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GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT DP-1589 RESUBMITTED APPLICATION—PART A



SEPTIC TANK/LEACHFIELD SYSTEMS

Submitted by

LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL SECURITY, LLC

And the

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Mr. William C. Olson, Bureau Chief Ground Water Quality Bureau New Mexico Environment Department Harold Runnels Building, Room N2261 1190 St. Francis Drive P.O. Box 26110 Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Mr. Olson:

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL DISCHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION—PART "A", DOMESTIC SEPTIC TANK/LEACHFIELD SYSTEMS, DP-1589

In accordance with the direction provided by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau staff (Enclosure 1), provided are three copies of a supplemental Discharge Permit application—Part "A" for domestic septic tank/leachfield systems at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL or the Laboratory). On June 25, 2010, the Laboratory and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) submitted a Discharge Permit application (DP-1589) for 15 domestic septic tank/leachfield systems (ENV-RCRA-010-106). It is necessary for LANL to update the Discharge Permit application for DP-1589 for the following two reasons: (1) Because of operational changes that occurred at LANL since June 2010, and (2) Direction from NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau staff that Discharge Permit application DP-1589 must include all septic tank/leachfield systems on the LANL site, including those owned and operated by others. Updating Part "A" of the Laboratory and NNSA's June 25, 2010, Discharge Permit application was the method recommended by your staff for incorporating the following changes:

- Removal of three systems: TA-15-0569, TA-66-003, and TA-69-0010,
- Modification of one system: TA-33-0031,
- Addition of one newly constructed system: TA-33-0375, and
- Addition of three systems owned and operated by others: TA-49-0172 and the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club—Clubhouse and Caretaker's Trailer.

Additional information on each of these changes is presented below.



1. Removal of three systems: TA-15-0569, TA-66-003, and TA-69-0010

- ➤ TA-15-569. In October 2010, all wastewater discharges to this system were bypassed to the TA-46 Sanitary Wastewater Systems (SWWS) Plant. The septic tank was closed in accordance with New Mexico Liquid Waste Regulations (20.7.3.307 NMAC).
- > TA-66-0003. The discharge line from the septic tank to the leachfield is plugged. As a result, the septic tank is functioning as a holding tank; septage is routinely pumped from the tank and hauled to the TA-46 SWWS Plant for disposal.
- > TA-69-0010. In 2010, the only building discharging to this septic system—TA-69-0002— was demolished.

2. Modification of one system: TA-33-0031

➤ TA-33-0031. In December 2010, after the new TA-33-0375 septic system was placed into service, the number of buildings discharging to the TA-33-0031 septic system was reduced from five to two.

3. Addition of one newly constructed system: TA-33-0375

TA-33-0375. In December 2010, LANL completed construction of a new septic tank/leachfield system. This system receives wastewater from three buildings previously discharging to the TA-33-0031 system and from one new building. The NMED granted LANL temporary permission to discharge from this system on December 9, 2010 (William C. Olson, NMED, to Robert Beers, LANL). On March 23, 2011, LANL submitted a request for renewal of the previously issued temporary permission (ENV-RCRA-11-0055). Record drawings of the TA-33-0375 system were submitted to the NMED on January 28, 2011 (ENV-RCRA-11-0017).

4. Addition of three systems owned and operated by others: TA-49-0172 and the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club—Clubhouse and Caretaker's Trailer.

The June 2010 Discharge Permit application for domestic septic tank/leachfield systems included only those systems owned by the NNSA and operated by LANL; septic tank/leachfield systems located on the LANL site but owned by others were not included. Subsequently, at a March 30, 2011 meeting with NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau staff, the Laboratory was directed to add to the Discharge Permit application all those systems owned and operated by others. Accordingly, the following three systems are being added to the application.

➤ <u>TA-49-0172</u>: This septic tank/leachfield system is owned and operated by Bandelier National Monument under an interagency permit with the U.S.



Department of Energy. The NMED issued a permit for this system—ES020211—on June 10, 2002.

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club—Clubhouse and Caretaker's Trailer: The Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club, a private organization operating under a license from the U.S. Department of Energy, owns and operates two septic tank/leachfield systems in Rendija Canyon for their Clubhouse and Caretaker's trailer. No records are available on the age, size, type of system, or maintenance history. A search of the NMED's on-line Liquid Waste Database (http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/fod/liquidwaste/dbasegateway.html) did not show any permit records for the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club.

Please call me at (505) 667-7969 if you have questions regarding this supplemental Discharge Permit application.

Sincerely,

Robert Beers Water Quality & RCRA Group

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Enclosure: a/s

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DISCHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION



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	Printed Names:	James C. Cantwell, Associate Di	rector, ESH&Q, LANS	

Send three complete copies of this application and the filing fee to:

Kevin W. Smith, Manager, Los Alamos Site Office, NNSA

Program Manager, Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section New Mexico Environment Department PO Box 5469 Santa Fe, NM 87502

GROUND WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION PART A: ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS All Facilities



A-1. Facility Information. See Supplemental Instructions to determine what constitutes the "facility." The physical location of the facility must be provided. If the facility does not have an address, the location can be described by road intersections, mile posts, or landmarks, as appropriate.

Facility Name	Los Alamos National Laboratory						
Former Names (if any)	NA						
Physical address/locatio	Los Alamos, New Mexico						
(mandatory)	County Los Alamos						
Mailing address	P.O. Box 1663 MS K490						
	Los Alamos, NM 87544						
Contact person	James C. Cantwell						
Title	Associate Director, Environment, Safety, Health & Quality, LANS, LLC						
Telephone number	(505) 667-5491						
Fax number	(505) 665-3811 E-mail address <u>cantwe@lanl.gov</u>						
Type of Discharge and	Type of Discharge and Type of Facility. See Supplemental Instructions.						
Type of discharge:	☑ Domestic ☐ Agricultural ☐ Industrial ☐ Mining						
Type of facility:	16 domestic wastewater septic tank/leachfield systems						
municipality, etc.) <u>legally</u> Permit. If the applicant is	The applicant is the person or entity (e.g., corporation, partnership, organization, responsible for the discharge and for complying with the terms of the Discharge an entity, then the name and title of a contact person must be provided. This ed by the applicant or contact person named here.						
Applicant Name	National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) ¹						
	Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) ²						
Mailing address	¹ 3747 West Jemez Road, Los Alamos, NM 87544 ² P.O. Box 1663, MS K491, Los Alamos, NM 87544						
Contact persons	Kevin W. Smith ¹ , Manager, Los Alamos Site Office, NNSA James C. Cantwell ² , Associate Director, ESH&Q, LANS						
Telephone numbers	¹ (505) 667-5105 ² (505) 667-4218						
Fax numbers	1665-3811 2845-5942 E-mail cantwe@lanl.gov address ksmith2@doeal.gov						

	Consultant/Firm Name	NA					
\-5.			neone other the applicant listed in Item A-3 or a this application and/or facility, list here.				
	Permit Contact Name	Robert Beers	net men a line increas tromológico e				
	Title	Environmental Profe	essional, Water Quality & RCRA Group, LANS				
	Mailing address	P.O. Box 1663 MS K	490				
		Los Alamos, NM 875	44				
	Telephone number(s)	(505) 667-7969					
	Fax number	(505) 665-9344	E-mail address _bbeers@lanl.gov				
-6 .	Ownership.						
	The applicant owns (check as appropriate): ☑ the facility* ☐ some discharge sites ☐ all discharge sites						
		* Nat	onal Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Facility				
	If other parties own the facil	ty or any of the dischar	ge sites, attach their names and contact information.				
-7 .	Discharge Quantity.						
	number of gallons per day the	nat may be treated and/ acility. You must show h	harge volume, which is typically expressed as the maximum or disposed of. Please indicate below the maximum ow it was determined in Part B of your application. For further B.				
	Maximum discharge volume	: 4840	gallons per day (or other units:)				
\ -8 .			ystem. Briefly describe how wastewater, sludge, etc. is our facility. See Supplemental Instructions for examples of				
	National Laboratory (the buildings listed in 1	e Laboratory) site. The able 1 via collection s	c tank/leachfield systems operating at the Los Alamos ese septic systems receive domestic wastewater from system piping. A septic tank/leachfield system consists isposal system. Each component is described briefly				
	separating the sett	leable and floatable s	nt unit designed to provide primary treatment by plids from the water being discharged (effluent). The rom 380 gal to 5000 gal.				
	The disposal system	m is a subsurface, gra	avity distributed system to dispose of effluent from the				

septic tank. Disposal systems at the Laboratory include seepage pits, leach fields, evaporation beds, and evapotranspiration beds.

A-9. Discharge Locations. List the locations of your facility and of all components of your processing, treatment, storage and/or disposal system. Examples of components include septic tanks, lagoons, leachfields, irrigation sites, mine stockpiles, etc. Additional examples are listed in the Supplemental Instructions. Latitude and longitude are optional unless township, range and section are not available.

Appendix A of the June 30, 2010, Discharge Permit application contains locations maps for septic systems 1 through 12 listed below.

In this document:

- Enclosure 1 contains location maps for septic systems 13 through 16.
- Enclosure 2 contains an updated site map.
- Enclosure 3 contains an updated soils map.



	Components	Township	Range	Section(s)	Latitude	Longitude
	Systems Inclu	ded in the June	30, 2010, Dis	scharge Permit	Application	
1	TA-15-0205	19N	6E	34	35.8321	-106.2960
2	TA-16-0178	19N	6E	30	35.8508	-106.3500
3	TA-16-1194/1195	19N	6E	30	35.8474	-106.3510
4	TA-33-0031	19N	6E	24	35.7834	-106.2560
5	TA-33-0096	18N	7E	20	35.7728	-106.2317
6	TA-33-0161	18N	6E	13	35.7870	-106.2510
7	TA-33-0179	18N	7E	19	35.7753	-106.2450
8	TA-36-0274	19N	6E	36	35.8277	-106.2630
9,	TA-39-0132	18N	6E	13	35.7949	-106.2550
10	TA-40-0025	19N	6E	21	35.8571	-106.3189
11	TA-49-0119	18N	6E	04	35.8255	-106.3090
12	TA-58-0052	19N	6E	18	35.8727	-106.3447
	Systems Being A	Added to the Ju	ne 30, 2010, i	Discharge Perm	it Application	
13	Sportsmen's Club-Clubhouse	18N	6E	2	35.909330	-106.277488
14	Sportsmen's Club-Caretaker	18N	6E	2	35.908743	-106.277511
15	TA-33-0375	18N	6E	24	35.781917	-106.256031
16	TA-49-0172	18N	6E	04	35.827165	-106.317256

A-10. Discharge Quality.

Indicate the expected quality of the discharge -- wastewater, leachate, sludge, etc. -- generated, stored, treated, processed and/or discharged at your facility. List the contaminants of concern and the expected concentrations. *Not all facilities need to characterize influent quality.* See Supplemental Instructions for typical contaminants and additional guidance.

Expected or Known	Expected or Known Contaminants Incoming (Influent)						
Contaminants	TA-16-1194/1195	TA-33-0031	TA-33-0161	TA-33-0179	TA-49-0119		
NO ₃ +NO ₂ -N	0.219	0.029J	0.029J	0.095	16.0		
TKN	3.56	47.2	73.5	47.9	56.7		
TDS	157	329	375	335	491		
CI	10.2	29.2	46.3	33.2	78.1		

J means the reported results is greater than the Method Detection Limit but less than the Reporting Limit. All analytical results from sampling conducted on April 6, 2006.

Copies of the analytical reports are contained in Appendix D of the June 30, 2010 application.



⊠typical domestic wastewater:								
☐ low-strength domestic wastewater (large gray water component; e.g., laundromat, spa, etc.)								
☐ high-strength domestic wastewater (low water use; e.g., RV park, low-flow toilets at campground, etc.)								
Ground Water Conditions.								
All applicants <u>must</u> provide the depth to and pre-discharge TDS concentration of the ground water that conaffected by the discharge. Refer to Supplemental Instructions for details on how to obtain these values.								
Indicate the depth to the most shallow ground water beneath the discharge site. If there are multiple discharge sites, indicate the range of depths.				Indicate <u>pre-discharge</u> total dissolved solids (TDS) concentration of <u>most shallow</u> ground water beneat the discharge site. Attach copies of analyses.				
Depth to water (feet):			TDS (mg/L)				
Max=1266	ft		-	Intermediate	Regional			
Min=486 ft			- X	Avg=282	Avg=150			
See Enclosur	e 4 of this docur	ment for an	-	Max=1050	Max=309			
	updated water level map. Note that no data are available for Rendija Canyon.				Min=94			
Reference:					Reference: 2008 LANL Environmental Surveillance Report Mail Analysis from upgradient monitoring well			
☑ Measure								
☐ Measurer	☐ Measurement, nearby supply well				on-site supply well			
□ Well log f	☐ Well log from nearby well (attach copy)				shallow nearby supply we	ell .		
☐ Office of the State Engineer http://www.ose.state.nm.us/				☐ Concentration provided in previous Discharge Permit application				
	☐ Report or study (give citation here and attach relevant portion):				☐ Report or study (give citation here and attach relevant portion):			
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Public Notice.	Public Notice. See Supplemental Instructions.							
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					ng a display ad in a news paper you intend to place			

d) For new or modification applications only: The applicant must post a sign for 30 days in a conspicuous location at or near the facility, as approved by NMED. One sign must be posted for each 640 contiguous acres or less of the discharge site. An additional notice must be posted at an off-site location conspicuous to the public. Describe the locations below where you intend to post the notices. You may also attach sketches or photographs.



At or near facility:

1 sign—2 by 3 ft in size—will be posted within Township 19N, Range 6E, Section 2 to provide notification for the Sportsmen's Club and Caretaker's Trailer. The other new locations—TA-33-0375 and TA-49-0172—were captured by the October 30, 2010, PN-1.

Off-site location:

A flyer size notice will be posted at the LANL Public Reading Room at the J. Robert Oppenheimer Study Center and Research Library, located on West Jemez Road at Casa Grande, Los Alamos, NM

Table 1. Septic Tank/Leachfield Systems, System Design and Permitting

	Septic System Name	Tank Size (gal.)	Disposal System	Design Flow ¹ (gpd)	Install Date	Registration/P ermit Date	NM Liquid Waste Reg./Permit No.
Sys	stems Included in the June 30, 2010, L	ischarge l	Permit Application			21 7/ 5/0	Payroll .
1	TA-15-0205	605	Leach Field	160	1961	2/4/1987	LA-21
2	TA-16-0178	380	Leach Field	20	1952	2/4/1987	LA39
3	TA-16-1194/1195	1500	Leach Field	40	1988	2/5/1987	LA-38
4	TA-33-0031	1360	Seepage Pit	480 ⁸	1949	2/5/1987	LA-32
5	TA-33-0096	768	Leach Field	20	1955	2/5/1987	LA-34
6	TA-33-0161 ³	2500	Evaporation Bed	1200	1952	2/5/1987	LA-44
7	TA-33-0179	1000	Leach Field	30	1987	12/7/1989	SF89032R
8	TA-36-0274 ⁴	1000	Leach Field	50	2003	8/19/2003	ES030243
9	TA-39-0132	1000	Leach Field	150	1985	1/20/1989	SF890024
10	TA-40-0025	540	Leach Field	100	1949	2/5/1987	LA-46
11	TA-49-0119	1000	ET Bed	90	1990	11/16/1990	LA-50
12	TA-58-0052	1000	Leach Field	180	2006	6/8/2006 ⁵	DP-1589 ⁷
Sys	stems Being Added to the June 30, 20	10, Discha	rge Permit Applicat	ion		and the later of	- 4 m - 3
1	Sportsmen's Club-Clubhouse ²	unknown	unknown	unk	unknown	unknown	unknown
2	Sportsmen's Club-Caretaker's Trailer ²	unknown	unknown	unk	unknown	unknown	unknown
3	TA-33-0375	5000	Leach Field	1600	2010	1/28/2011	DP-1589 ⁶
4	TA-49-0172 ⁵	1500	Leach Field	120	2002	6/10/2002	ES020211

Notes

¹Design Flow source: NM Liquid Waste Disposal Permit/Registration Applications for each system. See Appendix B.

²System is owned and operated by the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club, a private organization with no affiliation to LANL or DOE.

³This system was originally registered as TA-39-12. The tank was replaced and the system was renamed.

⁴This system was originally registered as TA-36-0078.

⁵This system is owned and operated by Bandelier National Monument (National Park Service).

⁶On January 28, 2011, LANL submitted final record drawings to the NMED-GWQB for this system.

⁷On June 8, 2006, LANL submitted plans & specs to the NMED-GWQB for the permitting of this system.

⁸The design flow cited in the June 30, 2010, application of 1200 gpd has been reduced to 480 gpd due to the redirection of flows to TA-33-375.



Table 2. Septic Tank/Leachfield Systems, Occupant Loading and Estimated Discharge Volumes

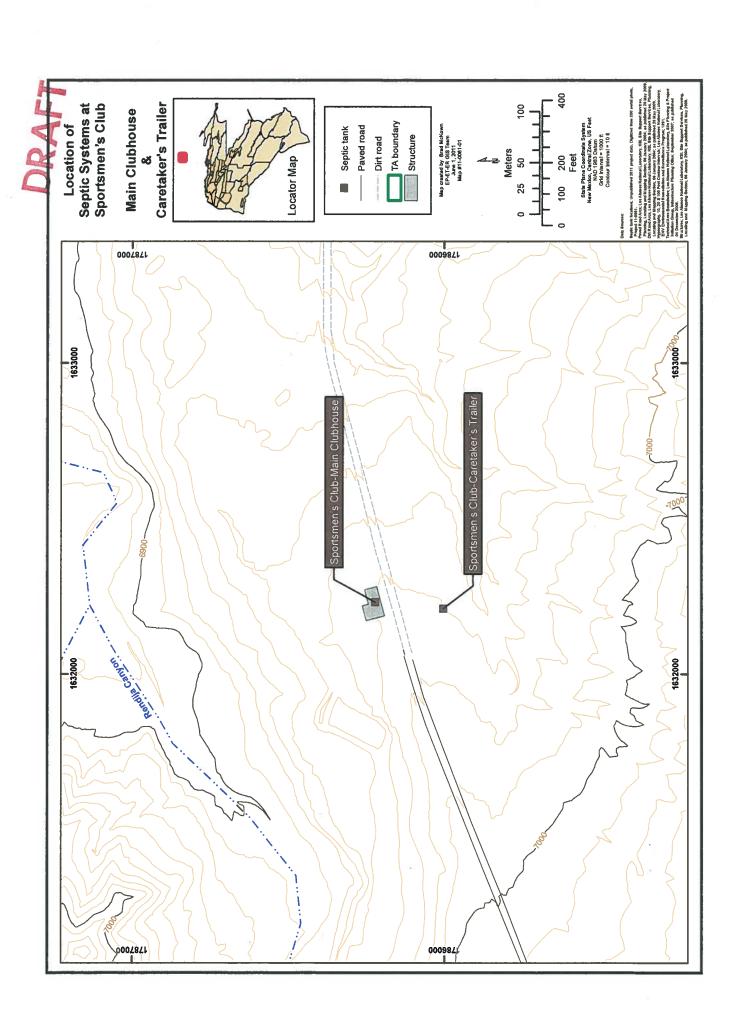
	System Name	Buildings Connected	No. of Full-Time Occupants	Discharge Volume (gpd) ¹
Sys	tems included in the	June 30, 2010, Discharge Pern	nit Application	AVENUE DE TOURS DE DEVENUE - ILLA
1	TA-15-0205	TA-15-184, 185, 186, 310	0	160 ⁴
2	TA-16-0178	TA-16-210	0	20 ⁴
3	TA-16-1194/1195	TA-16-54	0	40 ⁴
4	TA-33-0031	TA-33-39, 113	24	480
5	TA-33-0096	TA-33-87	0	20 ⁴
6	TA-33-0161	TA-39-2, 98, 62	35	700
7.	TA-33-0179	TA-33-178	0	30 ⁴
8	TA-36-0274	TA-36-78	0	50 ⁴
9	TA-39-0132	TA-39-111	0	150 ⁴
10	TA-40-0025	TA-40-11	0	100 ⁴
11	TA-49-0119	TA-49-115	- 0	90⁴
12	TA-58-0052	TA-58-49	0	180 ⁴
Sys	tems Being Added to	the June 30, 2010, Discharge	Permit Application	
1	Sportsmen's Club	Clubhouse	0	149 ²
2	Sportsmen's Club	Caretaker's Trailer	5	375 ³
3	TA-33-0375	TA-33-19, 114, 168, 280	80	1600
4	TA-49-0172	Bandelier Office Building	4-full time, 8-seasonal	133

<u>Notes</u>

¹ Estimated volume, based upon the flow rate of 20 gallons per day for offices per 20.7.3.201 NMAC, unless otherwise noted.

²Clubhouse and Caretaker's trailer share a water meter. Avg daily use from 2008-10 was 149 gpd. Conservatively, 100% has been assigned to the C ³Caretaker's trailer is a 3-bedroom residence. Per 20.7.3.201 NMAC, for residential sources use a flow rate of 5 occupants at 75 gpd.

⁴Based upon design flow listed in NM Liquid Waste Disposal Permit/Registration Applications for each system. See Appendix B.



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