample Number	Sample Date	Calcium			Magnesium			Sodium			Potassium			Fluoride		
		Spike	Result	%R ¹	Spike	Result	%R	Spike	Result	%R	Spike	Result	%R	Spike	Result	%R
141W534,533	10/21/2014	16.27	16	98	4.14	4.2	101	8.47	8.6	102	1.70	1.7	100	2.02	1.90	94
141W524,523	11/3/2014	24.5	25	102	6.24	6.4	103	12.8	13	102	2.56	2.6	102	1.90	1.80	95

¹A percent recovery of 100 ± 25 is considered acceptable and is recorded as %R.

Table 35. continued. De-ionized water spike results (in mg/L) and percent recovery for common ions and nutrients in groundwater and/or surface water, fourth quarter, 2014.

Spike Sample Number	Sample Date	Chloride			Sulfate			Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃			Total Nitrogen			Total Phosphorus		
		Spike	Result	%R ¹	Spike	Result	%R	Spike	Result	%R	Spike	Result	%R	Spike	Result	%R
141W534,533	10/21/2014	46.5	48.9	105	23.4	23.3	100	81.1	81	100	2.12	2.1	99	0.0119	0.010	84
141W524,523	11/3/2014	79.7	78.1	98	18.1	17.7	98	91.4	91	100	3.34	3.4	102	0.0181	0.019	105

¹A percent recovery of 100 ± 25 is considered acceptable and is recorded as %R.

Table 36. De-ionized water spike results (in µg/L) and percent recovery for VOCs in groundwater and/or surface water, fourth quarter, 2014.

Spike Sample Number	Sample Date	Carbon Tetrachloride			Styrene			Tetrachloroethylene			Trichloroethylene			Vinyl Chloride		
		Spike	Result	%R ¹	Spike	Result	%R	Spike	Result	%R	Spike	Result	%R	Spike	Result	%R
141W526	11/3/2014	3.53	2.9	82	5.28	3.2	61	4.48	3.6	80	5.04	5.0	99	5.4	5.2	96

¹A percent recovery of 100 ± 25 is considered acceptable and is recorded as %R.

Table 37. Electret ionization chamber irradiation results (categorized as spiked samples), fourth quarter, 2014.

Electret #	Exposure Received		Net Measured Exposure ¹		%R
	(mR)	Uncertainty (±1 SD, mR)	(mR)	Uncertainty (±1 SD, mR)	
SGP590	40.0	2.0	34.2	1.3	85%
SGO557	40.0	2.0	38.4	1.4	96%
SGP542	40.0	2.0	35.3	1.4	88%
SGP569	29.9	1.5	26.8	1.3	90%
SGP528	29.9	1.5	26.6	1.3	89%
SGP556	29.9	1.5	26.8	1.3	90%
SGP586	20.2	1.0	17.1	1.3	85%
SGO595	20.2	1.0	19.4	1.3	96%
SGP602	20.2	1.0	18.5	1.3	92%

Note: A percent recovery (%R) of 100 ± 25 is considered acceptable.

¹Net measured exposure estimate includes a correction for atmospheric pressure.

Table 38. Air sampling field equipment service reliability (percent operational), fourth quarter, 2014.

Station Locations	Sample Type			
	TSP	Radioiodine	Atmospheric Moisture	Precipitation
Onsite Locations				
Big Lost River Rest Area	100%	100%	100%	100%
Experimental Field Station	100%	100%	100%	NC ¹
Sand Dunes Tower	85%	100%	100%	NC ¹
Van Buren Avenue	100%	100%	100%	NC ¹
Boundary Locations				
Atomic City	100%	100%	100%	100%
Howe	100%	100%	100%	100%
Monteview	100%	100%	100%	100%
Mud Lake	100%	100%	100%	100%
Distant Locations				
Craters of the Moon	100%	100%	100%	NC ¹
Idaho Falls	100%	100%	100%	100%

Note: The values in this table were calculated by dividing the number of weeks the equipment was in operation by the number of weeks in the quarter.

¹ NC = Sample not collected at this location.

Appendix A

Table A-1. Weekly concentrations (in 1×10^{-3} pCi/m³) for gross alpha and gross beta analyses for TSP filters for all locations, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Collection Date		Gross Alpha		Gross Beta	
	Start	Stop	Concentration	±2 SD	Concentration	±2 SD
On-Site Locations						
Big Lost River Rest Area	10/02/14	10/09/14	1.5	0.3	41.9	1.4
	10/09/14	10/16/14	0.9	0.2	29.7	1.2
	10/16/14	10/23/14	1.1	0.2	39.6	1.3
	10/23/14	10/30/14	1.1	0.2	25.0	1.1
	10/30/14	11/06/14	1.3	0.3	31.6	1.2
	11/06/14	11/13/14	0.9	0.2	33.2	1.3
	11/13/14	11/20/14	4.6	0.5	78.9	1.9
	11/20/14	11/26/14	1.6	0.3	42.8	1.5
	11/26/14	12/04/14	0.8	0.2	25.3	1.1
	12/04/14	12/11/14	0.7	0.2	43.1	1.4
	12/11/14	12/18/14	1.1	0.2	31.7	1.2
	12/18/14	12/24/14	0.6	0.2	18.2	1.1
	12/24/14	12/31/14	0.6	0.2	26.3	1.1
Experimental Field Station	10/02/14	10/09/14	1.5	0.3	35.6	1.3
	10/09/14	10/16/14	0.9	0.2	23.7	1.1
	10/16/14	10/23/14	1.3	0.3	32.1	1.3
	10/23/14	10/30/14	1.1	0.2	21.1	1.1
	10/30/14	11/06/14	0.8	0.2	15.6	1.0
	11/06/14	11/13/14	0.7	0.2	28.7	1.2
	11/13/14	11/20/14	4.9	0.5	83.3	2.0
	11/20/14	11/26/14	1.3	0.3	36.2	1.5
	11/26/14	12/04/14	0.9	0.2	22.3	1.0
	12/04/14	12/11/14	1.2	0.3	45.6	1.5
	12/11/14	12/18/14	0.9	0.2	26.5	1.2
	12/18/14	12/24/14	0.3	0.2	16.0	1.1
	12/24/14	12/31/14	0.5	0.2	22.1	1.1
Sand Dunes Tower	10/02/14	10/09/14	0.6	0.2	29.2	1.6
	10/09/14	10/16/14	0.7	0.2	19.5	1.0
	10/16/14	10/23/14	0.9	0.2	28.2	1.1
	10/23/14	10/30/14	R ¹	R ¹	R ¹	R ¹
	10/30/14	11/06/14	R ¹	R ¹	R ¹	R ¹
	11/06/14	11/13/14	0.6	0.2	24.4	1.1
	11/13/14	11/20/14	3.7	0.4	60.5	1.6
	11/20/14	11/26/14	0.9	0.3	27.8	1.2
	11/26/14	12/04/14	0.6	0.2	19.1	0.9
	12/04/14	12/11/14	0.7	0.2	30.1	1.2
	12/11/14	12/18/14	0.9	0.2	19.0	1.0
	12/18/14	12/24/14	0.2	0.2	13.4	0.9
	12/24/14	12/31/14	0.2	0.1	17.8	0.9

¹R – Results rejected due to insufficient sample volume caused by equipment failure.

Table A-1 continued. Weekly concentrations (in 1×10^{-3} pCi/m³) for gross alpha and gross beta analyses for TSP filters for all locations, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Collection Date		Gross Alpha		Gross Beta	
	Start	Stop	Concentration	±2 SD	Concentration	±2 SD
Van Buren Avenue	10/02/14	10/09/14	1.1	0.2	28.8	1.2
	10/09/14	10/16/14	0.9	0.2	21.4	1.0
	10/16/14	10/23/14	0.7	0.2	27.0	1.1
	10/23/14	10/30/14	0.7	0.2	17.3	0.9
	10/30/14	11/06/14	0.9	0.2	24.5	1.1
	11/06/14	11/13/14	0.5	0.2	24.1	1.1
	11/13/14	11/20/14	3.7	0.4	65.0	1.7
	11/20/14	11/26/14	1.0	0.3	29.1	1.3
	11/26/14	12/04/14	0.6	0.2	17.9	0.9
	12/04/14	12/11/14	0.6	0.2	36.6	1.3
	12/11/14	12/18/14	0.8	0.2	24.0	1.1
	12/18/14	12/24/14	0.3	0.2	14.1	1.0
	12/24/14	12/31/14	0.3	0.2	19.4	1.0
Boundary Locations						
Atomic City	10/02/14	10/09/14	1.0	0.2	32.8	1.2
	10/09/14	10/16/14	0.9	0.2	22.8	1.0
	10/16/14	10/23/14	1.2	0.2	31.4	1.2
	10/23/14	10/30/14	1.1	0.2	20.8	1.0
	10/30/14	11/06/14	0.7	0.2	25.6	1.1
	11/06/14	11/13/14	0.8	0.2	25.7	1.1
	11/13/14	11/20/14	4.6	0.5	70.8	1.8
	11/20/14	11/26/14	1.6	0.3	37.0	1.4
	11/26/14	12/04/14	0.8	0.2	19.4	0.9
	12/04/14	12/11/14	0.9	0.2	36.3	1.3
	12/11/14	12/18/14	0.7	0.2	24.7	1.1
	12/18/14	12/24/14	0.4	0.2	15.3	1.0
	12/24/14	12/31/14	0.4	0.2	20.8	1.0
Howe	10/02/14	10/09/14	0.9	0.2	30.2	1.2
	10/09/14	10/16/14	0.8	0.2	21.5	1.1
	10/16/14	10/23/14	0.6	0.2	27.6	1.2
	10/23/14	10/30/14	0.8	0.2	17.9	1.0
	10/30/14	11/06/14	0.8	0.2	24.5	1.1
	11/06/14	11/13/14	1.0	0.3	25.5	1.1
	11/13/14	11/20/14	3.4	0.4	52.9	1.6
	11/20/14	11/26/14	1.3	0.3	31.7	1.4
	11/26/14	12/04/14	1.0	0.3	25.2	1.4
	12/04/14	12/11/14	0.7	0.2	33.0	1.3
	12/11/14	12/18/14	0.8	0.2	24.7	1.1
	12/18/14	12/24/14	0.4	0.2	16.6	1.1
	12/24/14	12/31/14	0.4	0.2	18.9	1.0

Table A-1 continued. Weekly concentrations (in 1×10^{-3} pCi/m³) for gross alpha and gross beta analyses for TSP filters for all locations, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Collection Date		Gross Alpha		Gross Beta	
	Start	Stop	Concentration	±2 SD	Concentration	±2 SD
Montevieu	10/02/14	10/09/14	1.3	0.2	31.6	1.2
	10/09/14	10/16/14	0.8	0.2	25.6	1.1
	10/16/14	10/23/14	1.1	0.2	29.9	1.2
	10/23/14	10/30/14	0.8	0.2	20.1	1.0
	10/30/14	11/06/14	0.8	0.2	26.4	1.1
	11/06/14	11/13/14	0.8	0.2	26.9	1.2
	11/13/14	11/20/14	3.8	0.4	65.4	1.7
	11/20/14	11/26/14	1.1	0.3	33.6	1.4
	11/26/14	12/04/14	1.0	0.2	24.8	1.0
	12/04/14	12/11/14	1.0	0.2	37.3	1.3
	12/11/14	12/18/14	0.6	0.2	24.1	1.1
	12/18/14	12/24/14	0.6	0.2	17.9	1.1
	12/24/14	12/31/14	0.5	0.2	20.5	1.0
Mud Lake	10/02/14	10/09/14	1.9	0.3	47.2	1.4
	10/09/14	10/16/14	1.9	0.3	36.1	1.3
	10/16/14	10/23/14	2.0	0.3	47.8	1.5
	10/23/14	10/30/14	1.3	0.3	32.1	1.2
	10/30/14	11/06/14	1.7	0.3	39.8	1.3
	11/06/14	11/13/14	1.7	0.3	42.3	1.4
	11/13/14	11/20/14	5.0	0.5	74.7	1.8
	11/20/14	11/26/14	1.8	0.3	43.0	1.5
	11/26/14	12/04/14	1.8	0.3	34.7	1.2
	12/04/14	12/11/14	1.8	0.3	65.6	1.7
	12/11/14	12/18/14	1.4	0.3	40.0	1.4
	12/18/14	12/24/14	0.7	0.2	23.8	1.2
	12/24/14	12/31/14	0.8	0.2	30.0	1.2
Distant Locations						
Craters of the Moon	10/02/14	10/09/14	0.8	0.2	23.7	1.1
	10/09/14	10/16/14	0.5	0.2	18.6	1.0
	10/16/14	10/23/14	0.7	0.2	25.2	1.1
	10/23/14	10/30/14	0.3	0.2	15.1	0.9
	10/30/14	11/06/14	0.4	0.2	18.7	1.0
	11/06/14	11/13/14	0.6	0.3	35.6	1.6
	11/13/14	11/20/14	5.0	0.6	80.7	2.4
	11/20/14	11/26/14	1.3	0.4	35.1	1.8
	11/26/14	12/04/14	0.6	0.2	20.8	1.2
	12/04/14	12/11/14	0.8	0.3	38.0	1.7
	12/11/14	12/18/14	1.0	0.3	32.9	1.6
	12/18/14	12/24/14	0.2	0.2	19.0	1.4
	12/24/14	12/31/14	0.5	0.2	26.2	1.4

Table A-1 continued. Weekly concentrations (in 1×10^{-3} pCi/m³) for gross alpha and gross beta analyses for TSP filters for all locations, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Collection Date		Gross Alpha		Gross Beta	
	Start	Stop	Concentration	±2 SD	Concentration	±2 SD
Fort Hall¹	10/02/14	10/09/14	0.7	0.2	20.6	1.0
	10/09/14	10/16/14	0.8	0.2	15.4	0.9
	10/16/14	10/23/14	0.8	0.2	24.1	1.1
	10/23/14	10/30/14	0.7	0.2	15.7	0.9
	10/30/14	11/06/14	0.8	0.2	19.7	1.0
	11/06/14	11/13/14	0.8	0.2	19.2	1.0
	11/13/14	11/20/14	3.0	0.4	44.4	1.4
	11/20/14	11/26/14	0.8	0.2	24.1	1.2
	11/26/14	12/04/14	0.6	0.2	13.3	0.8
	12/04/14	12/11/14	0.5	0.2	24.8	1.1
	12/11/14	12/18/14	0.6	0.2	19.7	1.0
	12/18/14	12/24/14	0.5	0.2	12.6	1.0
	12/24/14	12/31/14	0.3	0.2	14.2	0.9
Idaho Falls - HVP 3804	10/02/14	10/09/14	1.4	0.3	36.0	1.3
	10/09/14	10/16/14	1.3	0.3	26.7	1.2
	10/16/14	10/23/14	1.3	0.3	38.8	1.4
	10/23/14	10/30/14	1.3	0.3	24.3	1.1
	10/30/14	11/06/14	1.0	0.2	28.8	1.2
	11/06/14	11/13/14	1.1	0.3	31.2	1.3
	11/13/14	11/20/14	3.9	0.5	67.6	1.8
	11/20/14	11/26/14	2.4	0.5	58.5	2.3
	11/26/14	12/04/14	1.0	0.2	22.3	1.0
	12/04/14	12/11/14	0.8	0.2	36.7	1.4
	12/11/14	12/18/14	1.1	0.2	30.6	1.3
	12/18/14	12/24/14	0.5	0.2	19.0	1.1
	12/24/14	12/31/14	0.5	0.2	23.6	1.1
Idaho Falls - HVP 4304²	10/02/14	10/09/14	1.2	0.2	31.7	1.2
	10/09/14	10/16/14	1.3	0.3	21.8	1.0
	10/16/14	10/23/14	1.5	0.3	35.1	1.3
	10/23/14	10/30/14	1.2	0.2	21.0	1.0
	10/30/14	11/06/14	1.1	0.2	25.7	1.1
	11/06/14	11/13/14	0.9	0.2	26.9	1.1
	11/13/14	11/20/14	4.9	0.5	81.7	1.9
	11/20/14	11/26/14	2.9	0.6	61.2	2.4
	11/26/14	12/04/14	1.2	0.2	23.7	1.0
	12/04/14	12/11/14	0.9	0.2	35.8	1.3
	12/11/14	12/18/14	0.9	0.2	29.5	1.2
	12/18/14	12/24/14	0.6	0.2	24.3	1.2
	12/24/14	12/31/14	0.6	0.2	27.9	1.2

¹ Operated by Shoshone Bannock-Tribes.

² HVP 4304 – This is a new sampler model being operated side by side with sampler HVP 3804 to test the dependability and durability in field conditions.

Appendix B

Table B.1. Results for all electret locations, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Net Corrected Exposure Rate ¹ (μR/hr)	± 2 SD (μR/h)
Arco	11.6	0.9
Craters of the Moon	12.7, 13.7	
Big Lost River Rest Area	12.7	2.8
Van Buren Avenue	14.5	2.5
Experimental Field Station	13.6	3.4
Main Gate	14.5	1.9
Atomic City	11.6	3.1
Taber	10.3	1.3
Blackfoot	10.3	2.9
Ft. Hall ²	11.3	2.5
Idaho Falls	12.4	3.6
Mud Lake/ Terreton	12.5	1.2
Monteview	10.2, 11.0	
Sand Dunes	13.6	1.2
Howe Met. Tower	11.9, 12.9	
MP276 -20	9.5	3.4
MP274 -20	11.1	2.9
MP272 -20	10.6	3.6
MP270 -20	10.2, 10.3	
MP268 -20	11.7	2.2
MP266 -20	11.4, 13.4	
MP264 -20	12.2	1.5
MP270 -20/26	12.2	2.7
MP268 -20/26	13.9	2.6
MP266 -20/26	14.0	3.1
MP263 -20/26	12.0	2.4
MP261 -20/26	9.3	0.3
MP259 -20/26	15.4	2.5
MFC (EBR II)	11.9, 13.1	
EBR I	ND ³	ND ³
RWMC	12.6	1.6
CFA	17.9, 18.8	
CITRC (PBF)	14.4	1.2
INTEC	14.7, 16.2	
ATR (TRA)	14.4, 15.3	
NRF	14.4	1.8
TAN/SMC	14.4	1.6
Mud Lake Bank of Commerce	12.5, 13.8	
MP43-33	19.2, 19.6	
MP41-33	12.6	3.5
MP39-33	13.0, 14.1	
MP 37-33	10.4	1.5

Table B.1 continued. Results for all electret locations, fourth quarter, 2014.

Sample Location	Net Corrected Exposure Rate ($\mu\text{R/hr}$) ¹	± 2 SD ($\mu\text{R/hr}$)
MP35-33	9.5	3.0
MP33-33	13.5	0.3
MP31-33	11.2, 11.8	
MP29-33	11.1	1.8
MP27-33	12.6, 14.9	
MP25-33	12.2	3.1
MP23-33	10.0	2.8
Base of Howe	15.8, 16.4	
Rover	14.3	0.7
Hamer	10.9, 11.1	
Sugar City	14.6	1.8
Roberts	12.0	2.7
Big Southern Butte	12.6	3.1

¹Results are the average of triplicate exposure rate measurements with the associated sample variability (± 2 SD), or the 2 measured exposure rates remaining after removal of an outlying value. One of the triplicate measurements is rejected if it is outside the average of the triplicate measurements ± 2 SD of the historical population variability. Typically, the two most consistent measurements are reported, based on judgment of the data analyst.

²Station operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

³No data for this quarter is available. The EIC canister at the EBR 1 location was missing.

Appendix C

Table C-1. List of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) analyzed for water samples. Minimum detectable concentrations (MDC) are expressed in µg/L.

Analyte	Minimum detectable concentrations (MDC) (expressed in µg/L)
Benzene	0.5
Carbon tetrachloride	0.5
Chlorobenzene	0.5
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	0.5
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	0.5
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.5
1,1-Dichloroethene	0.5
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	0.5
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	0.5
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.5
Ethylbenzene	0.5
Methylene Chloride	0.5
Styrene	0.5
Tetrachloroethylene (PERC)	0.5
Toluene	0.5
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.5
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.5
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.5
Trichloroethylene	0.5
Vinyl chloride	0.5
Xylenes (total)	0.5
Bromodichloromethane	0.5
Dibromochloromethane	0.5
Bromoform	0.5
Chloroform	0.5
Bromobenzene	0.5
Bromochloromethane	0.5
Bromomethane	0.5
n-Butylbenzene	0.5
sec-Butylbenzene	0.5
tert-Butylbenzene	0.5
Chloroethane	0.5
Chloromethane	0.5
2-Chlorotoluene	0.5

Table C.1 continued. List of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) analyzed for water samples. Minimum detectable concentrations (MDC) are expressed in µg/L.

Analyte	Minimum detectable concentrations (MDC) (expressed in µg/L)
4-Chlorotoluene	0.5
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)	1.0
1,2-Dibromoethane (EDB)	0.5
Dibromomethane	0.5
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	0.5
Dichlorodifluoromethane	0.5
1,1-Dichloroethane	0.5
1,3-Dichloropropane	0.5
2,2-Dichloropropane	0.5
1,1-Dichloropropene	0.5
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.5
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.5
Hexachlorobutadiene	0.5
Isopropylbenzene	0.5
p-Isopropyltoluene	0.5
Methyl Tert Butyl Ether (MTBE)	1.0
Naphthalene	1.0
n-Propylbenzene	0.5
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.5
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.5
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	1.25
Trichlorofluoromethane	0.5
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	0.5
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	0.5
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	0.5