SUNSTONE SOLAR PROJECT – PROPOSED ORDER ON REQUEST FOR SITE CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT 1

To:	Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council
From:	Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst
Date:	October 31, 2025
Re:	Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project Site Certificate

Certificate Holder:	Sunstone Solar, LLC (certificate holder), a wholly owned subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC
Approved Facility:	An approved, but not yet constructed, solar photovoltaic power generation facility with up to 1,200 megawatts (MW) of generating capacity, and related or supporting facilities, including up to 7,200 MW hours of battery storage capacity; an interconnection substation; up to six collector substations; up to four operations and maintenance buildings; up to 9.5 miles of 230-kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission line; other structures including roads, perimeter fencing, and gates. The facility is authorized to occupy up to approximately 9,442 acres (14.75 sq. miles) of private land zoned for Exclusive Farm Use within an approximately 10,960-acre (17-sq. mile) site in Morrow County, Oregon.
Proposed Amendment:	The certificate holder seeks Council authorization to: split the approved facility into six separate facilities; each with their own site boundary and certificate holder under separate site certificates; modify the transmission line corridor, in length and location; increase the footprint (acreage) of the Phase 1 substation from 1.6 to 7.3 acres; and amend several conditions to be consistent with the site certificate split.
Facility Site Location:	Morrow County

Staff Recommendation: The Oregon Department of Energy (Department) recommends that the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) find the certificate holder has demonstrated that the preponderance of evidence on the record supports the conclusion that the facility, with the changes proposed in Request for Amendment 1 (RFA1), complies with the applicable laws or Council standards that protect a resource or interest that could be affected by the proposed change; and that the amount of the bond or letter of credit required under OAR 345-022-0050 is adequate.

BEFORE THE
ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Request for Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project Site Certificate	))))	PROPOSED ORDER

October 31, 2025

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

BESS	Battery energy storage system
BLA	Big Lead Assembly
Certificate holder	Sunstone Solar, LLC
Council	Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council
Department	Oregon Department of Energy
DSL	Oregon Department of State Lands
EFSC	Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council
Facility	Sunstone Solar Project
GSU	Generator-step up (transformer)
GW	Gigawatt
GWh	Gigawatt hours
HMA	Habitat Mitigation Area
HMP	Habitat Mitigation Plan
HVAC	Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
HV	High voltage
ISU	Inverter step-up (transformer)
kV	kilovolts
Li-ion	Lithium-Ion
LLC	Limited liability company
MW	Megawatt
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rule
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
ODOE	Oregon Department of Energy
ORS	Oregon Revised Statutes
Parent Company	Pine Gate Development, LLC
PV	Photovoltaic
RAI	Request for Additional Information
RFA1	Request for Amendment 1

I. INTRODUCTION

On October 31, 2025, Sunstone Solar, LLC (certificate holder), filed Request for Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project Site Certificate (RFA1).

As described below, the Sunstone Solar Project (facility), is an approved, but not yet constructed, solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation facility with up to 1,200 megawatts of generating capacity, and related or supporting facilities, that would be located in Morrow County, Oregon.

As described in Section II.A., *Requested Amendment*, of this Order, the certificate holder seeks authorization from the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) to split the approved facility into six separate facilities; each with their own site boundary and certificate holder under separate site certificates. The split would amend the current site certificate and create five new site certificates. The certificate holder also seeks to reduce the transmission line corridor in length and location within the previously approved site boundary; increase the footprint (acreage) of the SS1 substation from 1.6 to 7.3 acres within the previously approved site boundary; and amend several conditions to be consistent with the site certificate split.

To issue an amended site certificate, the Council must find that the preponderance of evidence on the record supports the following conclusions:

1. That the facility, with the proposed change, complies with the applicable laws or Council standards that protect a resource or interest that could be affected by the proposed change, and
2. That the amount of the bond or letter of credit required under OAR 345-022-0050 is adequate.

In accordance with OAR 345-027-0365, the Oregon Department of Energy (Department), as staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council), issues this Proposed Order recommending approval of the Request, subject to the existing and recommended new and amended site certificate conditions set forth in this Order. This Order, and the analysis and recommendations contained therein do not constitute a final determination by the Council.

I.A. SITE CERTIFICATE PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Council issued the Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project on November 18, 2024. The site certificate has not been amended since this initial approval.

I.B. APPROVED FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The facility is approved to include the components presented in Table 1 below.

The values and specifications provided in the table represent the highest-impact design scenario for the facility. The design scenario, including are development exclusion areas, used for the purposes of the evaluation is depicted in Figure 1 below.[1] As described in Section II.B., *Requested Amendment*, and provided in Table 2 of this order, the certificate holder requests to split the approved facility site boundary and components into six facilities with their own site certificate and some shared facility components.

Table 1: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Site Boundary		
Site Boundary	10,960	acres
Maximum Footprint	9,442	acres
Permanent Impacts[1]	9,442	acres
Solar Components		
PV Solar Modules		
Approx. total number	3,937,536	modules
Max Height at full-tilt	15	feet
Posts		
Approx. total number (assumes concrete foundation)	535,056	posts
Cabling		
Combiner Boxes	61,524	each
Inverter Step Up Transformer Units		
Approx. total number	319	each
Noise level	89	dBA
Transformer oil-containing capacity	800	gallons
Related or Supporting Facility Components		
34.5 kV Collection System		
Collector line length, belowground	82	miles
Collector line length, overhead (OH)	4.3	miles
Wood Monopoles (max estimate for OH)	151	each
Collector Substations		
Substations w SCADA; Generator step-up transformers, each	6; 1	each
Site size	1.6	acres
Transformer oil-containing capacity	16,000	gallons/each
Transformer noise level	100	dBA
Max height of structures	45	feet
Switchyards		

[1] As described in Final Order on ASC, Section I.V.E., *Land Use*, up to 9,442 of land within the approved site boundary would be occupied by facility components. Approximately 1,518 acres within the site boundary are excluded from development as shown on ASC Exhibit C, Figures C-2, and C-2.1 to C-2.3, and highlighted in red in Figure 1 in this order.

Table 1: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Stations; transformers, each	2; 0	each
Site size (northern and/or within solar fence line); with foundations and graveled areas	3	acres
230 kV Transmission Line		
Length (total; northern line; southern line)	9.5; 3.2; 6.3	miles
Structures: Type (Wood or Galvanized Steel); quantity	H-frame; 50	each
Height of structures	70 - 180	feet
Battery Energy Storage System (Lithium-ion/Zinc)		
Zinc		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with fans/heating systems; SCADA	14,946	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	9.5 x 8 x 20	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
Lithium-ion		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with HVAC and fire suppression systems; SCADA	12,000	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	11.25 x 8.1 x 5.2	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
O&M Building		
Quantity	4	each
Site size	2.8	acres
Height	20	feet
Appurtenances	On-site well, septic system, SCADA System	
Storage for Replacement Solar Panels		
Containers	50	each
Approx. container dimensions	8.5 x 8 x 40	H x W x L; feet
Location	Dispersed within fence line if not next to O&M, gravel base	
Facility Roads		
Length	55	miles
Width	10 - 20	feet
Perimeter Fence		
Length	58	miles
Height	7-8	feet

Table 1: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Access/gates	52	each
Temporary Construction Areas		
Quantity	54	each
Site size	5	acres
Description	Gravel base; diesel/gas storage; within fence line	
Acronyms: dBA = A-weighted decibels; HVAC = heating, ventilation and air conditioning; kV = kilovolt; OH = overhead; O&M = operations and maintenance; SCADA = supervisory, control and data acquisition Notes: 1. The energy facility would occupy approximately 9,442 acres within up to 20 separately fenced areas. Most related or supporting facilities will be located within the energy facility's footprint; however, portions of the overhead 34.5 kV collector and 230-kV transmission lines running between solar array areas would result in additional temporary and permanent disturbance areas. The entire energy facility footprint is considered a permanent disturbance area for the purposes of evaluating impacts to resources such as Fish and Wildlife Habitat; however, facility components would not occupy the entire area.		

I.B.1. Energy Facility

As approved, the facility would include a solar photovoltaic power generation facility with up to 1,200 MW of electric generation capacity. The energy facility would consist of up to 20 separately fenced solar arrays organized into six 200 MW blocks.

Photovoltaic Modules

Solar photovoltaic modules, or solar panels, convert sunlight into DC electric power. The typical module contains crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells arranged within glass panels equipped with an anti-reflective coating, a metal frame, and wire connectors.

Racking System

The photovoltaic modules are connected in series into strings and then mounted on a racking system. Each rack would contain 2 strings of 32 modules mounted on a single-axis tracking system. Multiple racks are organized into rows between 200 and 400 feet in length depending on topography. Rows would be spaced at least 10 feet apart and at least 15 feet from perimeter fencing to provide vehicle access.

Posts

Each row of tracker mounted modules is supported by multiple hollow, screw pile, or pile-type steel posts. Posts are typically installed to a depth of 6-8 feet below surface and extend 5 feet above grade. Posts at the end of rows may be installed at greater depths to withstand wind uplift. Posts may be installed directly in the ground or concrete backfill may be required in some soil conditions.

DC Cabling System

Combiner boxes or a Big Lead Assembly (BLA) harness system is used to aggregate the DC output of the photovoltaic modules for transmission to an inverter by low-voltage DC cables. Using the combiner boxes, strings of modules are connected to a pad-mounted combiner box installed at each row, which in turn, are connected to the inverters by low voltage DC cables that are either mounted to the tracking system, installed in trays, or buried underground. Using the BLA system, strings are connected directly to a rack-mounted cabling system.

Inverters and Inverter Step Up (ISU) Transformers

Inverters convert the DC output of the photovoltaic modules to AC power that can be transmitted to the electric grid. A typical inverter in utility scale solar facilities converts the 900 to 1,500 volt DC module output to 660 volt AC output. After conversion, the output is sent to an inverter step-up (ISU) transformer to increase the voltage to 34.5 kV power for transmission to the collector substation via the electrical collector system. Inverters and ISU transformers are collocated on concrete slabs near each module block.

I.B.2. Related or Supported Facilities

Related or supporting facilities include a battery energy storage system, an interconnection substation, up to six collector substations, up to four operations and maintenance buildings, and other structures.

Battery Energy Storage System

The battery energy storage system (BESS) is designed to provide up to 7.2 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of storage capacity. The BESS may use either Lithium-Ion (Li-ion) or Zinc-based battery technology. Under either technology, batteries are contained in pre-constructed modular containers, or “segments,” placed on concrete slab foundations.
The battery storage system includes, but is not limited to, the following elements:

- Batteries and containers, inverters, isolation transformers, and switchboards;
- Balance of plant equipment, which may include medium-voltage and low-voltage electrical systems, fire suppression and HVAC systems (for Li- ion technology, if selected), building auxiliary electrical systems, and network/SCADA systems;
- Cooling system, which may include a separate chiller plant located outside the battery racks with chillers, pumps, and heat exchangers (Li-ion only, if selected); zinc batteries will have fans and a heating unit for climate control; and

- High-voltage (HV) equipment, including a step-up transformer, circuit breaker, current transformers and voltage transformers, a packaged control building for the breaker and transformer equipment, towers, structures, and cabling.

The batteries and associated equipment may be oversized or periodically augmented in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure a minimum of 7,200 MWh of energy storage capability over the life of the BESS, taking into account natural degradation of the batteries over time.

Li-ion batteries are currently the most common battery type used in utility-scale battery energy storage systems. If a Li-ion battery technology is used at the facility, it would use Li-ion phosphate batteries, which are more thermally stable than Li-ion cathode batteries.
Each module contains approximately 10 hermetically sealed battery cells filled with a gel or liquid electrolyte. The module containers serve as secondary containment for the cells. Each container holds approximately 840 cells with a combined capacity of approximately 740 kilowatt-hour AC, and approximately 12,000 containers would be required to meet the capacity needs of the facility.

The electrolyte used in Li-ion batteries is flammable and susceptible to overheating and vaporization, so Li-ion Battery Systems typically require cooling, ventilation, and fire suppression systems included in each container. If Li-ion battery technology is used at the site, it would implement the following design features and fire prevention and control methods to minimize fire and safety risks:

- Batteries would be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules.
- Ample working space would be provided around the BESS for maintenance and safety purposes.
- An off-site, 24-hour monitoring system with shutdown capabilities would be implemented.
- Batteries would be transported in accordance with Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration regulations under 49 CFR 173.185
- Battery systems would be designed in accordance with applicable Underwriters Laboratories, National Electric Code, and National Fire Protection Association Standards, including but not limited to, UL 1642, 1741, 1973, and 9540A, and NFPA 855.
- An advanced and proven battery management system would be employed;
- Battery Containers would be equipped with:
- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to maintain optimal battery temperatures;
- Fire control panels with 24-hour battery backup;
- Fire sensors, smoke and hydrogen detectors, alarms, emergency ventilation systems, cooling systems, and aerosol fire suppression/extinguishing systems;
- Doors equipped with a contact that will shut down the battery container if opened;
- Fire extinguishing and thermal insulation sheets between each individual battery cell;

- Locks and fencing to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel;
- Remote power disconnect switches with clear and visible signs identifying their location.

Li-ion battery modules under consideration for this facility have an expected useful life of 20 years and it is expected that every module at the facility would need to be replaced at least once during the life of the facility. Used Li-ion batteries are generally considered to be hazardous waste by the EPA and must be transported and disposed of according to the most current guidelines at end of life.

A typical zinc-based BESS container includes 144 zinc-hybrid cathode powered batteries with a combined 700 kWh capacity. Zinc batteries are estimated to have a lifespan of at least 20 years. Zinc battery systems can operate across a higher range of temperatures and only require cooling fans rather than a full HVAC system. Zinc batteries have a lower fire-risk than lithium-ion batteries and do not require fire suppression systems to be included in the container design.

The BESS may be designed either as a DC-coupled system, with containers distributed throughout the energy facility site near inverter/transformer station sites, or as an AC-coupled system with containers concentrated in a single area near the switchyards. In either case, the containers and other BESS equipment are located within the fenced solar array areas and may have their own additional fencing.

34.5 kV Electrical Collection System

The facility includes up to 86 miles of 34.5 kV electrical collector lines that connects energy facility components to the collector substations described below. The majority of the collector lines are buried underground; however, overhead lines are installed at long “home run” stretches, stream or canyon crossings, and other areas where burial is infeasible. The collector lines are generally located within the energy facility footprint except at road crossings and crossings between fenced solar array areas.

Communication and SCADA System

The facility includes a system of fiber optic and copper communication lines that connect the solar arrays, BESS, and substations to Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system control rooms within each collector substation. The communication lines are collocated with the 34.5 kV electrical collection system described above. The SCADA system monitors meteorological conditions, critical operating parameters, and power output, for each solar string, battery energy storage system, and substation. The SCADA system is monitored by a remote operations center. Smoke and fire detectors placed around the site also connect to the SCADA system and will contact local emergency responders in the event of a fire at the site.

Collector Substations

The facility includes up to six collector substations at the site. Each substation includes a generator-step up (GSU) transformer and control building, and may also include circuit-breakers and fuses, transmission line termination structures, power transformers, bus bars and insulators, disconnect switches, relaying, battery and charger, surge arresters, AC and DC supplies, control systems, metering equipment, grounding, a lightning protection system and associated control wiring.

The GSU transformers increase the 34.5-kV ISU transformer output to 230-kV power. The GSU transformers are ground-mounted units constructed on concrete pads. Each of the six GSU transformers are filled with up to 16,000 gallons of non-toxic oil such as mineral or seed oil.

Each GSU transformer is equipped with a secondary spill containment catchment system designed to minimize the possibility of accidental leakage. The concrete catchment system is sized to contain approximately 1.25 times the amount of oil inside the transformer.

All substation structures and components are surrounded by a graveled area and enclosed by an 8-foot-tall chain-link fence with three strands of barbed wire one foot above the top. Access to substation sites is limited with a locked gate.

230-kV Transmission Line

The facility is approved to include two 230-kV overhead transmission lines that connect the collector substations to the two primary interconnection switchyards located at the point of interconnection. The transmission lines would be supported by steel or wood monopole or H-Frame structures, spaced approximately 1,000 feet between structures, and have a combined length of approximately 9.5 miles. The northern line connects two collector substations along the south side of Alpine Lane to the switchyard and extends approximately 3.2 miles. The southern line connects four collector substations across the southern portion of the site and extend approximately 6.3 miles. The two lines would run in parallel for approximately 1-mile between Bombing Range Road and the switchyards.

The transmission lines are located within the fenced solar array areas except where the lines span roads or corridors between areas and between the switchyards and the point of interconnection. All transmission line components are sited within the facility lease boundary.

Project Switchyards and Interconnection Facilities

The certificate holder expects the facility to interconnect with the existing Umatilla Electric Cooperative 230kV Blue Ridge Line at the northwest corner of the facility. Two switchyards are approved to be located within a separately fenced site either within or adjacent to the energy facility footprint, each approximately 3 acres. The interconnection switchyards do not contain transformers and are constructed on foundations with surrounding gravel areas.

Operations and Maintenance Buildings

The facility includes up to four operations and maintenance (O&M) buildings, each including a utility room, storage for maintenance supplies and equipment, and a SCADA control room. The buildings each have an on-site well and septic system. Power is supplied by a local service provider using overhead and/or underground lines. Each O&M building site also has graveled parking and storage areas.

Small quantities of chemical materials, including cleaners, insecticides or herbicides, paint, lubricants, degreasers, and solvents, may be stored at the O&M buildings during construction and operation of the facility. No extremely hazardous materials would be stored on site; other chemicals will be handled in accordance with label instructions as well as state and federal standards.

The facility includes an aboveground fuel storage tank with capacity to store up to 500 gallons of diesel fuel or gasoline at each O&M building site.

The O&M buildings are equipped with basic firefighting equipment for use on-site during maintenance activities, such as shovels, beaters, portable water for hand sprayers, fire extinguishers, and other equipment.

Replacement Solar Panel Storage

To store spare solar panels and associated equipment, the facility is approved to store materials either at the O&M building sites or within approximately 50 locked Conex storage containers distributed throughout the site. The containers may be placed directly on the ground or on gravel pads. The containers would store up to the approximately 204,720 replacement panels needed over the life of the facility.

Access and Service Roads

The facility includes up to 55 miles of new roads (graded and graveled to meet load requirements for all equipment) to provide access to facility components. Corridors between module racking are at least 10 feet wide and racking are no closer than 15 feet from perimeter fencing. Some new road construction is required to access site features. Roads will be 10 to 20 feet in width, with some exceptions, including access to the substations and main travel corridors where two-way traffic is required. In these cases, roads will be 20 feet wide. A 5-foot maintained vegetative surface or noncombustible base, approved by the fire code official, will be maintained along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary. Use of the roads may continue after construction, or new roads may be removed and the land reclaimed to pre-construction conditions.

Security Fencing and Gates

The facility includes approximately 58 miles of security fence to enclose each solar array area, substation, and switchyard site. The perimeter fencing has lockable vehicle and pedestrian access gates to provide access to the site.

Temporary Construction Areas

The facility includes up to 54 temporary construction areas within the energy facility footprint to support construction, store supplies and equipment, and facilitate the delivery and assembly of materials and equipment. Each area consists of a 5-acre site that would be cleared and graveled prior to construction.

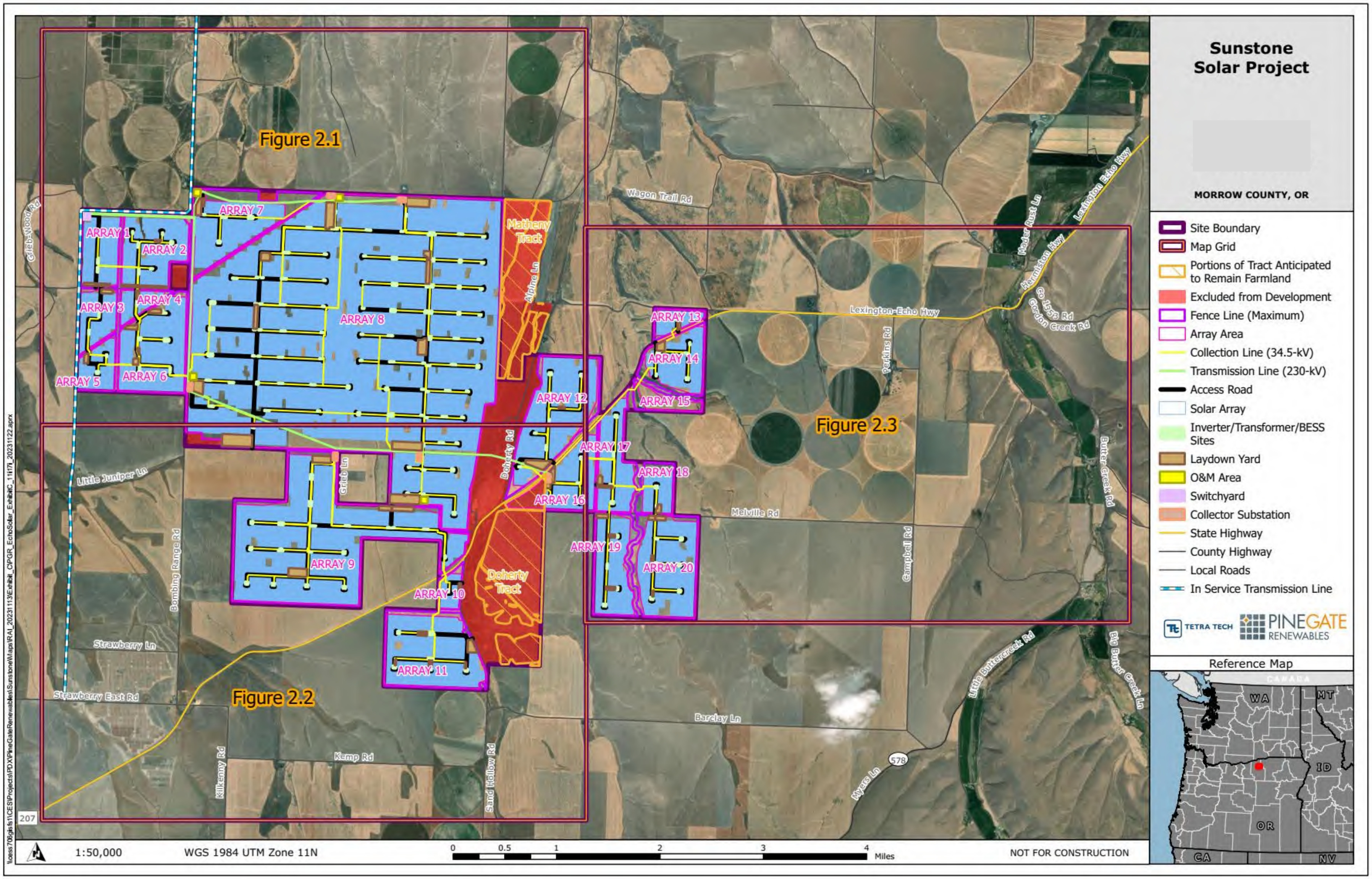
Up to five above-ground diesel tanks and one temporary above-ground gasoline tank may be stored in the temporary construction areas. The tanks each hold up to 1,000 gallons of fuel. Most fuel containers have self-contained secondary containment (e.g., double-walled containers) that provide capacity for the entire container plus precipitation, but in some cases may be placed in a constructed secondary containment area that is impervious and is diked or otherwise contained to provide the required fuel and precipitation capacity.

I.C. APPROVED SITE DESCRIPTION

The approved site includes approximately 10,960-acre (17 sq. mile) site in Morrow County. The site is located on both sides of State Route 207 and is approximately 15 miles northeast of the Town of Lexington and approximately 4.5 miles west of Butter Creek Junction. The site is approximately 3 miles west of the Umatilla County line at its closest point.

The facility is approved to permanently occupy up to 9,442 acres within the site boundary. Except for the transmission line, the certificate holder is authorized to locate facility components anywhere within the site boundary that is not designated as an exclusion area. The location of the site boundary, transmission line corridor, and exclusion areas are shown in Figure 1, below.

Figure 1: Approved Facility Layout



II. REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT AND AMENDMENT PROCESS

With some exceptions, under OAR 345-027-0350(4), an amendment to a site certificate is required to design, construct, or operate a facility in a manner different from that described in the site certificate, if the proposed change (1) Could result in a significant adverse impact that the Council has not addressed in an earlier order and the impact affects a resource or interest protected by an applicable law or Council standard; (2) Could impair the certificate holder's ability to comply with a site certificate condition; or (3) Could require a new condition or a change to a condition in the site certificate.[2] Because RFA1 could impair the certificate holder's ability to comply with a site certificate condition; or could require a new condition or a change to a condition in the site certificate, a site certificate amendment is required.

II.A. REQUESTED AMENDMENT

Request for Amendment 1 (RFA1) would split the approved facility, including components, site boundary, and solar array area, into six 200 MW facilities with separate site certificates and certificate holders as follows:

- Sunstone Solar Project 1 (SS1)/Sunstone Solar 1, LLC
- Sunstone Solar Project 2 (SS2)/Sunstone Solar 2, LLC
- Sunstone Solar Project 3 (SS3)/Sunstone Solar 3, LLC
- Sunstone Solar Project 4 (SS4)/Sunstone Solar 4, LLC
- Sunstone Solar Project 5 (SS5)/Sunstone Solar 5, LLC
- Sunstone Solar Project 6 (SS6)/ Sunstone Solar 6, LLC

The proposed site boundary for each of the proposed successor facilities is shown in Figure 2, below, and provided in Table 2 below, which shows the total facility components that are allocated for each project. Each of the proposed successor facilities would be designed to operate independently but will share facility components during operation, as described further in Section III.A.1, *General Standard of Review*. While the new site certificates would be held by new entities, each certificate holder would continue to be owned by the same parent company, Pine Gate Renewables, LLC.

To update the facility design to support the facility and site certificate split, the certificate holder proposes three additional design modifications:

- A new corridor is proposed for the approved 230-kV overhead transmission line, reducing the total length from 9.5 miles to 5.1 miles. As proposed, the transmission line would be included as a related or supporting facility associated with the SS1 project

[2] See OAR 345-027-0350(1)-(3) for a list of other changes that require an amendment, including a transfer of ownership, application of later adopted laws, or construction deadline extension.

retirement cost estimate and applicable site certificate conditions. However, the transmission line would be used by the other five facilities for their operation.

- The number of switchyards would be reduced from two to one. The site of the eliminated switchyard is removed from the site boundary and ownership will be transferred to the Umatilla Electric Cooperative, which will independently construct and operate a switchyard outside of the Council's purview. The remaining approved switchyard would be included as a related or supporting facility in the site certificate for the SS5 project and potentially shared with the other facilities for interconnection.
- The permanent disturbance area associated with one of the previously approved substations would increase from 1.6 acres to 7.3 acres, located within the previously approved site boundary. Consistent with the micrositing flexibility approved in the site certificate, the expected location of this approved substation would move from the proposed SS5 site boundary to the proposed SS1 site boundary.

Figure 2, below, illustrates the location of each of the proposed six facilities. A summary of how facility components would be allocated across the six proposed successor facilities is provided in Table 2, below. The totals reflected for SS1 through SS6 in Table 2 below, are also represented within the amended and new site certificates, provided as Attachment A for each facility, and included in this order.

Figure 2: RFA1 Proposed Site Boundary Split

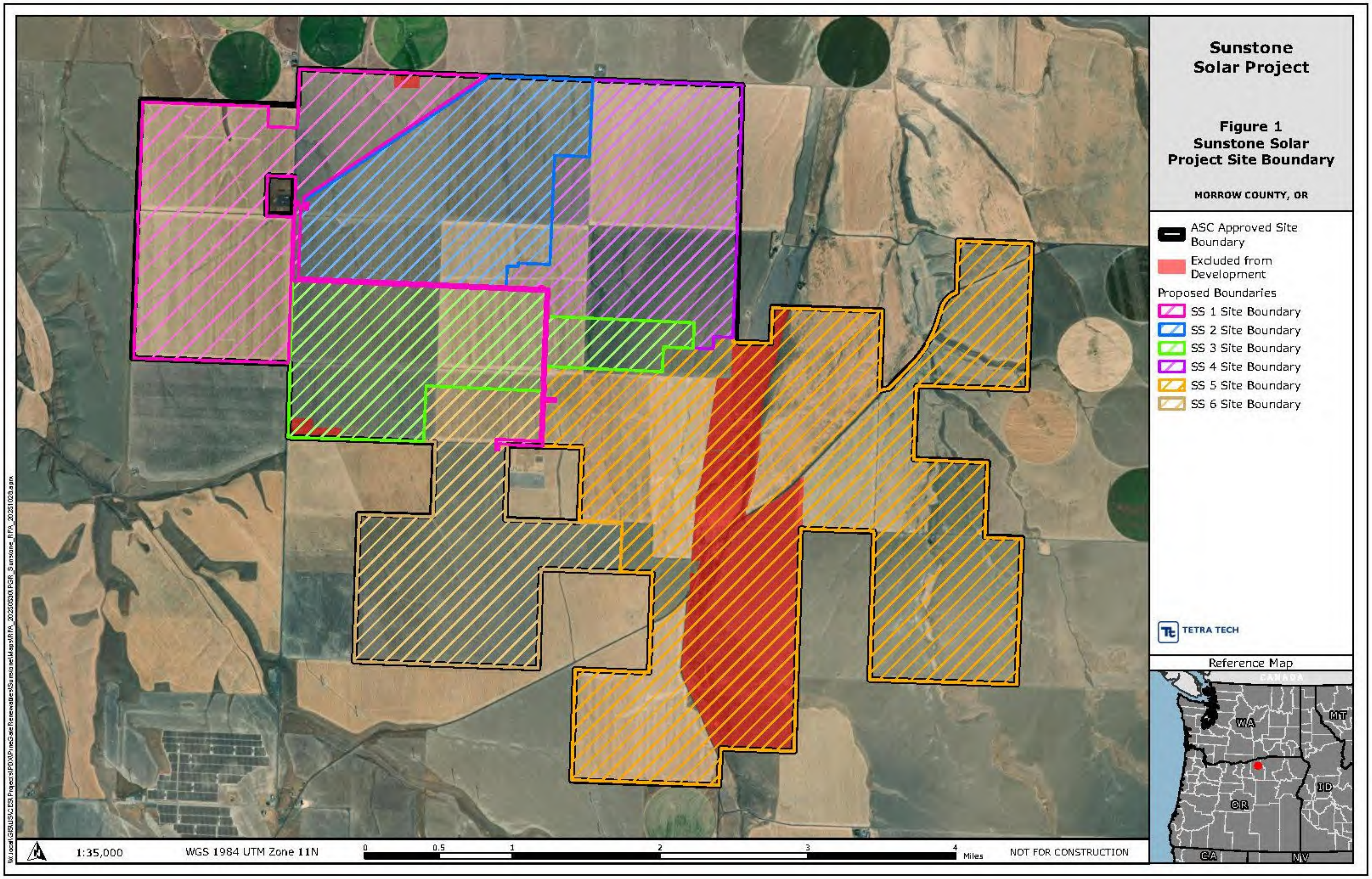
1 

Table 2: RFA1 Facility Component Split Summary

Component and Design Standard	Unit	Approved Facility	SS1	SS2	SS3	SS4	SS5	SS6	All RFA1 Facilities
Site Boundary									
Site Boundary	acres	10,960	1,538.8	1,233.7	1,165.1	1,273.2	4,402.3	1,246.5	10,859.6
Maximum Footprint	acres	9,442	1,426.5	1,230.9	1,138.1	1,267.3	3,102.8	1,215.6	9,381.2
Permanent Impacts[1]	acres	9,442	1,426.5	1,230.9	1,138.1	1,267.3	3,102.8	1,215.6	9,381.2
Solar Components									
PV Solar Modules									
Approx. total capacity	MW	1200	200	200	200	200	200	200	1,200
Approx. total number	modules	3,937,536	656,256	656,256	656,256	656,256	656,256	656,256	3,937,536
Posts									
Approx. total number	posts	535,056	89,176	89,176	89,176	89,176	89,176	89,176	535,056
Cabling									
Combiner Boxes	each	61,524	10,254	10,254	10,254	10,254	10,254	10,254	61,524
Inverter Step Up Transformer Units									
Approx. total number	each	319	54	54	54	54	54	54	324
Noise Level	dBA	89							
Transformer oil-containing capacity	gallons	800							
Related or Supporting Facility Components									
34.5 kV Collection System									
Collector line length, belowground	miles	82	12.9	12.9	7.7	12.4	22.8	13	81.7
Collector line length, overhead (OH)	miles	4.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	4.2
Wood Monopoles (max estimate for OH)	each	151	26	26	26	26	26	26	156
Collector Substations									
Substations w SCADA; Generator step-up transformers , each	each	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Site Size - Permanent Footprint	acres	9.6	7.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	15.3

Table 2: RFA1 Facility Component Split Summary

Component and Design Standard	Unit	Approved Facility	SS1	SS2	SS3	SS4	SS5	SS6	All RFA1 Facilities
Transformer oil-containing capacity	gallons/each	16,000							
Transformer noise level	dBA	100							
Max height of structures	feet	45							
Switchyards									
Stations	each	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Site Size - Permanent Footprint (with foundations and graveled areas)	acres	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
230 kV Transmission Line									
Length (total)	miles	9.5	5.1	0	0	0	0	0	5.1
Corridor (width)	feet	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
Structures: Type (Wood or Galvanized Steel); quantity	each	H-frame; 50	H-frame; 31	0	0	0	0	0	31
Height of structures	feet	70-180	70-180	0	0	0	0	0	70-180
Battery Energy Storage System (Lithium-ion/Zinc)									
Zinc									
Approx. total batteries/containers on foundations with fans/heating systems; SCADA	each	14,946	2,491	2,491	2,491	2,491	2,491	2,491	14,946
Site Size - Permanent Footprint	acres	0.2 to 0.4							
Approx. container dimensions	H x W x L; feet	9.5 x 8 x 20							
Noise level (broadband)	dBA	66							
Lithium-ion									
Approx. total batteries/containers on foundations with HVAC and fire suppression systems; SCADA	each	12,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	12,000
Site Size - Permanent Footprint	acres	0.2 to 0.4							

Table 2: RFA1 Facility Component Split Summary

Component and Design Standard	Unit	Approved Facility	SS1	SS2	SS3	SS4	SS5	SS6	All RFA1 Facilities
Approx. container dimensions	H x W x L; feet	11.25 x 8.1 x 5.2							
O&M Building									
Quantity	each	4	1	1	1	0	1	0	4.0
Site Size - Permanent Footprint	acres	11.2	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	2.8	2.8	14.0
Height	feet	20				0	20		20
Appurtenances	On-site well, septic system, SCADA System					0	On-site well, septic system, SCADA System		
Storage for Replacement Solar Panels									
Containers	each	50	9	9	9	9	9	9	54.0
Approx. container dimensions	H x W x L; feet	8.5 x 8 x 40							
Location	Dispersed within fence line if not next to O&M, gravel base								
Facility Roads									
Length	miles	55	7	7.4	7.3	7.9	17.4	6.8	53.8
Width	feet	10-20							10-20
Perimeter Fence									
Length	miles	58	15.9	2.2	2	2.7	28.1	7	57.9
Height	feet	7-8							7-8
Access/gates	each	52	9	9	9	9	9	9	54
Temporary Construction Areas									
Quantity	each	54	14	3	2	4	27	4	54
Site Size - Temporary Disturbance	acres	270	70	15	10	20	135	20	270
Description	Gravel base; diesel/gas storage; within fence line								
Acronyms: dBA = A-weighted decibels; HVAC = heating, ventilation and air conditioning; kV = kilovolt; OH = overhead; O&M = operations and maintenance; SCADA = supervisory, control and data acquisition									

Table 2: RFA1 Facility Component Split Summary

Component and Design Standard	Unit	Approved Facility	SS1	SS2	SS3	SS4	SS5	SS6	All RFA1 Facilities
Notes: 1. The entire energy facility footprint is considered a permanent disturbance area for the purposes of evaluating impacts to resources such as Fish and Wildlife Habitat; however, facility components would not occupy the entire area within each site boundary.									

II.B. SCOPE OF COUNCIL REVIEW

Under OAR 345-027-0375, in making a decision to grant or deny issuance of the amended site certificate, the Council must determine whether the preponderance of evidence on the record supports the conclusions that the facility, with the proposed change, complies with the applicable laws or Council standards that protect a resource or interest that could be affected by the proposed change, and that the amount of the bond or letter of credit required under OAR 345-022-0050 is adequate.[3] In making these findings, the Council must apply the applicable laws and Council standards in effect on the date the Council issues its final order, except for any local applicable substantive criteria under the Council's land use standard, which must have been effect on the date the preliminary request for amendment was submitted to apply to the changes proposed in RFA1.

The recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law provided in this order in Section III., *Evaluation of Council Standards;* III.A. *Standards Potentially Impacted by Request for Amendment 1*, support the conclusions required under OAR 345-027-0375.

II.C. COUNCIL REVIEW PROCESS FOR AMENDMENTS

The standard amendment review process, set forth in OAR 345-027-0360 through 345-027-0375, is the default review process and applies to the Council's review of a request for amendment proposing a change described in OAR 345-027-0350(2), (3), (4), or (5).[4] These steps are detailed in Section II.C., *Council Review Process for Amendments*, below.

II.C.1. <u>Request for Amendment</u>

On July 24, 2025, the certificate holder submitted preliminary Request for Amendment 1 (pRFA1). The Department reviewed pRFA1 to determine whether or not pRFA1 contained sufficient information for the Council to make findings.

On July 31, 2025, the Department issued Public Notice that pRFA1 had been received as required by OAR 345-027-0360(2).[5] On September 19, 2025 the Department notified the certificate holder that pRFA1 was incomplete and issued requests for additional information (RAIs) related to standards potentially impacted by the changes proposed in pRFA1.[6] The Department requested the certificate holder submit the additional information on or before October 20, 2025.

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[3] OAR 345-027-0375(2)(d) and (e).

[4] OAR 345-027-0351(2).

[5] SSPAMD1 Public Notice. 2025-10-31.

[6] SSPAMD1 Completeness Determination and RAI. 2025-09-19.

On October 3, 2025 and October 28, 2025, the certificate holder responded to the Department's RAIs. On October 29, 2025, the Department notified the certificate holder that pRFA1 was complete.[7] On October 31, 2025, the certificate holder filed a complete RFA1 under OAR 345-027-0363(6) that included all revisions to pRFA1 and all additional information requested by the Department. On October 31, 2025, the Department issued Public Notice of the Proposed Order and Complete Request for Amendment as required by OAR 345-027-0365 and -0367.

II.C.2. Proposed Order

A Public Notice of the complete RFA1, Proposed Order, and Public Hearing was issued concurrently with this Order and sent via mail or email to individuals identified in OAR 345-027-0367(4).[8] The Public Notice of the Proposed Order initiates a public comment period on RFA1 and the Proposed Order. The comment period includes a new public comment process, based on recently amended rules effective October 24, 2025. The new public comment process includes additional steps and deadlines, as presented in the table below.

Table 3: Proposed Order Public Comment Process and Deadlines

Process Step	Explanation	Deadline[1]
Comment Period	Opportunity to provide comments with sufficient specificity.[2]	10/31/25 – 12/05/25
Certificate holder/Department responses	Opportunity for certificate holder and Department to identify whether comments were raised with sufficient specificity, and to respond with explanation of deficiencies or additional information, evaluation and proposed conditions.	12/19/25
Commenter Reply	Opportunity for commenter to supplement their initial comments or determine whether the issue is resolved by the certificate holder or Department's additional information, evaluation or proposed conditions.	12/29/25
Certificate holder/Department sur-replies	Final opportunity for certificate holder and Department to resolve issues raised, based on any clarification or supplemental information provided in commenter replies.	01/07/26
Notes:		

[7] A request for amendment is complete when the Department finds that the certificate holder has submitted information adequate for the Council to make findings or impose conditions on all applicable laws and Council standards. OAR 345-027-0363(5). The completeness letter issued by the Department identified that the proposed order would be issued on, or before November 19, 2025. OAR 345-027-0365(1).

[8] (A) All persons on the Council's general mailing list as defined in OAR 345-011-0020;
(B) All persons on any special mailing list established for the facility;
(C) The reviewing agencies for the facility, as defined in OAR 345-001-0010(52); and
(D) The property owners on the list provided under OAR 345-027-0360.

Table 3: Proposed Order Public Comment Process and Deadlines

Process Step	Explanation	Deadline[1]
1. If no comments are received by the December 8, 2025 deadline, the subsequent process steps and deadlines will not apply. 2. OAR 345-027-0367(7) explains that to provide comments with “sufficient specificity”, comments should reference recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law or conditions of approval identified in the Proposed Order to which you object; identify the Council standard or other applicable state and local requirements on which your objection is based; and/or, present facts or statements supporting your objection.		

II.C.3. Draft Final Order

No later than 21 days after the deadline for sur-replies, or if no comments are received, no later than 21 days after the close of the record of the Proposed Order, the Department must issue a draft of the Final Order (draft Final Order).[9] The draft Final Order will include written analysis of any comments on the Proposed Order, including analysis of any responses, replies, and sur-replies, and indicate whether it recommends any changes to the Proposed Order.[10] If the Department recommends any changes, it will include them in a draft Final Order.

Concurrent with issuing the draft Final Order, the Department will issue a Notice of the draft Final Order which will be mailed or emailed to all persons, agencies, or organizations who commented during the public comment period. [11] The Department will post an announcement of the draft Final Order on the Department's webpage for the facility. The Notice of the Draft Final Order will include the date of Council’s review.

II.C.4. Final Order

At the meeting designated in the Notice of the draft Final Order, Council will review the draft Final Order including all related comments, responses, replies, sur-replies, and the Department’s analysis, if applicable. During Council’s review of the draft Final Order, the Department may summarize the analysis it conducted to produce the order.[12] During its review, Council, at its discretion, may pose questions to the Department, the Department of Justice, persons who commented on the Proposed Order, and/or the certificate holder.[13]

After reviewing the written analysis of the comments, responses, replies, and sur-replies, along with the draft Final Order, the Council, based on the considerations described in OAR 345-027-0375[14] must either grant or deny issuance of an amended site certificate in a written Final

[9] The Department may issue the draft of the final order at a later date, but the Department must post an update of the date by which it will issue the draft of the Final Order on the Department’s webpage for the facility. OAR 345-027-0371(2).
[10] OAR 345-027-0371(1).
[11] OAR 345-027-0371(3).
[12] OAR 345-027-0371(5).
[13] OAR 345-027-0371(6).
[14] See Section II.A., *Scope of Council Review*, in this Order.

Order. The Council's Final Order may adopt, modify or reject the Department's draft Final Order. If the Council grants issuance of an amended site certificate, the Council must then issue an amended site certificate, which is effective upon execution by the Council Chair and by the certificate holder.[15]

Judicial review of the Council's final order either granting or denying an amended site certificate is as provided in ORS 469.403(3).[16]

III. EVALUATION OF COUNCIL STANDARDS

III.A. Standards Potentially Impacted by Request for Amendment 1

As noted above, under OAR 345-027-0375, in making a decision to grant or deny issuance of an amended site certificate, the Council must apply the applicable laws and Council standards (i.e., the standards that protect a resource or interest that could be affected by the proposed change) in effect on the dates described in section OAR 345-027-0375(3) and determine that the preponderance of evidence on the record supports finding that the facility, with the proposed changes, complies with those laws and standards.

The resources, interests and standards that are impacted the RFA1 request to split the approved facility into six facilities, each with its own site certificate, and to amend some site certificate conditions are administratively complex, rely upon the technical expertise of the certificate holder and parent companies to maintain compliance with existing site certificate conditions. Therefore, based on the Department's review of RFA1, the Department recommends Council find that the following standards are evaluated in this order based on the potential to be impacted by the changes:

General Standard of Review: OAR 345-022-0000
Organizational Expertise: OAR 345-022-0010
Land Use: OAR 345-022-0030
Retirement and Financial Assurance: OAR 345-022-0050
Fish and Wildlife Habitat: OAR 345-022-0060

III.A.1. GENERAL STANDARD OF REVIEW: OAR 345-022-0000

> *(1) To issue a site certificate for a proposed facility or to amend a site certificate, the Council shall determine that the preponderance of evidence on the record supports the following conclusions:*
>
> *(a) The facility complies with the requirements of the Oregon Energy Facility Siting statutes, ORS 469.300 to 469.570 and 469.590 to 469.619, and the*

[15] OAR 345-027-0371(7).
[16] OAR 345-027-0371(8).

> *standards adopted by the Council pursuant to 469.501 or the overall public benefits of the facility outweigh any adverse effects on a resource or interest protected by the applicable standards the facility does not meet as described in section (2);*
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> *(b) Except as provided in OAR 345-022-0030 for land use compliance and except for those statutes and rules for which the decision on compliance has been delegated by the federal government to a state agency other than the Council, the facility complies with all other Oregon statutes and administrative rules identified in the project order, as amended, as applicable to the issuance of a site certificate for the proposed facility. If the Council finds that applicable Oregon statutes and rules, other than those involving federally delegated programs, would impose conflicting requirements, the Council shall resolve the conflict consistent with the public interest. In resolving the conflict, the Council cannot waive any applicable state statute.*
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> *(4) In making determinations regarding compliance with statutes, rules and ordinances normally administered by other agencies or compliance with requirement of the Council statutes if other agencies have special expertise, the Department of Energy shall consult such other agencies during the notice of intent, site certificate application and site certificate amendment processes. Nothing in these rules is intended to interfere with the state's implementation of programs delegated to it by the federal government.*

Findings of Fact

OAR 345-022-0000 provides the Council's General Standard of Review and requires the Council to find that a preponderance of evidence on the record supports the conclusion that, when accounting for the proposed RFA1 changes, the certificate holders of the six facilities would comply with the applicable laws or Council standards that protect a resource or interest that could be affected by the proposed changes.[17]

When the site certificate was approved, Council authorized the certificate holder to construct the facility in six phases, each phase inclusive of approximately 200 MWs of facility components. To align with the phased construction approach, Council imposed conditions that

[17] OAR 345-022-0000(2) allows Council to amend a site certificate for a facility that does not meet one or more of the applicable standards if the Council determines that the overall public benefits of the facility outweigh any adverse effects on a resource or interest protected by the applicable standards the facility does not meet. In RFA1, the certificate holder has not represented that the proposed amendments cannot meet an applicable Council standard. For reasons discussed below and within this order, the Department recommends Council find that the preponderance of evidence supports a conclusion the six facilities described in RFA1 meet the applicable standards that protect a resource or interest that could be affected by the proposed changes. Therefore, OAR 345-022-0000(2) does not apply to this review.

allowed preconstruction compliance to be phased. Preconstruction conditions contain the following preamble language, “prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable.” Therefore, the certificate holder’s proposal in RFA1 to allocate previously approved facility components into six site certificates aligns with the multi-phase approach the Council already approved.

Shared Facility Components

As described in Section II.A., *Requested Amendment* and in Section III.A.4., *Retirement and Financial Assurance*, the previously approved facility components are proposed to be allocated within six separate site boundaries for the new facilities. All infrastructure and facility components are shown in Table 2 and in each of the attached draft site certificates and are consistent with the allotment of components associated for each facility for the respective facility decommissioning cost estimates. The allocation and sharing of facility components includes: [18]

- SS5: The switchyard is a related or supporting facility to SS5. The compliance obligations for the switchyard are included only in the SS5 site certificate.

- SS1: The transmission line is a related or supporting facility to SS1. The compliance obligations for the transmission line are included only in the SS1 site certificate.

- SS1, SS2, SS3, and SS5: Each of these facilities include an O&M building. The compliance obligations for an O&M building are included in each of the site certificates for SS1, SS2, SS3, and SS5.

- SS1 – SS6: Both access roads/temporary construction areas have been split accordingly by all six facilities based on their locations within the relevant site boundaries. The compliance obligations for access roads/temporary construction areas are included in all site certificates.

- SS1 – SS6: The replacement solar panel storage has been split evenly amongst the six facilities. The compliance obligations for replacement solar panel storage is included in all site certificates;[19] they will be shared as needed.

- SS1 – SS6: The transmission line, O&M buildings (also including SCADA), replacement solar panel storage, access roads, and temporary construction areas (including fuel tanks) would be operationally shared between the facilities.

The certificate holder commits to executing a “Common Facilities Agreement” or similarly legally binding agreement with the other new certificate holders to ensure agreement of access

[18] SSPAMD1Doc Request for Amendment 1, Section 5.0, see also responses to RAI2 Table.
[19] Cost for the replacement solar panel storage is included in the Solar Panel Removal & Disposal line item.

to the shared facilities prior to operation of shared facilities. The certificate holders also represent that if any certificate holder substantially modifies a shared facility component or ceases facility operation, the applicable/relevant certificate holder would be obligated to submit an amendment determination request to the Department to determine the appropriate process for evaluating the change and ensuring full regulatory coverage under each site certificate, or remaining site certificate if either is terminated, in the future. These commitments and representations are proposed by the certificate holder to be included as a condition in each site certificate, as presented below:

Certificate Holder's Proposed General Standard Condition 11 (GEN-GS-07): The certificate holder may operationally share the following facility components between Sunstone Solar 1, Sunstone Solar 2, Sunstone Solar 3, Sunstone Solar 5 and Sunstone Solar 6 (SS1 – SS6): the switchyard, transmission line, O&M buildings, replacement solar panel storage (as needed), access roads, SCADA system, and temporary construction areas, subject to the following:

a. Within 30 days of use by certificate holders of the shared facilities, the certificate holder must provide evidence to the Department that the certificate holders of the shared facilities have an executed agreement for shared use of any constructed shared facilities. The Shared Use Agreements must allow operation and maintenance personnel and contractors access to the shared SS1 – SS6 facilities.
b. If a certificate holder for SS1 - SS6 proposes to substantially modify any of the shared facilities listed in sub(a) of this condition, or supporting facility or ceases facility operation, the applicable/relevant certificate holder is obligated to submit an amendment determination request to the Department to determine the appropriate process for evaluating the change and ensuring full regulatory coverage under each site certificate, or remaining site certificate if either is terminated, in the future.

[Final Order on AMD1]

The Department recommends Council adopt the certificate holder's proposed condition because it provide the Council and the Department the ability to track and document legal and financial responsibilities of shared infrastructure, and ensure regulatory oversight in the event of modifications to the shared equipment or ownership/control of the shared equipment.

Proposed/Recommended Amendments to General Standard Conditions

To support splitting the approved facility into six facilities with their own site certificates, the certificate holder proposes to:

- Amend site certificate condition GEN-GS-02 to reflect specific, non-contingent dates to the construction schedules for each of the six facilities to implement the facilities' separation;
- Amend site certificate condition GEN-GS-06 to reflect the revised transmission line length and location;

- Delete site certificate conditions GEN-GS-06, GEN-TL-01, and PRE-LU-02 from the SS2, SS3, SS4, SS5, and SS6 site certificates, to reflect that the transmission line is only supporting/related infrastructure for SS1.

Request to amend Site Certificate Condition GEN-GS-02

The certificate holder requests Site Certificate Condition GEN-GS-02 be amended "to reflect specific, non-contingent dates to the construction schedules for each of the six facilities to implement the facilities' separation."[20] These revisions would not extend the previously approved construction timelines, rather, it adds specific dates that fit within the already approved timeline, which are not contingent upon each other.

Currently, under GEN-GS-02:

- construction of the facility or first facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2027;
- construction of the final facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2028;
- all facility construction must be completed within 2 years after the date construction of the final facility phase begins – *i.e.*, by November 18, 2030.

The certificate holder's proposal is to impose the existing "first facility phase or project" construction commencement deadline on SS1, the existing "final facility phase" construction commencement deadline on SS2 through SS6 and impose the existing deadline for all facility construction on each facility, SS1 through SS6.

The Department agrees that, in order to facilitate the division of the facility into six separate facilities it is necessary to revise existing condition GEN-GS-02 to establish specific construction commencement and completion deadlines for each facility. The Department recommends Council revise Condition GEN-GS-02 for each facility and site certificate consistent with the certificate holder's proposed language, as described below.

Recommended Amended General Standard Condition 2 (SS1): The certificate holder must begin and complete construction of the facility ~~or facility phase~~ by the following dates:

a. Construction of the facility or first facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2027. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site.
b. ~~Construction of the final facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2028. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by~~

[20] SSPAMD1Doc Request for Amendment 1, Sections 1.1 and 5.0.

~~satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site.~~

c. All facility construction must be completed on or before November 18, 2030. ~~within 2 years after the date construction of the final facility phase (under (b)) begins.~~ Within 7 days after completing construction, the certificate holder shall provide the Department written verification that it has met the deadline.

[GEN-GS-02, Final Order on ASC, AMD1]

Recommended Amended General Standard Condition 2 (SS2 - SS6) The certificate holder must begin and complete construction of the facility ~~or facility phase~~ by the following dates:

~~a. Construction of the facility or first facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2027. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site.~~

b. Construction of the final facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2028. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site.

c. All facility construction must be completed on or before November 18, 2030. ~~within 2 years after the date construction of the final facility phase (under (b)) begins.~~ Within 7 days after completing construction, the certificate holder shall provide the Department written verification that it has met the deadline.

[GEN-GS-02, Final Order on ASC, AMD1]

Request to amend Site Certificate Condition GEN-GS-06

As discussed above, the certificate holder proposes to reduce the approved 230-kV transmission line and associated corridor from 9.5 miles to 5.1 miles while retaining the approved maximum corridor width of 1,000 feet and to re-route the line to a location within the approved site boundary. The transmission line would be within the proposed site boundary for SS1.

The certificate holder proposes to amend site certificate condition GEN-GS-06 to reflect the revised transmission line length and location and to not include Site Certificate Condition GEN-GS-06 in the site certificates for SS2 through SS6.

The Department agrees with the certificate holder's proposed revisions, suggests additional language for this condition referencing a site certificate figure and recommends Council include this condition only in the site certificate for SS1 because that is the only certificate holder that will be authorized to construct the transmission line:

Recommended Amended General Standard of Review Condition 6 (GEN-GS-06): The certificate holder is authorized to construct the 230 kV transmission line~~s~~ anywhere within the approved transmission line corridor~~s~~, subject to the conditions in the site certificate. The approved transmission line corridor includes~~:~~ 5.1 miles of line, extending between the point of interconnection and substation(s) as presented in Attachment 1 to the site certificates for SS1.

~~a. Southern transmission line: Approximately 6.3 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to four collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~

~~b. Northern transmission line: Approximately 3.2 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to two collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~

[GEN-GS-02, Final Order on ASC, AMD1]

The certificate holder also requests Council not include Site Certificate Conditions GEN-TL-01 and PRE-LU-02 in the Site Certificates for SS2 through SS6 as those conditions are only needed in the SS1 site certificate to reflect that the transmission line is only supporting/related infrastructure for SS1. The Department agrees that because these conditions, quoted below, impose obligations regarding construction and operation of the transmission line, they are appropriate only in the SS1 site certificate because that is the only certificate holder that will be authorized to construct the transmission line, therefore the Department recommends Council retain these conditions in the SS1 site certificate but delete them from the SS2, SS3, SS4, SS5, and SS6 site certificates.

General Standard of Review Condition (GEN-TL-01): The certificate holder shall:

a. Design, construct and operate the transmission lines in accordance with the requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code as approved by the American National Standards Institute; and
b. Develop and implement a program that provides reasonable assurance that all fences, gates, cattle guards, trailers, or other objects or structures of a permanent nature that could become inadvertently charged with electricity are grounded or bonded throughout the life of the line.

Land Use Condition 2 (PRE-LU-02): Prior to construction of the 230 kV transmission lines, the certificate holder shall demonstrate to the Department that the transmission lines will be sited within the exiting road rights-of-way, unless Morrow County Public Works Department and Oregon Department of Transportation, as applicable, confirm that use of the existing road rights-of-way is not feasible.

Conclusions of Law

Based on the foregoing recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, and subject to compliance with the recommended new and amended conditions, the Department recommends that the Council find that the certificate holders would continue to satisfy the requirements of OAR 345-022-0000.

III.A.2. <u>ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERTISE: OAR 345-022-0010</u>

(1) To issue a site certificate, the Council must find that the applicant has the organizational expertise to construct, operate and retire the proposed facility in compliance with Council standards and conditions of the site certificate. To conclude that the applicant has this expertise, the Council must find that the applicant has demonstrated the ability to design, construct and operate the proposed facility in compliance with site certificate conditions and in a manner that protects public health and safety and has demonstrated the ability to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition. The Council may consider the applicant's experience, the applicant's access to technical expertise and the applicant's past performance in constructing, operating and retiring other facilities, including, but not limited to, the number and severity of regulatory citations issued to the applicant.

(2) The Council may base its findings under section (1) on a rebuttable presumption that an applicant has organizational, managerial and technical expertise, if the applicant has an ISO 9000 or ISO 14000 certified program and proposes to design, construct and operate the facility according to that program.

(3) If the applicant does not itself obtain a state or local government permit or approval for which the Council would ordinarily determine compliance but instead relies on a permit or approval issued to a third party, the Council, to issue a site certificate, must find that the third party has, or has a reasonable likelihood of obtaining, the necessary permit or approval, and that the applicant has, or has a reasonable likelihood of entering into, a contractual or other arrangement with the third party for access to the resource or service secured by that permit or approval.

(4) If the applicant relies on a permit or approval issued to a third party and the third party does not have the necessary permit or approval at the time the Council issues the site certificate, the Council may issue the site certificate subject to the condition that the certificate holder shall not commence construction or operation as appropriate until the third party has obtained the necessary permit or approval and the applicant has a contract or other arrangement for access to the resource or service secured by that permit or approval.[21]

[21] OAR 345-022-0010, effective April 3, 2002.

Findings of Fact

Subsections (1) and (2) of the Council's Organizational Expertise standard require that each of the proposed new certificate holders demonstrate its ability to design, construct operate and retire the facility with proposed changes in compliance with Council standards and all site certificate conditions, and in a manner that protects public health and safety, as well as its ability to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition. In determining compliance with the Council's Organizational Expertise standard, Council may consider the proposed certificate holders' experience and past performance in constructing, operating and retiring other facilities

<u>Relevant Experience and Access to Technical Expertise</u>

As described throughout this order, RFA1 amends the existing site certificate and maintains the existing certificate holder. RFA1 also then proposed 5 new certificate holders. The 5 proposed certificate holders (new facility-specific LLCs) are subsidiaries of Pine Gate Renewables (Pine Gate), the same parent company of the existing certificate holder. Pine Gate will retain ownership of and support the organizational expertise of each new certificate holder and the amended and 5 new Site Certificates.

Pine Gate Renewables owns and led numerous grid-tied solar facilities through the construction and operational phases and has a record of regulatory compliance across more than 100 operational facilities. For the eight facilities where the parent company has received administrative notices, the company has worked proactively with notifying entities to bring about timely resolution, resulting in no enforcement actions to date.[22]

On the record of the proceeding for the ASC, Pine Gate provided a letter dated May 30, 2024 signed by its Chief Development Officer stating that the parent company "is committed to provide financial and technical resources to the Sunstone Solar Project" and has "committed to providing the financial assurance outlined in Exhibit M of the Application and the human capital and expertise outlined in Exhibit D." Because RFA1 splits the previously approved facility into an amended and 5 new site certificates for LLCs owned by the existing parent company, the Department recommends Council consider the prior letter and assurances affirmed through the letter relevant to and supportive for the 5 new certificate holders and site certificates.

On the record of RFA1, an opinion from Pine Gate Renewable's legal counsel is provided that confirms Sunstone Solar 1, LLC, Sunstone Solar 2, LLC, Sunstone Solar 3, LLC, Sunstone Solar 4, LLC, Sunstone Solar 5, LLC, and Sunstone Solar 6, LLC, have the legal authority to construct and operate without violating their articles of incorporation or similar agreements.

Third Party Contractors

[22] SSPAMD1 Request for Amendment 1, Section 6.1.2.6. 2025-10-31.

In its original application, the certificate holder indicated that during construction of the facility, it would rely on third-party contractors for technical expertise in engineering, procurement, and construction and that its parent company, Pine Gate, had developed relationships with several "seasoned" contractors through its previous experience developing energy facilities and was committed to selecting highly qualified contractors for this project. They further represented that Pine Gate has dedicated staff to ensure oversight of all engineering, procurement, construction, and project management throughout the life of the facility.

The Council found those representations supported a conclusion the certificate holder satisfied the Organizational Expertise standard, while also imposing Organizational Expertise Condition 1 (PRE-OE-01), to ensure that the Department is notified of the identity and qualifications of the selected contractors prior to the beginning of construction, and Organizational Expertise Condition 3 (CON-OE-01) requiring the certificate holder to contractually require all contractors and subcontractors to comply with all applicable laws and regulations and with the terms and conditions of the site certificate.[23]

Public health and safety

As part of its original analysis of the certificate holder's ability to comply with the Organizational Expertise standard, the Council imposed additional conditions seeking to ensure the certificate holder utilizes qualified contractors and that the facility is designed, constructed, operated and retired in a manner that protects public health and safety, including GEN-OE-03, GEN-OE-04, PRE-OE-02, PRE-OE-03, CON-OE-02, PRO-OE-01 and OPR-OE-01.[24]

The certificate holder does not propose any changes to the aforementioned conditions, nor to any of the other existing site certificate conditions pertaining to Organizational Expertise, in the site certificates that would be issued to each of the five new certificate holders.

Further, in RFA1, the certificate holder states there are no circumstances that would alter the basis for the Council's earlier findings regarding Pine Gate Renewables' organizational expertise,[25] and the Department is not aware of any such circumstances.

Therefore, the Department recommends Council rely on the findings it made pertaining to Organizational Expertise in its November 18, 2024 Final Order on the Sunstone Solar Project.

Conclusions of Law

Based on the evidence in the record, and subject to compliance with the existing conditions, the Department recommends Council finds that the existing and proposed certificate holders would continue to satisfy the requirements of the Council's Organizational Expertise standard.

[23] SSPAPPDoc56-00 Final Order with Attachments 2025-11-20, pp. 40.

[24] SSPAPPDoc56-00 Final Order with Attachments 2025-11-20, pp. 41-44.

[25] SSPAMD1 Request for Amendment 1 2025-10-31, p. 26.

III.A.3. LAND USE: OAR 345-022-0030

(1) To issue a site certificate, the Council must find that the proposed facility complies with the statewide planning goals adopted by the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

(2) The Council shall find that a proposed facility complies with section (1) if:

(a) The applicant elects to obtain local land use approvals under ORS 469.504(1)(a) and the Council finds that the facility has received local land use approval under the acknowledged comprehensive plan and land use regulations of the affected local government; or

(b) The applicant elects to obtain a Council determination under ORS 469.504(1)(b) and the Council determines that:

(A) The proposed facility complies with applicable substantive criteria as described in section (3) and the facility complies with any Land Conservation and Development Commission administrative rules and goals and any land use statutes directly applicable to the facility under ORS 197.646(3);

(B) For a proposed facility that does not comply with one or more of the applicable substantive criteria as described in section (3), the facility otherwise complies with the statewide planning goals or an exception to any applicable statewide planning goal is justified under section (4); or

(C) For a proposed facility that the Council decides, under sections (3) or (6), to evaluate against the statewide planning goals, the proposed facility complies with the applicable statewide planning goals or that an exception to any applicable statewide planning goal is justified under section (4).

(3) As used in this rule, the "applicable substantive criteria" are criteria from the affected local government's acknowledged comprehensive plan and land use ordinances that are required by the statewide planning goals and that are in effect on the date the applicant submits the application. If the special advisory group recommends applicable substantive criteria, as described under OAR 345-021-0050, the Council shall apply them. If the special advisory group does not recommend applicable substantive criteria, the Council shall decide either to make its own determination of the applicable substantive criteria and apply them or to evaluate the proposed facility against the statewide planning goals.

(4) The Council may find goal compliance for a proposed facility that does not otherwise comply with one or more statewide planning goals by taking an exception to the applicable goal. Notwithstanding the requirements of ORS 197.732, the statewide planning goal pertaining to the exception process or any rules of the Land Conservation and Development Commission pertaining to the exception process, the Council may take an exception to a goal if the Council finds:

(a) The land subject to the exception is physically developed to the extent that the land is no longer available for uses allowed by the applicable goal;

(b) The land subject to the exception is irrevocably committed as described by the rules of the Land Conservation and Development Commission to uses not allowed by the applicable goal because existing adjacent uses and other relevant factors make uses allowed by the applicable goal impracticable; or

(c) The following standards are met:

(A) Reasons justify why the state policy embodied in the applicable goal should not apply;

(B) The significant environmental, economic, social and energy consequences anticipated as a result of the proposed facility have been identified and adverse impacts will be mitigated in accordance with rules of the Council applicable to the siting of the proposed facility; and

(C) The proposed facility is compatible with other adjacent uses or will be made compatible through measures designed to reduce adverse impacts.

(5) If the Council finds that applicable substantive local criteria and applicable statutes and state administrative rules would impose conflicting requirements, the Council shall resolve the conflict consistent with the public interest. In resolving the conflict, the Council cannot waive any applicable state statute.

(6) If the special advisory group recommends applicable substantive criteria for an energy facility described in ORS 469.300(11)(a)(C) to (E) or for a related or supporting facility that does not pass through more than one local government jurisdiction or more than three zones in any one jurisdiction, the Council shall apply the criteria recommended by the special advisory group. If the special advisory group recommends applicable substantive criteria for an energy facility described in ORS 469.300(11)(a)(C) to (E) or a related or supporting facility that passes through more than one jurisdiction or more than three zones in any one jurisdiction, the Council shall review the recommended criteria and decide whether to evaluate the proposed facility

against the applicable substantive criteria recommended by the special advisory group, against the statewide planning goals or against a combination of the applicable substantive criteria and statewide planning goals. In making the decision, the Council shall consult with the special advisory group, and shall consider:

(a) The number of jurisdictions and zones in question;

(b) The degree to which the applicable substantive criteria reflect local government consideration of energy facilities in the planning process; and

(c) The level of consistence of the applicable substantive criteria from the various zones and jurisdictions.[26]

Findings of Fact

The Land Use Standard requires the Council to find that a proposed facility or facility, with proposed changes, complies with the statewide planning goals adopted by the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Under ORS 469.504(1)(b)(A), the Council may find compliance with statewide planning goals if the Council finds that a proposed facility or facility, with proposed changes, "complies with applicable substantive criteria from the affected local government's acknowledged comprehensive plan and land use regulations that are required by the statewide planning goals and in effect on the date the application is submitted…" For an amendment, this refers to the date the pRFA was received, which occurred on July 24, 2025. The affected local government is Morrow County.

A comparison of the Morrow County Zoning Ordinance (MCZO) and the Morrow County Comprehensive Plan currently available on the Morrow County website to the Morrow County applicable substantive criteria that Council analyzed in its November 18, 2024 Final Order granting a site certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project shows there have been no changes to the MCZO or Comprehensive Plan since Council's approval of the site certificate that would affect the Council's previous findings of compliance with the Land Use Standard.

The analysis area for potential land use impacts, as defined in the project order, is the area within and extending ½-mile from the site boundary. RFA1 proposes a smaller overall site boundary, therefore Council may utilize the same analysis area as previously evaluated.

<u>Local Applicable Substantive Criteria</u>

Under OAR 345-022-0030(2), the Council must apply the applicable substantive criteria recommended by the special advisory group (SAG), as long as those criteria are required by the statewide planning goals and in effect on the date the pRFA is submitted. Applicable

[26] OAR 345-022-0030, effective September 3, 2003, as amended by minor correction filed May 28, 2019.

substantive criteria previously evaluated by Council for the Sunstone facility are presented in Table 4: Morrow County Applicable Substantive Criteria.

Table 44: Morrow County Applicable Substantive Criteria

Morrow County Zoning Ordinance (MCZO)	
*Article 1 – Introductory Provisions**	
Section 1.050	Zoning Permit
Article 3 – Use Zones	
Section 3.010	Exclusive Farm Use, EFU Zone
Article 4 – Supplementary Provisions	
Section 4.010	Access
Section 4.020	Site Distance
Section 4.035	Permit Requirements
Section 4.040	Off-Street Vehicle Parking Requirements
Section 4.070	Sign Limitations and Regulations
Section 4.165	Site Plan Review
Article 6 – Conditional Uses	
Section 6.020	General Criteria
Section 6.025	Resource Zone Standards for Approval
Section 6.030	General Conditions
Section 6.040	Permits and Improvements
Morrow County Comprehensive Plan	
Citizen Involvement Policies General Land Use Policies Agricultural Lands Policies Economic Policies Housing Policies Public Facilities and Services Policies Energy Policies	
*MCZO 1.030 provides definitions for words and phrases used within the Zoning Ordinance. These definitions have been referenced throughout this section where relevant.	

As described in Section III.B. *Requested Amendment*, RFA1 seeks Council approval to split the approved facility, including components, site boundary, and array area, into six 200 MW facilities with separate site certificates and certificate holders. When assessing the six proposed facilities' compliance with the Land Use standard, Council must consider their compliance with the MCZO provisions applicable to the administrative split of the Sunstone Solar Project Site Certificate. Because the proposed six separate facilities will constitute a split of the previously approved energy facility, and the above-listed applicable substantive criteria have not been substantively revised since Council's prior evaluation, those same criteria still apply to each of the proposed amended and new site certificates. Further, because the proposed amended and new facilities will all be within the existing, approved site boundary and the proposed RFA1 changes (e.g., shorter transmission route, one less switchyard) are expected to have similar or reduced overall impacts, as long as Council imposes the same Land Use conditions on each of the certificate holders, or justifies any revisions thereto (as discussed below), the Department recommends that Council rely on its previous findings and conclusions regarding compliance with the applicable substantive criteria.

Requested revisions to Land Use Conditions

The Council previously adopted Site Certificate Conditions GEN-LU-01, GEN-LU-02, PRE-LU-01 through 07, CON-LU-01, and OPR-LU-01 to address land use protection measures at the Sunstone facility; all conditions or portions of the conditions are applicable to all facilities as proposed. The certificate holder proposes amending Site Certificate Condition GEN-LU-02 and PRE-LU-07 to reflect the splitting of the compliance responsibility between the proposed certificate holders and corresponding projects.

In the original application for a site certificate, the certificate holder argued that an exception to statewide planning Goal 3 (re: the conservation of agricultural land) was justified, in part, because of the benefit that the certificate holder and facility would bring to the agricultural economy of the area, as evidenced by a Memorandum of Agreement the certificate holder had entered into with Morrow County Board of Commissioners to establish an Agricultural Mitigation Fund. Site Certificate Condition GEN-LU-02 and PRE-LU-07 require the certificate holder to adhere to the terms of that Memorandum of Agreement, and complete the preconstruction requirements therein. The certificate holder proposes those conditions be amended to require it to adhere to/implement the existing Memorandum of Agreement, or a subsequent amendment. Because the Morrow County Board of Commissioners would have to agree to any amendment, the Department recommends that Council agree with the certificate holder's proposed revisions, but also require that any amendment to the MOA be provided to the Department within 30-days, as presented below:

> **Recommended Amended Land Use Condition 12 (GEN-LU-02):** The certificate holder must adhere to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund included in Attachment F of the Final Order on the ASC, or subsequently amended. It is the certificate holder's responsibility to ensure that the Council and Department receive all reports and notifications required by the agreement. If the Memorandum of Agreement is amended, the certificate holder shall provide a copy of the amended Agreement to the Department within 30 days of it being amended.

> **Recommended Amended Land Use Condition 12 (PRE-LU-07):** Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must complete the preconstruction requirements identified in the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment F, or subsequently amended.

As discussed in the above analysis of Council's General Standard of Review, the certificate holder also requests that the Council not include Site Certificate Condition PRE-LU-02 (among others) in the SS2, SS3, SS4, SS5, and SS6 Site Certificates as it is only needed in the SS1 site certificate to reflect that the transmission line is only supporting/related infrastructure for SS1. As noted above, the Department agrees that because that condition impose obligations regarding construction and operation of the transmission line, it is appropriate only in the site certificate for SS1 because that is the only certificate holder that will be authorized to construct the transmission line. Therefore, as previously stated, the Department recommends Council include PRE-LU-02 in the SS1 site certificate but not the SS2, SS3, SS4, SS5, and SS6 Site Certificates.

> **For SS1 Only**
> **Preconstruction Condition (PRE-LU-02)** Prior to construction of the 230 kV transmission lines, the certificate holder shall demonstrate to the Department that the transmission lines will be sited within the exiting road rights-of-way, unless Morrow County Public Works Department and Oregon Department of Transportation, as applicable, confirm that use of the existing road rights-of-way is not feasible.

Directly Applicable State Rules and Statutes

Council previously concluded that because Morrow County has adopted ordinances and local land use regulations implementing the applicable provisions of ORS chapter 215 and OAR chapter 660, there are no administrative rules or land use statutes that are directly applicable to the Sunstone Solar facility under ORS 197.646(3).[27] Because the six separate facilities proposed in RFA1 will constitute a split of the previously approved energy facility and the proposed new facilities will all be within the existing, approved site boundary this same conclusion applies to RFA1.

Goal 3 Exception

The Council may find goal compliance for a facility that does not otherwise comply with one or more statewide planning goals by taking an exception to the applicable goal. Pursuant to ORS 469.504(2)(c), the Council may take an exception to a goal if the Council finds that each of the following standards are met:

- Reasons justify why the state policy embodied in the applicable goal should not apply.
- The significant environmental, economic, social and energy consequences anticipated as a result of the proposed facility have been identified and adverse impacts will be mitigated in accordance with rules of the Council applicable to the siting of the proposed facility.

[27] SSPAPPDoc56-00 Final Order with Attachments (Secure) 2024-11-20, p. 111.

- The proposed facility is compatible with other adjacent uses or will be made compatible through measures designed to reduce adverse impacts.

The Council granted a Goal 3 exception for the approved Sunstone Solar facility, finding that the following reasons justified taking an exception to Goal 3 for the Sunstone Solar Project:

1. The site of the facility is locationally dependent on existing transmission and transportation infrastructure and is collocated with other nearby energy facilities in a manner that allows for efficient use of existing infrastructure.
2. The site is water-challenged and would not impact irrigated crops.
3. The projects that would be supported by the proposed Agricultural Mitigation Fund are reasonably likely to generate a net economic benefit to the local agricultural economy.
4. Use of the site would result in minimal impacts to other resources protected by Council standards, and the lack of sensitive resources within the proposed energy facility footprint is unique for a site of its size.[28]

The Department recommends Council rely on its prior analysis and findings that the above four reasons justify taking an exception to Goal 3 for the changes to be made under RFA 1 because:

- the underlying facts regarding the Sunstone Solar facility remain the same (e.g., the site is in proximity to existing transmission and transportation infrastructure, the site is water challenged),
- the same economic benefits would be present under RFA1, including the benefits to the agricultural economy to be afforded by the Agricultural Mitigation Fund, under the Recommended Amendments to GEN-LU-02 and PRE-LU-07, as discussed above,
- Because the RFA1 proposed changes will result in a shorter transmission route, one less switchyard, and a smaller overall site boundary, the proposed six facilities would still result in minimal impacts to other resources protected by Council standards.

Similarly, the Department recommends that, because the proposed changes in RFA1 are limited to an administrative split of the approved facility into six facilities, within an overall smaller site boundary, Council rely on its prior analysis and find that:
- the significant environmental economic, social and energy consequences anticipated as a result of RFA1 proposed facilities have been identified / would be the same as previously identified and adverse impacts will be mitigated in accordance with rules of the Council applicable to the siting of the proposed facility; and
- the proposed six facilities will be compatible with accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use.

The Council previously found that the Sunstone Solar facility complies with the Land Use Standard. Under RFA1, there will be no changes to the site boundary, infrastructure, or authorized uses of the facility under RFA1 that would affect the bases for the Council's prior

[28] Sunstone Solar Project – Final Order on Application for Site Certificate (November 18, 2024), pp. 112-126.

findings regarding the Land Use Standard and, subject to the minor, non-substantive revisions discussed above, the new certificate holders will still be required to comply with Site Certificate conditions related to land use.

Conclusions of Law

Based on the foregoing analysis, and subject to compliance with the existing and recommended amendments to site certificate conditions described above, the Department recommends the Council find that the proposed SS1, SS2, SS3, SS4, SS5, and SS6 facilities will comply with the statewide planning goals adopted by the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

III.A.4. RETIREMENT AND FINANCIAL ASSURANCE: OAR 345-022-0050

> *To issue a site certificate, the Council must find that:*
>
> *(1) The site, taking into account mitigation, can be restored adequately to a useful, non-hazardous condition following permanent cessation of construction or operation of the facility.*
>
> *(2) The applicant has a reasonable likelihood of obtaining a bond or letter of credit in a form and amount satisfactory to the Council to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition.*[29]

Findings of Fact

The Retirement and Financial Assurance standard requires a finding that the facility site can be restored to a useful, non-hazardous condition at the end of the facility's useful life, should either the certificate holder stop construction or should the facility cease to operate.[30] In addition, it requires a demonstration that the certificate holder can obtain a bond or letter of credit in a form and amount satisfactory to the Council to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition. Similarly, under OAR 345-027-0375(2)(d), for all requests for amendment to issue an amended site certificate, the Council must determine that the preponderance of evidence on the record supports that the amount of the bond or letter of credit required under OAR 345-022-0050 is adequate.

The changes proposed in RFA1 would result in allocation of previously approved facility components into six site certificates, including removing one switchyard and shortening the transmission line, and sharing of several facility components and related or supporting facilities between the amended and new site certificates. Consistent with the proposed splitting of previously approved facility components, as represented in Table 2*: RFA1 Facility Component Split Summary* in Section II.B. and in Section III.A.1., *General Standard of Review*, the certificate

[29] OAR 345-022-0050, effective April 3, 2002.
[30] OAR 345-022-0050(1).

holder provided updated retirement cost estimates for each facility: SS1, SS2, SS3, SS4, SS5, and SS6, included in Attachment 4 of RFA1, and as Attachment O for each facility in this order.

<u>Restoration of the Site Following Cessation of Construction or Operation</u>

The facility split proposed in RFA1 would not result in changes in tasks or actions previously approved by Council as reasonable for facility decommissioning; these tasks and actions are incorporated by reference herein.[31]

<u>Estimated Costs of Site Restoration</u>

For the proposed RFA1 facility split, the certificate holder prepared the retirement cost estimate based on its previously approved estimating methods including its prior experience and consultation with engineering staff and contractors, and use of data and estimating software published by RS Means. The methods and assumptions used to produce the estimate are summarized below:

- All costs were estimated in Q3 2025 dollars.
- Labor costs were based on U.S. Department of Labor wage determinations. The certificate holder estimated hourly wage rates for decommissioning activities based on an assumed 50-hour work week that included 40 hours of standard time and 10 hours of overtime pay. The total labor cost includes wages, benefits, and payroll tax liability.
- Equipment rates assume use of rental equipment and include fuel and maintenance costs.
- Mobilization and demobilization costs reflect the actual costs to mobilize equipment, provide facilities including an office trailer, storage units, and portable toilets, and to staff the site with workers and field management personnel. Mobilization costs do not include front loaded costs from other tasks.
- Unit costs include the estimated costs of labor and equipment, and miscellaneous costs including permits, engineering, signage, fencing, traffic control, and utility disconnects.
- Steel components, including conductors, transmission support structures, solar racking systems and posts will be removed and transported off site for sale as scrap. The costs of loadout and hauling are included in the estimate. No disposal fees or scrap value are included in the estimate.
- Reseeding is assumed to be required for the substation and switchyard areas, and 35 percent of the solar array footprint (3,304 acres). For cost estimating purposes, it is assumed that final seeding will utilize a mix of native grasses.

RFA1, Attachment 4 includes updated unit costs in third quarter 2025 (Q3 2025) using the previously approved decommissioning tasks, actions, and units. These are reflected in Table 5:

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[31] SSPAPPDoc56-00 Final Order with Attachments (Secure) 2024-11-20, Section IV.G., and SSPAPPDoc25-24 ASC Exhibit X Retirement 2024-05-15.

Retirement Cost Estimate for Each SS1-SS6 Project (Q3 2025) below, which is the Department's combined cost estimate table.

As shown in the table below, the decommissioning costs of previously approved facility components are split or allocated between the six facilities, however the full decommissioning cost of shared facility components are allocated to the facilities on which they will be located: the cost to decommission the transmission line is allocated to SS1, the decommissioning costs for the O&M buildings are allocated to SS1, SS2, SS3, and SS5, the Switchyard is allocated to SS5 and located within its site boundary.

Table 55: Retirement Cost Estimate for Each SS1-SS6 Project (Q3 2025)

Task or Component[1]	Unit	Unit Cost ($)	SS1		SS2		SS3		SS4		SS5		SS6	
			Quantity	Estimate	Quantity	Estimate	Quantity	Estimate	Quantity	Estimate	Quantity	Estimate	Quantity	Estimate
Mobilization / Demobilization														
Equipment Mob	Lump Sum	81,200.00	1.00	81,200.00	1.00	81,200.00	1.00	81,200.00	1.00	81,200.00	1.00	81,200.00	1.00	81,200.00
Site Facilities	Lump Sum	2,200.00	1.00	2,200.00	1.00	2,200.00	1.00	2,200.00	1.00	2,200.00	1.00	2,200.00	1.00	2,200.00
Crew - Mob & Site Setup	Day	13,473.68	5.00	67,368.40	5.00	67,368.40	5.00	67,368.40	5.00	67,368.40	5.00	67,368.40	5.00	67,368.40
Crew - Demo & Site Cleanup	Day	13,473.68	5.00	67,368.40	5.00	67,368.40	5.00	67,368.40	5.00	67,368.40	5.00	67,368.40	5.00	67,368.40
Subtotal				***218,136.80***		***218,136.80***		***218,136.80***		***218,136.80***		***218,136.80***		***218,136.80***
Project Site Support														
Site Facilities	Month	1,755.00	4.00	7,020.00	4.00	7,020.00	4.00	7,020.00	4.00	7,020.00	4.00	7,020.00	4.00	7,020.00
Field Management	Month	69,714.70	4.00	278,858.80	4.00	278,858.80	4.00	278,858.80	4.00	278,858.80	4.00	278,858.80	4.00	278,858.80
Subtotal				***285,878.80***		***285,878.80***		***285,878.80***		***285,878.80***		***285,878.80***		***285,878.80***
Substation Retirement														
Fence Removal	Day	1,312.01	1.00	1,312.01	1.00	1,312.01	1.00	1,312.01	1.00	1,312.01	1.00	1,312.01	1.00	1,312.01
Transformer Removal	Each	102,309.50	1.00	102,309.50	1.00	102,309.50	1.00	102,309.50	1.00	102,309.50	1.00	102,309.50	1.00	102,309.50
Control Building Removal	Each	2,612.51	1.00	2,612.51	1.00	2,612.51	1.00	2,612.51	1.00	2,612.51	1.00	2,612.51	1.00	2,612.51
UG Utility & Ground Removal	Day	1,312.01	1.00	1,312.01	1.00	1,312.01	1.00	1,312.01	1.00	1,312.01	1.00	1,312.01	1.00	1,312.01
Remove Foundations	Cubic Yard	28.05	1,000.00	28,050.00	1,000.00	28,050.00	1,000.00	28,050.00	1,000.00	28,050.00	1,000.00	28,050.00	1,000.00	28,050.00
Misc. Material Disposal	Each	2,900.00	1.00	2,900.00	1.00	2,900.00	1.00	2,900.00	1.00	2,900.00	1.00	2,900.00	1.00	2,900.00
Restore Yard (Project Specific)	Each	75,612.19	1.00	75,612.19	1.00	31,938.02	1.00	31,938.02	1.00	31,938.02	1.00	31,938.02	1.00	31,938.02
Subtotal				***214,108.22***		***170,434.05***		***170,434.05***		***170,434.05***		***170,434.05***		***170,434.05***
Switchyard Retirement														
Fence Removal	Day	1,312.01	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	1.00	1,312.01	-	0.00
UG Utility & Ground Removal	Day	1,312.01	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	1.00	1,312.01	-	0.00
Dismantle/Loadout Racks & Switching	Each	13,498.04	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	1.00	13,498.04	-	0.00
Remove Foundations to Subgrade	Cubic Yard	28.05	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	284.00	7,966.20	-	0.00
Misc. Material Disposal	Each	2,900.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	1.00	2,900.00	-	0.00
Restore Yard	Each	49,624.52	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	1.00	49,624.52	-	0.00
Subtotal				***0.00***		***0.00***		***0.00***		***0.00***		***76,612.78***		***0.00***
230kV Transmission Line Retirement														

Table 55: Retirement Cost Estimate for Each SS1-SS6 Project (Q3 2025)

Task or Component[1]	Unit	Unit Cost ($)	SS1		SS2		SS3		SS4		SS5		SS6	
			Quantity	Estimate	Quantity	Estimate	Quantity	Estimate	Quantity	Estimate	Quantity	Estimate	Quantity	Estimate
Remove Structures	Each	4,785.16	31.00	148,339.96	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00
Remove Foundations to Subgrade	Each	4,841.88	31.00	150,098.28	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00
		Subtotal		***298,438.24***		***0.00***		***0.00***		***0.00***		***0.00***		***0.00***
34.5kV Overhead Collector Line Removal														
Conductor Removal	Feet	5.50	5,850.00	32,175.00	5,850.00	32,175.00	5,850.00	32,175.00	5,850.00	32,175.00	5,850.00	32,175.00	5,850.00	32,175.00
Utility Pole Removal	Each	568.94	26.00	14,792.44	26.00	14,792.44	26.00	14,792.44	26.00	14,792.44	26.00	14,792.44	26.00	14,792.44
Subtotal				***46,967.44***		***46,967.44***		***46,967.44***		***46,967.44***		***46,967.44***		***46,967.44***
O&M Building Removal														
Structure Demo	Ton	505.96	40.00	20,238.40	40.00	20,238.40	40.00	20,238.40	-	0.00	40.00	20,238.40	-	0.00
Remove Foundations To Subgrade	Cubic Yard	35.61	50.00	1,780.50	50.00	1,780.50	50.00	1,780.50	-	0.00	50.00	1,780.50	-	0.00
Material T&D	Ton	135.00	40.00	5,400.00	40.00	5,400.00	40.00	5,400.00	-	0.00	40.00	5,400.00	-	0.00
Subtotal				***27,418.90***		***27,418.90***		***27,418.90***		***0.00***		***27,418.90***		***0.00***
BESS Removal[2]														
Battery Removal & Disposal	MW	2,044.07	1,200.00	2,452,884.00	1,200.00	2,452,884.00	1,200.00	2,452,884.00	1,200.00	2,452,884.00	1,200.00	2,452,884.00	1,200.00	2,452,884.00
Structure & Components Removal	MW	1,103.96	1,200.00	1,324,752.00	1,200.00	1,324,752.00	1,200.00	1,324,752.00	1,200.00	1,324,752.00	1,200.00	1,324,752.00	1,200.00	1,324,752.00
Subtotal				***3,777,636.00***	***2,400.00***	***3,777,636.00***		***3,777,636.00***		***3,777,636.00***		***3,777,636.00***		***3,777,636.00***
Solar Array Retirement														
Fence Removal	Feet	1.31	83,952.00	109,622.85	11,616.00	15,167.94	10,560.00	13,789.04	14,256.00	18,615.20	148,368.00	193,735.98	39,960.00	52,178.97
Solar Panel Removal & Disposal	Panels	7.17	656,256.00	4,705,355.52	656,256.00	4,705,355.52	656,256.00	4,705,355.52	656,256.00	4,705,355.52	656,256.00	4,705,355.52	656,256.00	4,705,355.52
Solar Rack & Post Removal	Lump Sum	3,131,606.18	1.00	3,131,606.18	1.00	3,131,606.18	1.00	3,131,606.18	1.00	3,131,606.18	1.00	3,131,606.18	1.00	3,131,606.18
Subtotal				***7,946,584.55***		***7,852,129.64***		***7,850,750.74***		***7,855,576.90***		***8,030,697.68***		***7,889,140.67***
Inverter/Transformer Removal														
Disconnect Electrical	Each	592.13	54.00	31,975.02	54.00	31,975.02	54.00	31,975.02	54.00	31,975.02	54.00	31,975.02	54.00	31,975.02
Loadout Inverter & Transformer	Each	1,051.08	54.00	56,758.32	54.00	56,758.32	54.00	56,758.32	54.00	56,758.32	54.00	56,758.32	54.00	56,758.32
Trucking - Per Load	Each	1,500.00	54.00	81,000.00	54.00	81,000.00	54.00	81,000.00	54.00	81,000.00	54.00	81,000.00	54.00	81,000.00
Subtotal				***169,733.34***		***169,733.34***		***169,733.34***		***169,733.34***		***169,733.34***		***169,733.34***
Inverter/Transformer/BESS Foundation Removal														
Excavate/Remove Foundations	Cubic Yard	15.52	105,665.00	1,639,920.80	105,665.00	1,639,920.80	105,665.00	1,639,920.80	105,665.00	1,639,920.80	105,665.00	1,639,920.80	105,665.00	1,639,920.80
Concrete Transport and Disposal	Each	12.53	105,665.00	1,323,982.45	105,665.00	1,323,982.45	105,665.00	1,323,982.45	105,665.00	1,323,982.45	105,665.00	1,323,982.45	105,665.00	1,323,982.45
Subtotal				***2,963,903.25***		***2,963,903.25***		***2,963,903.25***		***2,963,903.25***		***2,963,903.25***		***2,963,903.25***

Table 55: Retirement Cost Estimate for Each SS1-SS6 Project (Q3 2025)

Task or Component[1]	Unit	Unit Cost ($)	SS1		SS2		SS3		SS4		SS5		SS6	
			Quantity	**Estimate**	**Quantity**	**Estimate**	**Quantity**	**Estimate**	**Quantity**	**Estimate**	**Quantity**	**Estimate**	**Quantity**	**Estimate**
Site Restoration														
Site Roads - Removal and Restoration	Feet	1.63	39,960.00	65,134.80	39,072.00	63,687.36	39,072.00	63,687.36	41,712.00	67,990.56	91,871.00	149,749.73	35,904.00	58,523.52
Remove Conex Storage and Gravel Pads	Each	750.46	8.00	6,003.68	8.00	6,003.68	8.00	6,003.68	8.00	6,003.68	9.00	6,754.14	9.00	6,754.14
Spot Grade Disturbed Areas	Acre	273.33	675.00	184,497.75	572.00	156,344.76	572.00	156,344.76	592.00	161,811.36	1,499.00	409,721.67	568.00	155,251.44
Re-Seed Disturbed Areas	Acre	800.00	675.00	540,000.00	572.00	457,600.00	572.00	457,600.00	592.00	473,600.00	1,499.00	1,199,200.00	568.00	454,400.00
Subtotal				***795,636.23***		***683,635.80***		***683,635.80***		***709,405.60***		***1,765,425.54***		***674,929.10***
Total Decommissioning Unit Costs				***16,744,441.77***		***16,195,874.02***		***16,194,495.12***		***16,197,672.18***		***17,532,844.58***		***16,196,759.45***
Contractor Markups														
Home Office, Project Management (5%)			0.05	837,222.09		809,793.70		809,724.76		809,883.61		876,642.23		809,837.97
Contractor OH & Fee (15%)			0.15	2,511,666.27		2,429,381.10		2,429,174.27		2,429,650.83		2,629,926.69		2,429,513.92
Total Decommissioning Subtotal				***20,093,330.12***		***19,435,048.83***		***19,433,394.14***		***19,437,206.62***		***21,039,413.49***		***19,436,111.34***
ODOE Applied Contingencies														
Performance Bond (1%)			0.01	**200,933.30**		**194,350.49**		**194,333.94**		**194,372.07**		**210,394.13**		**194,361.11**
Administration and Project Management (10%)			0.10	2,009,333.01		1,943,504.88		1,943,339.41		1,943,720.66		2,103,941.35		1,943,611.13
Future Development (20% BESS Only)			0.20	755,527.20		755,527.20		755,527.20		755,527.20		755,527.20		755,527.20
Future Development (10% Other than BESS)			0.10	1,631,569.41		1,565,741.28		1,565,575.81		1,565,957.06		1,726,177.75		1,565,847.53
Total Decommissioning Subtotal w All Contingencies				***4,597,362.93***		***4,459,123.85***		***4,458,776.37***		***4,459,576.99***		***4,796,040.43***		***4,459,346.98***
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST ($Q3 2025)				***24,690,693.05***		***23,894,172.68***		***23,892,170.51***		***23,896,783.61***		***25,835,453.92***		***23,895,458.32***
ROUNDED				***24,690,693***		***23,894,173***		***23,892,171***		***23,896,784***		***25,835,454***		***23,895,458***

1. Line item task numbering (e.g. 1.2.1, 2.2.1, 3.2.1) varies based on project (SS1-SS6) and some facility components are not included in each estimate as described in this Section, See RFA1, Attachments 4.
2. As described Table 2 of this order and Table 1 of the site certificates, the certificate holder is approved for zinc or lithium-ion which are approved in quantities of per each unit or containers on foundations. 200MW of solar is proposed for each project, and 1,200 MW hours of BESS is for each project (a battery with 200 MW capacity and up to 6-hour duration of discharge). However, the certificate holders are limited to the maximum containers described in the site certificates.
3. For all assumptions and inputs for each task, see RFA1, Attachment 4 for each project. However, this table has the correct and appropriate calculations for contingencies.

As noted above, RFA1, Attachment 4 includes separate cost estimates for each of the six facilities using the same tasks, actions and unit costs from the ASC. The certificate holder includes the 1 percent performance bond, the 10 percent administrative and project management and 10 percent future development contingencies into their cost estimates. However, the certificate holder omits the 20 percent future development contingency for the BESS. In the Final Order on ASC, Council found that a higher contingency for costs battery energy storage system components is appropriate given the additional uncertainty and potential environmental hazards associated with battery technologies.[32]

The Department added the certificate holder quantities and unit costs into its cost estimate tracking spreadsheet and the totals are reflected in Table 5 above. The Department did not adjust the quantities or unit costs, however the Department did separate out and add in the 20 percent future development contingency for BESS. Additionally, the certificate holder adds in the 1 percent performance bond as one of its contingencies based on the subtotal. The Department adds the 1 percent performance bond contingency onto the retirement subtotal and the contingencies. The totals for each facility and added together are directly below, which reflect a difference of $3,323,531.[33]

SS1: $24,690,693
SS2: $23,894,173
SS3: $23,892,171
SS4: $23,896,784
SS5: $25,835,454
SS6: $23,895,458
(TOTAL: $146,104,732 Q3 2025)[34]

The Department recommends Council find that the totals presented above and in Tabler 6 are adequate to restore the sites to a useful, nonhazardous condition. The Department also recommends Council find that the allocation of retirement bond estimates for individual facility components and shared facility components set forth in RFA1 Attachment 4 and in PRE-RF-01 in the draft site certificates for each of the facilities is appropriate and does not impede each proposed certificate holder's respective ability to demonstrate that its' facility site can be restored to a useful, non-hazardous condition at the end of the facility's useful life, should any of the certificate holders stop construction or should any of the facilities cease to operate.

Based on the requested facility component sharing, retirement cost allocation, and analysis presented above, the Department recommends Council amend previously imposed Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 4 (PRE-RF-01) in the site certificate for each facility to reflect the total decommissioning amounts identified above to be provided as a bond or letter of credit

[32] SSPAPPDoc56-00 Final Order with Attachments (Secure) 2024-11-20, page 144.
[33] The certificate holders total for all of the RFA1 facilities combined is $142,872,200.
[34] The total facility decommissioning estimate in the November 2024 Final Order on ASC was $117,945,000 dollars (Q1 2023 dollars).

prior to construction, to demonstrate that each site can be restored adequately to a useful, non- hazardous condition following permanent cessation of construction or operation of the respective facilities. The Department recommends Council also amend this condition to refer to Table 5 Amended Facility Decommissioning Tasks and Cost Estimate and Unit Costs for the order on RFA1.

For SS1:

Recommended Amended Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 4 (PRE-RF-01): Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon, through the Council, a bond or letter of credit naming the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as beneficiary or payee. The approved bond or letter of credit amount of $~~117,945,000~~24,690,693 (~~Q1~~ Q3 ~~2023~~ 2025 dollars) may be adjusted based on the design configuration of the facility, or phase of the facility, as provided in Sub(a) and adjusted to the year and quarter of issuance as provided under Sub(b).

a. The bond or letter of credit amount may be adjusted based on actual design/number of components of the facility or phase, as applicable, and shall use the same unit costs and contingencies presented in the Final Order on ~~the ASC~~ Sunstone Solar RFA1, Table 5.
b. Adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation.
c. The bond or letter of credit must be issued by a financial institution that is included on the Council's pre-approved financial institution list. The certificate holder may request to have a financial institution added to the list at any time.
d. The bond or letter of credit must be prepared using the most recent Council-approved template.

[Final Order on ASC, AMD1]

For SS2

Recommended Amended Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 4 (PRE-RF-01): Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon, through the Council, a bond or letter of credit naming the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as beneficiary or payee. The approved bond or letter of credit amount of $~~117,945,000~~23,894,173 (~~Q1~~ Q3 ~~2023~~ 2025 dollars) may be adjusted based on the design configuration of the facility, or phase of the facility, as provided in

Sub(a) and adjusted to the year and quarter of issuance as provided under Sub(b).

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[Final Order on ASC, AMD1]

For SS3

Recommended Amended Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 4 (PRE-RF-01): Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon, through the Council, a bond or letter of credit naming the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as beneficiary or payee. The approved bond or letter of credit amount of $~~117,945,000~~$23,892,171 (~~Q1~~ Q3 ~~2023~~ 2025 dollars) may be adjusted based on the design configuration of the facility, or phase of the facility, as provided in Sub(a) and adjusted to the year and quarter of issuance as provided under Sub(b).

a. The bond or letter of credit amount may be adjusted based on actual design/number of components of the facility or phase, as applicable, and shall use the same unit costs and contingencies presented in the Final Order on ~~the ASC~~ Sunstone Solar RFA1, Table 5.
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d. The bond or letter of credit must be prepared using the most recent Council-approved template.

[Final Order on ASC, AMD1]

For SS4

Recommended Amended Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 4 (PRE-RF-01): Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon, through the Council, a bond or letter of credit naming the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as beneficiary or payee. The approved bond or letter of credit amount of $~~117,945,000~~$23,896,784 (~~Q1~~ Q3 ~~2023~~ 2025 dollars) may be adjusted based on the design configuration of the facility, or phase of the facility, as provided in Sub(a) and adjusted to the year and quarter of issuance as provided under Sub(b).

a. The bond or letter of credit amount may be adjusted based on actual design/number of components of the facility or phase, as applicable, and shall use the same unit costs and contingencies presented in the Final Order on ~~the ASC~~ Sunstone Solar RFA1, Table 5.
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d. The bond or letter of credit must be prepared using the most recent Council-approved template.

[Final Order on ASC, AMD1]

For SS5

Recommended Amended Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 4 (PRE-RF-01): Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon, through the Council, a bond or letter of credit naming the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as beneficiary or payee. The approved bond or letter of credit amount of

$~~117,945,000~~25,835,454 (Q3~~1~~ 2025~~3~~ dollars) may be adjusted based on the design configuration of the facility, or phase of the facility, as provided in Sub(a) and adjusted to the year and quarter of issuance as provided under Sub(b).

a. The bond or letter of credit amount may be adjusted based on actual design/number of components of the facility or phase, as applicable, and shall use the same unit costs and contingencies presented in the Final Order on ~~the ASC~~ Sunstone Solar RFA1, Table 5.
b. Adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation.
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d. The bond or letter of credit must be prepared using the most recent Council-approved template.

[Final Order on ASC, AMD1]

For SS6

Recommended Amended Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 4 (PRE-RF-01): Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon, through the Council, a bond or letter of credit naming the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as beneficiary or payee. The approved bond or letter of credit amount of $~~117p,945,000~~23,895,458 (Q3~~1~~ 2025~~3~~ dollars) may be adjusted based on the design configuration of the facility, or phase of the facility, as provided in Sub(a) and adjusted to the year and quarter of issuance as provided under Sub(b).

a. The bond or letter of credit amount may be adjusted based on actual design/number of components of the facility or phase, as applicable, and shall use the same unit costs and contingencies presented in the Final Order on ~~the ASC~~ Sunstone Solar RFA1, Table 5.
b. Adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation.

c. The bond or letter of credit must be issued by a financial institution that is included on the Council's pre-approved financial institution list. The certificate holder may request to have a financial institution added to the list at any time.

d. The bond or letter of credit must be prepared using the most recent Council-approved template.

[Final Order on ASC, AMD1]

The following retirement and financial assurance site certificate conditions imposed in the Final Order on ASC would continue to apply to the new facilities and be included in the site certificates for each facility:

GEN-RF-01 (a mandatory condition per OAR 345-025-0006(7))
CON-RF-01
OPR-RF-01
RET-RF-01 (a mandatory Condition per OAR 345-025-0006(9))
RET-RF-02 (a mandatory Condition per OAR 345-025-0006(16))

Ability of the Certificate Holder to Obtain a Bond or Letter of Credit

As described in Section III.A.2., *Organizational Expertise*, each of the proposed new facilities would be owned and operated by new certificate holders (new facility-specific LLCs), all who would have the same parent company, Pine Gate Renewables, LLC. Council previously found that, because Pine Gate Renewables provided a letter signed by its Chief Development Officer stating that the parent company "is committed to provide financial and technical resources to the Sunstone Solar Project" and has "committed to providing the financial assurance..," that demonstrated the ability of the certificate holder to construct and operate the facility in compliance with site certificate conditions.[35] RFA1, Attachment 5 is an opinion from Pine Gate Renewable's legal counsel indicating that Sunstone Solar 1, LLC, Sunstone Solar 2, LLC, Sunstone Solar 3, LLC, Sunstone Solar 4, LLC, Sunstone Solar 5, LLC, and Sunstone Solar 6, LLC, have the legal authority to construct and operate without violating their articles of incorporation or similar agreements.

The Council previously found that the current certificate holder, Sunstone Solar, LLC has a reasonable likelihood of obtaining a bond or letter of credit in an amount necessary to retire and restore the facility based, in part, on a letter from MUFG Bank, Ltd. ("MUFG", a Council-approved financial institution) stating that Pine Gate Renewables, LLC, the parent company of Sunstone Solar, LLC is a valued client and that MUFG is interested in potentially providing a letter of credit to support the Sunstone Solar project. In RFA1, the certificate holder explains that because Pine Gate Renewables will remain the owner and parent company of each of the proposed new certificate holders (Sunstone Solar 1, LLC; Sunstone Solar 2, LLC; Sunstone Solar 3, LLC; Sunstone Solar 4, LLC; Sunstone Solar 5, LLC; and Sunstone Solar 6, LLC), Council can

[35] SSPAPPDoc56-00 Final Order with Attachments (Secure) 2024-11-20, pp. 39-40.

rely in its previous findings from the Final Order on ASC to support the likelihood that each new certificate holder would be able to obtain a bond or letter of credit in the amount to retire each facility.[36]

As discussed above, under Recommended Amended Condition PRE-RF-01, prior to beginning construction of their respective facilities, each proposed certificate holder must provide a bond or letter of credit in amounts equal to the net costs of each respective project's retirement, calculated for final design. The bonds or letters of credit will be adjusted annually for inflation according to the Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator Index. Compliance with this condition will ensure that adequate funds exist for the retirement of the facilities constructed and for restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition. Based on the bank letter from the ASC, and that the certificate holder's for the new facilities would be relying on the organizational expertise and financial support of the parent company, Pine Gate Renewables, and that all of the certificate holders would have to submit a bond or letter of credit prior to construction and during operation of the facility, the Department recommends Council find that the certificate holders have the ability to obtain a bond or letter of credit for each respective retirement amount.

Conclusions of Law

Based on the foregoing recommended findings of fact, and subject to compliance with the existing and recommended amended Retirement and Financial Assurance conditions, the Department recommends that the Council find that the existing and proposed new certificate holders would comply with the Council's Retirement and Financial Assurance standard and that under OAR 345-027-0375(2)(d), for the request for amendment, Council finds that the amount of the bond or letter of credit required under OAR 345-022-0050 is adequate.

III.A.5. <u>FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT: OAR 345-022-0060</u>

> *To issue a site certificate, the Council must find that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are consistent with:*
>
> *(1) The general fish and wildlife habitat mitigation goals and standards of OAR 635-415-0025(1) through (6) in effect as of February 24, 2017, and*
>
> *(2) For energy facilities that impact sage-grouse habitat, the sage-grouse specific habitat mitigation requirements of the Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Strategy for Oregon at OAR 635-415-0025(7) and OAR 635-140-0000 through -0025 in effect as of February 24, 2017.*[37]

[36] SSPAMD1 Request for Amendment 1, Section 1.1. 2025-10-31.
[37] OAR 345-022-0060, effective Mar. 8, 2017.

Findings of Fact

OAR 345-022-0060 provides the Council's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Standard, and requires the Council to find that the design, construction and operation of a proposed facility, or facility with proposed changes, is consistent with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) habitat mitigation policy, goals, and standards, as set forth in OAR 635-415-0025. The ODFW Habitat Mitigation Policy and EFSC Fish and Wildlife Habitat standard create requirements to mitigate impacts to fish and wildlife habitat, based on the quantity and quality of the habitat as well as the nature, extent, and duration of the potential impacts to the habitat. The policy also establishes a habitat classification system based on value the habitat would provide to a species or group of species. There are six habitat categories; Category 1 being the most valuable and Category 6 the least valuable.

The analysis area for potential impacts to fish and wildlife habitat, as defined in the Project Order, is the area within and extending 0.5 miles from the site boundary.[38]

Fish and Wildlife Habitat within the Analysis Area

Habitat categorization and habitat subtype within the analysis area include the following:

- Category 2 habitat:
  - Eastside grasslands (Upland Grassland, Shrub-Steppe and Shrubland)
- Category 4 habit:
  - Eastside grasslands (Upland Grassland, Shrub-Steppe and Shrubland)
  - Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams (Open Water – Lakes, Rivers, Streams)
- Category 5 habitat:
  - Eastside grasslands (Upland Grassland, Shrub-Steppe and Shrubland)
- Category 6 habitat:
  - Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops (Agriculture, Pasture and Mixed Environs)
  - Urban and mixed environs

RFA1 does not propose physical changes outside of the approved site boundary, nor the addition of new geographic area.

Potential Habitat Impacts and Mitigation

Temporary Impacts

Council previously found that the facility would temporarily impact approximately 5.4 acres of Category 2, 3, and 5 habitats during transmission line construction. Facility construction would result in approximately 36.5 acres of additional temporary impacts to Category 2, 4, and 5 habitats, but "because the temporary impacts are to occur within the perimeter fenceline, [the

[38] ESPNOIDoc7 Project Order 2022-09-26, p. 40.

impacts] were evaluated as permanent habitat impacts."[39] Temporary impacts are presented by facility, in Table 6 below.

The Council previously imposed site certificate conditions requiring revegetation and reclamation of areas temporarily impacted during construction (PRE-FW-01, CON-FW-01, OPR-FW-01); and requiring implementation of a Habitat Mitigation Plan to mitigate for permanent habitat impacts from facility construction and operation (PRE-FW-02, PRE-FW-03, OPR-FW-02).

Condition PRE-FW-01 requires the certificate holder to finalize the draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan prior to construction, by submitting it to the Department for review and approval. Finalization of the plan includes determining final estimated temporary habitat disturbance based on: final facility design or phase; habitat type; and habitat category, to achieve success consistent with the habitat restoration and mitigation goals for habitat Categories 2, 4 and 5.[40]

Condition OPR-FW-01 requires the certificate holder to implement and adhere to the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, as applicable, and would be obligated to monitor and report on the success of revegetation at the identified monitoring sites. Successful revegetation would be measured, as specified in the draft plan, based on percentage of desirable vegetation cover, vegetation density and weed cover. The plan requires the certificate holder to conduct seasonal monitoring during the first year following construction, ongoing monitoring for the first five years post construction, and then an evaluation of whether long-term monitoring is necessary based on results of the initial 5-years.

Temporary impacts at each facility will also be subject to the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Discharge permit (NPDES 1200-C permit), as required by Condition PRE-SP-02. The NPDES 1200-C permit requires site stabilization upon completion of disturbance activities, using a seed mix consistent with the surrounding area.

The certificate holder has proposed changes to the Reclamation and Revegetation Plans; including updating the descriptions of disturbances (including quantities), adding criteria and measures for evaluating soil reclamation, and whether or not temporary disturbance monitoring is required, based on amount of temporary disturbance at each facility. Per ODFW recommendations on other projects, the plans include a provision that specify that temporary disturbance monitoring is not required for temporary disturbance areas less than 0.5 acres or when the area is not sufficiently large to accommodate a monitoring site.

Permanent Impacts

Table 6, below, indicates that based on habitat categorization, SS1 and SS5 would require habitat mitigation as a result of permanent impacts to Categories 2, 4, and 5 habitats. However,

[39] SSPAPPDoc56-00 Final Order with Attachments (Secure) 2024-11-20, pg. 153
[40] SSPAPPDoc56-00 Final Order with Attachments (Secure) 2024-11-20, pg. 155

Table 6 also indicates that the remaining four facilities (SS2, SS3, SS4, and SS6) would only impact Category 6 habitat. Because impacts to Category 6 habitat do not require mitigation under the standard, the Department recommends that Council remove the conditions applicable to a Habitat Mitigation Plan (Conditions PRE-FW-02, PRE-FW-03, and OPR-FW-02) from the SS2, SS3, SS4, and SS6 site certificates because these facility footprints do not include habitat impacts and habitat mitigation is not needed. A draft Amended Habitat Mitigation Plan for SS1 and SS5, based on the potential permanent habitat impacts presented in Table 6, are included in this order as Attachment H for each facility, respectively.

Table 66: Summary of Habitat Impacts by Category/Acres per Project

Habitat Category	Habitat Subtype	Approved Facility		SS1		SS2		SS3		SS4		SS5		SS6		All RFA1 Facilities	
		Permanent Acres Impacted	Temporary Acres Impacted	Permanent Acres Impacted	Temporary Acres Impacted	Permanent Acres Impacted	Temporary Acres Impacted	Permanent Acres Impacted	Temporary Acres Impacted	Permanent Acres Impacted	Temporary Acres Impacted	Permanent Acres Impacted	Temporary Acres Impacted	Permanent Acres Impacted	Temporary Acres Impacted	Permanent Acres Impacted	Temporary Acres Impacted
2	Eastside Grasslands	<0.1	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<0.1	0.4	-	-	<0.1	0.4
Total Category 2		**<0.1**	**0.4**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**<0.1**	**0.4**	-	-	**<0.1**	0.4
4	Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams	-	<0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<0.1	-	-	-	<0.1
	Eastside Grasslands	17.9	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.9	2.7	-	-	17.9	2.7
Total Category 4		**17.9**	**2.7**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**17.9**	**2.7**	-	-	**17.9**	**2.7**
	Eastside Grasslands	18.5	2.2	4.7	<0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.8	2.1	-	-	18.5	2.1
	Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams[1]	-	<0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<0.1	-	-	-	<0.1
Total Category 5		**18.5**	**2.2**	**4.7**	**<0.1**	-	-	-	-	-	-	**13.8**	**2.1**	-	-	**18.5**	**2.1**
6	Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops	9,397.40	51.3	1474	13.4	1,231	0.5	1133	1.4	1,267	1.4	3,069	25.8	1,215	4.2	9389	46.7
	Urban and Mixed Environs	7.7	1.2	0.2	0.1	-	-	5	<0.1	-	-	2.0	0.8	0.6	-	8	0.9
Total Category 6		**9,405.10**	**52.6**	**1,474**	**13.5**	**1,231**	**0.5**	**1,138**	**1.5**	**1,267**	**1.4**	**3,071.3**	**26.6**	**1,216**	**4.2**	**4545**	**40.1**
Grand Total		**9,441.50**	**57.8**	**1,479**	**13.5**	**1,231**	**0.5**	**1,138**	**1.5**	**1,267**	**1.4**	**3,103**	**31.8**	**1,216**	**4.2**	9434	52.9

Notes:

1. The impact to 0.003 acres of Category 5 intermittent and ephemeral streams was erroneously omitted from the ASC due to a transcription error (not caught by QA/QC because the small acreage does not affect the total impacts to habitat rounded to the nearest tenth of an acre). This Category 5 habitat impact was resurfaced during the RFA process that re-calculated impacts by phase/project.

Conclusions of Law

Based on the foregoing recommended findings of fact, and subject to compliance with the existing Fish and Wildlife Habitat conditions, the Department recommends Council find that the design, construction and operation of each of the proposed SS1, SS2, SS3, SS4, SS5 and SS6 facility sites, are consistent with the mitigation goals and requirements of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy under OAR 635-415-0025.

III.B. Standards Not Likely Impacted by Request for Amendment 1

RFA1, as described throughout this order, requests authorization to split, and share some previously approved facility components; reduce the transmission line corridor and alter the size of construction areas within previously approved site boundary. These changes require updating the facility description in each site certificate and updating each retirement cost estimate. Based on the administrative scope of the amendment request, with the exception of substantive changes evaluated in Section III.A., *Standards Potentially Impacted by Request for Amendment 1* of this Order, the Department recommends Council find that the standards listed below are not impacted by RFA1. The Department recommends that the Council rely on its prior evaluation presented in the November 2024 Final Order on the ASC for its determination of compliance with these standards, incorporated herein by reference, and not otherwise further evaluated.

Sections III.B.1 through III.B.12 present the language of the identified standards and other applicable laws and regulations not impacted by RFA1, for reference purposes only.

Note that attachments to this order include draft amended mitigation and monitoring plans that were imposed under standards listed below in the Final Order on ASC. The mitigation and monitoring plans are attached to this order to support the future record for each new site certificate, if RFA1 is approved.

III.B.1. STRUCTURAL STANDARD: OAR 345-022-0020

(1) Except for facilities described in sections (2) and (3), to issue a site certificate, the Council must find that:

(a) The applicant, through appropriate site-specific study, has adequately characterized the seismic hazard risk of the site; and

(b) The applicant can design, engineer, and construct the facility to avoid dangers to human safety and the environment presented by seismic hazards affecting the site, as identified in subsection (1)(a);

(c) The applicant, through appropriate site-specific study, has adequately characterized the potential geological and soils hazards of the site and its vicinity that could, in the absence of a seismic event, adversely affect, or be aggravated by, the construction and operation of the proposed facility; and

(d) The applicant can design, engineer and construct the facility to avoid dangers to human safety and the environment presented by the hazards identified in subsection (c).

(2) The Council may not impose the Structural Standard in section (1) to approve or deny an application for an energy facility that would produce power from wind, solar or geothermal energy. However, the Council may, to the extent it determines appropriate, apply the requirements of section (1) to impose conditions on a site certificate issued for such a facility.

(3) The Council may not impose the Structural Standard in section (1) to deny an application for a special criteria facility under OAR 345-015-0310. However, the Council may, to the extent it determines appropriate, apply the requirements of section (1) to impose conditions on a site certificate issued for such a facility.[41]

III.B.2. SOIL PROTECTION: OAR 345-022-0022

To issue a site certificate, the Council must find that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to result in a significant adverse impact to soils including, but not limited to, erosion and chemical factors such as salt deposition from cooling towers, land application of liquid effluent, and chemical spills.[42]

III.B.3. PROTECTED AREAS: OAR 345-022-0040

(1) To issue a site certificate, the Council must find:

(a) The proposed facility will not be located within the boundaries of a protected area designated on or before the date the application for site certificate or request for amendment was determined to be complete under OAR 345-015-0190 or 345-027-0363;

(b) The design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to result in significant adverse impact to a protected area designated on or before the date the application for site certificate or

[41] OAR 345-022-0020, effective October 18, 2017, as amended by minor correction filed May 28, 2019.
[42] OAR 345-022-0022, effective May 15, 2007.

request for amendment was determined to be complete under OAR 345-015-0190 or 345-027-0363.

(2) Notwithstanding section (1)(a), the Council may issue a site certificate for: (a) A facility that includes a transmission line, natural gas pipeline, or water pipeline located in a protected area, if the Council determines that other reasonable alternative routes or sites have been studied and that the proposed route or site is likely to result in fewer adverse impacts to resources or interests protected by Council standards; or

(b) Surface facilities related to an underground gas storage reservoir that have pipelines and injection, withdrawal or monitoring wells and individual wellhead equipment and pumps located in a protected area, if the Council determines that other alternative routes or sites have been studied and are unsuitable.

(3) The provisions of section (1) do not apply to:

(a) A transmission line routed within 500 feet of an existing utility right-of-way containing at least one transmission line with a voltage rating of 115 kilovolts or higher; or

(b) A natural gas pipeline routed within 500 feet of an existing utility right of way containing at least one natural gas pipeline of 8 inches or greater diameter that is operated at a pressure of 125 psig.

(4) The Council shall apply the version of this rule adopted under Administrative Order EFSC 1-2007, filed and effective May 15, 2007, to the review of any Application for Site Certificate or Request for Amendment that was determined to be complete under OAR 345-015-0190 or 345-027-0363 before the effective date of this rule. Nothing in this section waives the obligations of the certificate holder and Council to abide by local ordinances, state law, and other rules of the Council for the construction and operation of energy facilities in effect on the date the site certificate or amended site certificate is executed.[43]

III.B.4. <u>THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES: OAR 345-022-0070</u>

To issue a site certificate, the Council, after consultation with appropriate state agencies, must find that:

[43] OAR 345-022-0040, effective December 19, 2022.

(1) For plant species that the Oregon Department of Agriculture has listed as threatened or endangered under ORS 564.105(2), the design, construction and operation of the proposed facility, taking into account mitigation:

(a) Are consistent with the protection and conservation program, if any, that the Oregon Department of Agriculture has adopted under ORS 564.105(3); or

(b) If the Oregon Department of Agriculture has not adopted a protection and conservation program, are not likely to cause a significant reduction in the likelihood of survival or recovery of the species; and

(2) For wildlife species that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission has listed as threatened or endangered under ORS 496.172(2), the design, construction and operation of the proposed facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to cause a significant reduction in the likelihood of survival or recovery of the species.[44]

III.B.5. SCENIC RESOURCES: OAR 345-022-0080

(1) To issue a site certificate, the Council must find that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to result in significant adverse visual impacts to significant or important scenic resources.

(2) The Council may issue a site certificate for a special criteria facility under OAR 345-015-0310 without making the findings described in section (1). In issuing such a site certificate, the Council may impose conditions of approval to minimize the potential significant adverse visual impacts from the design, construction, and operation of the facility on significant or important scenic resources.

(3) A scenic resource is considered to be significant or important if it is identified as significant or important in a current land use management plan adopted by one or more local, tribal, state, regional, or federal government or agency.

(4) The Council shall apply the version of this rule adopted under Administrative Order EFSC 1-2007, filed and effective May 15, 2007, to the review of any Application for Site Certificate or Request for Amendment that was determined to be complete under OAR 345-015-0190 or 345-027-0363 before the effective date of this rule. Nothing in this section waives the obligations of the certificate holder and Council to abide by local ordinances,

[44] OAR 345-022-0070, effective May 15, 2007.

state law, and other rules of the Council for the construction and operation of energy facilities in effect on the date the site certificate or amended site certificate is executed.[45]

III.B.6. HISTORIC, CULTURAL, AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: OAR 345-022-0090

(1) Except for facilities described in sections (2) and (3), to issue a site certificate, the Council must find that the construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to result in significant adverse impacts to:

(a) Historic, cultural or archaeological resources that have been listed on, or would likely be listed on the National Register of Historic Places;

(b) For a facility on private land, archaeological objects, as defined in ORS 358.905(1)(a), or archaeological sites, as defined in 358.905(1)(c); and

(c) For a facility on public land, archaeological sites, as defined in ORS 358.905(1)(c).

(2) The Council may issue a site certificate for a facility that would produce power from wind, solar or geothermal energy without making the findings described in section (1). However, the Council may apply the requirements of section (1) to impose conditions on a site certificate issued for such a facility.

(3) The Council may issue a site certificate for a special criteria facility under OAR 345-015-0310 without making the findings described in section (1). However, the Council may apply the requirements of section (1) to impose conditions on a site certificate issued for such a facility.[46]

III.B.7. RECREATION: OAR 345-022-0100

(1) To issue a site certificate, the Council must find that the design, construction and operation of a facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to result in a significant adverse impact to important recreational opportunities.

(2) The Council must consider the following factors in judging the importance of a recreational opportunity:

(a) Any special designation or management of the location;

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[45] OAR 345-022-0080, effective December 19, 2022.

[46] OAR 345-022-0090, effective May 15, 2007, amended by minor correction filed on July 31, 2019.

(b) The degree of demand;

(c) Outstanding or unusual qualities;

(d) Availability or rareness;

(e) Irreplaceability or irretrievability of the opportunity.

(3) The Council may issue a site certificate for a special criteria facility under OAR 345-015-0310 without making the findings described in section (1). In issuing such a site certificate, the Council may impose conditions of approval to minimize the potential significant adverse impacts from the design, construction, and operation of the facility on important recreational opportunities.

(4) The Council must apply the version of this rule adopted under Administrative Order EFSC 1-2002, filed and effective April 3, 2002, to the review of any Application for Site Certificate or Request for Amendment that was determined to be complete under OAR 345-015-0190 or 345-027-0363 before the effective date of this rule. Nothing in this section waives the obligations of the certificate holder and Council to abide by local ordinances, state law, and other rules of the Council for the construction and operation of energy facilities in effect on the date the site certificate or amended site certificate is executed.[47]

III.B.8. PUBLIC SERVICES: OAR 345-022-0110

(1) Except for facilities described in sections (2) and (3), to issue a site certificate, the Council must find that the construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to result in significant adverse impact to the ability of public and private providers within the analysis area described in the project order to provide: sewers and sewage treatment, water, storm water drainage, solid waste management, housing, traffic safety, police and fire protection, health care and schools.

(2) The Council may issue a site certificate for a facility that would produce power from wind, solar or geothermal energy without making the findings described in section (1). However, the Council may apply the requirements of section (1) to impose conditions on a site certificate issued for such a facility.

[47] OAR 345-022-0100, effective December 19, 2022.

(3) The Council may issue a site certificate for a special criteria facility under OAR 345-015-0310 without making the findings described in section (1). However, the Council may apply the requirements of section (1) to impose conditions on a site certificate issued for such a facility.[48]

III.B.9. <u>WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND RISK MITIGATION: OAR 345-022-0115</u>

(1) To issue a site certificate, the Council must find that:

(a) The applicant has adequately characterized wildfire risk within the analysis area using current data from reputable sources, by identifying:

(A) Baseline wildfire risk, based on factors that are expected to remain fixed for multiple years, including but not limited to topography, vegetation, existing infrastructure, and climate;

(B) Seasonal wildfire risk, based on factors that are expected to remain fixed for multiple months but may be dynamic throughout the year, including but not limited to, cumulative precipitation and fuel moisture content;

(C) Areas subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, based on the information provided under paragraphs (A) and (B) of this subsection;

(D) High-fire consequence areas, including but not limited to areas containing residences, critical infrastructure, recreation opportunities, timber and agricultural resources, and fire-sensitive wildlife habitat; and

(E) All data sources and methods used to model and identify risks and areas under paragraphs (A) through (D) of this subsection.

(b) That the proposed facility will be designed, constructed, and operated in compliance with a Wildfire Mitigation Plan approved by the Council. The Wildfire Mitigation Plan must, at a minimum:

(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;

(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;

[48] OAR 345-022-0110, effective April 3, 2002.

(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;

(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source; and

(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.

(2) The Council may issue a site certificate without making the findings under section (1) if it finds that the facility is subject to a Wildfire Protection Plan that has been approved in compliance with OAR chapter 860, division 300.

(3) This Standard does not apply to the review of any Application for Site Certificate or Request for Amendment that was determined to be complete under OAR 345-015-0190 or 345-027-0363 on or before the effective date of this rule.[49]

III.B.10. <u>WASTE MINIMIZATION: OAR 345-022-0120</u>

(1) Except for facilities described in sections (2) and (3), to issue a site certificate, the Council must find that, to the extent reasonably practicable:

(a) The applicant's solid waste and wastewater plans are likely to minimize generation of solid waste and wastewater in the construction and operation of the facility, and when solid waste or wastewater is generated, to result in recycling and reuse of such wastes;

(b) The applicant's plans to manage the accumulation, storage, disposal and transportation of waste generated by the construction and operation of the facility are likely to result in minimal adverse impact on surrounding and adjacent areas.

(2) The Council may issue a site certificate for a facility that would produce power from wind, solar or geothermal energy without making the findings described in section (1). However, the Council may apply the requirements of section (1) to impose conditions on a site certificate issued for such a facility.

[49] OAR 345-022-0115, effective July 29, 2022.

(3) The Council may issue a site certificate for a special criteria facility under OAR 345-015-0310 without making the findings described in section (1). However, the Council may apply the requirements of section (1) to impose conditions on a site certificate issued for such a facility.[50]

III.B.11. SITING STANDARDS FOR TRANSMISSION LINES – OAR 345-024-0090

To issue a site certificate for a facility that includes any transmission line under Council jurisdiction, the Council must find that the applicant:

(1) Can design, construct and operate the proposed transmission line so that alternating current electric fields do not exceed 9 kV per meter at one meter above the ground surface in areas accessible to the public;

(2) Can design, construct and operate the proposed transmission line so that induced currents resulting from the transmission line and related or supporting facilities will be as low as reasonably achievable.[51]

III.B.12. OTHER APPLICABLE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Noise Control Regulations: OAR 340-035-0035

(1) Standards and Regulations:

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(b) New Noise Sources

(B) New Sources Located on Previously Unused Site:

(i) No person owning or controlling a new industrial or commercial noise source located on a previously unused industrial or commercial site shall cause or permit the operation of that noise source if the noise levels generated or indirectly caused by that noise source increase the ambient statistical noise levels, L10 or L50, by more than 10 dBA in any one hour, or exceed the levels specified in Table 8, as measured at an appropriate measurement point, as specified in subsection (3)(b) of this rule, except as specified in subparagraph (1)(b)(B)(iii).

(ii) The ambient statistical noise level of a new industrial or commercial noise source on a previously unused industrial or commercial site shall include all noises generated or indirectly caused by or attributable to that source including all of its related activities. Sources exempted from the requirements

[50] OAR 345-022-0120, effective May 15, 2007.
[51] OAR 345-024-0090, effective May 15, 2007.

of section (1) of this rule, which are identified in subsections (5)(b) - (f), (j), and (k) of this rule, shall not be excluded from this ambient measurement.
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(iii) For noise levels generated or caused by a wind or solar energy facility:

(I) The increase in ambient statistical noise levels is based on an assumed background L50 ambient noise level of 26 dBA or the actual ambient background level. The person owning the wind or solar energy facility may conduct measurements to determine the actual ambient L10 and L50 background level.

(II) The "actual ambient background level" is the measured noise level at the appropriate measurement point as specified in subsection (3)(b) of this rule using generally accepted noise engineering measurement practices. Background noise measurements shall be obtained at the appropriate measurement point, and for wind energy facilities synchronized with wind speed measurements of hub height conditions at the nearest wind turbine location. "Actual ambient background level" does not include noise generated or caused by the proposed wind or solar energy facility.

*(III) The noise levels from a wind or solar energy facility may increase the ambient statistical noise levels L10 and L50 by more than 10 dBA (but not above the limits specified in Table 8), if the person who owns the noise sensitive property executes a legally effective easement or real covenant that benefits the property on which the wind or solar energy facility is located. The easement or covenant must authorize the wind or solar energy facility to increase the ambient statistical noise levels, L10 or L50 on the sensitive property by more than 10 dBA at the appropriate measurement point.****

(3) Measurement:

(a) Sound measurements procedures shall conform to those procedures which are adopted by the Commission and set forth in Sound Measurement Procedures Manual (NPCS-1), or to such other procedures as are approved in writing by the Department;

(b) Unless otherwise specified, the appropriate measurement point shall be that point on the noise sensitive property, described below, which is further from the noise source:

A. 25 feet (7.6 meters) toward the noise source from that point on the noise sensitive building nearest the noise source;

B. That point on the noise sensitive property line nearest the noise source.

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(5) Exemptions: Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (1)(b)(B)(ii) of this rule, the rules in section (1) of this rule shall not apply to:

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(c) Sounds created by the tires or motor used to propel any road vehicle complying with the noise standards for road vehicles;

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(g) Sounds that originate on construction sites.

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(k) Sounds created by the operation of road vehicle auxiliary equipment complying with the noise rules for such equipment as specified in OAR 340-035-0030(1)(e);

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Removal-Fill

The Oregon Removal-Fill Law (ORS 196.795 through 196.990) and Department of State Lands (DSL) regulations (OAR 141-085-0500 through 141-085-0785) require a removal-fill permit if 50 cubic yards or more of material is removed, filled, or altered within any "waters of the state."[52] The Council, in consultation with DSL, must determine whether a removal-fill permit is needed and if so, whether a removal-fill permit should be issued. The analysis area for wetlands and other waters of the state is the area within the site boundary.

Water Rights

Under ORS Chapters 537 and 540 and OAR Chapter 690, the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) administers water rights for appropriation and use of the water resources of the state. Under OAR 345-022-0000(1)(b), the Council must determine whether the facility or facility with proposed changes would comply with statutes and administrative rules identified in the Project Order.

IV. <u>PROPOSED CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER</u>

Based on the recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law included in this order, under OAR 345-027-0375, the Department recommends Council find that the preponderance of

[52] ORS 196.800(15) defines "Waters of this state." The term includes wetlands and certain other waterbodies.

evidence on the record, including the record of RFA1 and of the *Final Order on ASC*, supports the following conclusions:

1. The proposed changes included in Request for Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project comply with the applicable substantive criteria under the Council's Land Use standard, as described in OAR 345-022-0030, from the date RFA1 was submitted.

2. The facility, with the proposed changes, complies with the requirements of the Energy Facility Siting Statutes ORS 469.300 to 469.520.

3. The facility, with proposed changes, complies with all applicable standards adopted by Council pursuant to ORS 469.501, in effect on the date Council issues its Final Order.

4. The facility, with proposed changes, complies with all other Oregon statutes and administrative rules identified in effect on the date Council issues its Final Order.

5. Taking into account the proposed RFA1 changes, the amount of the bond or letter of credit required under OAR 345-022-0050 is adequate.

Accordingly, the Department recommends Council find that the facility, with the proposed changes, complies with the General Standard of Review OAR 345-022-0000 and OAR 345-027-0375. The Department recommends that the Council find, based on a preponderance of the evidence on the record, that the site certificate may be amended as requested.

The Department therefore recommends that the Council approve Request for Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project site certificate, and issue one amended, and five original site certificates included as Attachment A to this Order.

Issued October 31, 2025

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Public Comments on Proposed Order [*Place Holder*]
Attachment N: Draft Road Use Agreement with Draft Construction Management Plan

For Each Site Certificate
Attachment A: Draft First Amended Site Certificate (red-line)
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Attachment F: Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund/Agricultural Mitigation Plan
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Attachment I: Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan
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DRAFT ROAD USE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

THIS ROAD USE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT ("**Agreement**") is entered into at the date and time when the agreement has been signed by all parties as reflected in the signature blocks below. ("**Effective Date**") by and between Morrow County, whose address for purposes of this Agreement is 100 S. Court St., Heppner, Oregon, 97836 ("**County**") and Sunstone Solar, LLC ("**Developer**").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Developer is developing a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility ("**Project**") on sites located in Morrow County, Oregon, as described in **Exhibit A**, (Overall map including structures, transmission lines, haul routes, access permits, utility permits, O&M buildings and etc.) with approximately xxx structures and an expected total nameplate capacity of approximately 1,250 megawatts ("**MW**"); and

WHEREAS, Developer intends to obtain the necessary approvals to build, operate and maintain the Project; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project, the Parties desire to address certain issues relating to the roads owned, operated and maintained by the County and as shown on **Exhibit B** (Map to include all structures, transmission lines, delivery routes, construction routes and other roads used during construction of projects) attached hereto (collectively, the "**Roads**"), over which it will be necessary for Developer and Developer's Representative(s) to, among other things: (i) transport heavy equipment and materials which may be in excess of local design limits of certain Roads, (ii) transport locally sourced materials, such as concrete and gravel, on the Roads; (iii) make specific modifications and improvements (both temporary and permanent) to the Roads (including various associated culverts, bridges, cattle guards, road shoulders and other fixtures) to permit such equipment and materials to pass; and (iv) place overhead and underground electrical and communication cables (collectively "**Cables**") for the Project adjacent to, along, under or across such Roads; and

WHEREAS, Developer and the County wish to set forth their understanding and agreement relating to the use of Roads during the construction of the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Developer will undertake the following activities in accordance with the terms of this Agreement during the period in which it is constructing the Project (the "Construction Period"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Construction Period will begin only once Developer has initiated material infield earthworks for the construction of the Project under a signed engineering, procurement, and construction agreement. The Construction Period shall not be triggered by (i)

Developer's due diligence activities on the Project's site (including, without limitation, geotechnical boring, preliminary studies, field tiling surveys, plans, entitlement-related studies, push-pull tests, and other site assessments, surveys, environmental assessments, reports, or test results) or (ii) any work performed by or on behalf of the servicing utility company.

a. Designate a company representative with authority to represent Developer. At any time the Developer Designee is changed, Developer shall notify County within 24 hours, informing County of new Designee name, physical and mailing addresses, email address, and contact phone number. As of the date of the Agreement, the company representative is xxxxxxx;

b. At least ninety (90) days prior to beginning the Construction Period, provide the County with a site plan identifying structure locations, site access points, and road crossings, to be attached as **Exhibit A**, along with the transportation route for the Project including routes for heavy haul, construction materials, supplies and other construction traffic attached as **Exhibit B**, subject to amendment and approval from Morrow County Public Works Director, County Administrator or designee of County;

c. At least ninety (90) days prior to beginning the Construction Period, provide the County with all design and engineering specifications for Road improvements required for the Project, as attached as **Exhibit C**, subject to amendment and approval from Morrow County Public Works Director, County Administrator or designee of County, which design and engineering specifications shall be consistent with standards per the Morrow County Transportation System Plan;

d. Erect permanent markers indicating the presence of permitted Cables and install tape in any trench in which Developer has placed or will place permitted Cables in a County right-of-way. All Cables shall comply with county permit requirements as specified in the permit. Cables and any other utilities shall be installed with the least intrusion and placement in County right-of-ways;

e. Notify the County Public Works Director in advance of all oversize transportation and crane crossings over, across or along any Road through the Oregon Department of Transportation permitting process;

f. Transport or cause to be transported the structure segments and other oversize loads in a reasonable effort to minimize adverse impact on the local traffic;

g. Provide reasonable advance notice to the County when it is necessary for a Road to be closed due to a crane crossing or for any other reason relating to the construction of the Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Developer will provide no less than forty-eight (48) hours' notice when reasonably practicable and will provide all materials necessary to close the Road; If a closure is approved by the Public Works Director, Developer will provide a timeframe of the closure, if closure is more than 20 minutes, Developer will provide public notice via variable message devices and an approved detour with map and signage on detour route;

h. Provide signage of all road closures and work zones in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and as may be required by the County;

i. Maintain any Roads then used by Developer as necessary for Developer's use of such Roads during the Construction Period, which maintenance shall at all times be in compliance with County standards for general public use, and may include, but are not limited toblading of gravel roads, patching of paved roads, and dust abatement caused by Developer's construction related activities during the Construction Period. For purposes of clarity, this Paragraph does not require County to modify its regular repair and maintenance schedule. If Developer determines that maintenance and repair activities in addition to those regularly conducted by County are necessary for Developer's use of the Roads, then such additional maintenance and repair activities shall be performed by Developer at its sole cost and expense pursuant to this subparagraph;

j. Purchase and deliver applicable road materials for repairs to Roads that are damaged by Developer, Developer Representative, Developer contractor, subcontractor, or employee during the Construction Period and bear the reasonable costs to restore any Roads that are damaged by Developer and/or a Developer Representative during the Construction Period to the condition enjoyed immediately prior to or better than prior to such damage occurring. It is the intent of this Agreement that the Roads will remain open for public use during the Construction Period, and Developer will keep all Roads used by it in conditions approved by Morrow County Public Works Director that allow the continued public use of the Roads. If, despite using commercially reasonably efforts, Developer or Developer Representative is unable to repair damage caused by it within the commercially reasonable time frame requested by County to Public Works Director's approval, County may, at its sole discretion, repair such damage and invoice Developer for the cost for such repair. Developer will pay such cost, plus an additional fee of 20% above said cost for County administration. Developer shall reimburse County for the cost of such repairs within sixty (60) days of Developer receipt of an invoice for such costs. County and Developer agree that this Section is not intended to require County to perform the needed road repairs with reimbursement from Developer on a regular basis. It is the intent of County and Developer that Developer will maintain and repair roads during the Construction Period as described in this Agreement, and will only request County assistance if required after exercise of commercially reasonable efforts to repair damage caused by it within the time frame requested by County. Developer will provide a designated person who will be responsible to inspect County's requests for repairs and schedule those repairs within the commercially reasonable time frame requested by County of notice by the County Public Works Director or his designated representative; and

k. Cables may cross a road, in which case, these Cables will be bored under the road, buried at a minimum depth of forty-eight (48) inches below the road surface and the crossing shall be restored to its pre-construction condition within forty-eight (48) hours or otherwise mutually agreed upon; There will be no open-cut trenching in County roads or right-of-ways unless specifically authorized by the Public Works Director in writing.

l. All roads described in **Exhibit B** identified in the preconstruction inventory must be brought to the standard necessary for the use by Developer. Each road will be evaluated during the preconstruction inventory and mutually agreed upon by the County and Developer and be added to **Exhibit C** for said improvements.

2. The County, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, agrees that it shall:

a. Designate the County Public Works Director as the representative with authority to represent the County. As of the date of the Agreement, the County representative is: Public Works Director, 541-989-9500;

b. Timely review and approve all design and engineering specifications for Road improvements required for the Project, as attached as **Exhibit C**, which design and engineering specifications shall be consistent with standards per the Morrow County Transportation System Plan;

c. Timely review and approve Developer's Road improvements pursuant to the design and engineering specification approved by County and set forth in **Exhibit C**;

d. Timely perform routine and regular maintenance of the Roads including: grading, snow removal, striping, routine signage, and regularly scheduled maintenance and repair, as per County normal maintenance schedule, at the availability and direction of the County Public Works Director;

e. Timely review and approve all Project-related access points and road crossings, which are submitted by Developer in **Exhibit A and B**;

f. Timely review and approve plans for all Project-related utility encroachments on County rights-of-way; which are submitted by Developer in accordance with **Exhibit A and B**; and

g. Authorize the Public Works Director to agree on behalf of County to revisions to **Exhibit A, B, and C** and the final location of Road crossings, access points, and utility encroachments as revisions are submitted to the County by or on behalf of Developer.

3. Pre-Construction Inventory. No later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Construction Period, the Parties shall jointly perform a survey to record the condition of all Roads which will be used in the transport of equipment, supplies and personnel to the Project. During this survey, the entire length of the Roads shall be videotaped and if deemed necessary by the parties, photographs may also be taken. In addition, the County will provide Developer, if available, with copies of any plans, cross-sections and specifications relevant to the existing Roads structure. Copies of all pre-construction documentation shall be provided to each of the Parties. Developer will reimburse the County for all costs associated with the Pre-Construction Inventory at a rate of one-hundred dollars ($100.00) per hour and reimburse the County within forty-five (45) days of invoice date.

4. Post-Construction Inventory. Upon completion of construction of each phase of the Project, representatives of the County and Developer will perform a Post-Construction Inventory, the methods of which shall be similar to those of the Pre-Construction Inventory described above. The two sets of pre-construction and post-construction data will be compared and if there are any wheel lane ruts, cracking or other damage in excess of the original survey and caused by Developer during the Construction Period, the County and Developer will determine the extent of the repairs or improvements needed to return the roads to a pre-construction condition. All costs associated with the Post-Construction Inventory repairs shall be borne solely by Developer. The timeframe of completion of said repairs shall be no later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the Project begins commercial operations, and said repairs are to be scheduled as agreed to by the Parties. Developer will reimburse the County for all costs associated with the Post-Construction Inventory at a rate of one-hundred dollars ($100.00) per hour and reimburse the County within forty-five (45) days of invoice date.

5. Routing and Access Approval. As soon as practical after execution of this Agreement and as necessary throughout the Construction Period, Developer and County shall meet to discuss routing for the transportation of equipment to the Project, Project-related access points, road crossings and Cable locations and the County shall review and approve the same in accordance with Section 2.

6. Agreement Violations. If County determines that a County road or right-of-way has been used by Developer or any designee, employee, or contractor outside of those Roads authorized in **Exhibit B** during the Construction Period, the County will provide to Developer evidence detailing the usage of the road or right-of-way by Developer and allow sufficient time for Developer to determine if it used the road or right-of-way in question. If Developer and County mutually determine that Developer or any designee, employee, or contractor utilized the road or right-of-way, then County may (a) add the road or right-of-way to the list in **Exhibit B**; (b) come to a mutually agreed resolution with Developer.

7. Shared Use. County acknowledges that separate projects may be constructed within Morrow County at the same time as Developer's Project and during the Construction Period. County acknowledges that construction activities by other parties may involve the usage of the same Roads and rights-of-way identified in Exhibit B and used by Developer during the Construction Period. County agrees that Developer will only be responsible for damage (and/or any restoration) caused to County's Roads or rights-of-way by Developer and not by any usage or actions of another party.

8. Mutual Indemnification/Hold Harmless and Liability Insurance Provisions.

a. Indemnity. Each Party (the "**Indemnifying Party**") agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party and such other Party's mortgagees, lenders, officers, employees and agents (the "**Indemnified Party**") against any and all losses, direct or indirect damages (including consequential damages), claims, expenses, and other liabilities, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, resulting from or arising out of (i) any negligent act or negligent failure to act on the part of the Indemnifying Party or anyone else engaged in doing work for the Indemnifying Party, or (ii) any breach of this Agreement by the Indemnifying Party. This indemnification shall not apply to losses, damages, claims, expenses and other liabilities to the extent caused by any negligent or willful act or omission on the part of the Indemnified Party.

b. Limitations of Liability. In no event shall Developer or any of its members, officers, directors or employees or the County or any of its Boards, officers or employees be liable (in contract or in tort, involving negligence, strict liability, or otherwise) to any other Party or their contractors, suppliers, employees, members and shareholders for indirect, incidental, consequential or punitive damages resulting from the performance, non-performance or delay in performance under this Agreement.

c. Required Insurance. Developer shall upon commencement of construction of the Project and for the period of construction of the Project, maintain in full force and effect commercial general liability insurance, in the aggregate amount equal to Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000). Developer may utilize any combination of primary and/or excess insurance to satisfy this requirement and may satisfy this requirement under existing insurance policies for the Project.

9. Miscellaneous

a. Remedies and Enforcement. The Parties acknowledge that money damages would not be an adequate remedy for any breach or threatened breach of this Agreement. Each of the parties hereto covenant and agree that in the event of default of any of the terms, provisions or conditions of this Agreement by any Party (the "**Defaulting Party**"), which default is not caused by the Party seeking to enforce said provisions (the "**Non-Defaulting Party**") and after notice and reasonable opportunity to cure, which shall include notice by the Non-Defaulting Party to the Defaulting Party and a period of forty-five (45) days for the Defaulting Party to respond, has been provided to the Defaulting Party, then in such an event, the Non-Defaulting Party shall have the right to seek specific performance and/or injunctive relief to remedy or prevent any breach or threatened breach of this Agreement. The remedies of specific performance and/or injunctive relief shall be exclusive of any other remedy available at law or in equity.

b. Due Authorization. Developer hereby represents and warrants that this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered on behalf of Developer. The County hereby represents, and warrants that this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered on behalf of the County.

c. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement proves to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement will not be affected by such finding, and in lieu of each provision of this Agreement that is illegal, invalid, or unenforceable a provision shall be deemed added as may be possible to accurately reflect the intentions of the Parties and so as to make the unenforceable provision legal, valid, and enforceable.

d. Amendments. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties and supersedes all offers, negotiations and other agreements. There are no representations or understandings of any kind not set forth herein. No amendment or modification to this Agreement or waiver of a Party's rights hereunder shall be binding unless it shall be in writing and signed by both Parties to this Agreement.

e. Notices. All notices shall be in writing and sent (including via facsimile transmission) to the Parties hereto at the addresses set forth in the Preamble (or to such other address as either such Party shall designate in writing to the other Party at any time).

f. This Agreement may not be assigned without the written consent of the Parties, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Developer may assign this Agreement to its affiliates and may collaterally assign this Agreement to any lender in support of the Project.

g. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement by telecopy shall be as effective as delivery of an originally signed counterpart to this Agreement.

h. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon, irrespective of any conflict of laws provisions. Both parties desire that the transactions contemplated hereby be effected and carried out in a manner that is in compliance with all laws.

i. Successor and Assigns. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto, their respective successors, assignees, and legal representatives.

j. If any Term of this Agreement is found to be void or invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining Terms of this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect.

k. Failure of County or Developer to insist on strict performance of any of the conditions or provisions of this Agreement, or to exercise any of their rights hereunder, shall not waive such rights.

l. Whenever in this Agreement the approval or consent of either County or Developer is required or contemplated, unless otherwise specifically stated, such approval or consent shall not be made the subject of a demand for additional compensation, nor otherwise unreasonably conditioned, withheld or delayed.

m. In any litigation arising from or related to this Agreement, the parties hereto each hereby knowingly, voluntarily and intentionally waive the right each may have to a trial by jury with respect to any litigation based hereon, or arising out of, under or in connection with this Agreement.

n. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as limiting or removing any applicable federal, state, city, county laws, rules, ordinances, or planning requirements.

o. County agrees that any amendment and additions to **Exhibit C** can be approved by the Public Works Director and the County Administrator on behalf of the County.

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signatures begin on following page

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed in their respective names by their duly authorized officers.

Developer:

Sunstone Solar, LLC

By: ______________________________
xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

County:

______________________________ ____________________
David Sykes, Chair Date

______________________________ ____________________
Jeff Wenholz, Vice-Chair Date

______________________________ ____________________
Roy Drago Jr., Commissioner Date

Approved as to Form:

By: ______________________________
Name: ______________________________
Title: County Attorney

EXHIBIT A

Site Plan

EXHIBIT B

Transportation Route – “Roads”

EXHIBIT C

Road Improvements

Draft
Construction Traffic Management Plan

Sunstone Solar Energy Project
Morrow County, Oregon

Prepared for:

Pine Gate Renewables, LLC

Prepared by:

TETRA TECH

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose and Scope

This Draft Construction Traffic Management Plan (Draft Plan) was prepared to meet the requirements of Morrow County and to be later included in the development of a Road Use Agreement, as described in the Sunstone Solar Energy Project (Project) Exhibit U of the Application for Site Certification (ASC) submitted to the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC).

This Draft Plan, per Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Traffic Control Plan Manual, is a "living document", and it will continue to grow as the roadway safety needs of the project change over the course of construction. It should be noted that the outline of this document is designed to be comparable with the ODOT Traffic Control Plan Manual's minimum requirements for a TMP, which typically only apply explicitly to significant ODOT highway construction projects. This document will be updated with input from EFSC and agencies identified by EFSC prior to the start of Project construction.

1.2 Project Description

Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Applicant) proposes to construct and operate the Project. The Project is a solar photovoltaic (PV) generation facility located in north-central Morrow County (County), Oregon. The Project is located south of Interstate 84 (I-84) near Lexington, Oregon, as shown in **Appendix A**.

The following terms are used to describe areas associated with Project development:

- **Project Lease Boundary**: The approximately 10,960-acre area that encompasses assessor parcels that the Applicant has negotiated or is pursuing land access agreements, as required, with the landowners.
- **Project Area:** The approximately 9,442-acre area that includes the solar array area and additional disturbed areas for the construction of transmission lines, substations/ switchyards, a battery energy storage system (BESS), and other project components.

1.3 Contact Information

1.3.1 Applicant

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c/o Logan Stephens

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1.3.2 Preparer

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Email: linnea.fossum@tetratech.com

2.0 TRAFFIC CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT

2.1 Traffic Control Criteria

Project construction traffic will primarily include the delivery of construction equipment, vehicles and materials, and daily construction worker trips. The vast majority of the equipment (e.g., solar modules, inverters, tracker steel, transmission poles, substation circuit breakers, and substation steel) will be delivered to the Project in standard widths and lengths by trucks, vans, and covered flatbed trailers. Substation equipment, inverter enclosures, and cranes will be delivered to the Project site on oversize vehicles.

This Draft Plan was developed to address the County's applicable traffic control mitigation needs. Morrow County requires that traffic control devices used on county roads follow the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) published and updated by the Federal Highway Administration. In additional, all ODOT-maintained roads are also required to follow this standard for the use and placement of traffic control devices.

Some safety concerns were raised by the county with regards to construction related traffic making frequent stops in the road to make left turns onto project driveways. Specifically, poor weather that occurs frequently in the region causing low-visibility conditions could make the risk of rear-end collisions higher for those vehicles making left turns and any vehicles following them. Specific measures to mitigate this concern are outlined in this TMP. In addition, traffic control measures for the construction of entrance driveways along roads are discussed.

2.2 Traffic Control Measures

There are a few major roads that will be used by project traffic. These include OR-207, Bombing Range Road, and Grieb Lane. In addition, some smaller county roads will be used for specific project access driveways. These include Lower Sand Hollow Road, Grieb-Wood Road, and Alpine Lane.

Typical construction operations, such as the construction of driveways, can be managed using shoulder closures and flagger controlled single lane closures along the route and near access points. For better warning and management of slow, left-turning construction traffic, portable changeable message signs can be used. This can provide advanced warning to motorists that construction traffic is in the area, and to slow down, watch for stopped cars, and take caution in inclement weather.

2.3 Traffic Control Devices and Personnel

Temporary signage, lighting, and traffic control devices will be installed on OR-207, Bombing Range Road, and Grieb Lane, as well as throughout the minor roads and Project area. Signage may include but is not limited to appropriate signage and portable changeable message signs along access routes to indicate the presence of heavy vehicles and construction traffic.

The construction signage shall consist of standard warning signs as shown in **Figures 1** through **3**. The drawings depict the minimum construction sign layout recommended for safety and to caution motorists to the presence of construction traffic in the area. Additional signs could be used in addition to the signs specified, such as “TO BE CLOSED (insert dates),” “NO CELL PHONE USE WHILE IN VEHICLE,” or “SLOW DOWN.” This plan does not include consideration of non-transportation related construction signage such as hard hat area signs, etc.

Use of flaggers for traffic signalization on a daily basis is not anticipated as road and right-of-way work will be minimized to avoid changes in traffic patterns. The commuting hour construction traffic may experience slowdowns near the Project site since they are going to the same location. However, the Project site is very rural and existing traffic is below the road capacity; thus, there is no need for temporary flagging to improve operations during the commuting hour. Flaggers will be used only when necessary, on a temporary basis such as a lane or full road closure.

2.4 Managing and Directing Traffic

The following measures are proposed for managing traffic during construction:

- Prior to commencement of construction, and as directed by EFSC, the Applicant will seek input on this Draft Plan from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Morrow County.
- A haul route plan will be developed and incorporated in this Plan once vendors have been selected and construction schedule developed. This haul route plan will confirm source locations and routes to be used during Project construction as well as anticipated loads and haul schedule.
- Detour plans and warning signage will be provided in advance of planned traffic disturbances.
- Ingress and egress points to the Project site will be located and improved (if needed) to meet adequate capacity for existing and projected traffic volumes and to provide efficient movement of traffic, including existing and anticipated agricultural traffic.
- The Applicant will obtain necessary ODOT permits to transport regulated loads on State-managed roadways, such as trip permits for oversize and overweight loads.
- The Applicant or its contractor and EFSC staff will meet prior to final site plan approval to outline steps for minimizing construction traffic impacts, including conflicts if State-imposed roadway restrictions could affect transporter routes.
- The Applicant or its contractor will provide advance notification to adjacent landowners and farmers through mailing, informal meeting, open house or other similar methods, when construction takes place in the vicinity of their homes and farms to help minimize access disruptions. The Applicant or its contractor will specify timing of deliveries of heavy equipment and building materials to the extent feasible.

- Construction vehicles will yield to school-related vehicles (e.g., school buses) and will lower their speed when approaching a school bus or bus stop along the transportation route.
- Advanced warning and proper roadway signage will be placed on OR-207, Bombing Range Road, and Grieb Lane to warn motorists of potential Project-related vehicles entering and exiting the roadway. Access to adjacent property will be maintained during Project construction.
- When slow or oversized wide loads are being hauled, appropriate vehicle and roadside signing and warning devices will be deployed. Pilot cars will be used as ODOT dictates, depending on load size and weight.
- Carpooling among the construction workers will be encouraged to reduce traffic volume to and from the Project site.
- The Project will use appropriate signage where needed to direct the public from entering restricted areas. During construction, temporary barriers and traffic control measures will be used where applicable.
- Flaggers will be employed as necessary to direct traffic when large equipment is exiting or entering OR-207, Bombing Range Road, or Grieb Lane to minimize risk of accidents. Should the Applicant or its construction contractor receive notice during Project construction of transportation events (e.g., ODOT or Morrow County transportation projects, roadway incident, other traffic events) that give rise to a safety concern, the Project construction manager will review this Plan in coordination with the applicable agency and address additional safety measures, including flagging, as may be appropriate for the situation.
- If lane closures must occur, adequate signage for potential detours or possible delays will be posted.
- Advance notification will be provided to emergency providers and hospitals when public roads may be partially or completely closed.
- Emergency vehicles will be given the right-of-way as required by local, state, and federal requirements. If traffic accidents occur on-site or by site personnel entering or leaving the Project site, the appropriate emergency services shall be notified. Incidents that occur on-site warrant an evaluation of what happened and what, if any, additional safety signs or protocols should be in place to prevent incidents.
- Traffic control requests will be coordinated through the ODOT traffic engineer and Morrow County Public Works, abiding by seasonal County road restrictions.
- The Applicant or contractor will monitor the roads within and adjacent to the Project for stray material inadvertently dropped or dispersed on the existing roads. If discovered, the contractor will remove the material as soon as possible.
- The Applicant or contractor will be responsible for damage to County roads directly caused by the Project. The road(s) will be repaired consistent with terms of a Road Use Agreement with the County.

2.5 Coordination with Agencies

The Applicant or contractor will be responsible for coordinating shoulder, lane or road closures with the various agencies. Local law enforcement will be contacted and informed of traffic control measures being implemented along the Project transportation routes.

2.6 ODOT Traffic Control Plan Examples

Example ODOT traffic control plans are shown on **Figures 1 through 3**. Project-specific traffic control plans will be developed as part of the construction package (see **Appendix D** [*Intentionally left blank, final Traffic Control Plans to be included, if needed*]).

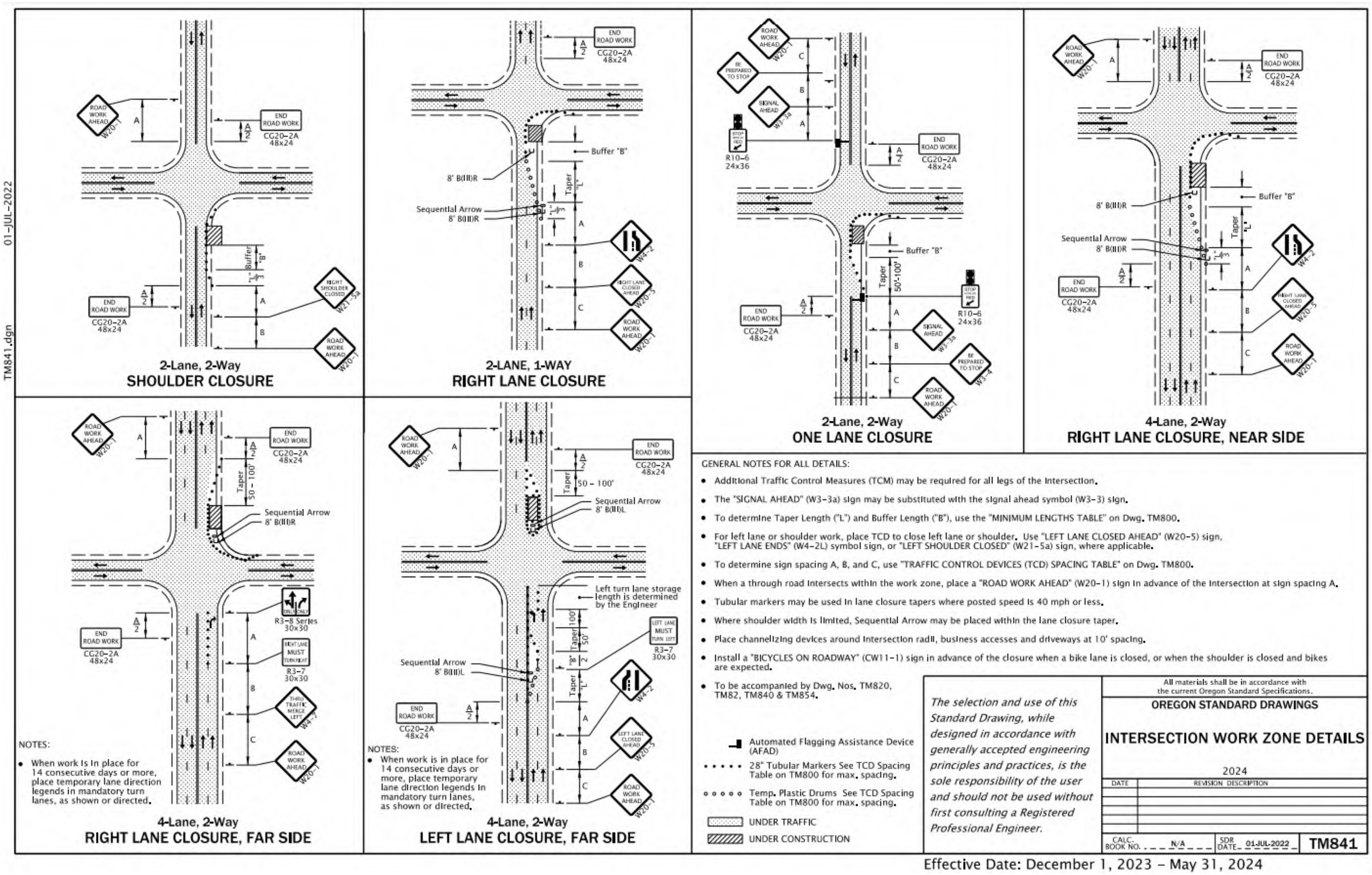

Figure 1. Example ODOT Traffic Control Plan Detail. Intersection Work Zone Details.

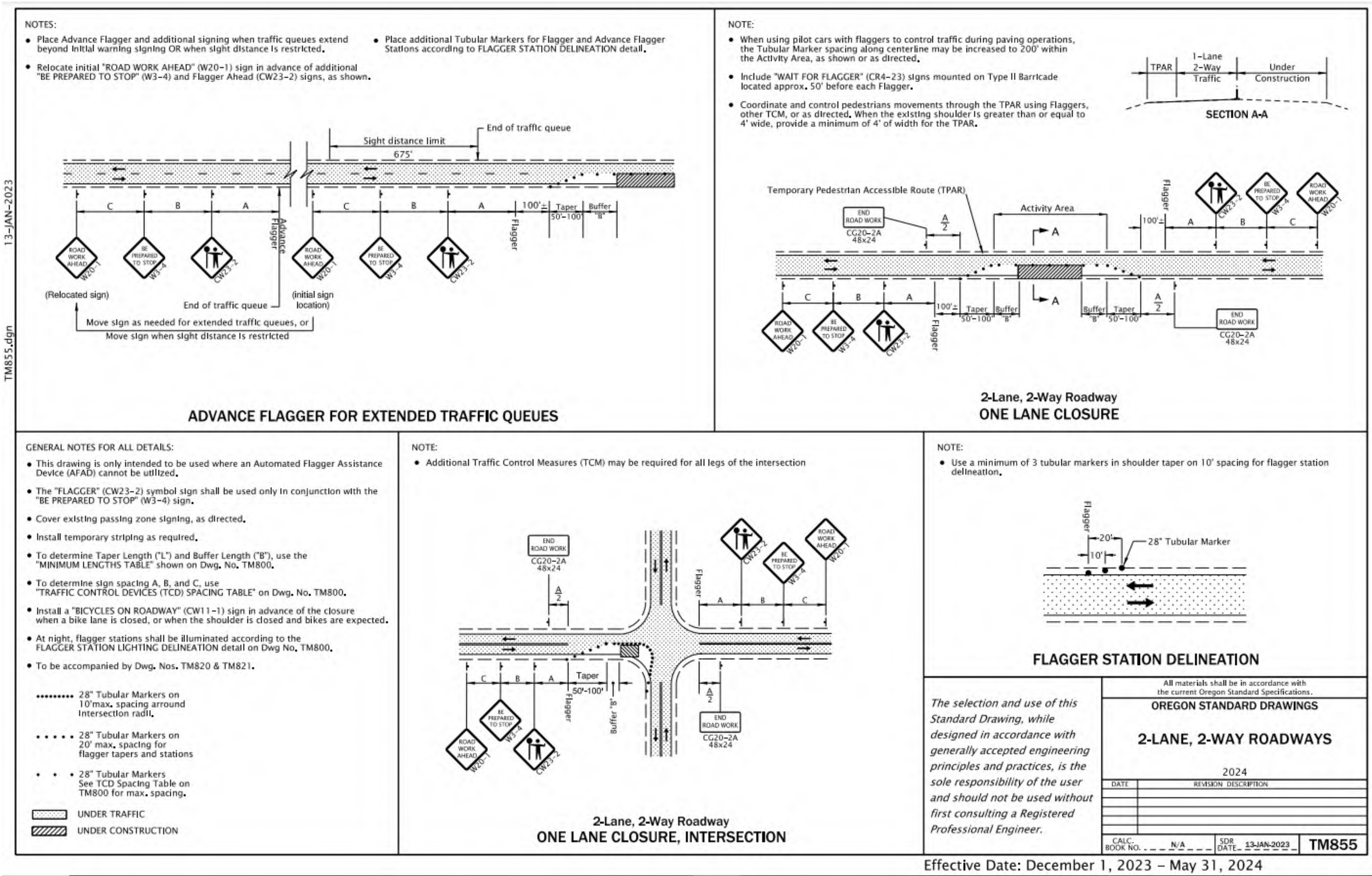

Figure 2. Example ODOT Traffic Control Plan Detail. 2-Lane, 2-Way Roadways – Flaggers.

Internal Use

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TAPER TYPES & FORMULAS	
TAPER	FORMULA
Merging (Lane Closure)	"L"
Shifting	"L"/2 or ½"L"
Shoulder Closure	"L"/3 or ⅓"L"
Flagging (See Drg. TM850)	50' – 100'
Downstream (Termination)	Varies (See Drawings)

★ Use Pre-Construction Posted Speed to select the Speed from the Tables below:

TEMPORARY BARRIER FLARE RATE TABLE	
★SPEED (mph)	MINIMUM FLARE RATE
≤ 30	8:1
35	9:1
40	10:1
45	12:1
50	14:1
55	16:1
60	18:1
65	19:1
70	20:1

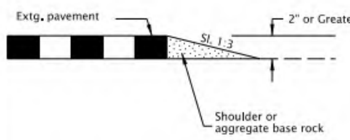
MINIMUM LENGTHS TABLE					
"L" VALUE FOR TAPERS (ft)					BUFFER "B" (ft)
★ SPEED (mph)	W = Lane or Shoulder Width being closed or shifted				
	W ≤ 10	W = 12	W = 14	W = 16	
25	105	125	145	165	75
30	150	180	210	240	100
35	205	245	285	325	125
40	265	320	375	430	150
45	450	540	630	720	180
50	500	600	700	800	210
55	550	660	770	880	250
60	600	720	840	960	285
65	650	780	910	1000	325
70	700	840	980	1000	365
FREEWAYS					
55	1000	1000	1000	1000	250
60	1000	1000	1000	1000	285
65	1000	1000	1000	1000	325
70	1000	1000	1000	1000	365

NOTES:
- For Lane closures where W < 10', use "L" value for W = 10'.
- For Shoulder closures where W < 10', use "L" value for W = 10' or calculate "L" using formula, for Speeds ≥ 45: L = WS, Speeds < 45: $L = S^2W/60$, S = Speed, W=Width

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (TCD) SPACING TABLE				
★ SPEED (mph)	Sign Spacing (ft)			Max. Channelizing Device Spacing (ft)
	A	B	C	
20 – 30	100	100	100	20
35 – 40	350	350	350	20
45 – 55	500	500	500	40
60 – 70	700	700	700	40
Freeway	1000	1500	2640	40

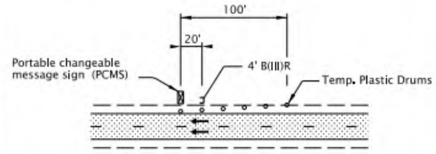
NOTES:
- Place traffic control devices on 10 ft. spacing for intersection and access radii.
- When necessary, sign spacing may be adjusted to fit site conditions. Limit spacing adjustments to 30% of the "A" dimension for all speeds.

NOTES:
- When paved shoulders adjacent to excavations are less than four feet wide protect longitudinal abrupt edge as shown.
- Use aggregate wedge when abrupt edge is 2 inches or greater.



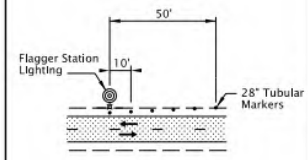
EXCAVATION ABRUPT EDGE

NOTES:
- Install PCMS beyond the outside shoulder, when possible.
- Use the appropriate type of barricade panels for PCMS location. Right shoulder, use Type B(III)R Left shoulder, use Type B(III)L
- Use six drums in shoulder taper on 20' spacing. The drums and barricade may be omitted when PCMS is placed behind a roadside barrier.
- Detail as shown is used for trailered and non-crashworthy components of:
  - Portable Traffic Signals
  - Smart Work Zone Systems



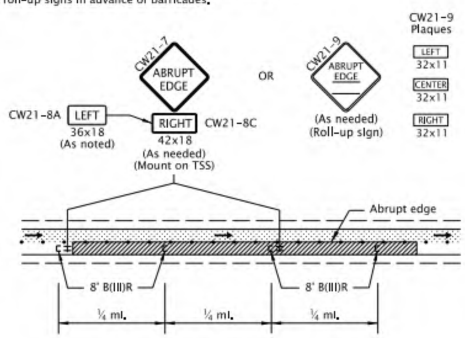
PORTABLE CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGN (PCMS) INSTALLATION

NOTES:
- Install Flagger Station Lighting beyond the outside shoulder, where practical.
- Use six tubular markers in shoulder taper on 10' spacing.
- Place cart / generator / power supply off of the shoulder, as far as practical.



FLAGGER STATION LIGHTING DELINEATION

NOTES:
- Abrupt edges may be created by paving, operations, excavations or other roadway work. Use abrupt edge signing for longitudinal abrupt edges of 1 inch or greater.
- If the excavation is located on left side of traffic, replace the 8' B(III)R barricades with 8' B(III)L barricades and replace the "RIGHT" (CW21-8C) riders with "LEFT" (CW21-8A) riders.
- Continue signing and other traffic control devices throughout excavation area at spacings shown.
- If roll-up signs are used, attach the correct (CW21-9) plaques to the sign face using hook and loop fasteners. Place roll-up signs in advance of barricades.



TYPICAL ABRUPT EDGE DELINEATION

GENERAL NOTES FOR ALL TCP DRAWINGS:
- Signs and other Traffic Control Devices (TCD) shown are the minimum required.
- Place a barricade approx. 20' ahead of all sequential arrow boards.
- Arrows shown in roadway are directional arrows to indicate traffic movements.
- All signs are 48" x 48" unless otherwise shown. Use fluorescent orange sheeting for the background of all temporary warning signs.
- All diamond shaped warning signs mounted on barrier sign supports shall be 36" by 36". All other signs mounted on barrier sign supports shall not exceed 12 sq. ft. in total sign area.
- Low speed highways have a pre-construction posted speed of 40 mph or less. High speed highways have a pre-construction posted speed of 45 mph or higher.
- Do not locate sign supports in locations designated for bicycle or pedestrian traffic.
- Combine drawing details to complete temporary traffic control for each work activity.
- Coordinate and control pedestrian movements through a Temporary Accessible Route using Flaggers, Traffic Control Measures, or as directed.
- To be accompanied by Dwg. Nos. TM820 & TM821.

○ ○ ○ Temp. Plastic Drums See TCD Spacing Table for max. spacing.

• • • 28" Tubular Markers See TCD Spacing Table for max. spacing.

UNDER TRAFFIC

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The selection and use of this Standard Drawing, while designed in accordance with generally accepted engineering principles and practices, is the sole responsibility of the user and should not be used without first consulting a Registered Professional Engineer.

All materials shall be in accordance with the current Oregon Standard Specifications.

OREGON STANDARD DRAWINGS

TABLES, ABRUPT EDGE AND PCMS DETAILS

2024

DATE	REVISION DESCRIPTION
07-2022	Added a note for TPARs

CALC. BOOK NO. N/A SDR DATE 01-JUL-2022 **TM800**

Effective Date: December 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024

Figure 3. Example ODOT Traffic Control Plan. Tables, Abrupt Edge and PCMS Details.

3.0 COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION

Updates to the Plan may be required to accommodate changes in the methods of construction, exceptional circumstances (e.g., interconnection to power outside of Project limits), safety, or other concerns. This Plan is not intended to be final. It is rather a starting point to understand Project construction and safety considerations. It is the responsibility of the Construction Manager or designated on-site safety personnel to address traffic concerns should they arise. This Plan may be updated in coordination with EFSC and Morrow County.

3.1 Communication Plan

The various tools described below provided a mechanism for the Applicant to communicate updates to the public and local stakeholders.

3.1.1 Media Outreach

The Applicant maintains a distribution list of local, regional, and statewide media outlets. Media outreach, including formal press releases and informal coordination with reporters, may be used to inform the public of Project construction activities.

3.1.2 Stakeholder Distribution List

The Applicant maintains a contact list for interested stakeholder groups, including but not limited to business leaders and/or representatives from regional chambers of commerce; elected officials for cities and counties in the region; public utility districts; fire district representatives; and school district representatives. The stakeholder distribution list may be used to inform stakeholders of Project construction activities.

3.2 Law Enforcement, Emergency Services, and other Agencies

3.2.1 Oregon State Patrol

Permits for oversized deliveries of equipment will be coordinated with the Oregon State Patrol as needed by the contractor.

3.2.2 Oregon Department of Transportation

Permits, designs, and coordination for working in the right-of-way and/or improvements to existing roads or intersections will be provided separately to ODOT by the contractor as necessary during Project construction.

3.2.1 Morrow County Public Works

Permits, designs, and coordination for working in the right-of-way and/or improvements to existing roads or intersections will be provided separately to Morrow County Public Works by the contractor as necessary during Project construction.

3.2.2 Private Landowners

If unforeseen circumstances require temporarily limiting access to an adjacent property, the Applicant or Contractor will notify the landowner ahead of time and ensure that the work is done as quickly as possible.

3.2.3 Emergency Services

If traffic accidents occur on site, or by site personnel entering or leaving the site the appropriate emergency services shall be notified. Emergency services will always be able to access the site.

No changes to infrastructure are anticipated that would impede access at any time during Project construction. Incidents that occur on-site warrant an evaluation of what happened and what, if any, additional safety signs or protocols should be in place to prevent incidents.

3.3 Public Outreach

The Applicant will address complaints and concerns with the public either individually with the complainant or via one or more of the outlets described in the Communication Plan, Section 3.1

4.0 CONCLUSION

State and Morrow County roads may be temporarily affected by construction-related traffic. Truck traffic carrying materials and supplies to the Project site would generally not coincide with morning and evening peak hours; rather, truck traffic would be dispersed throughout the working day. Private vehicle traffic would generally occur out of phase with the truck traffic, as the workers report earlier and leave later than most of the truck traffic. Given the early start times (7 a.m.) and late finish times (7 p.m.) common to solar farm construction, worker commuting traffic likely would overlap with peak traffic hours. Properly implemented traffic controls will minimize the impact to the community and commuting traffic. Portable changeable message signs as well as the Flagger-controlled lane and shoulder closures discussed in Section 2.3 will, if needed, minimize potential traffic disruptions and safety concerns while maintaining the flow of truck traffic.

APPENDIX A

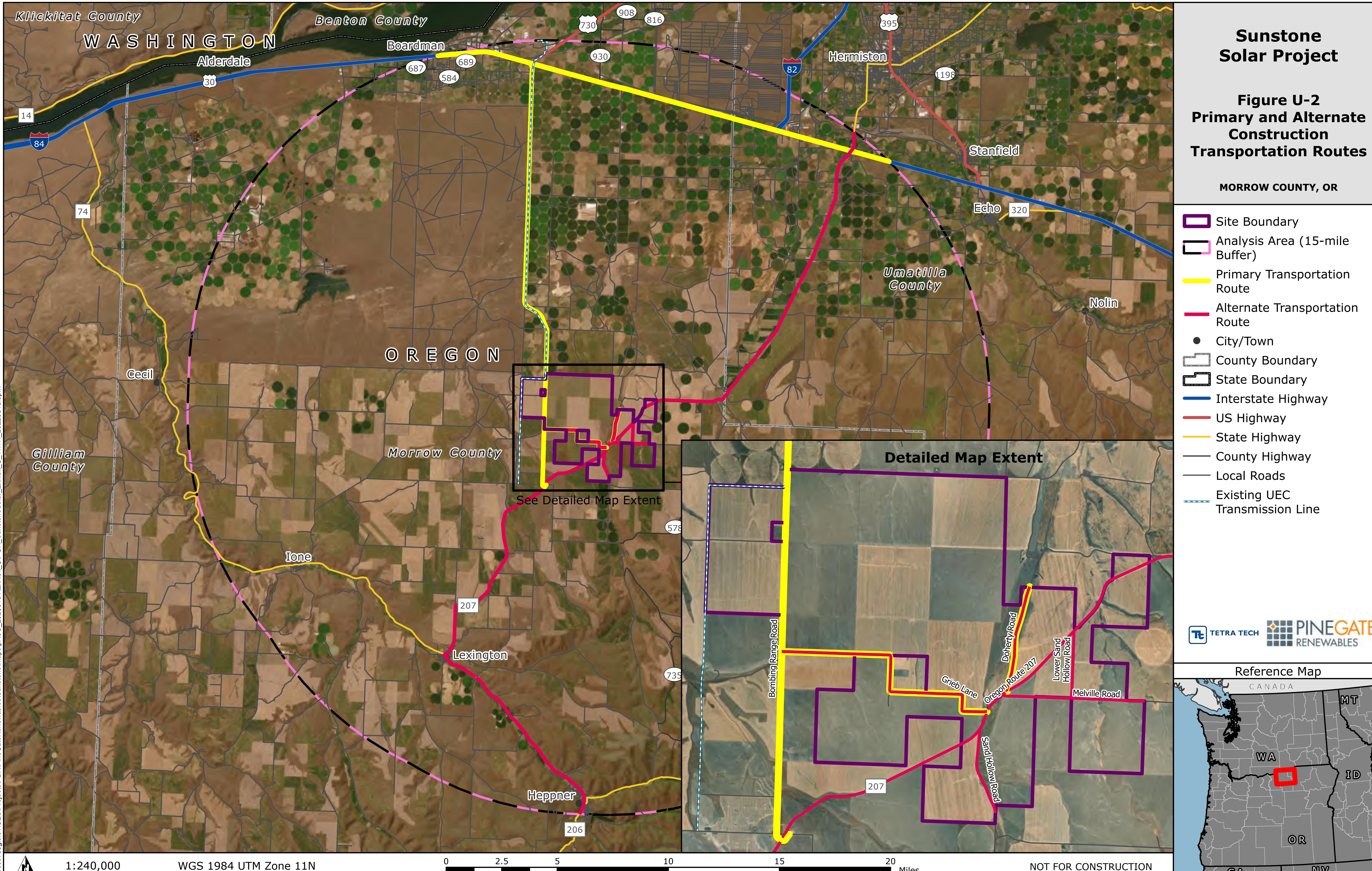
PRELIMINARY SITE LAYOUT AND TRANSPORTATION ROUTES

[FINAL SITE LAYOUT AND TRANSPORTATION ROUTES TO BE INCLUDED HERE]

Sunstone Solar Project

Figure U-2
Primary and Alternate Construction Transportation Routes

MORROW COUNTY, OR



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APPENDIX B

DETOUR PLAN

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APPENDIX C

HAUL ROUTE PLAN

[FINAL HAUL ROUTE PLAN TO BE INCLUDED HERE, IF NEEDED]

APPENDIX D

TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN DRAWINGS

[FINAL TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN DRAWINGS TO BE INCLUDED HERE, IF NEEDED]

Sunstone Solar Project 1 (SS1)

Attachment A: Draft First Amended Site Certificate (red-line)
Attachment D: Draft Amended Fugitive Dust Control Plan
Attachment E: Draft Amended Noxious Weed Control Plan
Attachment F: Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund/Agricultural Mitigation Plan
Attachment G: Draft Amended Revegetation and Reclamation Plan
Attachment H: Draft Amended Habitat Mitigation Plan
Attachment I: Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan
Attachment J: Draft Amended Wildlife Monitoring Plan
Attachment K: Draft Amended Inadvertent Discovery Plan
Attachment L: Draft Amended Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan
Attachment M: Draft Amended Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan
Attachment O: Decommissioning Cost Estimate and Assumptions

Attachment A: Draft First Amended Site Certificate (red-line)

ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FIRST AMENDED SITE CERTIFICATE FOR THE SUNSTONE SOLAR PROJECT 1 (SS1)

~~ISSUE~~ ISSUANCE DATE(S):

Site Certificate NOVEMBER 18, 2024

First Amended Site Certificate (Sunstone Solar Project 1 (SS1)) TBD

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1.0 Introduction and Site Certification

This site certificate is a binding agreement between the State of Oregon (State), acting through the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council), and Sunstone Solar 1, LLC (certificate holder), owned by Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (parent company). Both the State and certificate holder must abide by local ordinances, state law, and the rules of the Council in effect on the date this site certificate is executed. However, upon a clear showing of a significant threat to public health, safety, or the environment that requires application of later-adopted laws or rules, the Council may require compliance with such later-adopted laws or rules (ORS 469.401(2)).

This site certificate binds the State and all counties, cities and political subdivisions in Oregon as to the approval of the site and the construction, operation, and retirement of the facility as to matters that are addressed in and governed by this site certificate (ORS 469.401(3)). Each affected state agency, county, city, and political subdivision in Oregon with authority to issue a permit, license, or other approval addressed in or governed by this site certificate, shall upon submission of the proper application and payment of the proper fees, but without hearings or other proceedings, issue such permit, license or other approval subject only to conditions set forth in this site certificate. In addition, each state agency or local government agency that issues a permit, license or other approval for this facility shall continue to exercise enforcement authority over such permit, license or other approval (ORS 469.401(3)). For those permits, licenses, or other approvals addressed in and governed by this site certificate, the certificate holder shall comply with applicable state and federal laws adopted in the future to the extent that such compliance is required under the respective state agency statutes and rules (ORS 469.401(2)).

This site certificate does not address, and is not binding with respect to, matters that are not included in and governed by this site certificate, and such matters include, but are not limited to: employee health and safety; building code compliance; wage and hour or other labor regulations; local government fees and charges; other design or operational issues that do not relate to siting the facility (ORS 469.401(4)); and permits issued under statutes and rules for which the decision on compliance has been delegated by the federal government to a state agency other than the Council (ORS 469.503(3)).

The obligation of the certificate holder to report information to the Department or the Council under the conditions listed in this site certificate is subject to the provisions of ORS 192.502 *et seq.* and ORS 469.560. To the extent permitted by law, the Department and the Council will not publicly disclose information that may be exempt from public disclosure if the certificate holder has clearly labeled such information and stated the basis for the exemption at the time of submitting the information to the Department or the Council. If the Council or the Department receives a request for the disclosure of the information, the Council or the Department, as appropriate, will make a reasonable attempt to notify the

certificate holder and will refer the matter to the Attorney General for a determination of whether the exemption is applicable, pursuant to ORS 192.450.

Council shall have continuing authority over the site and may inspect, or direct the Oregon Department of Energy (Department) to inspect, or request another state agency or local government to inspect, the site at any time in order to ensure that the facility is being operated consistently with the terms and conditions of this site certificate (ORS 469.430).

The duration of this site certificate shall be the life of the facility, subject to termination pursuant to OAR 345-027-0110 or the rules in effect on the date that termination is sought, or revocation under ORS 469.440 and OAR 345-029-0100 or the statutes and rules in effect on the date that revocation is ordered. The Council shall not change the conditions of this site certificate except as provided for in OAR Chapter 345, Division 27.

In interpreting this site certificate, any ambiguity will be clarified by reference to the following, in order, incorporated herein by this reference: 1) this *First Amended Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project 1 – SS1*; 2) the *Final Order on Request for Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project* (hereafter, *Final Order on RFA1*); 3) the *Final Order on the Application for Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project* issued on November 18, 2024 (hereafter, *Final Order on the ASC*); and ~~2~~4) the record of the proceedings that led to the Final Order on the ASC.

The definitions in ORS 469.300 and OAR 345-001-0010 apply to the terms used in this site certificate, except where otherwise stated, or where the context clearly indicates otherwise.

2.0 Facility Location and Site Boundary

The facility is located within an approximately ~~10,960~~ 1,538.8-acre (~~17~~ 2.4 sq. mile) site in Morrow County. The site is located on both sides of State Route 207 and is approximately 15 miles northeast of the Town of Lexington and approximately 4.5 miles west of Butter Creek Junction. The site is approximately 3 miles west of the Umatilla County line at its closest point. Table 1 below provides the Township, Range, and Sections occupied wholly, or in part, by the site. Up to ~~9,442~~1,479 acres of land within the site boundary would be occupied by facility components. The regional location of the facility site boundary, transmission line corridor, and ~~approximately 1,518 acres~~areas within the site boundary are excluded from development ~~as shown on ASC Exhibit C, Figures C-2, and C-2.1 to C-2.3,~~ are attached to this site certificate as Attachment 1.

Table 1: Township, Range, and Section for Areas Occupied by the Site Boundary

Township	Range	Sections
1N	26E	~~1, 2, 3,~~ 4, ~~5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15~~

Table 1: Township, Range, and Section for Areas Occupied by the Site Boundary

Township	Range	Sections
2N	26E	~~27,~~ 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33~~, 34, 35, 36~~
Reference: SSPAPPDoc25-03 ASC Exhibit C Project Location, Table C-1. 2024-05-15.		

3.0 Facility Description

The energy facility is approved to include the components presented in Table 2 below. Additional details regarding specific components, and discussion of alternative designs or technologies under consideration are provided in the sections that follow.

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	**No.**	**Unit**
Site Boundary		
Site Boundary	~~10,960~~ 1,538.8	acres
Maximum Footprint	~~9,442~~ 1,419	acres
Permanent Impacts~~[1]~~	~~9,442~~1,419	acres
Solar Components		
PV Solar Modules		
Approx. total number	~~3,937,536~~656,256	modules
Max Height at full-tilt	15	feet
Posts		
Approx. total number (assumes concrete foundation)	~~535,056~~89,176	posts
Cabling		
Combiner Boxes	~~61,524~~10,254	each
Inverter Step Up (ISU) Transformer Units		
Approx. total number	~~319~~54	each
Noise level	89	dBA
Transformer oil-containing capacity	800	gallons
Related or Supporting Facility Components		
34.5 kV Collection System		
Collector line length, belowground	~~82~~12.9	miles
Collector line length, overhead (OH)	~~4.3~~0.7	miles
Wood Monopoles (max estimate for OH)	~~151~~26	each

~~[1] The energy facility would occupy approximately 9,442 acres within up to 20 separately fenced areas. Most related or supporting facilities will be located within the energy facility's footprint; however, portions of the overhead 34.5 kV collector and 230-kV transmission lines running between solar array areas would result in additional temporary and permanent disturbance areas.~~

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Collector Substations		
Substations w SCADA; GSU transformers per each	~~6~~1; 1	each
Site size	~~1.6~~7.3	acres
Transformer oil-containing capacity	16,000	gallons~~/each~~
Transformer noise level	100	dBA
Max height of structures	45	feet
~~**Switchyards**~~		
~~Stations; Transformers per each~~	~~2; 0~~	~~each~~
~~Site size (northern and/or within solar fence line); with foundations and graveled areas~~	~~3~~	~~acres~~
230 kV Transmission Line		
Length (total; northern line; southern line)	~~9.5; 3.2; 6.3~~5.1	miles
Structures: Type (Wood or Galvanized Steel); quantity	H-frame; ~~50~~26	each
Height of structures	70- 180	feet
Battery Energy Storage System (Lithium-ion/Zinc)		
Zinc		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with fans/heating systems; SCADA	~~14,946~~2,491	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	9.5 x 8 x 20	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
Lithium-ion		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with HVAC and fire suppression systems; SCADA	~~12,000~~2,000	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	11.25 x 8.1 x 5.2	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
O&M Building		
Quantity	~~4~~1	each
Site size	2.8	acres
Height	20	feet
Appurtenances	On-site well, septic system, SCADA System	
Storage for Replacement Solar Panels		
Containers	~~50~~ 8-9	each
Approx. container dimensions	8.5 x 8 x 40	H x W x L; feet

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Location	Dispersed within fence line if not next to O&M, gravel base	
Facility Roads		
Length	~~55~~7	miles
Width	10- 20	feet
Perimeter Fence		
Length	~~58~~15.9	miles
Height	7-8	feet
Access/gates	~~52~~8-9	each
Temporary Construction Areas		
Quantity	~~54~~14	each
Site size	5	acres
Description	Gravel base; diesel/gas storage; within fence line	

Energy Facility

The facility includes a solar photovoltaic power generation facility with up to ~~1,200~~200 MW of electric generation capacity. ~~The energy facility consists of up to 20 separately fenced solar arrays organized into six 200 MW blocks.~~

Photovoltaic Modules

Solar photovoltaic modules, or solar panels, convert sunlight into DC electric power. The typical module contains crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells arranged within glass panels equipped with an anti-reflective coating, a metal frame, and wire connectors.

Racking System

The photovoltaic modules are connected in series into strings and then mounted on a racking system. Each rack would contain 2 strings of 32 modules mounted on a single-axis tracking system. Multiple racks are organized into rows between 200 and 400 feet in length depending on topography. Rows would be spaced at least 10 feet apart and at least 15 feet from perimeter fencing to provide vehicle access.

Posts

Each row of tracker mounted modules is supported by multiple hollow, screw pile, or pile-type steel posts. Posts are typically installed to a depth of 6-8 feet below surface and extend 5 feet above grade. Posts at the end of rows may be installed at greater depths to withstand wind

uplift. Posts may be installed directly in the ground or concrete backfill may be required in some soil conditions.

DC Cabling System

Combiner boxes or a Big Lead Assembly (BLA) harness system is used to aggregate the DC output of the photovoltaic modules for transmission to an inverter by low-voltage DC cables. Using the combiner boxes, strings of modules are connected to a pad-mounted combiner box installed at each row, which in turn, are connected to the inverters by low voltage DC cables that are either mounted to the tracking system, installed in trays, or buried underground. Using the BLA system, strings are connected directly to a rack-mounted cabling system.

Inverters and Inverter Step Up (ISU) Transformers

Inverters convert the DC output of the photovoltaic modules to AC power that can be transmitted to the electric grid. A typical inverter in utility scale solar facilities converts the 900 to 1,500 volt DC module output to 660 volt AC output. After conversion, the output is sent to an inverter step-up (ISU) transformer to increase the voltage to 34.5 kV power for transmission to the collector substation via the electrical collector system. Inverters and ISU transformers are collocated on concrete slabs near each module block.

Related or Supporting Facilities

Related or supporting facilities include a battery energy storage system, ~~an interconnection substation, up to six~~one collector substation~~s~~, ~~up to four~~one operations and maintenance building, and other structures.

Battery Energy Storage System

The battery energy storage system (BESS) is designed to provide up to ~~7~~1.2 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of storage capacity. The BESS may use either Lithium-Ion (Li-ion) or Zinc-based battery technology. Under either technology, batteries are contained in pre-constructed modular containers, or "segments," placed on concrete slab foundations.
The battery storage system includes, but is not limited to, the following elements:

- Batteries and containers, inverters, isolation transformers, and switchboards;
- Balance of plant equipment, which may include medium-voltage and low-voltage electrical systems, fire suppression and HVAC systems (for Li- ion technology, if selected), building auxiliary electrical systems, and network/SCADA systems;
- Cooling system, which may include a separate chiller plant located outside the battery racks with chillers, pumps, and heat exchangers (Li-ion only, if selected); zinc batteries will have fans and a heating unit for climate control; and

- High-voltage (HV) equipment, including a step-up transformer, circuit breaker, current transformers and voltage transformers, a packaged control building for the breaker and transformer equipment, towers, structures, and cabling.

The batteries and associated equipment may be oversized or periodically augmented in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure a minimum of ~~7~~1,200 MWh of energy storage capability over the life of the BESS, taking into account natural degradation of the batteries over time.

Li-ion batteries are currently the most common battery type used in utility-scale battery energy storage systems. If a Li-ion battery technology is used at the facility, it would use Li-ion phosphate batteries, which are more thermally stable than Li-ion cathode batteries.
Each module contains approximately 10 hermetically sealed battery cells filled with a gel or liquid electrolyte. The module containers serve as secondary containment for the cells. Each container holds approximately 840 cells with a combined capacity of approximately 740 kilowatt-hour AC, and approximately ~~1~~2,000 containers would be required to meet the capacity needs of the facility.

The electrolyte used in Li-ion batteries is flammable and susceptible to overheating and vaporization, so Li-ion Battery Systems typically require cooling, ventilation, and fire suppression systems included in each container. If Li-ion battery technology is used at the site, it would implement the following design features and fire prevention and control methods to minimize fire and safety risks:

- Batteries would be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules.
- Ample working space would be provided around the BESS for maintenance and safety purposes.
- An off-site, 24-hour monitoring system with shutdown capabilities would be implemented.
- Batteries would be transported in accordance with Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration regulations under 49 CFR 173.185
- Battery systems would be designed in accordance with applicable Underwriters Laboratories, National Electric Code, and National Fire Protection Association Standards, including but not limited to, UL 1642, 1741, 1973, and 9540A, and NFPA 855.
- An advanced and proven battery management system would be employed;
- Battery Containers would be equipped with:
    - Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to maintain optimal battery temperatures;
    - Fire control panels with 24-hour battery backup;
    - Fire sensors, smoke and hydrogen detectors, alarms, emergency ventilation systems, cooling systems, and aerosol fire suppression/extinguishing systems;
    - Doors equipped with a contact that will shut down the battery container if opened;

- Fire extinguishing and thermal insulation sheets between each individual battery cell;
- Locks and fencing to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel;
- Remote power disconnect switches with clear and visible signs identifying their location.[2]

Li-ion battery modules under consideration for this facility have an expected useful life of 20 years and it is expected that every module at the facility would need to be replaced at least once during the life of the facility. Used Li-ion batteries are generally considered to be hazardous waste by the EPA and must be transported and disposed of according to the most current guidelines at end of life.

A typical zinc-based BESS container includes 144 zinc-hybrid cathode powered batteries with a combined 700 kWh capacity. Zinc batteries are estimated to have a lifespan of at least 20 years. Zinc battery systems can operate across a higher range of temperatures and only require cooling fans rather than a full HVAC system. Zinc batteries have a lower fire-risk than lithium-ion batteries and do not require fire suppression systems to be included in the container design.

The BESS may be designed either as a DC-coupled system, with containers distributed throughout the energy facility site near inverter/transformer station sites, or as an AC-coupled system with containers concentrated in a single area near the ~~switchyards~~substation. In either case, the containers and other BESS equipment are located within the fenced solar array areas and may have their own additional fencing.

34.5 kV Electrical Collection System

The facility includes up to ~~86~~ 12.9 miles of 34.5 kV electrical collector lines that connects energy facility components to the collector substation~~s~~ described below. The majority of the collector lines are buried underground; however, overhead lines are installed at long "home run" stretches, stream or canyon crossings, and other areas where burial is infeasible. The collector lines are generally located within the energy facility footprint except at road crossings and crossings between fenced solar array areas.

Communication and SCADA System

The facility includes a system of fiber optic and copper communication lines that connect the solar arrays, BESS, and substation~~s~~ to Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system control rooms within ~~each~~ the collector substation. The communication lines are collocated with the 34.5 kV electrical collection system described above. The SCADA system monitors meteorological conditions, critical operating parameters, and power output, for each solar string, battery energy storage system, and substation. The SCADA system is monitored by a

[2] SSPAPPDoc25-02 ASC Exhibit B Project Description 2024-05-15, Section 2.7.1.

remote operations center. Smoke and fire detectors placed around the site also connect to the SCADA system and will contact local emergency responders in the event of a fire at the site.

Collector Substation~~s~~

The facility includes ~~up to six~~one collector substation~~s~~ at the site. ~~Each~~ The substation includes a generator-step up (GSU) transformer and control building, and may also include circuit-breakers and fuses, transmission line termination structures, power transformers, bus bars and insulators, disconnect switches, relaying, battery and charger, surge arresters, AC and DC supplies, control systems, metering equipment, grounding, a lightning protection system and associated control wiring.

The GSU transformer~~s~~ increases the 34.5-kV ISU transformer output to 230-kV power. The GSU transformer~~s~~ is a~~re~~ ground-mounted unit~~s~~ constructed on a concrete pad~~s~~. ~~Each of the six~~The GSU transformer~~s~~ ~~are~~ is filled with up to 16,000 gallons of non-toxic oil such as mineral or seed oil.

~~Each~~ The GSU transformer is equipped with a secondary spill containment catchment system designed to minimize the possibility of accidental leakage. The concrete catchment system is sized to contain approximately 1.25 times the amount of oil inside the transformer.

All substation structures and components are surrounded by a graveled area and enclosed by an 8-foot-tall chain-link fence with three strands of barbed wire one foot above the top. Access to the substation site~~s~~ is limited with a locked gate.

230-kV Transmission Line

The facility includes ~~up to two~~one 230-kV overhead transmission line~~s~~ that connects the collector substation~~s~~ to the ~~two primary interconnection switchyards located at the~~ point of interconnection (POI). The transmission line~~s~~ ~~are~~ is supported by steel or wood monopole or H-Frame structures, spaced approximately 1,000 feet between structures, and ~~have~~ has a ~~combined~~ length of approximately ~~9.~~5.1 miles. ~~The northern line connects two collector substations along the south side of Alpine Lane to the switchyard and extends approximately 3.2 miles. The southern line connects four collector substations across the southern portion of the site and extend approximately 6.3 miles. The two lines run in parallel for approximately 1-mile between Bombing Range Road and the switchyards.~~

The transmission line~~s~~ ~~are~~ is located within the fenced solar array areas except where the line~~s~~ spans roads or corridors between areas ~~and between the switchyards~~ and the point of interconnection. All transmission line components are sited within the facility lease boundary.

The approved transmission line corridor width is 1,000 feet. No new or expanded right-of-way will be required, but some portions of the transmission line~~s~~ ~~are~~ is located within existing public rights-of-way. A portion of the transmission line that runs along the western boundary of energy facility footprint is within the public right-of-way on the east side of Bombing Range Road. Additionally, portions of the transmission line that connect solar array areas in the southern portion of the site ~~cross Doherty Road and the Lexington-Echo Highway~~run along Grieb Lane.

~~Project Switchyards and~~ Interconnection Facilities

The facility interconnects with the existing Umatilla Electric Cooperative 230kV Blue Ridge Line at the northwest corner of the facility, where the switchyard is located in the SS5 site boundary. ~~Two switchyards are approved to be located within a separately fenced site either within or adjacent to the energy facility footprint, each approximately 3 acres. The interconnection switchyards do not contain transformers and are constructed on foundations with surrounding gravel areas.~~

Operations and Maintenance Building~~s~~

The facility includes ~~up to four~~one operations and maintenance (O&M) building~~s~~, ~~each~~ that ~~including~~ includes a utility room, storage for maintenance supplies and equipment, and a SCADA control room. The building~~s~~ ~~each have~~has an on-site well and septic system. Power is supplied by a local service provider using overhead and/or underground lines. ~~Each~~ The O&M building site also has a graveled parking and storage area~~s~~.

Small quantities of chemical materials, including cleaners, insecticides or herbicides, paint, lubricants, degreasers, and solvents, may be stored at the O&M building~~s~~ during construction and operation of the facility. No extremely hazardous materials would be stored on site; other chemicals will be handled in accordance with label instructions as well as state and federal standards.

The facility includes an aboveground fuel storage tank with capacity to store up to 500 gallons of diesel fuel or gasoline at ~~each~~ the O&M building site.

The O&M building~~s are~~ is equipped with basic firefighting equipment for use on-site during maintenance activities, such as shovels, beaters, portable water for hand sprayers, fire extinguishers, and other equipment.

Replacement Solar Panel Storage

To store spare solar panels and associated equipment, the facility is approved to store materials either at the O&M building site~~s~~ or within approximately ~~50~~ 8-9 locked Conex storage containers distributed throughout the site. The containers may be placed directly on the ground or on gravel pads. ~~The containers would store up to the a~~An ~~approximately 204,720 replacement panels needed over the life of the facility.~~

Access and Service Roads

The facility includes up to ~~55~~ 7.0 miles of new roads (graded and graveled to meet load requirements for all equipment) to provide access to facility components. Corridors between module racking are at least 10 feet wide and racking are no closer than 15 feet from perimeter fencing. Some new road construction is required to access site features. Roads will be 10 to 20 feet in width, with some exceptions, including access to the substation~~s~~ and main travel corridors where two-way traffic is required. In these cases, roads will be 20 feet wide. A 5-foot maintained vegetative surface or noncombustible base, approved by the fire code official, will be maintained along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary. Use of the roads may continue after construction, or new roads may be removed and the land reclaimed to pre-construction conditions.

Security Fencing and Gates

The facility includes approximately ~~58~~ 15.9 miles of security fence to enclose each solar array area, and substation~~, and switchyard site~~. The perimeter fencing has lockable vehicle and pedestrian access gates to provide access to the site.

Temporary Construction Areas

The facility includes up to 54 temporary construction areas within the energy facility footprint to support construction, store supplies and equipment, and facilitate the delivery and assembly of materials and equipment. Each area consists of a 5-acre site that would be cleared and graveled prior to construction.

Up to five above-ground diesel tanks and one temporary above-ground gasoline tank may be stored in the temporary construction areas. The tanks each hold up to 1,000 gallons of fuel. Most fuel containers have self-contained secondary containment (e.g., double-walled containers) that provide capacity for the entire container plus precipitation, but in some cases may be placed in a constructed secondary containment area that is impervious and is diked or otherwise contained to provide the required fuel and precipitation capacity.

Shared Facility Components

The certificate holder will share facility components ~~-~~between the Sunstone Solar Projects (SS) 1-6 facilities to support facility operation, including the switchyard, transmission line, O&M buildings, access roads, SCADA system, and temporary constructions areas (including fuel tanks). The compliance obligations for site certificate conditions and EFSC standards apply to

the facility components and applicable related or supporting facilities as described in Section 3.0 and Table 2 of each site certificate (SS1, SS2, SS3, SS4, SS5, SS6).

4.0 Facility Development

4.1 Construction

~~The applicant proposed to construct the proposed facility in six phases, with each phase including approximately 200 MWs of generating capacity.~~

Portions of the site, including the substation~~ sites~~, inverter and battery energy storage system sites, and access roads will be cleared and graded, prior to construction of the applicable facility components. Existing vegetation (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) and associated root systems in the energy facility footprint are left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable to minimize soil and erosion impacts, and that grading in solar arrays is limited to those areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances. Typical grading tolerances within the array are 10% maximum on North slopes and 15% maximum in other directions. Following construction, operational requirements include long-term site stabilization and revegetation of disturbed areas.

Adherence to the requirements of a Fugitive Dust Control Plan is required under Condition PRE-SP-02. Measures implemented under this plan include maintaining existing vegetative root systems, applying dust suppressants, and restricting traffic speeds on-site. Typically, water is applied as a dust suppressant on access roads, but under drought conditions, alternative dust suppressants including synthetic polymer emulsions, chemical suppressants, organic glues, and wood fiber materials may be applied at the site by qualified vendors.

Construction of the facility will generate less than 910 commuting trips and 250 truck trips per day over approximately 1,224 construction workdays. At the peak of construction if all SS1-SS6 facilities are constructed together, it is estimated a maximum of approximately 1,266 commuting trips per day and 250 truck trips per day. The primary route to the site would be Bombing Range Road via Interstate Highway 84 (I-84) at the I-84/Irrigon Junction. Alternate routes would be via OR-207 via I-84 south of Hermiston.

4.2 Operations and Maintenance

Operation and maintenance activities include routine inspections, replacement of solar modules and battery components, panel washing, and vegetation management. ~~Up to~~Less than 10 permanent employees would operate and maintain the facility, with occasional delivery truck accessing the site during operations depending on the type of maintenance activity.

Individual batteries associated with the BESS will be inspected according to the manufacturer's recommendations and will need to be replaced approximately every 20 years, and every

battery will be replaced during the life of the facility. Each type of electrical facility component would have routine inspections as designated in the operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan. The solar panels may require periodic washing during operations, and other incidental water use for sanitation and equipment washing.

Vegetation will be cleared and maintained along access roads to provide a vegetation clearance area for fire safety. This includes mowing to a height of no more than 12 inches. Use of the roads may continue after construction, or new roads may be removed, and the land reclaimed to pre-construction conditions.

An aboveground 500-gallon fuel storage tank sized may be installed at ~~each~~ the O&M building. Secondary containment and refueling procedures for on-site fuel storage during operations will continue to follow the SPCC Plan and requirements for secondary containment. No extremely hazardous materials are expected to be produced, used, stored, transported, or disposed of at the facility during operation.

4.3 Retirement

The estimated useful life of the ~~proposed~~ facility is 40 years. Operational jobs would be eliminated after the facility ceased operating; however, some short-term contract jobs to monitor restored areas may be added to facilitate retirement activities. Decommissioning requires similar workforce numbers as required for the construction of the facility and is estimated to require a similar duration of up to 47 months.

Final retirement activities will be designated in a retirement plan but would begin with disconnecting all electrical equipment disassembling equipment and components such and the battery storage units, solar panels and transformers. Larger containers and equipment would be removed, trucked off-site and recycled and disposed of. Solar panels would be disconnected, and piles would be removed including the excavation of any concrete foundations. Gravel and foundations from the inverters and transformers, O&M building, substation~~s~~, and battery units would be removed by trenching and excavation. The facility site would then be restored through grading, filling, and revegetation with plants or seed mix consistent with applicable plans and conditions discussed in this order or landowner interests.

5.0 Site Certificate Conditions

The conditions of this Site Certificate are organized and coded to indicate the phase of implementation, the standard the condition is required to satisfy, and an identification number (1, 2, 3, etc.).[3] The table below presents a "key" for phase of implementation:

[3] The identification number is not representative of an order that conditions must be implemented; it is intended only to represent a numerical value for identifying the condition.

Key	Type of Conditions/Phase of Implementation
GEN	General Conditions: Design, Construction and Operation
PRE	Pre-Construction Conditions
CON	Construction Conditions
PRO	Pre-Operational Conditions
OPR	Operational Conditions
RET	Retirement Conditions

To align with the phased construction approach, preconditions requiring applicant actions prior to construction allow for phased compliance. These apply specifically to the area in which the phased activities would occur, rather than the entirety of the site.

5.1 General (GEN) Conditions: Design, Construction and Operations

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
STANDARD: GENERAL STANDARD OF REVIEW (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
GEN-GS-01	The certificate holder must design, construct, operate and retire the facility: a. Substantially as described in the site certificate; b. In compliance with the requirements of ORS Chapter 469, applicable Council rules, and applicable state and local laws, rules and ordinances in effect at the time the site certificate was issued; and c. In compliance with all applicable permit requirements of other state agencies. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(10); General Standard Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-02	The certificate holder must begin and complete construction of the facility ~~or facility phase~~ by the following dates: ~~a.~~ Construction of the facility or first facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2027. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site. ~~b.~~a. ~~Construction of the final facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2028. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site.~~ ~~c.~~b. All facility construction must be completed on or before November 18, 2030.~~within 2 years after the date construction of the final facility phase (under (b)) begins.~~ Within 7 days after completing construction, the certificate holder shall provide the Department written verification that it has met the deadline. [General Standard Condition 2; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
GEN-GS-03	If the certificate holder becomes aware of a significant environmental change or impact attributable to the facility, the certificate holder must, as soon as possible, submit a written report to the Department describing the impact on the facility and any affected site certificate conditions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(6); General Standard Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-04	The certificate holder must prevent the development of any conditions on the site that would preclude restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition to the extent that prevention of such site conditions is within the control of the certificate holder. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(7); General Standard Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-GS-05	Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder must restore vegetation to the extent practicable and must landscape all areas disturbed by construction in a manner compatible with the surroundings and proposed use. Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder must remove all temporary structures not required for facility operation and dispose of all timber, brush, refuse and flammable or combustible material resulting from clearing of land and construction of the facility. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(11); General Standard Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-06	The certificate holder is authorized to construct the 230 kV transmission line~~s~~ anywhere within the approved transmission line corridor~~s~~, subject to the conditions in the site certificate. The approved transmission line corridor includes~~:~~ 5.1 miles of line, extending between the point of interconnection and substation(s) as presented in Attachment 1 to the site certificates for SS1. ~~Southern transmission line: Approximately 6.3 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to four collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~ ~~Northern transmission line: Approximately 3.2 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to two collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~ [Site Specific Condition OAR 345-025-0010(5); General Standard Condition 7; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
GEN-GS-07	The certificate holder may operationally share the following facility components between Sunstone Solar 1, Sunstone Solar 2, Sunstone Solar 3, Sunstone Solar 5 and Sunstone Solar 6 (SS1 – SS6): the switchyard, transmission line, O&M buildings, replacement solar panel storage (as needed), access roads, SCADA system, and temporary construction areas, subject to the following: a. Within 30 days of use by certificate holders of the shared facilities, the certificate holder must provide evidence to the Department that the certificate holders of the shared facilities have an executed agreement for shared use of any constructed shared facilities. The Shared Use Agreements must allow operation and maintenance personnel and contractors access to the shared SS1 – SS6 facilities. b. If a certificate holder for SS1 - SS6 proposes to substantially modify any of the shared facilities listed in sub(a) of this condition, or supporting facility or ceases facility operation, the applicable/relevant certificate holder is obligated to submit an amendment determination request to the Department to determine the appropriate process for evaluating the change and ensuring full regulatory coverage under each site certificate, or remaining site certificate if either is terminated, in the future. [General Standard Condition 11; Final Order on AMD1]

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
GEN-OE-01	Before any transfer of ownership of the facility or ownership of the site certificate holder, the certificate holder must inform the Department of the proposed new owners. The requirements of OAR 345-027-0400 apply to any transfer of ownership that requires a transfer of the site certificate. [Organizational Expertise Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-02	Any matter of non-compliance under the site certificate is the responsibility of the certificate holder. Any notice of violation issued under the site certificate will be issued to the certificate holder. Any civil penalties under the site certificate will be levied on the certificate holder. [Organizational Expertise Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-03	The certificate holder must notify the Department within 72 hours of any occurrence of the following: a. There is an attempt by anyone to interfere with the facility's safe operation. b. There is a significant nature event such as a fire, earthquake, flood, tsunami or tornado, or human-caused event such as a fire or explosion. c. There is any fatal injury at the facility. [Organizational Expertise Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-04	The certificate holder shall, as soon as reasonably possible: a. Report incidents or circumstances that may violate the terms or conditions of the site certificate, terms or conditions of any order of the Council, or the terms or conditions of any order issued under OAR 345-027-0230, to the Department. In the report to the Department, the certificate holder shall provide all pertinent facts including an estimate of how long the conditions or circumstances existed, how long they are expected to continue before they can be corrected, and whether the conditions or circumstances were discovered as a result of a regularly scheduled compliance audit; b. Initiate and complete appropriate action to correct the conditions or circumstances and to minimize the possibility of recurrence; c. Submit a written report within 30 days of discovery to the Department. The report must refer to the language in (d) of the condition and contain: i. A discussion of the cause of the reported conditions or circumstances; ii. The date of discovery of the conditions or circumstances by the responsible party; iii. A description of immediate actions taken to correct the reported conditions or circumstances; iv. A description of actions taken or planned to minimize the possibility of recurrence; and v. For conditions or circumstances that may violate the terms or conditions of a site certificate, an assessment of the impact on the resources considered

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
	under the standards of OAR Chapter 345 Divisions 22 and 24 as a result of the reported conditions or circumstances. d. Upon receipt of the written report in sub(c) of this condition, the Department may review the facility record for incidents or circumstances reported or reportable under sub(a) related to public health and safety, the environment, or other resources protected under Council standards. If these incidences are determined by the Department to impact the adequacy of the facility decommissioning cost, the Department or Council may adjust the contingencies identified in Final Order on ASC Table 4 and shall request and receive an updated bond or letter of credit from certificate holder in the adjusted amount. [Organizational Expertise Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Structural Standard (SS) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
GEN-SS-01	The certificate holder must design, engineer and construct the facility to avoid dangers to human safety and the environment presented by seismic hazards affecting the site that are expected to result from all maximum probable seismic events. "Seismic hazards" include ground shaking, ground failure, landslide, liquefaction triggering and consequences (including flow failure, settlement buoyancy, and lateral spreading), cyclic softening of clays and silts, fault rupture, directivity effects and soil-structure interaction. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(12); Structural Standard Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-02	The certificate holder must notify the Department, the State Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly if site investigations or trenching reveal that conditions in the foundation rocks differ significantly from those described in the application for a site certificate. After the Department receives the notice, the Council may require the certificate holder to consult with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building Codes Division to propose and implement corrective or mitigation actions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(13); Structural Standard Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-03	The certificate holder must notify the Department, the State Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly if shear zones, artesian aquifers, deformations or clastic dikes are found at or in the vicinity of the site. After the Department receives notice, the Council may require the certificate holder to consult with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building Codes Division to propose and implement corrective or mitigation actions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(14); Structural Standard Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-04	The certificate holder shall design, engineer, and construct the facility in accordance with the versions of the International Building Code, Oregon Structural Specialty Code, and local building codes in effect at the time of construction.

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
	[Structural Standard Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	
GEN-LU-01	The certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department of coordination with the owners of adjacent lands dedicated to agricultural use. Coordination must include information about the facility that could impact agricultural activities. The certificate holder must document any recommendations made by adjacent landowners regarding measures to reduce or avoid any adverse impacts to farm practices on surrounding lands and to avoid any increase in farming costs as well as any responses made to these recommendations. [Land Use Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-LU-02	The certificate holder must adhere to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund included in Attachment F of the Final Order on the ASC, or subsequently amended. It is the certificate holder's responsibility to ensure that the Council and Department receive all reports and notifications required by the agreement. If the Memorandum of Agreement is amended, the certificate holder shall provide a copy of the amended Agreement to the Department within 30 days of it being amended. [Land Use Condition 12; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
GEN-RF-01	The certificate holder shall prevent the development of any conditions on the site that would preclude restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition to the extent that prevention of such site conditions is within the control of the certificate holder. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(7); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Siting Standards for Transmission Lines (TL) [OAR 345-024-0090]	
GEN-TL-01	The certificate holder shall: a. Design, construct and operate the transmission lines in accordance with the requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code as approved by the American National Standards Institute; and b. Develop and implement a program that provides reasonable assurance that all fences, gates, cattle guards, trailers, or other objects or structures of a permanent nature that could become inadvertently charged with electricity are grounded or bonded throughout the life of the line. [Siting Standards for Transmission Line Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]

5.3 Pre-Construction (PRE) Conditions

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
STANDARD: General Standard of Review (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
PRE-GS-01	Except as necessary for the initial survey, the certificate holder may not begin construction of the facility or phase, or create a clearing on any part of the site of the facility or phase, as applicable, until the certificate holder has the legal right to engage in construction activities on the relevant parts of the site for the facility or phase. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(5); General Standard Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-GS-02	At least 90 days prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable (unless otherwise agreed to by the Department), the certificate holder shall submit to the Department a compliance plan documenting and demonstrating actions completed or to be completed to satisfy the requirements of all site certificate terms and conditions and applicable statutes and rules. The plan shall be provided to the Department for review and compliance determination for each requirement. The Department may request additional information or evaluation deemed necessary to demonstrate compliance. [OAR 345-026-0048, General Standard Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
PRE-OE-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall notify the Department of the identity and qualifications of the major design, engineering and construction contractor(s). The certificate holder shall select contractors that have substantial experience in the design, engineering and construction of similar facilities. The certificate holder shall report to the Department any changes of major contractors. [Organizational Expertise Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall select a construction contractor with a low rate of historic environmental and safety compliance citations. Certificate holder shall provide the following documentation to the Department: a. Qualifications and contact information of the of the major design, engineering and construction contractor(s) and subcontractors, as applicable. b. Construction contractor compliance history. c. Contract excerpt affirming that contractors are required to comply with the terms and conditions of the site certificate, including selecting design layout and construction materials that minimize impacts to resources protected under Council standards. [Organizational Expertise Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the certificate holder's construction manager.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Organizational Expertise Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Provide the Department a list of federal, state and local permits, including any third-party permits related to facility siting; and a schedule for obtaining identified permits. b. Once obtained, provide copies of all permits, including third-party permits, required for facility siting to the Department. [Organizational Expertise Condition 12; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Structural (SS) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRE-SS-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit a site-specific geotechnical investigation report, consistent with the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners Guideline for Preparing Engineering Geologic Reports, or newer guidelines if available to the Department, for review in consultation with its third-party consultant. [Structural Standard Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRE-SP-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide a Vegetation and Grading Plan that demonstrates contractors are required to adhere to the following: a. Existing vegetation (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) and associated root systems shall be left intact to the maximum extent practicable. b. Grading within solar arrays shall be limited to areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances (typically 10% maximum on North slopes and 15% maximum in other directions). [Soil Protection Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-SP-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Obtain a NPDES 1200-C Pemit from DEQ. A copy of the approved permit and attached Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) must be submitted to the Department. b. Finalize the Fugitive Dust Control Plan, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment D. Finalization includes verification of names and contact information of individuals responsible for implementation, measures to be implemented and forms to be used for monitoring and reporting. [Soil Protection Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-SP-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must submit to the Department a Construction Spill Prevention Countermeasures and Control (SPCC) Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	

Condition Number	**Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions**
PRE-LU-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must provide to the Department a copy of the approved Conditional Use Permit and applicable Zoning Permit(s). [Land Use Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-02	Prior to construction of the 230 kV transmission line~~s~~, the certificate holder shall demonstrate to the Department that the transmission line~~s~~ will be sited within the exiting road rights-of-way, unless Morrow County Public Works Department and Oregon Department of Transportation, as applicable, confirm that use of the existing road rights-of-way is not feasible. [Land Use Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the draft Noxious Weed Control Plan, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment E, and submit to the Department for review and approval in consultation with the Morrow County Weed Department. [Land Use Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must submit an executed document prohibiting the certificate holder, and the certificate holder's successors in interest, from pursuing a claim for relief or cause of action alleging injury from farming or forest practices as defined in ORS 30.930(2) and (4), and provide evidence that the document has been recorded in the deed records for Morrow County. [Land Use Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-05	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall demonstrate that the final design adheres to the following setbacks: a. All facility structures and above-ground components except the perimeter fenceline must be sited: 1. At least 20 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way of a local minor collector or marginal access street, including but not limited to Sand Hollow Road, Grieb Lane, Alpine Lane, Doherty Road, or Melville Road. 2. At least 30 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way, of a major collector, including but not limited to, Bombing Range Road. 3. At least 80 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way for an arterial road, including but not limited to State Highway 207. b. All facility structures, and all on-site septic systems or other sewage disposal systems must be set back at least 100 feet from delineated waterways. [Land Use Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-06	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit a final site plan that includes all information required by MCZO 4.165.E to the County and the Department. The Department may defer review and approval to the County. [Land Use Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
PRE-LU-07	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must complete the preconstruction requirements identified in the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment F, or subsequently amended. [Land Use Condition 11; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
PRE-RF-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon, through the Council, a bond or letter of credit naming the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as beneficiary or payee. The approved bond or letter of credit amount of $24,690,693 ~~117,945,000~~ (~~Q1~~ Q3 ~~2023~~ 2025 dollars) may be adjusted based on the design configuration of the facility, or phase of the facility, as provided in Sub(a) and adjusted to the year and quarter of issuance as provided under Sub(b). a. The bond or letter of credit amount may be adjusted based on actual design/number of components of the facility or phase, as applicable, and shall use the same unit costs and contingencies presented in the Final Order on ~~the ASC~~ Sunstone Solar RFA1Table 5~~8~~. b. Adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation. c. The bond or letter of credit must be issued by a financial institution that is included on the Council's pre-approved financial institution list. The certificate holder may request to have a financial institution added to the list at any time. d. The bond or letter of credit must be prepared using the most recent Council-approved template. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 4; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, based on Attachment G of the Final Order on the ASC, and submit to the Department for review and approval. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 1]
PRE-FW-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit the draft legal agreement for review and approval by the Department, in consultation with ODFW. The legal agreement shall ensure that payment provided for long-term management and enhancement of the mitigation area is adequate to cover the permanent habitat loss from the facility.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Fish and Wildlife Condition 4, Final Order on ASC]
PRE-FW-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Habitat Mitigation Plan, as provided in Attachment H of the Final Order on ASC, based on the impacts associated with the final facility design and the legal agreement, as approved by the Department. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 5, Final Order on ASC]
PRE-FW-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department that the design measures included in the Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Final Order on ASC Attachment I) have been included in the final facility design and construction contractor contracts, as applicable. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Threatened and Endangered Species (TE) [OAR 345-022-0070]	
PRE-TE-01	If construction commences after April 2025, certificate holder shall, prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, conduct protocol-level Washington ground squirrel (WAGS) surveys within areas of planned facility construction that are within suitable WAGS habitat. The certificate holder shall: a. Submit a protocol-level survey plan for surveys to be conducted within suitable WAGS habitat, for review and approval by the Department in consultation with ODFW. At a minimum, the survey plan shall specify the survey area (all areas of suitable habitat within 1,000 feet of ground disturbing activities except where there is a habitat barrier (e.g., a paved road) or access restrictions); and survey timing (February 15 to May 31, unless otherwise approved by ODFW). b. Complete protocol-level WAGS surveys based on the protocol approved per (a). c. Submit survey reports to the Department and ODFW. The certificate holder shall not begin construction within 1,000 feet of Category 1 or Category 2 WAGS habitat until the identified boundaries of Category 1 WAGS habitat have been approved by the Department, in consultation with ODFW. Category 1 habitat includes a 785-foot buffer from an identified active burrow, and the area within the perimeter of multiple active burrows. Category 2 WAGS habitat consists of a 4,136-foot buffer from the exterior boundary of all Category 1 WAGS habitat. The survey results are valid for 3-years. d. Develop maps and worker training materials to inform of sensitive Category 1 and Category 2 habitat. Submit to the Department final facility design maps demonstrating that Category 1 habitat, including 785-buffer from any colonies identified per (b), is avoided. e. Install flagging or other demarcation, as appropriate, to inform workers of sensitive WGS habitat and of avoidance requirement. [Threatened and Endangered Species Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
PRE-HC-01	Prior to construction of the facility, or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall update the contact information provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment K, Inadvertent Discovery Plan. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Public Services (PS) [OAR 345-022-0100]	
PRE-PS-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall execute a final Road Use Agreement, based on Final Order on ASC Attachment N, and provide a copy to the Department. [Public Services Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]
PRE-PS-02	At least 180-days prior to construction of any phase, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department and Morrow County a temporary housing plan for the construction workforce. The plan shall provide for coordination with contractors and local officials on housing options and strategies to minimize impacts to local housing supply based on an ongoing evaluation of patterns of uses and potential shortages or changes in housing demand. [Public Services Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
PRE-WF-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan, as provided in Attachment L to the Final Order on ASC. The final Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
PRE-WM-01	Prior to construction of the facility, or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require contractors to develop and submit to the Department for review and approval, Construction Waste Management Plan(s) that, at a minimum, include the following: a. All sources and quantities of construction waste and wastewater, including damaged or dysfunctional energy facility components, and where feasible, estimated quantities that can be recycled. b. Process for disposal and recycling, including use of licensed haulers and disposal/recycling facilities; names and locations of licensed recycling and disposal facilities; collection, hauling and tracking requirements. c. Process for requesting a permit exemption from DEQ pursuant to OAR 340-093-0080 to ensure that concrete washout materials reused in foundation backfill are substantially the same as clean fill. d. Process for training workers and tracking compliance with the requirements of the plan. [Waste Minimization Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Noise Control Regulations (NC) [OAR 340-035-0035]	

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
PRE-NC-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall demonstrate that the operational noise levels comply with OAR 345-035-0035(1)(b), based on an updated acoustic modeling analysis using final design/layout and equipment specifications. [Noise Control Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Removal-Fill (WL)	
PRE-WL-01	Prior to construction of the facility, facility component or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must provide documentation of a valid jurisdictional determination from the Oregon Department of State Lands demonstrating that no waterways subject to the State Removal-Fill law under ORS 196.795 through 196.990 are present within areas to be disturbed during construction or operation. [Removal-Fill Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
PRE-WR-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Identify all water-related needs and estimate daily and annual water demand for each construction phase, as applicable. b. Provide, to the Department, a contract or purchase agreement demonstrating that adequate water supply to meet construction demand has been secured from sources with valid water rights. [Water Rights Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]

5.4 Construction (CON) Conditions

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
CON-OE-01	The certificate holder shall contractually require all contractors and subcontractors to comply with all applicable laws and regulations and with the terms and conditions of the site certificate. The contractual obligation shall be required of each contractor and subcontractor prior to that firm working on the facility. Such contractual provisions shall not operate to relieve the certificate holder of responsibility under the site certificate. [Organizational Expertise Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
CON-OE-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall: a. Maintain an onsite construction manager. b. Require that the construction manager implement and monitor all applicable construction related site certificate conditions. c. Within six months after beginning construction, and every six months thereafter during construction of the energy facility and related or supporting facilities, the certificate holder shall submit a semiannual construction progress report to the Department. In each construction progress report, the certificate holder shall describe any significant changes to major milestones for construction. The certificate holder shall report on the progress of construction and shall address the following: i. Facility Status: An overview of site conditions, the status of facilities under construction and a summary of the operating experience of facilities that are in operation. The certificate holder shall describe any unusual events, such as earthquakes, extraordinary windstorms, major accidents or the like that occurred during the year and that had a significant adverse impact on the facility. ii. Status of Surety Information: Documentation demonstrating that bonds or letters of credit as described in the site certificate are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect for the term of the next reporting period. iii. Compliance Report: A report describing the certificate holder's compliance with all site certificate conditions that are applicable during the reporting period. For ease of review, the certificate holder shall, in this section of the report, use numbered subparagraphs corresponding to the applicable sections of the site certificate. iv. Facility Modification Report: A summary of changes to the facility that the certificate holder has made during the reporting period without an amendment of the site certificate in accordance with OAR 345-027-0050. [Organizational Expertise Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
CON-SP-01	During construction, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require that contractors adhere to the requirements of the Vegetation and Grading Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-SP-02	During construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Conduct all work in compliance with the NPDES 1200-C Permit and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) or revised ESCP if applicable. The ESCP shall be revised if determined necessary by the certificate holder, certificate holder's contractor(s) or the Department. Any Department-required ESCP revisions shall be implemented within 14-days, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department based on a good faith effort to address erosion issues. b. Conduct all work in compliance with the Fugitive Dust Control Plan. The Fugitive Dust Control Plan may be amended, as needed, to ensure that control measures are effective at the site. [Soil Protection Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
CON-SP-03	During construction, the certificate holder shall require that all onsite contractors and personnel adhere to the requirements of the SPCC Plan. Any SPCC revisions and updates shall be reported to the Department. [Soil Protection Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	
CON-LU-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Noxious Weed Control Plan required under Condition PRE-LU-02. [Land Use Condition 4, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
CON-RF-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall: a. Describe the status of the bond or letter of credit in the semi-annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. b. If construction extends for more than 12 months, the certificate holder shall adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit on an annual basis thereafter as described in under Condition PRE-RF-01. c. The Department and Council reserve the right to adjust the contingencies, as necessary to ensure that costs to restore the site are adequate. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
CON-FW-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, as applicable. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 2, Final Order on ASC]
CON-FW-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Attachment I of the Final Order on the ASC). Monitoring records shall be maintained throughout construction and included in the semi-annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
STANDARD: Threatened and Endangered Species (TE) [OAR 345-022-0070]	
CON-TE-01	Prior to and during construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, any incidentally identified occurrence(s) of Lawrence's milkvetch shall be avoided using a 100-foot buffer via mapping and flagging. [Threatened and Endangered Species Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
CON-HC-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall require all onsite employees and contractors to implement and adhere to the requirements of the Inadvertent Discovery Plan, as submitted to the Department under PRE-HC-01. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Public Services (PS) [OAR 345-022-0100]	
CON-PS-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall adhere to the terms and conditions of the Road Use Agreement executed under PRE-PS-01. [Public Services Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-PS-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall report to the Department the outcomes of the work completed under the temporary housing plan required under PRE-PS-02. The report shall be included in the construction progress report required under CON-OE-02, and shall include, at a minimum: a. Outcome of coordination with construction contractors to identify housing options for incoming workers, including aggregate data on the location (i.e. city) and type of housing used by workers. b. Documentation of coordination with local officials such as the Morrow County Planning Department, nearby cities and towns such as Lexington and Ione, the Lexington Community Development Group, the Ione Community Agri-Business Organization, the Boardman Community Development Association, the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, and other housing providers to identify housing options and strategies to minimize that impacts to local housing supply. [Public Services Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
CON-WF-01	During construction of the facility of phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall implement and require all onsite contractors and employees to adhere to the Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan required under Condition PRE-WF-01. Updates to the Wildfire Mitigation Plan may be required if determined necessary by the certificate holder, certificate holder's contractor(s), or the Department to address wildfire hazard to public health and safety. Any Department required updates shall be implemented within 14 days, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department based on a good faith effort to address wildfire hazard. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
CON-WM-01	During construction, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require that contractors adhere to the requirements of the Construction Waste Management Plan(s) and maintain records of employee training and tracking compliance onsite and available upon Department request. [Waste Minimization Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-WM-02	During construction, on-site concrete washwater disposal is prohibited unless DEQ approval of a permit exemption for materials substantially similar to clean fill is obtained. If DEQ approval of a permit exemption is obtained, concrete washwater must be disposed of onsite via infiltration and evaporation in accordance with the DEQ-issued NPDES 1200-C permit required under Condition CON-SP-02. [Waste Minimization Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
CON-WR-01	During construction: a. All water used for construction activities shall be appropriated and used in accordance with the applicable provisions of ORS chapter 537 and OAR chapter 690. b. The certificate holder shall report the source and amount of water used during each month of construction under Condition CON-OE-02. The certificate holder shall maintain records adequate to substantiate reports (e.g., written logs and photographs of well meter readings, copies of invoices from water sources) and make such records available to the Department upon request. c. If a water right, limited water use license, or water rights transfer is needed and would not be obtained by a third-party, the certificate holder shall submit and obtain approval of the applicable water permit through the site certificate amendment process. [Water Rights Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]

5.5 Pre-Operational (PRO) Conditions

Condition Number	Pre-Operational (PRO) Conditions
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
PRO-OE-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the individuals responsible for monitoring facility operations, including individuals or third-party entity responsible for onsite maintenance. [Organizational Expertise Condition 10; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRO-SP-01	Following the termination of the 1200-C, the certificate holder shall update the requirements of the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, specific to the areas within the fenceline not occupied by facility infrastructure. Certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department that the permit was terminated by DEQ. [Soil Protection Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
PRO-SP-02	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall submit to the Department an Operational Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
PRO-WF-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall finalize the operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) included as Attachment M to the Final Order on ASC. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
PRO-WM-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall develop an Operational Recycling Plan or protocol requiring that damaged or nonfunctional panels and lithium-ion batteries be recycled to the extent practicable. The certificate holder shall report in its annual report to the Department the quantities of panels and lithium-ion batteries recycled, reused or disposed of in a landfill. Requirements for lithium-ion battery recycling do not apply if the BESS is not constructed. [Waste Minimization Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other - Water Rights (WR)	
PRO-WR-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall provide, to the Department, a copy of the map, well log and all other information it provided to OWRD pursuant to ORS 537.545 and ORS 537.765 to qualify for an exempt ground water use for any onsite exempt wells. [Water Rights Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]

5.6 Operational (OPR) Conditions

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
STANDARD: General Standard of Review (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
OPR-GS-01	The certificate holder must submit a legal description of the site to the Department within 90 days after beginning operation of the facility. The legal description must include a description of metes and bounds or a description of the site by reference to a map and geographic data that clearly and specifically identify the outer boundaries that contain all parts of the facility. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(2); General Standard Condition 9]
OPR-GS-02	After January 1 but no later than April 30 of each year after beginning operation of the facility, the certificate holder shall submit an annual report to the Department. The Council Secretary and the certificate holder may, by mutual agreement, change the reporting date. a. The annual report must include the following information for the calendar year preceding the date of the report: 1. Facility Status: An overview of site conditions, the status of facilities under construction and a summary of the operating experience of facilities that are in operation. The certificate holder shall describe any unusual events, such as earthquakes, extraordinary windstorms, major accidents or the like that occurred during the year and that had a significant adverse impact on the facility. 2. Reliability and Efficiency of Power Production: For electric power plants, the plant availability and capacity factors for the reporting year. The certificate holder shall describe any equipment failures or plant breakdowns that had a significant impact on those factors and shall describe any actions taken to prevent the recurrence of such problems. 3. Status of Surety Information: Documentation demonstrating that bonds or letters of credit as described in the site certificate are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect for the term of the next reporting period. 4. Monitoring Report: A list and description of all significant monitoring and mitigation activities performed during the previous year in accordance with site certificate terms and conditions, a summary of the results of those activities and a discussion of any significant changes to any monitoring or mitigation program, including the reason for any such changes. 5. Compliance Report: A report describing the certificate holder's compliance with all site certificate conditions that are applicable during the reporting period. For ease of review, the certificate holder shall, in this section of the report, use numbered subparagraphs corresponding to the applicable sections of the site certificate.

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	6. Facility Modification Report: A summary of changes to the facility that the certificate holder has made during the reporting period without an amendment of the site certificate in accordance with OAR 345-027-0350. b. To the extent that information required by this rule is contained in reports the certificate holder submits to other state, federal or local agencies, the certificate holder may submit excerpts from such other reports to satisfy this rule. The Council reserves the right to request full copies of such excerpted reports. [Mandatory Condition 345-026-0080(1); General Standard Condition 10, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
OPR-OE-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the individuals responsible for monitoring facility operations, including individuals or third-party entity responsible for onsite maintenance. [Organizational Expertise Condition 11; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
OPR-SP-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational SPCC Plan. Any SPCC updates shall be described and included in the Annual Report to the Department. Certificate holder shall report spill and cleanup activities to the Department within 72 hours and shall make inspection records available to the Department upon request. [Soil Protection Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	
OPR-LU-01	Following the fifth year of monitoring under the Noxious Weed Control Plan required under PRE-LU-03, the certificate holder shall submit a Long-term Noxious Weed Monitoring Plan to the Department, for review and approval. The certificate holder shall implement the plan for the remainder of the facility's operating life. [Land Use Condition 5, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
OPR-RF-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Annually adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation. b. Any changes to the template made by the Council must be incorporated into the bond or letter or letter of credit whenever the amount is adjusted under Sub(a). c. The Department and Council reserve the right to adjust the contingencies, as

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	necessary to ensure that costs to restore the site are adequate. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
OPR-FW-01	During operation, as applicable, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 3, Final Order on ASC]
OPR-FW-02	During operation, the certificate holder shall provide reports from The Nature Conservancy on the status of long-term management and enhancement of the habitat mitigation area, consistent with the Habitat Mitigation Plan. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 6, Final Order on ASC]
OPR-FW-03	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Attachment J of the Final Order on the ASC). Monitoring records shall be maintained throughout operation and included in the annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
OPR-HC-01	During operations, the certificate holder shall require all onsite employees and contractors to implement and adhere to the requirements of the Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP), as provided for Condition PRE-HC-01. The IDP shall be reviewed and updated annually for current contact information. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
OPR-WF-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Implement the Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan finalized under Condition PRO-WF-01. b. Every 5 years after the first operational year, review and update the evaluation of wildfire risk under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b) and submit the results in the annual report required under Condition CON-OE-02 for that year. c. Submit an updated Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan to the Department if substantive changes are made to the plan because of the review under sub (b) of this condition, or at any other time substantiative revisions are made. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
OPR-WM-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational Recycling Plan or protocol developed under Condition PRO-WM-01. [Waste Minimization Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
OPR-WM-02	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Prohibit use of chemicals, soaps, detergents and heated water unless Chemical Safety Data Sheets for low volatile organic compound/biodegradable cleaning chemicals and solvents are submitted to the Department for review and approval prior to use.

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	b. Ensure that washing is conducted in a manner that does not remove paint or other finishes. c. Discharge wash water through evaporation and infiltration only. [Waste Minimization Condition 6, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
OPR-WR-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall verify that any onsite exempt wells do not use more than 5,000 gallons of ground water a day, collectively, and shall monitor the volume of groundwater used on a daily basis, maintain a record of such use and make the monitoring records available to the Department upon request. [Water Rights Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]

5.7 Retirement (RET) Conditions

Condition Number	Retirement (RET) Conditions
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
RET-RF-01	The certificate holder must retire the facility if the certificate holder permanently ceases construction or operation of the facility. The certificate holder must retire the facility according to a final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0410. The certificate holder must pay the actual cost to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition at the time of retirement, notwithstanding the Council's approval in the site certificate of an estimated amount required to restore the site. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(9); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
RET-RF-02	If the Council finds that the certificate holder has permanently ceased construction or operation of the facility without retiring the facility according to a final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0410, the Council must notify the certificate holder and request that the certificate holder submit a proposed final retirement plan to the Department within a reasonable time not to exceed 90 days. If the certificate holder does not submit a proposed final retirement plan by the specified date, the Council may direct the Department to prepare a proposed final retirement plan for the Council's approval. Upon the Council's approval of the final retirement plan, the Council may draw on the bond or letter of credit described in Condition PRE-RF~~T~~-01 to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition according to the final retirement plan, in addition to any penalties the Council may impose under OAR chapter 345, division 29. If the amount of the bond or letter of credit is insufficient to pay the actual cost of retirement, the certificate holder must pay any additional cost necessary to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition. After completion of site restoration, the Council must issue an order to terminate the site certificate if the Council finds that the facility has been retired according to the approved final retirement plan. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(16); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]

6.0 Successors and Assigns

To transfer this site certificate or any portion thereof or to assign or dispose of it in any other manner, directly or indirectly, the certificate holder shall comply with OAR 345-027-0400.

7.0 Severability and Construction

If any provision of this agreement and certificate is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the agreement and certificate did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

8.0 Execution

This site certificate may be executed in counterparts and will become effective upon signature by the Chair of the Energy Facility Siting Council and the authorized representative of the certificate holder.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this site certificate has been executed by the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Energy Facility Siting Council and Sunstone Solar 1, LLC (certificate holder).

ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL	SUNSTONE SOLAR 1, LLC
By: ______________________________	By: ___________________________________
Kent Howe, Chair	XXX, Authorized Representative
Date: ____________________________	Date:_________________________________

ATTACHMENT 1: FIGURES

Figure 1: Regional Location of Facility ~~and Site Boundary~~

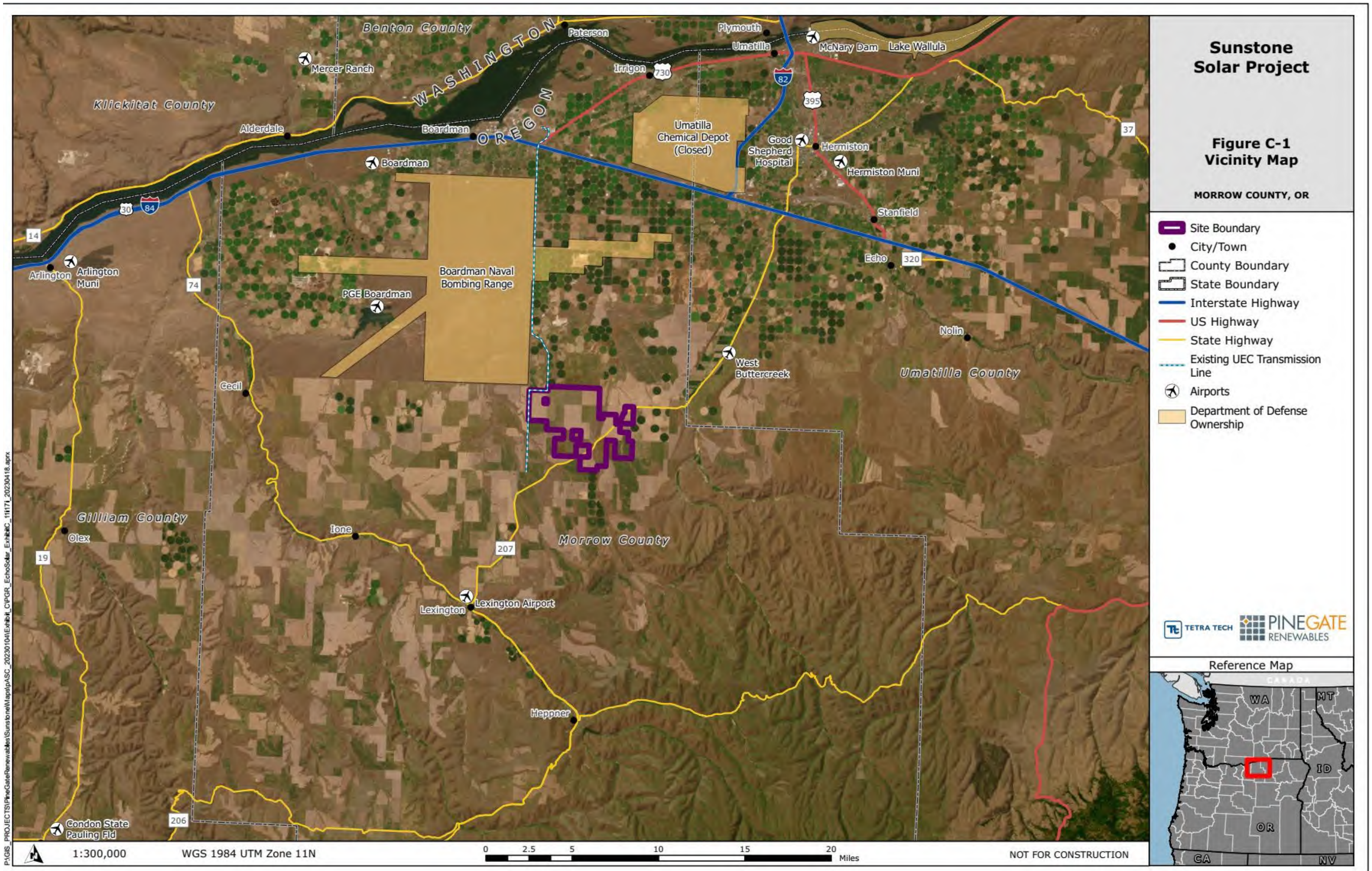


Figure 2: Original Site Boundary and RFA1 facility division (into six -facilities)

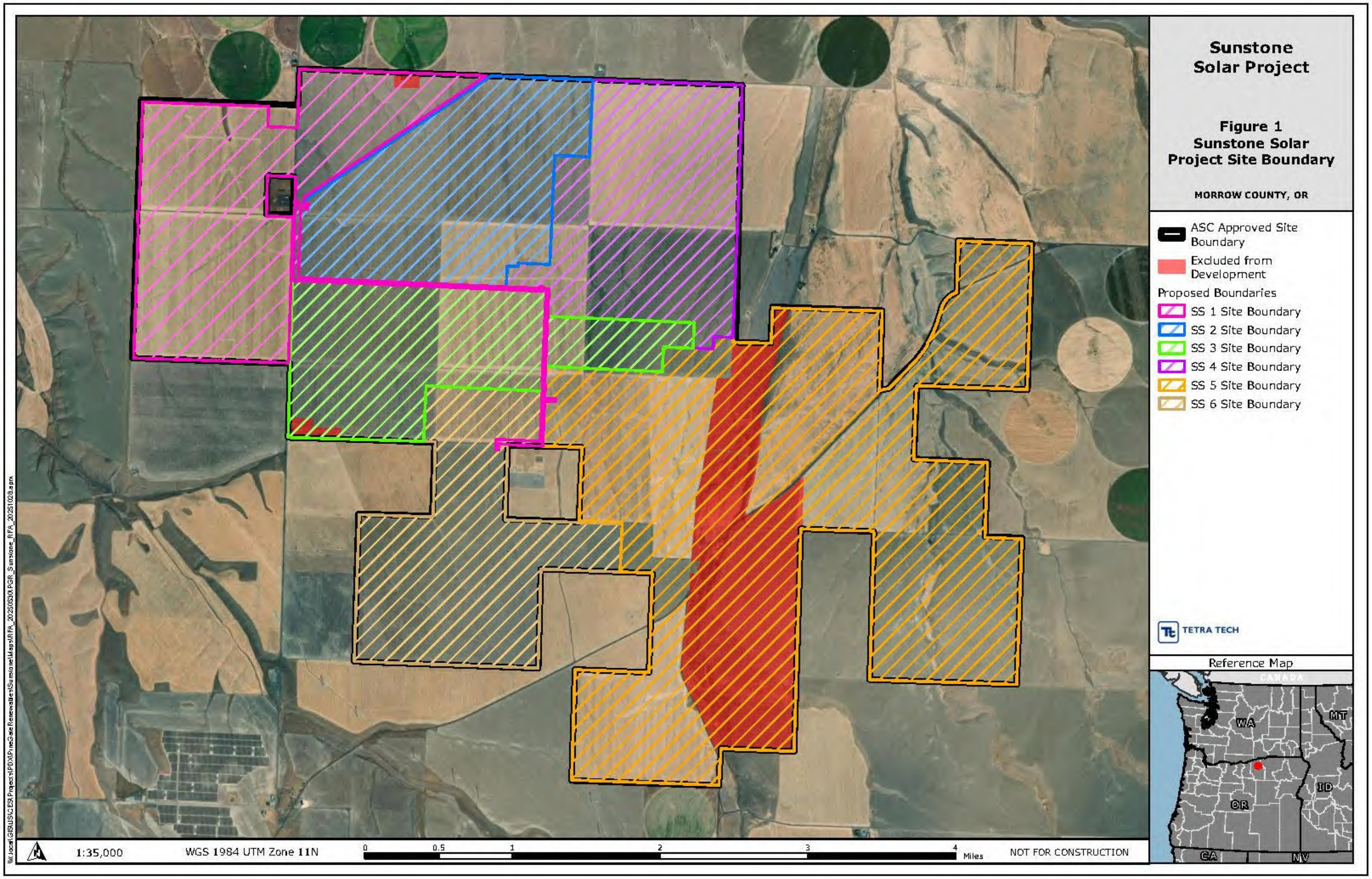
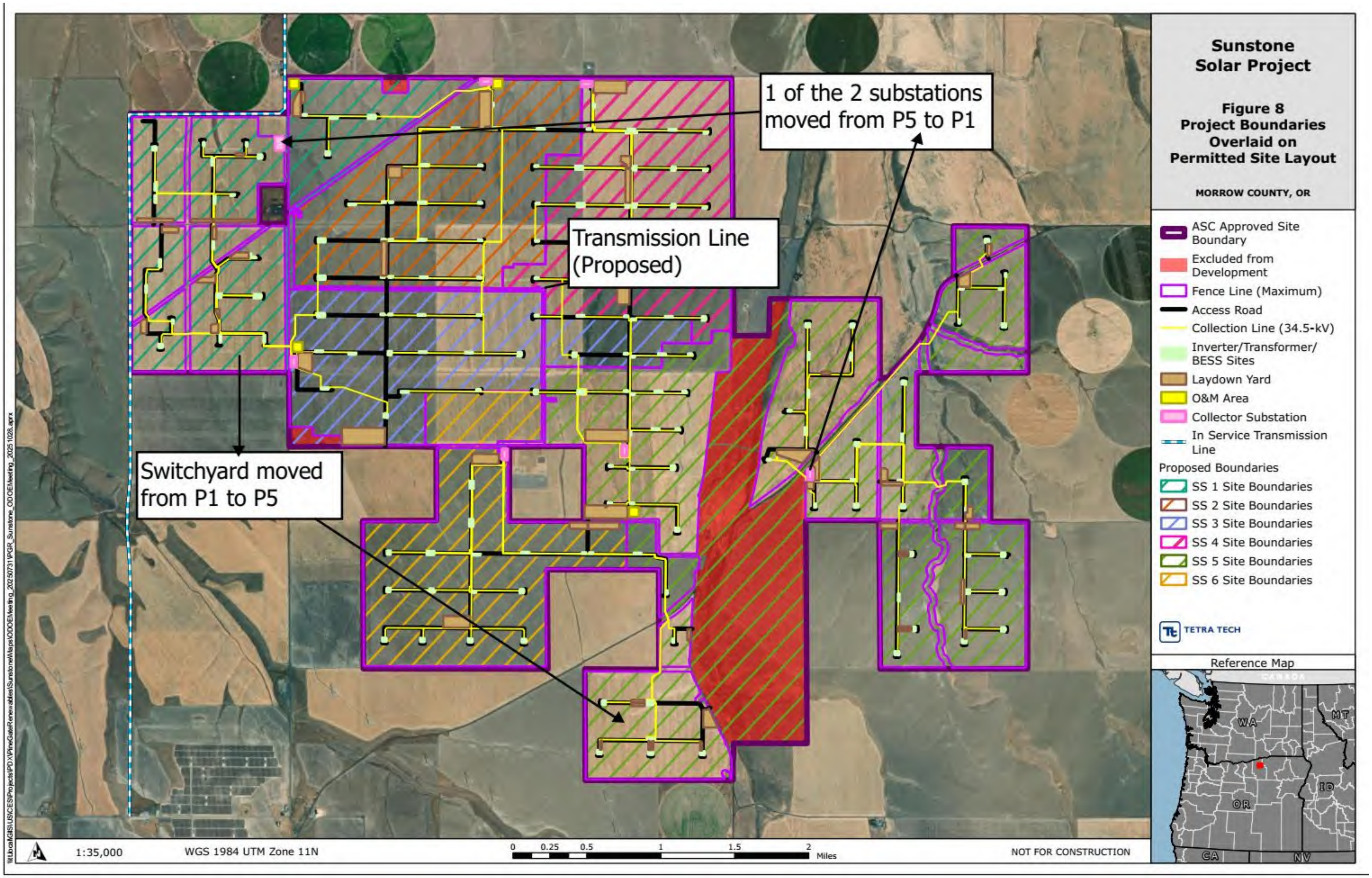


Figure 3: Sunstone Solar Project 1 (SS1) Site Boundary

Figure 4: SS1 Preliminary Facility Component Layout



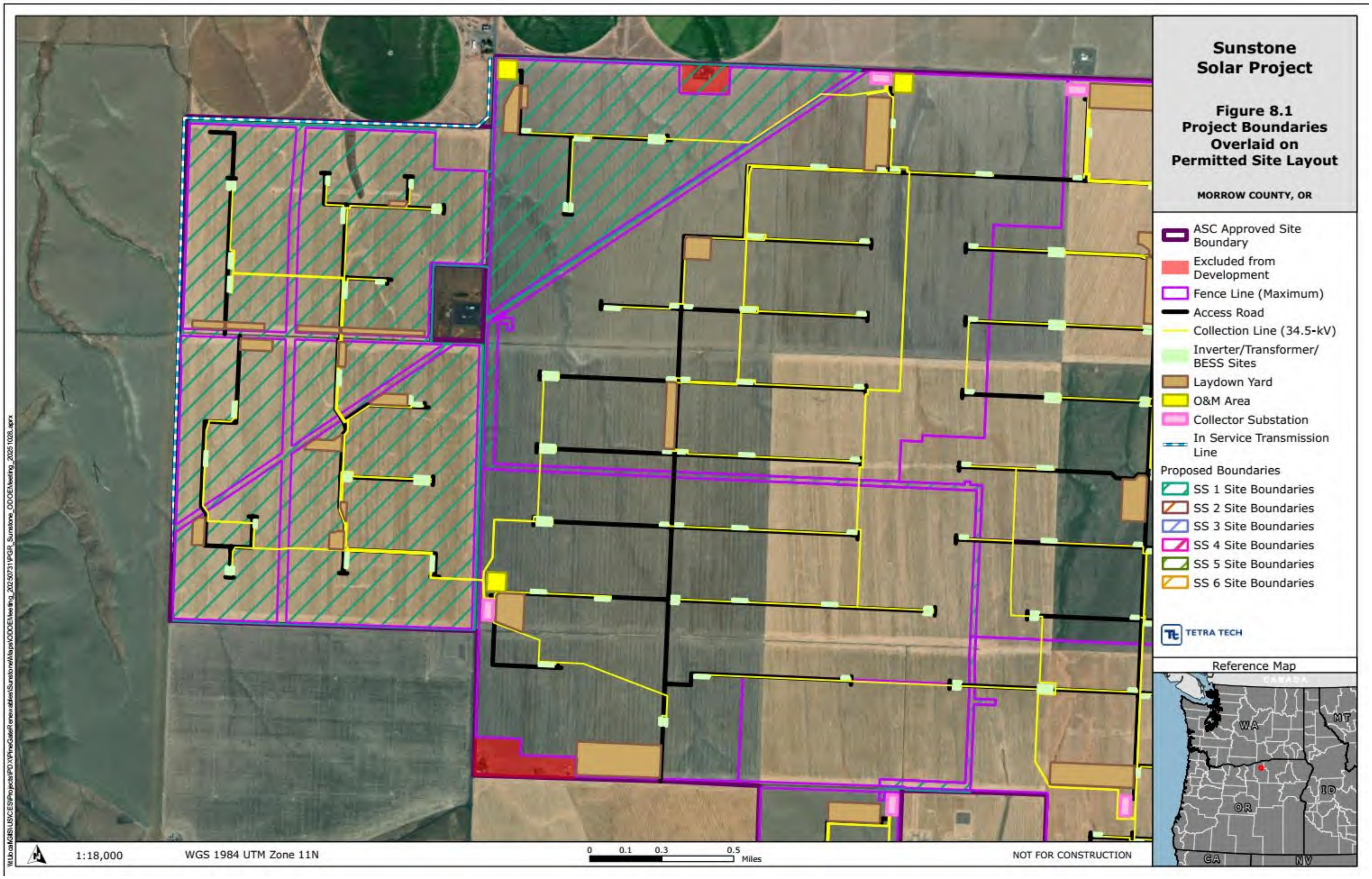


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Figure 8.1
Project Boundaries Overlaid on Permitted Site Layout
MORROW COUNTY, OR
ASC Approved Site Boundary
Excluded from Development
Fence Line (Maximum)
Access Road
Collection Line (34.5-kV)
Inverter/Transformer/BESS Sites
Laydown Yard
O&M Area
Collector Substation
In Service Transmission Line
Proposed Boundaries
SS 1 Site Boundaries
SS 2 Site Boundaries
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Attachment D: Draft Amended Fugitive Dust Control Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 1

Draft Fugitive Dust Control Plan

Prepared for

Sunstone Solar 1, LLC

Prepared by

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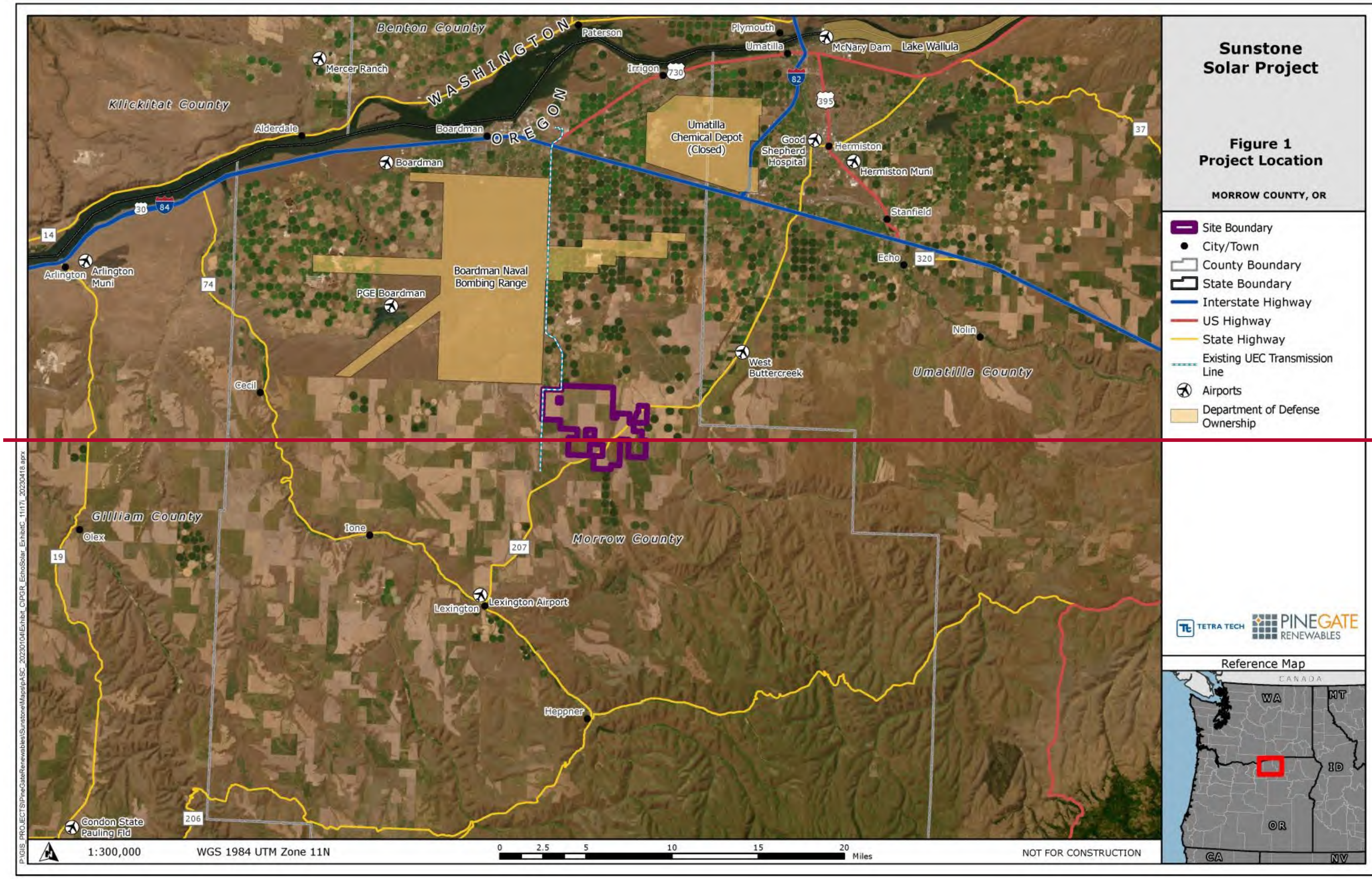
1.0 Introduction

This Fugitive Dust Control Plan (Plan) has been developed by Sunstone Solar 1, LLC (~~Sunstone Solar 1~~Certificate Holder), a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC, for the ~~proposed~~ approved Sunstone Solar Project 1 (Facility) in Morrow County, Oregon ~~(Figure 1)~~. The purpose of this Plan is to reduce fugitive dust emissions associated with construction-related activities of a photovoltaic energy generation facility with up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) alternating current and related or supporting facilities, as well as a 1,200 MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system. The majority of the site consists of a mix of fallow fields and fields in small grain production, primarily dryland wheat; no farmlands within the site boundary receive irrigation (the application of water to land for purposes of growing agricultural products; Sunstone Solar 2024~~3a~~). This Plan summarizes the sources of and regulatory issues that relate to fugitive dust emissions; identifies responsibilities, monitoring, and training; and provides reasonable available control methods for fugitive dust in a table for easy reference in the field (Attachment 1).

This is an owner-imposed Plan that is expected to be implemented, maintained, and adaptively managed by the selected contractor throughout all phases of construction. The performance criteria and suggested measures identified in this Plan are minimums, and the contractor is expected to identify and implement additional measures as needed to fully meet all regulatory and public safety performance criteria. As identified in this Plan, the contractor may propose alternative approaches for consideration by the owner.

1.1 Fugitive Dust Sources

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey identified five~~13~~ major soil types within the project area (NRCS 2025~~3; see Sunstone Solar 2023b~~). Approximately 99~~64~~ percent of the site is composed of Warden silt loam ~~(Sunstone Solar 2023a)~~, which is moderately or severely susceptible to erosion from ground disturbance, wind, and vehicle traffic on unpaved roads due to its composition of hemic organic soil materials and very fine sand (~~Sunstone Solar 2023b;~~ NRCS 2025, NRCS 2011). ~~Additionally, 20 percent of the site is composed of Ritzville silt loam, which is also moderately or severely susceptible to erosion from ground disturbance, wind, and vehicle traffic due to its composition of silt and fibric organic material (Sunstone Solar 2023b; NRCS 2011).~~ Due to their composition, the retention of moisture in these sediments is thus restricted. Furthermore, these sediment particles have a low resistance to dust propagation and would be transported or drift to adjacent lands due to the lack of water through irrigation; thus, these soils are considered at high risk for fugitive dust.



~~Figure 1. Project Location~~

Fugitive dust can arise from a variety of construction and operational activities associated with solar development. The sources can be grouped into three general categories: dust created from ground-disturbing activities such as clearing and grading, dust created from wind action on bare soils and stockpiles such as those not fully stabilized post-construction with either vegetation or a tackifier, and dust created from traffic on unpaved roads. Sediment is the basis for fugitive dust, meaning that sediment particles can become fugitive dust if they are windborne. Therefore, the thresholds for treating sediment and erosion on the site will be similar if not the same as the thresholds for treating fugitive dust. Maintaining existing vegetation and root systems is the single most effective method for avoiding fugitive dust and sediment. Where existing vegetation and root systems are disturbed, quickly reestablishing vegetation is critical.

1.2 Regulatory Compliance

Fugitive dust is a source of particulate matter with a mean diameter less than 10 microns (PM_{10}) which is one of the seven air pollutants the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). To a lesser extent, fugitive dust is a source of particulate matter with a mean diameter less than 2.5 microns ($PM_{2.5}$), which has proposed regulations pending under NAAQS. These soil particles are very small, can remain suspended in the air for long periods of time, and are easily inhaled into the lungs. Increased risks of death and disease have been linked to periods of high outdoor PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations. These fine particles can potentially be lifted thousands of feet into the atmosphere and transported across continents and oceans creating global health, ecological, and climate change impacts.

The EPA shares responsibility with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) for the implementation of Clean Air Act (CAA) criteria in Oregon. ODEQ implements the CAA rules under the EPA-approved Oregon Administrative Rules (Chapter 340, Division 21 General Emission Standards for Particulate Matter). Fugitive dust is the primary concern related to the CAA at the Project. Fugitive dust is defined by ODEQ as dust that visibly leaves the project site for a period of more than **18 seconds in a 6-minute period,** determined by the attached EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019) at the downwind property boundary (Oregon Administrative Rules [OAR] 340-208-0210 (2)-a and -b).

The ODEQ Rule 340-208-0210 contains the following requirements for fugitive dust:

- Reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of water or other chemicals to control dust during construction, on unpaved roads, and during the transport of materials; enclosure of materials stockpiles and covering of open-body trucks; and prompt removal from paved streets of earth or other material.
- If fugitive dust is discovered, ODEQ may require the Facility to cease work until the fugitive dust emissions are controlled. Emissions are considered controlled when fugitive dust is no longer leaving the Facility site for more than 18 seconds in a 6-minute period.

Further, ODEQ Rule 340-208-0300 specifies that it is prohibited to cause or allow any air contaminants (e.g., fugitive dust) to create a nuisance. If ODEQ determines that a nuisance has been created, the agency may pursue informal or formal enforcement actions to abate the nuisance.

A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction Stormwater Discharge Permit (Oregon 1200-C Construction Stormwater Permit), pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 468.050 and Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act, will be obtained from ODEQ. This permit requires the permit holder to "Prevent wind-blown soil and dust from areas with exposed soil through the appropriate application of water or other dust suppression techniques to control the generation of pollutants that could be discharged in stormwater from the site" (Section 2.2.9) and requires permit holders to implement measures including monitoring, record keeping, reporting of exceedances, and installation, maintenance, and adaptive management of best management practices (BMPs) to control both stormwater and fugitive dust discharges. Implementation of these measures is intended to reduce fugitive dust to a negligible impact and ensure compliance with applicable air quality regulations.

The Morrow County Code regulates nuisances through the Oregon State Statute Chapter 203. Controlling fugitive dust emissions is required to avoid creating a public nuisance, which is defined as "any thing, substance, or act that is a threat to the public health, safety or welfare" (Morrow County Code Enforcement Ordinance ORD-2021-4).

2.0 Fugitive Dust Control Plan

2.1 Responsibility

The expectation is that the Contractor will implement and adaptively manage this Plan, controlling fugitive dust emissions and meeting all regulatory and public safety performance criteria throughout construction. As described in Section 1.2 above, the holder of the Oregon 1200-C permit is required to control fugitive dust emissions, including ensuring compliance by all subcontractors and outside service providers.

If the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ identifies that the regulatory and public safety performance criteria are not being met, the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ will implement enforcement measures, including but not limited to:

- Issuance of a Non-Conformance and/or Non-Compliance Report.
- Contractor to prepare and submit a corrective action plan.
- Contractor to document corrective actions taken and performance criteria met.
- Partial or full stoppage of work on site through activation of shut-down clause in contract.
- At ~~Sunstone Solar's~~the Certificate Holder's sole discretion, an outside contractor may be contracted to implement corrective actions, to be reimbursed by the Contractor.

Additionally, the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ may establish a Community Action Council to create an open and ongoing pathway for communication with stakeholders for the Project, including controlling fugitive dust emissions and avoiding the creation of nuisances. The Community Action Council could include representatives from the Morrow County Commissioners' Office, Morrow County Planning Department, Oregon Department of Transportation, and neighboring landowners. The Contractor will work with the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ to determine whether this Community Action Council will be established, and if so, the details of its establishment.

2.2 Monitoring

As required by the 1200-C permit, the permit holder will perform visual monitoring and recordkeeping by a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control or Storm Water Quality Inspector (inspector). The Contractor's construction site manager and inspector will be responsible for ensuring that the measures in this Plan are implemented, monitored, and adaptively managed, and that any exceedances are immediately reported to the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~.

The visual monitoring required by the 1200-C permit must occur at least once every 14 calendar days. However, because OAR 340-208-0210 restricts visible fugitive emissions on a continuous standard to a maximum of 18 seconds in a given 6-minute period, and because fugitive dust emissions may provide an immediate public safety concern in this location, this Plan requires that fugitive dust be monitored and controlled on an ongoing basis.

Monitoring for fugitive dust emissions shall include:

- Use of EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019; see Attachment 2) as specified in OAR 340-208-0210, at least once a day.
- The observation shall be performed during times of peak construction activity at the downwind property boundary.
- Recording of observations in a fugitive dust inspection log that is kept on site and shall be available digitally to the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~. This log shall include all information required in EPA Method 22 and shall also include photos and/or video taken during the observation period to document conditions.
- Installation and operation of a weather station, recording (at a minimum) wind speed and direction.

Triggers for additional, more frequent monitoring will include:

- Observation of visible fugitive dust emissions by Contractor, agency, or the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~ staff.
- Request by a member of the Community Action Council established by the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~.
- Wind speeds greater than 15 miles per hour.

- Receipt of complaints or concerns through the Project Dust Control Hotline.

2.3 Training

EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019) does not require a specific certification, but it is necessary that the person responsible for observations completed for this method be knowledgeable with respect to the general procedures for determining the presence of visible emissions. At a minimum, the observer must be trained and knowledgeable regarding the effects of background contrast, ambient lighting, observer position relative to lighting, wind, and the presence of uncombined water (condensing water vapor) on the visibility of emissions. This training is to be obtained from written materials found in the references cited in Method 22 (EPA 2019) or from the lecture portion of the EPA Method 9 certification course. The Contractor shall document in the inspection log how the person responsible for observations meets this requirement.

Construction workers will attend a Worker Environmental Awareness Program training prior to conducting construction activities. This training will include a summary of fugitive dust control measures included in this Plan and the responsibilities of personnel working on the Facility related to fugitive dust control.

2.4 Fugitive Dust Prevention and Management

This document and the attached table are intended to provide guidance to construction personnel on measures intended to minimize impacts and control fugitive dust emissions during construction. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to monitor and adaptively manage the site to maintain compliance with all local, state, and federal requirements. Additionally, this Plan is supplemental to the Contractor's Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and does not substitute for any requirements of ODEQ or other agencies.

This Plan is performance-based. As shown in the flow chart in Figure 1~~2~~, if fugitive dust emissions in excess of the ODEQ criteria of **18 seconds in a 6-minute period** occur, the Contractor shall:

- Implement adaptive management actions, including altering work operations and/or pause work until the fugitive dust emissions are controlled.
- Document that fugitive dust emissions have been controlled, including monitoring with EPA Method 22.
- In addition to any reporting requirements required in the 1200-C permit, report noncompliance incidents and adaptive management actions taken by the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ within 24 hours of occurrence.

The Contractor shall maintain and implement this Plan during all phases of construction. The table in Attachment 1 provides suggested Reasonable Available Control Measures (RACMs) for anticipated fugitive dust sources based on industry-standard BMPs and reasonable precautions specified in the Oregon 1200-C permit, ODEQ's Construction Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual (Manual) (ODEQ 2021), and OAR 340-208-0210. Supplemental RACMs are

identified in the table in case initial RACMs are not effective in controlling fugitive dust or are not feasible to implement (Attachment 1).

The Contractor shall identify and implement additional RACMs as needed to control fugitive dust emissions. Additionally, the Contractor may propose alternative approaches and RACMs for controlling fugitive dust. This proposal shall be made in writing and is subject to the approval of the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~.

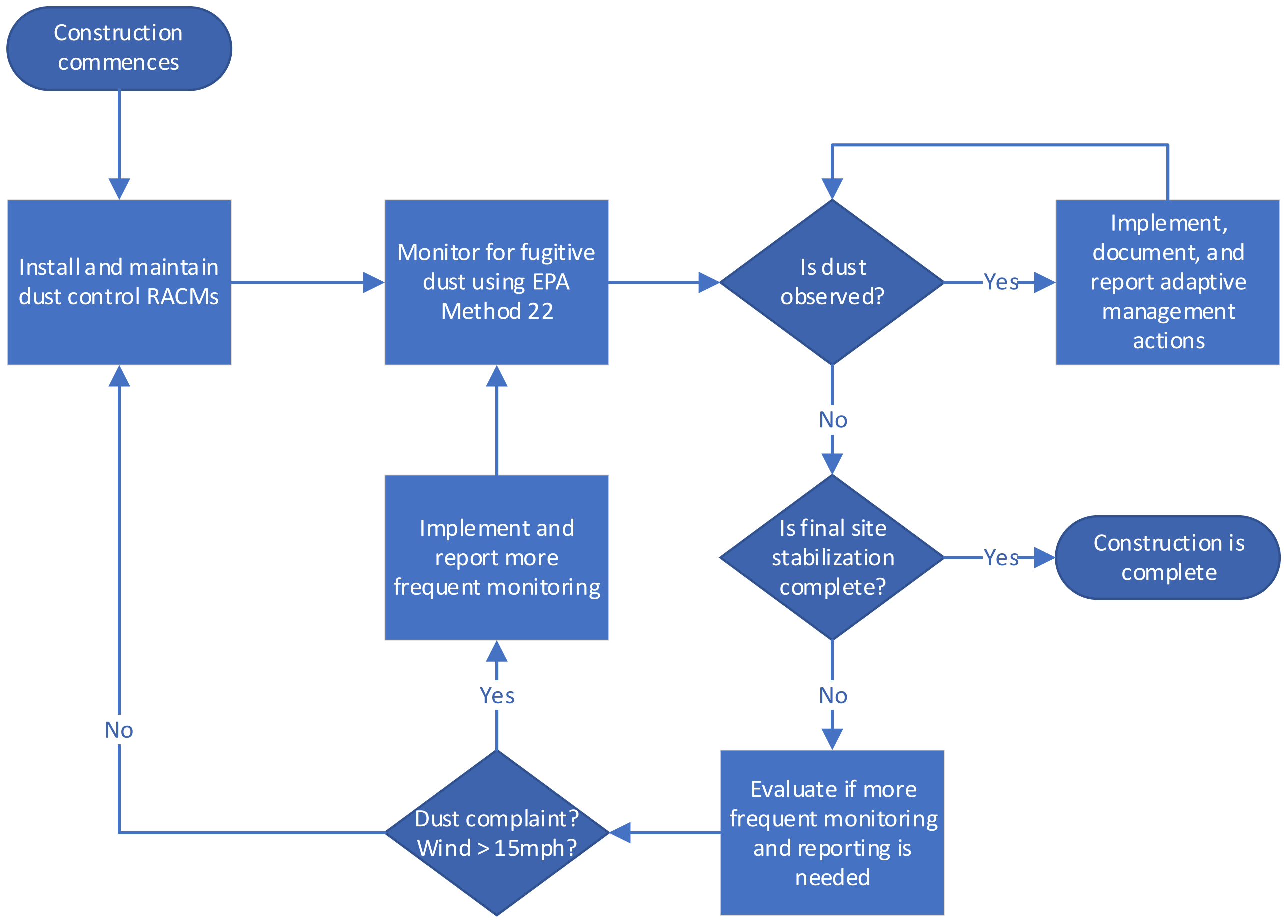


Figure 1. Dust Control Plan Flow Chart

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Attachment 1: Fugitive Dust Sources and Reasonable Available Control Measures

~~Sunstone Solar:~~ Fugitive Dust Sources and Reasonable Available Control Measures

Construction Phase	RACM(s)	Supplemental RACM(s)
All Phases of Construction	Daily fugitive dust monitoring and record keeping.	Increase frequency of monitoring.
	Prominent display of Dust Control Hotline signs, providing direct access to the Contractor's site manager or inspector.	If established, proactive engagement with Community Action Council.
	If established, Worker Environmental Awareness Program training for all construction employees.	Additional trainings and refreshers for employees.
	Maintain stockpile of BMPs on site, including sufficient palliatives for a single treatment of all site access roads and sufficient palliatives, mulch, and/or hydromulch for a minimum of 25 percent of the total disturbed area, and machinery for application.	Increase stockpile of palliatives, mulch, and/or hydromulch and add additional BMPs.
	Documentation and reporting of adaptive management actions.	Development and submittal of revised Fugitive Dust Control Plan.
Site Access	Install and maintain stabilized construction entrances at ingress/egress locations and restrict traffic to these locations.	Add additional construction entrance BMPs (e.g., wheel wash).
	Daily sweeping up of sediment from paved surfaces utilizing vacuum sweeper with HEPA filtration.	Increase sweeper frequency.
	Access roads shall be graveled.	Road maintenance and reapplication of gravel.
	Access roads will be stabilized with water or palliative sufficient to eliminate visible and sustained dust from vehicular travel and wind erosion. Reapply stabilization as necessary to maintain dust-free condition.	If water is unavailable or ineffective, or if water use is limited by any agency or regulation, access roads will be stabilized with longer-lasting palliatives.
	Restrict construction traffic to established and stabilized access routes.	Install fencing or barricades to prevent traffic outside of established routes.
	Limit traffic speeds to 15 miles per hour on stabilized unpaved roads within the site as long as such speeds do not create significant visible dust emissions. Traffic speed signs shall be displayed prominently at all site entrances and exits.	Limit traffic speeds within the site to 5 or 10 miles per hour.

Construction Phase	RACM(s)	Supplemental RACM(s)
Clearing, Grading, and Unstable Surfaces	Maintain the natural topography and vegetation of the site to the extent possible, including by limited grading and limited establishment of temporary access roads.	Reduce area being actively worked and stabilize unworked areas.
	Phase construction to expose the minimum amount of soil necessary.	Increase construction phasing to further minimize exposed soil.
	Leave existing vegetation intact to the extent possible.	Utilize mowing and rolling techniques to maintain plant root systems for soil stabilization.
	Minimize disturbance areas and soil exposure to the maximum extent feasible.	Limit work to a portion of the disturbed area until all disturbed areas receive temporary or final stabilization.
	When wind speeds exceed 15 miles per hour, minimize new disturbances to the extent possible and/or mobilize additional water trucks or palliatives to minimize fugitive dust from exposed surfaces.	Stop all ground disturbing activities and apply additional dust control measures until measures are effective or wind speeds slow and fugitive emissions stop.
	Separate and cover topsoil.	Increase maintenance frequency for topsoil cover. Combine methods, such as mulch plus tackifier.
	Stabilize exposed soils within the timeframes established in the 1200-C permit. Stabilize exposed soils in stages based on site conditions and weather.	Stabilize exposed soils more frequently, even if additional work is anticipated within the timeframe established in the 1200-C permit. Reapply stabilization measures following any additional disturbances.
	Temporarily stabilize exposed surfaces to prohibit significant and sustained visible fugitive dust from wind erosion. Utilize BMPs such as mulch, hydromulch with or without seeds, tackifier, spreading stone or gravel, and trackwalking.	Combine stabilization methods, such as mulch plus tackifier, or trackwalking plus hydromulch. Increase frequency of maintenance of stabilization.
	Seed exposed surfaces during the appropriate season with approved temporary or permanent seed mixes.	Reapply seed to newly disturbed areas or areas with poor germination. Use temporary seeding even if additional work is anticipated before final stabilization. Use irrigation to enhance seeding success.
	Gate seals should be tight on dump trucks. Soil load shall be kept below 6 inches of the freeboard of the truck. Drop heights shall be minimized when loaders dump soil into trucks.	Cover haul trucks with a tarp or other suitable cover.

Attachment 2: EPA Method 22

State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

OAR 340-208-0210
EPA Method 22

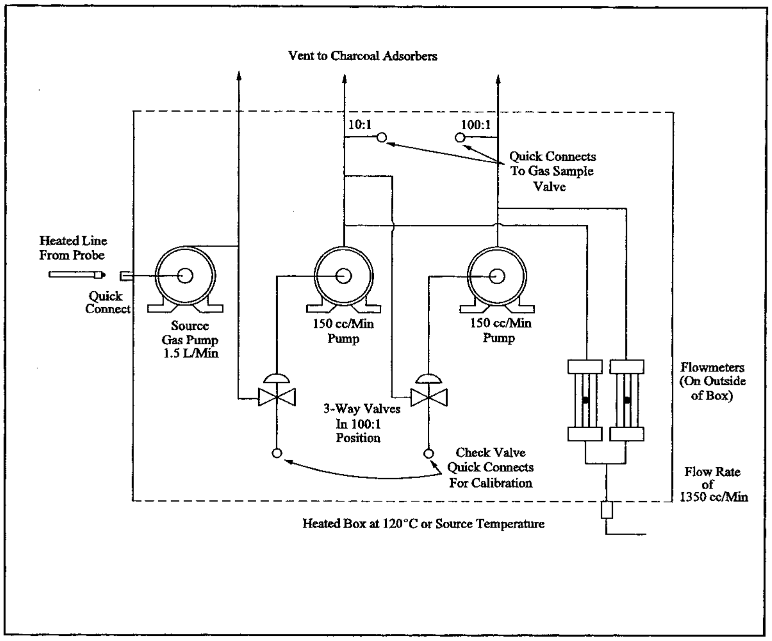

Figure 18-13. Schematic Diagram of the Heated Box Required for Dilution of Sample Gas.

GASEOUS ORGANIC SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS CHECK LIST

[Respond with initials or number as appropriate]

1. Presurvey data:		
A. Grab sample collected	☐	______
B. Grab sample analyzed for composition	☐	______
Method GC	☐	______
GC/MS	☐	______
Other	☐	______
C. GC-FID analysis performed	☐	______
2. Laboratory calibration data:		
A. Calibration curves prepared	☐	______
Number of components	☐	______
Number of concentrations/component (3 required).	☐	______
B. Audit samples (optional):		
Analysis completed	☐	______
Verified for concentration	☐	______
OK obtained for field work	☐	______
3. Sampling procedures:		
A. Method:		
Bag sample	☐	______
Direct interface	☐	______
Dilution interface	☐	______
B. Number of samples collected	☐	______
4. Field Analysis:		
A. Total hydrocarbon analysis performed	☐	______
B. Calibration curve prepared	☐	______
Number of components	☐	______
Number of concentrations per component (3 required).	☐	______

Gaseous Organic Sampling and Analysis Data

Date __________

Location __________

Plant __________

GASEOUS ORGANIC SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS CHECK LIST (RESPOND WITH INITIALS OR NUMBER AS APPROPRIATE)

	Date
1. Pre-survey data	
A. Grab sample collected	____
B. Grab sample analyzed for composition	____
Method GC	____
GC/MS	____
Other__________	____
C. GC–FID analysis performed	____
2. Laboratory calibration curves prepared	____
A. Number of components	____
B. Number of concentrations per component (3 required)	____
C. OK obtained for field work	____
3. Sampling procedures.	
A. Method.	
Bag sample	____
Direct interface	____
Dilution interface	____
B. Number of samples collected	____
4. Field Analysis.	
A. Total hydrocarbon analysis performed	____
B. Calibration curve prepared	____
Number of components	____
Number of concentrations per component (3 required)	____

Figure 18–14. Sampling and Analysis Sheet

[36 FR 24877, Dec. 23, 1971]

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APPENDIX A–7 TO PART 60—TEST METHODS 19 THROUGH 25E

Method 19—Determination of sulfur dioxide removal efficiency and particulate, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emission rates

Method 20—Determination of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and diluent emissions from stationary gas turbines

Method 21—Determination of volatile organic compound leaks

Method 22—Visual determination of fugitive emissions from material sources and smoke emissions from flares

Method 23—Determination of Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p-Dioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans From Stationary Sources

Method 24—Determination of volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of surface coatings

Method 24A—Determination of volatile matter content and density of printing inks and related coatings

Method 25—Determination of total gaseous nonmethane organic emissions as carbon

Method 25A—Determination of total gaseous organic concentration using a flame ionization analyzer

Method 25B—Determination of total gaseous organic concentration using a nondispersive infrared analyzer

Method 25C—Determination of nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC) in MSW landfill gases

Method 25D—Determination of the Volatile Organic Concentration of Waste Samples

Method 25E—Determination of Vapor Phase Organic Concentration in Waste Samples

The test methods in this appendix are referred to in §60.8 (Performance Tests) and §60.11 (Compliance With Standards and Maintenance Requirements) of 40 CFR part 60, subpart A (General Provisions). Specific uses of these test methods are described in the standards of performance contained in the subparts, beginning with Subpart D.

Within each standard of performance, a section title ''Test Methods and Procedures'' is provided to: (1) Identify the test methods to be used as reference methods to the facility subject to the respective standard and (2) identify any special instructions or conditions to be followed when applying a method to the respective facility. Such instructions (for example, establish sampling rates, volumes, or temperatures) are to be used either in addition to, or as a substitute for procedures in a test method. Similarly, for sources subject to emission monitoring requirements, specific instructions pertaining to any use of a test method as a reference method are provided in the subpart or in Appendix B.

Inclusion of methods in this appendix is not intended as an endorsement or denial of their applicability to sources that are not subject to standards of performance. The methods are potentially applicable to other sources; however, applicability should be confirmed by careful and appropriate evaluation of the conditions prevalent at such sources.

The approach followed in the formulation of the test methods involves specifications for equipment, procedures, and performance. In concept, a performance specification approach would be preferable in all methods because this allows the greatest flexibility to the user. In practice, however, this approach is impractical in most cases because performance specifications cannot be established. Most of the methods described herein, therefore, involve specific equipment specifications and procedures, and only a few methods in this appendix rely on performance criteria.

Minor changes in the test methods should not necessarily affect the validity of the results and it is recognized that alternative and equivalent methods exist. section 60.8 provides authority for the Administrator to specify or approve (1) equivalent methods, (2) alternative methods, and (3) minor changes in the methodology of the test methods. It should be clearly understood that unless otherwise identified all such methods and changes must have prior approval of the Administrator. An owner employing such methods or deviations from the test methods without obtaining prior approval does so at the risk of subsequent disapproval and retesting with approved methods.

Within the test methods, certain specific equipment or procedures are recognized as being acceptable or potentially acceptable and are specifically identified in the methods. The items identified as acceptable options may be used without approval but must be identified in the test report. The potentially approvable options are cited as ''subject to the approval of the Administrator'' or as ''or equivalent.'' Such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives may be used at the discretion of the owner without prior approval. However, detailed descriptions for applying these potentially approvable techniques or alternatives are not provided in the test methods. Also, the potentially approvable options are not necessarily acceptable in all applications. Therefore, an owner electing to use such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives is responsible for: (1) assuring that the techniques or alternatives are in fact applicable and are properly executed; (2) including a written description of the alternative method in the test report (the written method must be clear and must be capable of being performed without additional instruction, and the degree of detail should be similar to the detail contained in the test methods); and (3) providing any rationale or supporting data necessary to show the validity of the alternative in the particular application. Failure to meet these requirements can result in the Administrator's disapproval of the alternative.

METHOD 19—DETERMINATION OF SULFUR DIOXIDE REMOVAL EFFICIENCY AND PARTICULATE MATTER, SULFUR DIOXIDE, AND NITROGEN OXIDE EMISSION RATES

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes. This method provides data reduction procedures relating to the following pollutants, but does not include any sample collection or analysis procedures.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Nitrogen oxides (NO_X), including:		
Nitric oxide (NO)	10102–43–9	N/A
Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2)	10102–44–0.	
Particulate matter (PM)	None assigned	N/A
Sulfur dioxide (SO_2)	7499–09–05	N/A

1.2 Applicability. Where specified by an applicable subpart of the regulations, this method is applicable for the determination of (a) PM, SO_2, and NO_X emission rates; (b) sulfur removal efficiencies of fuel pretreatment and SO_2 control devices; and (c) overall reduction of potential SO_2 emissions.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Emission Rates. Oxygen (O_2) or carbon dioxide (CO_2) concentrations and appropriate F factors (ratios of combustion gas volumes to heat inputs) are used to calculate pollutant emission rates from pollutant concentrations.

2.2 Sulfur Reduction Efficiency and SO_2 Removal Efficiency. An overall SO_2 emission reduction efficiency is computed from the efficiency of fuel pretreatment systems, where applicable, and the efficiency of SO_2 control devices.

2.2.1 The sulfur removal efficiency of a fuel pretreatment system is determined by fuel sampling and analysis of the sulfur and heat contents of the fuel before and after the pretreatment system.

2.2.2 The SO_2 removal efficiency of a control device is determined by measuring the SO_2 rates before and after the control device.

2.2.2.1 The inlet rates to SO_2 control systems (or, when SO_2 control systems are not used, SO_2 emission rates to the atmosphere) are determined by fuel sampling and analysis.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety [Reserved]

6.0 Equipment and Supplies [Reserved]

7.0 Reagents and Standards [Reserved]

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport [Reserved]

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedures [Reserved]

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature

B_{wa} = Moisture fraction of ambient air, percent.

B_{ws} = Moisture fraction of effluent gas, percent.

%C = Concentration of carbon from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

C_d = Pollutant concentration, dry basis, ng/scm (lb/scf)

$\%CO_{2d}$,$\%CO_{2w}$ = Concentration of carbon dioxide on a dry and wet basis, respectively, percent.

C_w = Pollutant concentration, wet basis, ng/scm (lb/scf).

D = Number of sampling periods during the performance test period.

E = Pollutant emission rate, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_a = Average pollutant rate for the specified performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ao}, E_{ai} = Average pollutant rate of the control device, outlet and inlet, respectively, for the performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{bi} = Pollutant rate from the steam generating unit, ng/J (lb/million Btu)

E_{bo} = Pollutant emission rate from the steam generating unit, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ci} = Pollutant rate in combined effluent, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{co} = Pollutant emission rate in combined effluent, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_d = Average pollutant rate for each sampling period (*e.g.*, 24-hr Method 6B sample or 24-hr fuel sample) or for each fuel lot (*e.g.*, amount of fuel bunkered), ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{di} = Average inlet SO_2 rate for each sampling period d, ng/J (lb/million Btu)

E_g = Pollutant rate from gas turbine, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ga} = Daily geometric average pollutant rate, ng/J (lbs/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

E_{jo},E_{ji} = Matched pair hourly arithmetic average pollutant rate, outlet and inlet, respectively, ng/J (lb/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

E_h = Hourly average pollutant, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{hj} = Hourly arithmetic average pollutant rate for hour ''j,'' ng/J (lb/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

EXP = Natural logarithmic base (2.718) raised to the value enclosed by brackets.

F_d, F_w, F_c = Volumes of combustion components per unit of heat content, scm/J (scf/million Btu).

GCV = Gross calorific value of the fuel consistent with the ultimate analysis, kJ/kg (Btu/lb).

GCV_p, GCV_r = Gross calorific value for the product and raw fuel lots, respectively, dry basis, kJ/kg (Btu/lb).

%H = Concentration of hydrogen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

H = Total number of operating hours for which pollutant rates are determined in the performance test period.

H_b = Heat input rate to the steam generating unit from fuels fired in the steam generating unit, J/hr (million Btu/hr).

H_g = Heat input rate to gas turbine from all fuels fired in the gas turbine, J/hr (million Btu/hr).

$\%H_2O$ = Concentration of water from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

H_r = Total numbers of hours in the performance test period (*e.g.*, 720 hours for 30-day performance test period).

K = Conversion factor, 10^{-5} (kJ/J)/(%) [10^6 Btu/million Btu].

K_c = (9.57 scm/kg)/% [(1.53 scf/lb)/%].

K_{cc} = (2.0 scm/kg)/% [(0.321 scf/lb)/%].

K_{hd} = (22.7 scm/kg)/% [(3.64 scf/lb)/%].

K_{hw} = (34.74 scm/kg)/% [(5.57 scf/lb)/%].

K_n = (0.86 scm/kg)/% [(0.14 scf/lb)/%].

K_o = (2.85 scm/kg)/% [(0.46 scf/lb)/%].

K_s = (3.54 scm/kg)/% [(0.57 scf/lb)/%].

K_w = (1.30 scm/kg)/% [(0.21 scf/lb)/%].

ln = Natural log of indicated value.

L_p,L_r = Weight of the product and raw fuel lots, respectively, metric ton (ton).

%N = Concentration of nitrogen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

N = Number of fuel lots during the averaging period.

n = Number of fuels being burned in combination.

n_d = Number of operating hours of the affected facility within the performance test period for each E_d determined.

n_t = Total number of hourly averages for which paired inlet and outlet pollutant rates are available within the 24-hr midnight to midnight daily period.

%O = Concentration of oxygen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

$\%O_{2d}$, $\%O_{2w}$ = Concentration of oxygen on a dry and wet basis, respectively, percent.

P_s = Potential SO_2 emissions, percent.

$\%R_f$ = SO_2 removal efficiency from fuel pretreatment, percent.

$\%R_g$ = SO_2 removal efficiency of the control device, percent.

$\%R_{ga}$ = Daily geometric average percent reduction.

$\%R_o$ = Overall SO_2 reduction, percent.

%S = Sulfur content of as-fired fuel lot, dry basis, weight percent.

S_e = Standard deviation of the hourly average pollutant rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

$\%S_f$ = Concentration of sulfur from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

S_i = Standard deviation of the hourly average inlet pollutant rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

S_o = Standard deviation of the hourly average emission rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

$\%S_p$, $\%S_r$ = Sulfur content of the product and raw fuel lots respectively, dry basis, weight percent.

$t_{0.95}$ = Values shown in Table 19–3 for the indicated number of data points n.

X_k = Fraction of total heat input from each type of fuel k.

12.2 Emission Rates of PM, SO_2, and NO_X. Select from the following sections the applicable procedure to compute the PM, S_{O2}, or NO_X emission rate (E) in ng/J (lb/million Btu). The pollutant concentration must be in ng/scm (lb/scf) and the F factor must be in scm/J (scf/million Btu). If the pollutant concentration (C) is not in the appropriate units, use Table 19–1 in section 17.0 to make the proper conversion. An F factor is the ratio of the gas volume of the products of combustion to the heat content of the fuel. The dry F factor (F_d) includes all components of combustion less water, the wet F factor (F_w) includes all components of combustion, and the carbon F factor (F_c) includes only carbon dioxide.

NOTE: Since F_w factors include water resulting only from the combustion of hydrogen in the fuel, the procedures using F_w factors are not applicable for computing E from steam generating units with wet scrubbers or with other processes that add water (*e.g.*, steam injection).

12.2.1 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Dry Basis. When measurements are on a dry basis for both O ($\%O_{2d}$) and pollutant (C_d) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_d \frac{20.9}{\left(20.9 - \%O_{2d}\right)} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-1}$$

12.2.2 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Wet Basis. When measurements are on a wet basis for both O_2 ($\%O_{2w}$) and pollutant (C_w) concentrations, use either of the following:

12.2.2.1 If the moisture fraction of ambient air (B_{wa}) is measured:

$$E = C_w F_w \frac{20.9}{\left[20.9\left(1 - B_{wa}\right) - \%O_{2w}\right]} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-2}$$

Instead of actual measurement, B_{wa} may be estimated according to the procedure below.

NOTE: The estimates are selected to ensure that negative errors will not be larger than −1.5 percent. However, positive errors, or over-estimation of emissions by as much as 5 percent may be introduced depending upon the geographic location of the facility and the associated range of ambient moisture.

12.2.2.1.1 B_{wa} = 0.027. This value may be used at any location at all times.

12.2.2.1.2 B_{wa} = Highest monthly average of B_{wa} that occurred within the previous calendar year at the nearest Weather Service Station. This value shall be determined annually and may be used as an estimate for the entire current calendar year.

12.2.2.1.3 B_{wa} = Highest daily average of Bwa that occurred within a calendar month at the nearest Weather Service Station, calculated from the data from the past 3 years. This value shall be computed for each month and may be used as an estimate for the current respective calendar month.

12.2.2.2 If the moisture fraction (B_{ws}) of the effluent gas is measured:

$$E = C_w F_d \frac{20.9}{\left[20.9\left(1 - B_{ws}\right) - \%O_{2w}\right]} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-3}$$

12.2.3 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Dry/Wet Basis.

12.2.3.1 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a wet basis (C_w) and O_2 concentration is measured on a dry basis ($\%O_{2d}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{\left(C_w F_d\right)(20.9)}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)\left(20.9 - \%O_{2d}\right)} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-4}$$

12.2.3.2 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a dry basis (C_d) and the O_2 concentration is measured on a wet basis ($\%O_{2w}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{C_d F_d 20.9}{\dfrac{\left(20.9 - \%O_{2w}\right)}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-5}$$

12.2.4 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Dry Basis. When measurements are on a dry basis for both CO_2 ($\%CO_{2d}$) and pollutant (C_d) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_c \frac{100}{\%CO_{2d}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-6}$$

12.2.5 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Wet Basis. When measurements are on a wet basis for both CO_2 ($\%CO_{2w}$) and pollutant (C_w) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_w F_c \frac{100}{\%CO_{2w}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-7}$$

12.2.6 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Dry/Wet Basis.

12.2.6.1 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a wet basis (C_w) and CO_2 concentration is measured on a dry basis ($\%CO_{2d}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{C_w F_c}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)} \frac{100}{\%CO_{2d}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-8}$$

12.2.6.2 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a dry basis (C_d) and CO_2 concentration is measured on a wet basis ($\%CO_{2w}$), use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_c \left(1 - B_{ws}\right) \frac{100}{\%CO_{2w}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-9}$$

12.2.7 Direct-Fired Reheat Fuel Burning. The effect of direct-fired reheat fuel burning (for the purpose of raising the temperature of the exhaust effluent from wet scrubbers to above the moisture dew-point) on emission rates will be less than 1.0 percent and, therefore, may be ignored.

12.2.8 Combined Cycle-Gas Turbine Systems. For gas turbine-steam generator combined cycle systems, determine the emissions from the steam generating unit or the percent reduction in potential SO_2 emissions as follows:

12.2.8.1 Compute the emission rate from the steam generating unit using the following equation:

$$E_{bo} = E_{co} + \frac{H_g}{H_b}\left(E_{co} - E_g\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-10}$$

12.2.8.1.1 Use the test methods and procedures section of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart GG to obtain E_{co} and E_g. Do not use F_w factors for determining E_g or E_{co}. If an SO_2 control device is used, measure E_{co} after the control device.

12.2.8.1.2 Suitable methods shall be used to determine the heat input rates to the steam generating units (H_b) and the gas turbine (H_g).

12.2.8.2 If a control device is used, compute the percent of potential SO_2 emissions (P_s) using the following equations:

$$E_{bi} = E_{ci} - \frac{H_g}{H_b}\left(E_{ci} - E_g\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-11}$$

$$P_s = 100\left(1 - \frac{E_{bo}}{E_{bi}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-12}$$

NOTE: Use the test methods and procedures section of Subpart GG to obtain E_{ci} and E_g. Do not use F_w factors for determining E_g or E_{ci}.

12.3 F Factors. Use an average F factor according to section 12.3.1 or determine an applicable F factor according to section 12.3.2. If combined fuels are fired, prorate the applicable F factors using the procedure in section 12.3.3.

12.3.1 Average F Factors. Average F factors (F_d, F_w, or F_c) from Table 19–2 in section 17.0 may be used.

12.3.2 Determined F Factors. If the fuel burned is not listed in Table 19–2 or if the owner or operator chooses to determine an F factor rather than use the values in Table 19–2, use the procedure below:

12.3.2.1 Equations. Use the equations below, as appropriate, to compute the F factors:

$$F_d = \frac{K\left(K_{hd}\%H + K_c\%C + K_s\%S + K_n\%N - K_o\%O\right)}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-13}$$

$$F_w = \frac{K\left[K_{hw}\%H + K_c\%C + K_s\%S + K_n\%N - K_o\%O + K_w\%H_2O\right]}{GCV_w} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-14}$$

$$F_c = \frac{K\left(K_{cc}\%C\right)}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-15}$$

NOTE: Omit the $\%H_2O$ term in the equations for F_w if %H and %O include the unavailable hydrogen and oxygen in the form of H_2O.)

12.3.2.2 Use applicable sampling procedures in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to obtain samples for analyses.

12.3.2.3 Use ASTM D 3176–74 or 89 (all cited ASTM standards are incorporated by reference—see § 60.17) for ultimate analysis of the fuel.

12.3.2.4 Use applicable methods in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to determine the heat content of solid or liquid fuels. For gaseous fuels, use ASTM D 1826–77 or 94 (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17) to determine the heat content.

12.3.3 F Factors for Combination of Fuels. If combinations of fuels are burned, use the following equations, as applicable unless otherwise specified in an applicable subpart:

$$F_d = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{dk}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-16}$$

$$F_w = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{wk}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-17}$$

$$F_c = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{ck}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-18}$$

12.4 Determination of Average Pollutant Rates.

12.4.1 Average Pollutant Rates from Hourly Values. When hourly average pollutant rates (E_h), inlet or outlet, are obtained (*e.g.*, CEMS values), compute the average pollutant rate (E_a) for the performance test period (*e.g.*, 30 days) specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$E_a = \frac{1}{H}\sum_{j=1}^{n} E_{hj} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-19}$$

12.4.2 Average Pollutant Rates from Other than Hourly Averages. When pollutant rates are determined from measured values representing longer than 1-hour periods (*e.g.*, daily fuel sampling and analyses or Method 6B values), or when pollutant rates are determined from combinations of 1-hour and longer than 1-hour periods (*e.g.*, CEMS and Method 6B values), compute the average pollutant rate (E_a) for the performance test period (*e.g.*, 30 days) specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$E_a = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{D}\left(n_d E_d\right)_j}{\sum_{j=1}^{D} n_{dj}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-20}$$

12.4.3 Daily Geometric Average Pollutant Rates from Hourly Values. The geometric average pollutant rate (E_{ga}) is computed using the following equation:

$$E_{ga} = \exp\left[\frac{1}{n_t}\sum_{j=1}^{n_t}\left[\ln\left(E_{hj}\right)\right]\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-21}$$

12.5 Determination of Overall Reduction in Potential Sulfur Dioxide Emission.

12.5.1 Overall Percent Reduction. Compute the overall percent SO_2 reduction ($\%R_o$) using the following equation:

$$\%R_o = 100\left[1.0 - \left(1.0 - \frac{\%R_f}{100}\right)\left(1.0 - \frac{\%R_g}{100}\right)\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-22}$$

12.5.2 Pretreatment Removal Efficiency (Optional). Compute the SO_2 removal efficiency from fuel pretreatment ($\%R_f$) for the averaging period (*e.g.*, 90 days) as specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$\%R_f = 100\left[1.0 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left(\frac{\%S_{pj}}{GCV_{pj}}\right)L_{pj}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left(\frac{\%S_{rj}}{GCV_{rj}}\right)L_{rj}}\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-23}$$

NOTE: In calculating $\%R_f$, include %S and GCV values for all fuel lots that are not pretreated and are used during the averaging period.

12.5.2.1 Solid Fossil (Including Waste) Fuel/Sampling and Analysis.

NOTE: For the purposes of this method, raw fuel (coal or oil) is the fuel delivered to the desulfurization (pretreatment) facility. For oil, the input oil to the oil desulfurization process (*e.g.*, hydrotreatment) is considered to be the raw fuel.

12.5.2.1.1 Sample Increment Collection. Use ASTM D 2234–76, 96, 97a, or 98 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17), Type I, Conditions A, B, or C, and systematic spacing. As used in this method, systematic spacing is intended to include evenly spaced increments in time or increments based on equal weights of coal passing the collection area. As a minimum, determine the number and weight of increments required per gross sample representing each coal lot according to Table 2 or Paragraph 7.1.5.2 of ASTM D 2234. Collect one gross sample for each lot of raw coal and one gross sample for each lot of product coal.

12.5.2.1.2 ASTM Lot Size. For the purpose of section 12.5.2 (fuel pretreatment), the lot size of product coal is the weight of product coal from one type of raw coal. The lot size of raw coal is the weight of raw coal used to produce one lot of product coal. Typically, the lot size is the weight of coal processed in a 1-day (24-hour) period. If more than one type of coal is treated and produced in 1 day, then gross samples must be collected and analyzed for each type of coal. A coal lot size equaling the 90-day quarterly fuel quantity for a steam generating unit may be used if representative sampling can be conducted for each raw coal and product coal.

NOTE: Alternative definitions of lot sizes may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.2.1.3 Gross Sample Analysis. Use ASTM D 2013–72 or 86 to prepare the sample, ASTM D 3177–75 or 89 or ASTM D 4239–85, 94, or 97 to determine sulfur content (%S), ASTM D 3173–73 or 87 to determine moisture content, and ASTM D 2015–77 (Reapproved 1978) or 96, D 3286–85 or 96, or D 5865–98 or 10 to determine gross calorific value (GCV) (all standards cited are incorporated by reference—see §60.17 for acceptable versions of the standards) on a dry basis for each gross sample.

12.5.2.2 Liquid Fossil Fuel-Sampling and Analysis. See Note under section 12.5.2.1.

12.5.2.2.1 Sample Collection. Follow the procedures for continuous sampling in ASTM D 270 or D 4177–95 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17) for each gross sample from each fuel lot.

12.5.2.2.2 Lot Size. For the purpose of section 12.5.2 (fuel pretreatment), the lot size of a product oil is the weight of product oil from one pretreatment facility and intended as one shipment (ship load, barge load, etc.). The lot size of raw oil is the weight of each crude liquid fuel type used to produce a lot of product oil.

NOTE: Alternative definitions of lot sizes may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.2.2.3 Sample Analysis. Use ASTM D 129–64, 78, or 95, ASTM D 1552–83 or 95, or ASTM D 4057–81 or 95 to determine the sulfur content (%S) and ASTM D 240–76 or 92 (all standards cited are incorporated by reference—see § 60.17) to determine the GCV of each gross sample. These values may be assumed to be on a dry basis. The owner or operator of an affected facility may elect to determine the GCV by sampling the oil combusted on the first steam generating unit operating day of each calendar month and then using the lowest GCV value of the three GCV values per quarter for the GCV of all oil combusted in that calendar quarter.

12.5.2.3 Use appropriate procedures, subject to the approval of the Administrator, to determine the fraction of total mass input derived from each type of fuel.

12.5.3 Control Device Removal Efficiency. Compute the percent removal efficiency ($\%R_g$) of the control device using the following equation:

$$\%R_g = 100\left(1.0 - \frac{E_{ao}}{E_{ai}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-24}$$

12.5.3.1 Use continuous emission monitoring systems or test methods, as appropriate, to determine the outlet SO_2 rates and, if appropriate, the inlet SO_2 rates. The rates may be determined as hourly (E_h) or other sampling period averages (E_d). Then, compute the average pollutant rates for the performance test period (E_{ao} and E_{ai}) using the procedures in section 12.4.

12.5.3.2 As an alternative, as-fired fuel sampling and analysis may be used to determine inlet SO_2 rates as follows:

12.5.3.2.1 Compute the average inlet SO_2 rate (E_{di}) for each sampling period using the following equation:

$$E_{di} = K\frac{\%S}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-25}$$

Where:

$$K = 2\times10^7\left(\frac{\text{ng } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{(\text{kJ})}{\text{J}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{kg coal}}\right)\left[2\times10^4\left(\frac{\text{lb } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{million Btu}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{lb coal}}\right)\right]$$

After calculating E_{di}, use the procedures in section 12.4 to determine the average inlet SO_2 rate for the performance test period (E_{ai}).

12.5.3.2.2 Collect the fuel samples from a location in the fuel handling system that provides a sample representative of the fuel bunkered or consumed during a steam generating unit operating day. For the purpose of as-fired fuel sampling under section 12.5.3.2 or section 12.6, the lot size for coal is the weight of coal bunkered or consumed during each steam generating unit operating day. The lot size for oil is the weight of oil supplied to the "day" tank or consumed during each steam generating unit operating day. For reporting and calculation purposes, the gross sample shall be identified with the calendar day on which sampling began. For steam generating unit operating days when a coal-fired steam generating unit is operated without coal being added to the bunkers, the coal analysis from the previous "as bunkered" coal sample shall be used until coal is bunkered again. For steam generating unit operating days when an oil-fired steam generating unit is operated without oil being added to the oil "day" tank, the oil analysis from the previous day shall be used until the "day" tank is filled again. Alternative definitions of fuel lot size may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.3.2.3 Use ASTM procedures specified in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to determine %S and GCV.

12.5.4 Daily Geometric Average Percent Reduction from Hourly Values. The geometric average percent reduction ($\%R_{ga}$) is computed using the following equation:

$$\%R_{ga} = 100\left[1 - \text{EXP}\left(\frac{1}{n_t}\sum_{j=1}^{n_t}\ln\frac{E_{jo}}{E_{ji}}\right)\right] \qquad \text{Eq. 19-26}$$

NOTE: The calculation includes only paired data sets (hourly average) for the inlet and outlet pollutant measurements.

12.6 Sulfur Retention Credit for Compliance Fuel. If fuel sampling and analysis procedures in section 12.5.2.1 are being used to determine average SO_2 emission rates (E_{as}) to the atmosphere from a coal-fired steam generating unit when there is no SO_2 control device, the following equation may be used to adjust the emission rate for sulfur retention credits (no credits are allowed for oil-fired systems) (E_{di}) for each sampling period using the following equation:

$$E_{di} = 0.97K \frac{\%S}{GDV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-27}$$

Where:

$$K = 2\times10^{7}\left(\frac{\text{ng } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{J}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{kg coal}}\right)\left[2\times10^{4}\left(\frac{\text{lb } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{million Btu}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{lb coal}}\right)\right]$$

After calculating E_{di}, use the procedures in section 12.4.2 to determine the average SO_2 emission rate to the atmosphere for the performance test period (E_{ao}).

12.7 Determination of Compliance When Minimum Data Requirement Is Not Met.

12.7.1 Adjusted Emission Rates and Control Device Removal Efficiency. When the minimum data requirement is not met, the Administrator may use the following adjusted emission rates or control device removal efficiencies to determine compliance with the applicable standards.

12.7.1.1 Emission Rate. Compliance with the emission rate standard may be determined by using the lower confidence limit of the emission rate (E_{ao}*) as follows:

$$E^*_{ao} = E_{ao} - t_{0.95} S_o \qquad \text{Eq. 19-28}$$

12.7.1.2 Control Device Removal Efficiency. Compliance with the overall emission reduction (%R_o) may be determined by using the lower confidence limit of the emission rate (E_{ao}*) and the upper confidence limit of the inlet pollutant rate (E_{ai}*) in calculating the control device removal efficiency (%R_g) as follows:

$$\%R_g = 100\left(1.0 - \frac{E^*_{ao}}{E^*_{ai}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-29}$$

$$E^*_{ai} = E_{ai} + t_{0.95} S_i \qquad \text{Eq. 19-30}$$

12.7.2 Standard Deviation of Hourly Average Pollutant Rates. Compute the standard deviation (S_e) of the hourly average pollutant rates using the following equation:

$$S_e = \sqrt{\frac{1}{H} - \frac{1}{H_r}}\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{H}\left(E_{hj} - E_a\right)^2}{H-1}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-31}$$

Equation 19–19 through 19–31 may be used to compute the standard deviation for both the outlet (S_o) and, if applicable, inlet (S_i) pollutant rates.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References [Reserved]

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

TABLE 19–1—CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CONCENTRATION

From	To	Multiply by
g/scm	ng/scm	10^9
mg/scm	ng/scm	10^6
lb/scf	ng/scm	1.602×10^{13}

TABLE 19–1—CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CONCENTRATION—Continued

From	To	Multiply by
ppm SO_2	ng/scm	2.66×10^6
ppm NO_X	ng/scm	1.912×10^6
ppm SO_2	lb/scf	1.660×10^{-7}
ppm NO_X	lb/scf	1.194×10^{-7}

TABLE 19–2—F FACTORS FOR VARIOUS FUELS[1]

Fuel Type	F_d		F_w		F_c	
	dscm/J	dscf/10^6 Btu	wscm/J	wscf/10^6 Btu	scm/J	scf/10^6 Btu
Coal:						
Anthracite[2]	2.71×10^{-7}	10,100	2.83×10^{-7}	10,540	0.530×10^{-7}	1,970
Bituminus[2]	2.63×10^{-7}	9,780	2.86×10^{-7}	10,640	0.484×10^{-7}	1,800
Lignite	2.65×10^{-7}	9,860	3.21×10^{-7}	11,950	0.513×10^{-7}	1,910
Oil[3]	2.47×10^{-7}	9,190	2.77×10^{-7}	10,320	0.383×10^{-7}	1,420
Gas:.						
Natural	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.85×10^{-7}	10,610	0.287×10^{-7}	1,040
Propane	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.74×10^{-7}	10,200	0.321×10^{-7}	1,190
Butane	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.79×10^{-7}	10,390	0.337×10^{-7}	1,250
Wood	2.48×10^{-7}	9,240			0.492×10^{-7}	1,830
Wood Bark	2.58×10^{-7}	9,600			0.516×10^{-7}	1,920
Municipal	2.57×10^{-7}	9,570			0.488×10^{-7}	1,820
Solid Waste						

[1] Determined at standard conditions: 20 °C (68 °F) and 760 mm Hg (29.92 in Hg)
[2] As classified according to ASTM D 388.
[3] Crude, residual, or distillate.

TABLE 19–3—VALUES FOR $T_{0.95}$*

n[1]	$t_{0.95}$	n[1]	$t_{0.95}$	n[1]	$t_{0.95}$
2	6.31	8	1.89	22–26	1.71
3	2.42	9	1.86	27–31	1.70
4	2.35	10	1.83	32–51	1.68
5	2.13	11	1.81	52–91	1.67
6	2.02	12–16	1.77	92–151	1.66
7	1.94	17–21	1.73	152 or more	1.65

[1] The values of this table are corrected for n-1 degrees of freedom. Use n equal to the number (H) of hourly average data points.

METHOD 20—DETERMINATION OF NITROGEN OXIDES, SULFUR DIOXIDE, AND DILUENT EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY GAS TURBINES

1.0 Scope and Application

What is Method 20?

Method 20 contains the details you must follow when using an instrumental analyzer to determine concentrations of nitrogen oxides, oxygen, carbon dioxide, and sulfur dioxide in the emissions from stationary gas turbines. This method follows the specific instructions for equipment and performance requirements, supplies, sample collection and analysis, calculations, and data analysis in the methods listed in section 2.0.

1.1 Analytes. What does this method determine?

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Nitrogen oxides (NO_X) as nitrogen dioxide:	10102–43–9	Typically <2% of Calibration Span.
Nitric oxide (NO)	10102–44–0	
Nitrogen dioxide NO_2.		
Diluent oxygen (O_2) or carbon dioxide (CO_2)		Typically <2% of Calibration Span.
Sulfur dioxide (SO_X)	7446–09–5	Typically <2% of Calibration Span.

1.2 Applicability. When is this method required? The use of Method 20 may be required by specific New Source Performance Standards, Clean Air Marketing rules, and State Implementation Plans and permits where

measuring SO_2, NO_X, CO_2, and/or O_2 concentrations in stationary gas turbines emissions are required. Other regulations may also require its use.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. How good must my collected data be? Refer to section 1.3 of Method 7E.

2.0 Summary of Method

In this method, NO_X, O_2 (or CO_2), and SO_X are measured using the following methods found in appendix A to this part:

(a) Method 1—Sample and Velocity Traverses for Stationary Sources.

(b) Method 3A—Determination of Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(c) Method 6C—Determination of Sulfur Dioxide Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(d) Method 7E—Determination of Nitrogen Oxides Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(e) Method 19—Determination of Sulfur Dioxide Removal Efficiency and Particulate Matter, Sulfur Dioxide, and Nitrogen Oxide Emission Rates.

3.0 Definitions

Refer to section 3.0 of Method 7E for the applicable definitions.

4.0 Interferences

Refer to section 4.0 of Methods 3A, 6C, and 7E as applicable.

5.0 Safety

Refer to section 5.0 of Method 7E.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The measurement system design is shown in Figure 7E–1 of Method 7E. Refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for equipment and supplies.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for reagents and standards.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sampling Site and Sampling Points. Follow the procedures of section 8.1 of Method 7E. For the stratification test in section 8.1.2, determine the diluent-corrected pollutant concentration at each traverse point.

8.2 Initial Measurement System Performance Tests. You must refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for the measurement system performance tests as applicable.

8.3 Interference Check. You must follow the procedures in section 8.3 of Method 3A or 6C, or section 8.2.7 of Method 7E (as appropriate).

8.4 Sample Collection. You must follow the procedures of section 8.4 of the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0. A test run must have a duration of at least 21 minutes.

8.5 Post-Run System Bias Check, Drift Assessment, and Alternative Dynamic Spike Procedure. You must follow the procedures of sections 8.5 and 8.6 of the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0. A test run must have a duration of at least 21 minutes.

9.0 Quality Control

Follow quality control procedures in section 9.0 of Method 7E.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

Follow the procedures for calibration and standardization in section 10.0 of Method 7E.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

Because sample collection and analysis are performed together (see section 8), additional discussion of the analytical procedure is not necessary.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

You must follow the procedures for calculations and data analysis in section 12.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0. Follow the procedures in section 12.0 of Method 19 for calculating fuel-specific F factors, diluent-corrected pollutant concentrations, and emission rates.

13.0 Method Performance

The specifications for the applicable performance checks are the same as in section 13.0 of Method 7E.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 Alternative Procedures

Refer to section 16.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for alternative procedures.

17.0 References

Refer to section 17.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for references.

18.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

Refer to section 18.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for tables, diagrams, flowcharts, and validation data.

METHOD 21—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND LEAKS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Scope. This method is applicable for the determination of VOC leaks from process equipment. These sources include, but are not limited to, valves, flanges and other connections, pumps and compressors, pressure relief devices, process drains, open-ended valves, pump and compressor seal system degassing vents, accumulator vessel vents, agitator seals, and access door seals.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A portable instrument is used to detect VOC leaks from individual sources. The instrument detector type is not specified, but it must meet the specifications and performance criteria contained in section 6.0. A leak definition concentration based on a reference compound is specified in each applicable regulation. This method is intended to locate and classify leaks only, and is not to be used as a direct measure of mass emission rate from individual sources.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Calibration gas* means the VOC compound used to adjust the instrument meter reading to a known value. The calibration gas is usually the reference compound at a known concentration approximately equal to the leak definition concentration.

3.2 *Calibration precision* means the degree of agreement between measurements of the same known value, expressed as the relative percentage of the average difference between the meter readings and the known concentration to the known concentration.

3.3 *Leak definition concentration* means the local VOC concentration at the surface of a leak source that indicates that a VOC emission (leak) is present. The leak definition is an instrument meter reading based on a reference compound.

3.4 *No detectable emission* means a local VOC concentration at the surface of a leak source, adjusted for local VOC ambient concentration, that is less than 2.5 percent of the specified leak definition concentration. that indicates that a VOC emission (leak) is not present.

3.5 *Reference compound* means the VOC species selected as the instrument calibration basis for specification of the leak definition concentration. (For example, if a leak definition concentration is 10,000 ppm as methane, then any source emission that results in a local concentration that yields a meter reading of 10,000 on an instrument meter calibrated with methane would be classified as a leak. In this example, the leak definition concentration is 10,000 ppm and the reference compound is methane.)

3.6 *Response factor* means the ratio of the known concentration of a VOC compound to the observed meter reading when measured using an instrument calibrated with the reference compound specified in the applicable regulation.

3.7 *Response time* means the time interval from a step change in VOC concentration at the input of the sampling system to the time at which 90 percent of the corresponding final value is reached as displayed on the instrument readout meter.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Pollutants. Several of the compounds, leaks of which may be determined by this method, may be irritating or corrosive to tissues (*e.g.*, heptane) or may be toxic (*e.g.*, benzene, methyl alcohol). Nearly all are fire hazards. Compounds in emissions should be determined through familiarity with the source. Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as reference No. 4 in section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

A VOC monitoring instrument meeting the following specifications is required:

6.1 The VOC instrument detector shall respond to the compounds being processed. Detector types that may meet this requirement include, but are not limited to, catalytic oxidation, flame ionization, infrared absorption, and photoionization.

6.2 The instrument shall be capable of measuring the leak definition concentration specified in the regulation.

6.3 The scale of the instrument meter shall be readable to ±2.5 percent of the specified leak definition concentration.

6.4 The instrument shall be equipped with an electrically driven pump to ensure that a sample is provided to the detector at a constant flow rate. The nominal sample flow rate, as measured at the sample probe tip, shall be 0.10 to 3.0 l/min (0.004 to 0.1 ft^3/min) when the probe is fitted with a glass wool plug or filter that may be used to prevent plugging of the instrument.

6.5 The instrument shall be equipped with a probe or probe extension or sampling not to exceed 6.4 mm (¼ in) in outside diameter,

with a single end opening for admission of sample.

6.6 The instrument shall be intrinsically safe for operation in explosive atmospheres as defined by the National Electrical Code by the National Fire Prevention Association or other applicable regulatory code for operation in any explosive atmospheres that may be encountered in its use. The instrument shall, at a minimum, be intrinsically safe for Class 1, Division 1 conditions, and/or Class 2, Division 1 conditions, as appropriate, as defined by the example code. The instrument shall not be operated with any safety device, such as an exhaust flame arrestor, removed.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Two gas mixtures are required for instrument calibration and performance evaluation:

7.1.1 Zero Gas. Air, less than 10 parts per million by volume (ppmv) VOC.

7.1.2 Calibration Gas. For each organic species that is to be measured during individual source surveys, obtain or prepare a known standard in air at a concentration approximately equal to the applicable leak definition specified in the regulation.

7.2 Cylinder Gases. If cylinder calibration gas mixtures are used, they must be analyzed and certified by the manufacturer to be within 2 percent accuracy, and a shelf life must be specified. Cylinder standards must be either reanalyzed or replaced at the end of the specified shelf life.

7.3 Prepared Gases. Calibration gases may be prepared by the user according to any accepted gaseous preparation procedure that will yield a mixture accurate to within 2 percent. Prepared standards must be replaced each day of use unless it is demonstrated that degradation does not occur during storage.

7.4 Mixtures with non-Reference Compound Gases. Calibrations may be performed using a compound other than the reference compound. In this case, a conversion factor must be determined for the alternative compound such that the resulting meter readings during source surveys can be converted to reference compound results.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Instrument Performance Evaluation. Assemble and start up the instrument according to the manufacturer's instructions for recommended warmup period and preliminary adjustments.

8.1.1 Response Factor. A response factor must be determined for each compound that is to be measured, either by testing or from reference sources. The response factor tests are required before placing the analyzer into service, but do not have to be repeated at subsequent intervals.

8.1.1.1 Calibrate the instrument with the reference compound as specified in the applicable regulation. Introduce the calibration gas mixture to the analyzer and record the observed meter reading. Introduce zero gas until a stable reading is obtained. Make a total of three measurements by alternating between the calibration gas and zero gas. Calculate the response factor for each repetition and the average response factor.

8.1.1.2 The instrument response factors for each of the individual VOC to be measured shall be less than 10 unless otherwise specified in the applicable regulation. When no instrument is available that meets this specification when calibrated with the reference VOC specified in the applicable regulation, the available instrument may be calibrated with one of the VOC to be measured, or any other VOC, so long as the instrument then has a response factor of less than 10 for each of the individual VOC to be measured.

8.1.1.3 Alternatively, if response factors have been published for the compounds of interest for the instrument or detector type, the response factor determination is not required, and existing results may be referenced. Examples of published response factors for flame ionization and catalytic oxidation detectors are included in References 1–3 of section 17.0.

8.1.2 Calibration Precision. The calibration precision test must be completed prior to placing the analyzer into service and at subsequent 3-month intervals or at the next use, whichever is later.

8.1.2.1 Make a total of three measurements by alternately using zero gas and the specified calibration gas. Record the meter readings. Calculate the average algebraic difference between the meter readings and the known value. Divide this average difference by the known calibration value and multiply by 100 to express the resulting calibration precision as a percentage.

8.1.2.2 The calibration precision shall be equal to or less than 10 percent of the calibration gas value.

8.1.3 Response Time. The response time test is required before placing the instrument into service. If a modification to the sample pumping system or flow configuration is made that would change the response time, a new test is required before further use.

8.1.3.1 Introduce zero gas into the instrument sample probe. When the meter reading has stabilized, switch quickly to the specified calibration gas. After switching, measure the time required to attain 90 percent of the final stable reading. Perform this test sequence three times and record the results. Calculate the average response time.

8.1.3.2 The instrument response time shall be equal to or less than 30 seconds. The instrument pump, dilution probe (if any), sample probe, and probe filter that will be used

during testing shall all be in place during the response time determination.

8.2 Instrument Calibration. Calibrate the VOC monitoring instrument according to section 10.0.

8.3 Individual Source Surveys.

8.3.1 Type I—Leak Definition Based on Concentration. Place the probe inlet at the surface of the component interface where leakage could occur. Move the probe along the interface periphery while observing the instrument readout. If an increased meter reading is observed, slowly sample the interface where leakage is indicated until the maximum meter reading is obtained. Leave the probe inlet at this maximum reading location for approximately two times the instrument response time. If the maximum observed meter reading is greater than the leak definition in the applicable regulation, record and report the results as specified in the regulation reporting requirements. Examples of the application of this general technique to specific equipment types are:

8.3.1.1 Valves. The most common source of leaks from valves is the seal between the stem and housing. Place the probe at the interface where the stem exits the packing gland and sample the stem circumference. Also, place the probe at the interface of the packing gland take-up flange seat and sample the periphery. In addition, survey valve housings of multipart assembly at the surface of all interfaces where a leak could occur.

8.3.1.2 Flanges and Other Connections. For welded flanges, place the probe at the outer edge of the flange-gasket interface and sample the circumference of the flange. Sample other types of nonpermanent joints (such as threaded connections) with a similar traverse.

8.3.1.3 Pumps and Compressors. Conduct a circumferential traverse at the outer surface of the pump or compressor shaft and seal interface. If the source is a rotating shaft, position the probe inlet within 1 cm of the shaft-seal interface for the survey. If the housing configuration prevents a complete traverse of the shaft periphery, sample all accessible portions. Sample all other joints on the pump or compressor housing where leakage could occur.

8.3.1.4 Pressure Relief Devices. The configuration of most pressure relief devices prevents sampling at the sealing seat interface. For those devices equipped with an enclosed extension, or horn, place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the exhaust area to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.5 Process Drains. For open drains, place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the area open to the atmosphere. For covered drains, place the probe at the surface of the cover interface and conduct a peripheral traverse.

8.3.1.6 Open-ended Lines or Valves. Place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the opening to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.7 Seal System Degassing Vents and Accumulator Vents. Place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the opening to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.8 Access door seals. Place the probe inlet at the surface of the door seal interface and conduct a peripheral traverse.

8.3.2 Type II—''No Detectable Emission''. Determine the local ambient VOC concentration around the source by moving the probe randomly upwind and downwind at a distance of one to two meters from the source. If an interference exists with this determination due to a nearby emission or leak, the local ambient concentration may be determined at distances closer to the source, but in no case shall the distance be less than 25 centimeters. Then move the probe inlet to the surface of the source and determine the concentration as outlined in section 8.3.1. The difference between these concentrations determines whether there are no detectable emissions. Record and report the results as specified by the regulation. For those cases where the regulation requires a specific device installation, or that specified vents be ducted or piped to a control device, the existence of these conditions shall be visually confirmed. When the regulation also requires that no detectable emissions exist, visual observations and sampling surveys are required. Examples of this technique are:

8.3.2.1 Pump or Compressor Seals. If applicable, determine the type of shaft seal. Perform a survey of the local area ambient VOC concentration and determine if detectable emissions exist as described in section 8.3.2.

8.3.2.2 Seal System Degassing Vents, Accumulator Vessel Vents, Pressure Relief Devices. If applicable, observe whether or not the applicable ducting or piping exists. Also, determine if any sources exist in the ducting or piping where emissions could occur upstream of the control device. If the required ducting or piping exists and there are no sources where the emissions could be vented to the atmosphere upstream of the control device, then it is presumed that no detectable emissions are present. If there are sources in the ducting or piping where emissions could be vented or sources where leaks could occur, the sampling surveys described in section 8.3.2 shall be used to determine if detectable emissions exist.

8.3.3 Alternative Screening Procedure.

8.3.3.1 A screening procedure based on the formation of bubbles in a soap solution that is sprayed on a potential leak source may be used for those sources that do not have continuously moving parts, that do not have surface temperatures greater than the boiling point or less than the freezing point of the soap solution, that do not have open

areas to the atmosphere that the soap solution cannot bridge, or that do not exhibit evidence of liquid leakage. Sources that have these conditions present must be surveyed using the instrument technique of section 8.3.1 or 8.3.2.

8.3.3.2 Spray a soap solution over all potential leak sources. The soap solution may be a commercially available leak detection solution or may be prepared using concentrated detergent and water. A pressure sprayer or squeeze bottle may be used to dispense the solution. Observe the potential leak sites to determine if any bubbles are formed. If no bubbles are observed, the source is presumed to have no detectable emissions or leaks as applicable. If any bubbles are observed, the instrument techniques of section 8.3.1 or 8.3.2 shall be used to determine if a leak exists, or if the source has detectable emissions, as applicable.

9.0 Quality Control

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.1.2	Instrument calibration precision check	Ensure precision and accuracy, respectively, of instrument response to standard.
10.0	Instrument calibration.	

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Calibrate the VOC monitoring instrument as follows. After the appropriate warmup period and zero internal calibration procedure, introduce the calibration gas into the instrument sample probe. Adjust the instrument meter readout to correspond to the calibration gas value.

NOTE: If the meter readout cannot be adjusted to the proper value, a malfunction of the analyzer is indicated and corrective actions are necessary before use.

11.0 Analytical Procedures [Reserved]

12.0 Data Analyses and Calculations [Reserved]

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 22—VISUAL DETERMINATION OF FUGITIVE EMISSIONS FROM MATERIAL SOURCES AND SMOKE EMISSIONS FROM FLARES

NOTE: This method is not inclusive with respect to observer certification. Some material is incorporated by reference from Method 9.

1.0 Scope and Application

This method is applicable for the determination of the frequency of fugitive emissions from stationary sources, only as specified in an applicable subpart of the regulations. This method also is applicable for the determination of the frequency of visible smoke emissions from flares.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Fugitive emissions produced during material processing, handling, and transfer operations or smoke emissions from flares are visually determined by an observer without the aid of instruments.

2.2 This method is used also to determine visible smoke emissions from flares used for combustion of waste process materials.

2.3 This method determines the amount of time that visible emissions occur during the observation period (*i.e.*, the accumulated emission time). This method does not require that the opacity of emissions be determined. Since this procedure requires only the determination of whether visible emissions occur and does not require the determination of opacity levels, observer certification according to the procedures of Method 9 is not required. However, it is necessary that the observer is knowledgeable with respect to the general procedures for determining the presence of visible emissions. At a minimum, the observer must be trained and knowledgeable regarding the effects of background contrast, ambient lighting, observer position relative

to lighting, wind, and the presence of uncombined water (condensing water vapor) on the visibility of emissions. This training is to be obtained from written materials found in References 1 and 2 or from the lecture portion of the Method 9 certification course.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Emission frequency* means the percentage of time that emissions are visible during the observation period.

3.2 *Emission time* means the accumulated amount of time that emissions are visible during the observation period.

3.3 *Fugitive emissions* means emissions generated by an affected facility which is not collected by a capture system and is released to the atmosphere. This includes emissions that (1) escape capture by process equipment exhaust hoods; (2) are emitted during material transfer; (3) are emitted from buildings housing material processing or handling equipment; or (4) are emitted directly from process equipment.

3.4 *Observation period* means the accumulated time period during which observations are conducted, not to be less than the period specified in the applicable regulation.

3.5 *Smoke emissions* means a pollutant generated by combustion in a flare and occurring immediately downstream of the flame. Smoke occurring within the flame, but not downstream of the flame, is not considered a smoke emission.

4.0 Interferences

4.1 Occasionally, fugitive emissions from sources other than the affected facility (*e.g.*, road dust) may prevent a clear view of the affected facility. This may particularly be a problem during periods of high wind. If the view of the potential emission points is obscured to such a degree that the observer questions the validity of continuing observations, then the observations shall be terminated, and the observer shall clearly note this fact on the data form.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment

6.1 Stopwatches (two). Accumulative type with unit divisions of at least 0.5 seconds.

6.2 Light Meter. Light meter capable of measuring illuminance in the 50 to 200 lux range, required for indoor observations only.

7.0 Reagents and Supplies [Reserved]

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transfer [Reserved]

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedure

11.1 Selection of Observation Location. Survey the affected facility, or the building or structure housing the process to be observed, and determine the locations of potential emissions. If the affected facility is located inside a building, determine an observation location that is consistent with the requirements of the applicable regulation (*i.e.*, outside observation of emissions escaping the building/structure or inside observation of emissions directly emitted from the affected facility process unit). Then select a position that enables a clear view of the potential emission point(s) of the affected facility or of the building or structure housing the affected facility, as appropriate for the applicable subpart. A position at least 4.6 m (15 feet), but not more than 400 m (0.25 miles), from the emission source is recommended. For outdoor locations, select a position where the sunlight is not shining directly in the observer's eyes.

11.2 Field Records.

11.2.1 Outdoor Location. Record the following information on the field data sheet (Figure 22–1): Company name, industry, process unit, observer's name, observer's affiliation, and date. Record also the estimated wind speed, wind direction, and sky condition. Sketch the process unit being observed, and note the observer location relative to the source and the sun. Indicate the potential and actual emission points on the sketch.

11.2.2 Indoor Location. Record the following information on the field data sheet (Figure 22–2): Company name, industry, process unit, observer's name, observer's affiliation, and date. Record as appropriate the type, location, and intensity of lighting on the data sheet. Sketch the process unit being observed, and note the observer location relative to the source. Indicate the potential and actual fugitive emission points on the sketch.

11.3 Indoor Lighting Requirements. For indoor locations, use a light meter to measure the level of illumination at a location as close to the emission source(s) as is feasible. An illumination of greater than 100 lux (10 foot candles) is considered necessary for proper application of this method.

11.4 Observations.

11.4.1 Procedure. Record the clock time when observations begin. Use one stopwatch to monitor the duration of the observation

period. Start this stopwatch when the observation period begins. If the observation period is divided into two or more segments by process shutdowns or observer rest breaks (see section 11.4.3), stop the stopwatch when a break begins and restart the stopwatch without resetting it when the break ends. Stop the stopwatch at the end of the observation period. The accumulated time indicated by this stopwatch is the duration of observation period. When the observation period is completed, record the clock time. During the observation period, continuously watch the emission source. Upon observing an emission (condensed water vapor is not considered an emission), start the second accumulative stopwatch; stop the watch when the emission stops. Continue this procedure for the entire observation period. The accumulated elapsed time on this stopwatch is the total time emissions were visible during the observation period (*i.e.*, the emission time.)

11.4.2 Observation Period. Choose an observation period of sufficient length to meet the requirements for determining compliance with the emission standard in the applicable subpart of the regulations. When the length of the observation period is specifically stated in the applicable subpart, it may not be necessary to observe the source for this entire period if the emission time required to indicate noncompliance (based on the specified observation period) is observed in a shorter time period. In other words, if the regulation prohibits emissions for more than 6 minutes in any hour, then observations may (optional) be stopped after an emission time of 6 minutes is exceeded. Similarly, when the regulation is expressed as an emission frequency and the regulation prohibits emissions for greater than 10 percent of the time in any hour, then observations may (optional) be terminated after 6 minutes of emission are observed since 6 minutes is 10 percent of an hour. In any case, the observation period shall not be less than 6 minutes in duration. In some cases, the process operation may be intermittent or cyclic. In such cases, it may be convenient for the observation period to coincide with the length of the process cycle.

11.4.3 Observer Rest Breaks. Do not observe emissions continuously for a period of more than 15 to 20 minutes without taking a rest break. For sources requiring observation periods of greater than 20 minutes, the observer shall take a break of not less than 5 minutes and not more than 10 minutes after every 15 to 20 minutes of observation. If continuous observations are desired for extended time periods, two observers can alternate between making observations and taking breaks.

11.5 Recording Observations. Record the accumulated time of the observation period on the data sheet as the observation period duration. Record the accumulated time emissions were observed on the data sheet as the emission time. Record the clock time the observation period began and ended, as well as the clock time any observer breaks began and ended.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

If the applicable subpart requires that the emission rate be expressed as an emission frequency (in percent), determine this value as follows: Divide the accumulated emission time (in seconds) by the duration of the observation period (in seconds) or by any minimum observation period required in the applicable subpart, if the actual observation period is less than the required period, and multiply this quotient by 100.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION
OUTDOOR LOCATION

Company Location Company Rep.	Observer Affiliation Date
Sky Conditions Precipitation	Wind Direction Wind Speed
Industry	Process Unit

Sketch process unit: indicate observer position relative to source; indicate potential emission points and/or actual emission points.

OBSERVATIONS	Clock Time	Observation period duration, min:sec	Accumulated emission time, min:sec
Begin Observation	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______		
End Observation	______	______	______

Figure 22-1

FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION
INDOOR LOCATION

Company Location Company Rep.	Observer Affiliation Date
Industry	Process Unit

Light type (fluorescent, incandescent, natural)
Light location (overhead, behind observer, etc.)
Illuminance (lux or footcandles)
Sketch process unit: indicate observer position relative to source; indicate potential emission points and/or actual emission points.

OBSERVATIONS	Clock Time	Observation period duration, min:sec	Accumulated emission time, min:sec
Begin	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
End Observation	______		

Figure 22-2

METHOD 23—DETERMINATION OF POLYCHLORINATED DIBENZO-P-DIOXINS AND POLYCHLORINATED DIBENZOFURANS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES

1. Applicability and Principle

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable to the determination of polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDD's) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDF's) from stationary sources.

1.2 Principle. A sample is withdrawn from the gas stream isokinetically and collected in the sample probe, on a glass fiber filter, and on a packed column of adsorbent material. The sample cannot be separated into a particle vapor fraction. The PCDD's and

PCDF's are extracted from the sample, separated by high resolution gas chromatography, and measured by high resolution mass spectrometry.

2. Apparatus

2.1 Sampling. A schematic of the sampling train used in this method is shown in Figure 23–1. Sealing greases may not be used in assembling the train. The train is identical to that described in section 2.1 of Method 5 of this appendix with the following additions:

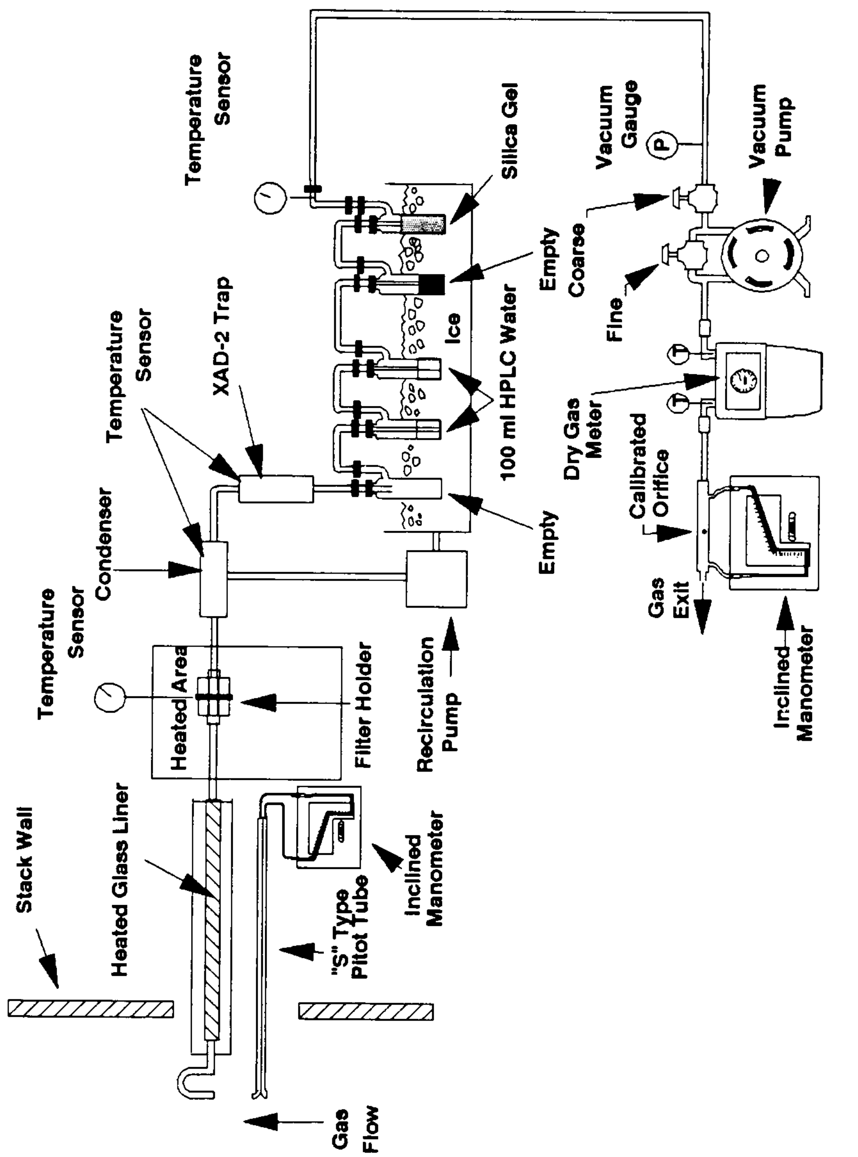

Figure 23.1 Sampling train

2.1.1 Nozzle. The nozzle shall be made of nickel, nickel-plated stainless steel, quartz, or borosilicate glass.

2.1.2 Sample Transfer Lines. The sample transfer lines, if needed, shall be heat traced, heavy walled TFE (½ in. OD with ⅛ in. wall) with connecting fittings that are capable of forming leak-free, vacuum-tight connections without using sealing greases. The line shall be as short as possible and must be maintained at 120 °C.

2.1.1 Filter Support. Teflon or Teflon-coated wire.

2.1.2 Condenser. Glass, coil type with compatible fittings. A schematic diagram is shown in Figure 23–2.

2.1.3 Water Bath. Thermostatically controlled to maintain the gas temperature exiting the condenser at <20 °C (68 °F).

2.1.4 Adsorbent Module. Glass container to hold the solid adsorbent. A shematic diagram is shown in Figure 23–2. Other physical configurations of the resin trap/condenser assembly are acceptable. The connecting fittings shall form leak-free, vacuum tight seals. No sealant greases shall be used in the sampling train. A coarse glass frit is included to retain the adsorbent.

2.2 Sample Recovery.

2.2.1 Fitting Caps. Ground glass, Teflon tape, or aluminum foil (Section 2.2.6) to cap off the sample exposed sections of the train.

2.2.2 Wash Bottles. Teflon, 500-ml.

2.2.3 Probe-Liner Probe-Nozzle, and Filter-Holder Brushes. Inert bristle brushes with precleaned stainless steel or Teflon handles. The probe brush shall have extensions of stainless steel or Teflon, at least as long as the probe. The brushes shall be properly sized and shaped to brush out the nozzle, probe liner, and transfer line, if used.

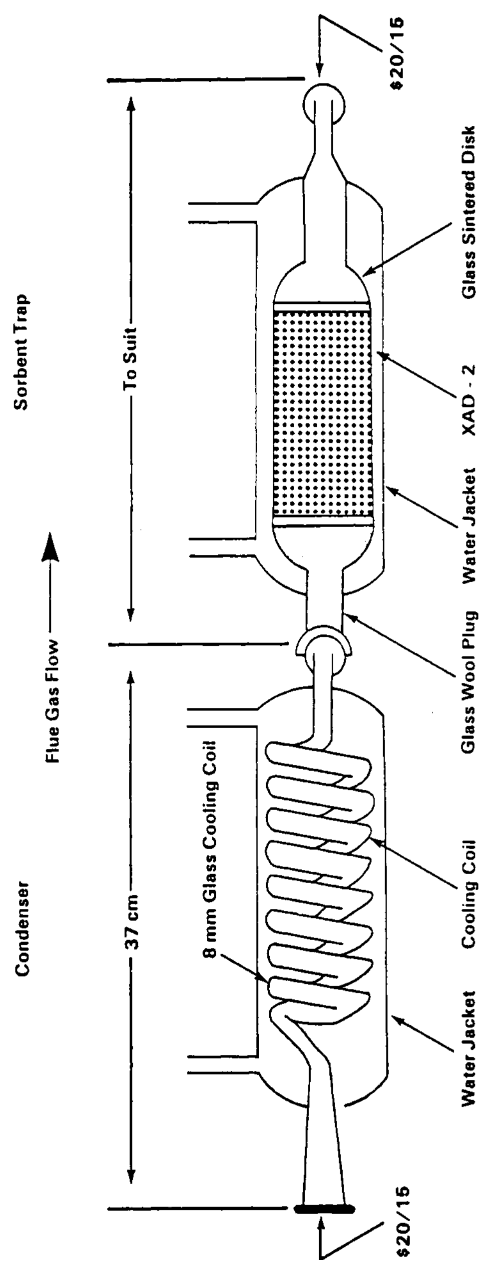

Figure 23.2. Condenser and adsorbent trap

2.2.4 Filter Storage Container. Sealed filter holder, wide-mouth amber glass jar with Teflon-lined cap, or glass petri dish.

2.2.5 Balance. Triple beam.

2.2.6 Aluminum Foil. Heavy duty, hexane-rinsed.

2.2.7 Storage Container. Air-tight container to store silica gel.

2.2.8 Graduated Cylinder. Glass, 250-ml with 2-ml graduation.

2.2.9 Glass Sample Storage Container. Amber glass bottle for sample glassware washes, 500- or 1000-ml, with leak free Teflon-lined caps.

2.3 Analysis.

2.3.1 Sample Container. 125- and 250-ml flint glass bottles with Teflon-lined caps.

2.3.2 Test Tube. Glass.

2.3.3 Soxhlet Extraction Apparatus. Capable of holding 43 × 123 mm extraction thimbles.

2.3.4 Extraction Thimble. Glass, precleaned cellulosic, or glass fiber.

2.3.5 Pasteur Pipettes. For preparing liquid chromatographic columns.

2.3.6 Reacti-vials. Amber glass, 2-ml, silanized prior to use.

2.3.7 Rotary Evaporator. Buchi/Brinkman RF–121 or equivalent.

2.3.8 Nitrogen Evaporative Concentrator. N-Evap Analytical Evaporator Model III or equivalent.

2.3.9 Separatory Funnels. Glass, 2-liter.

2.3.10 Gas Chromatograph. Consisting of the following components:

2.3.10.1 Oven. Capable of maintaining the separation column at the proper operating temperature ±°C and performing programmed increases in temperature at rates of at least 40 °C/min.

2.3.10.2 Temperature Gauge. To monitor column oven, detector, and exhaust temperatures ±1 °C.

2.3.10.3 Flow System. Gas metering system to measure sample, fuel, combustion gas, and carrier gas flows.

2.3.10.4 Capillary Columns. A fused silica column, 60 × 0.25 mm inside diameter (ID), coated with DB–5 and a fused silica column, 30 m × 0.25 mm ID coated with DB–225. Other column systems may be used provided that the user is able to demonstrate using calibration and performance checks that the column system is able to meet the specifications of section 6.1.2.2.

2.3.11 Mass Spectrometer. Capable of routine operation at a resolution of 1:10000 with a stability of ±5 ppm.

2.3.12 Data System. Compatible with the mass spectrometer and capable of monitoring at least five groups of 25 ions.

2.3.13 Analytical Balance. To measure within 0.1 mg.

3. Reagents

3.1 Sampling.

3.1.1 Filters. Glass fiber filters, without organic binder, exhibiting at least 99.95 percent efficiency (<0.05 percent penetration) on 0.3-micron dioctyl phthalate smoke particles. The filter efficiency test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM Standard Method D 2986–71 (Reapproved 1978) (incorporated by reference—see §60.17).

3.1.1.1 Precleaning. All filters shall be cleaned before their initial use. Place a glass extraction thimble and 1 g of silica gel and a plug of glass wool into a Soxhlet apparatus, charge the apparatus with toluene, and reflux for a minimum of 3 hours. Remove the toluene and discard it, but retain the silica gel. Place no more than 50 filters in the thimble onto the silica gel bed and top with the cleaned glass wool. Charge the Soxhlet with toluene and reflux for 16 hours. After extraction, allow the Soxhlet to cool, remove the filters, and dry them under a clean N_2 stream. Store the filters in a glass petri dish sealed with Teflon tape.

3.1.2 Adsorbent Resin. Amberlite XAD–2 resin. Thoroughly cleaned before initial use.

3.1.2.1 Cleaning Procedure. This procedure may be carried out in a giant Soxhlet extractor. An all-glass filter thimble containing an extra-course frit is used for extraction of XAD–2. The frit is recessed 10–15 mm above a crenelated ring at the bottom of the thimble to facilitate drainage. The resin must be carefully retained in the extractor cup with a glass wool plug and a stainless steel ring because it floats on methylene chloride. This process involves sequential extraction in the following order.

Solvent	Procedure
Water	Initial rinse: Place resin in a beaker, rinse once with water, and discard. Fill with water a second time, let stand overnight, and discard.
Water	Extract with water for 8 hours.
Methanol	Extract for 22 hours.
Methylene Chloride	Extract for 22 hours.
Toluene	Extract for 22 hours.

3.1.2.2 Drying.

3.1.2.2.1 Drying Column. Pyrex pipe, 10.2 cm ID by 0.6 m long, with suitable retainers.

3.1.2.2.2 Procedure. The adsorbent must be dried with clean inert gas. Liquid nitrogen from a standard commercial liquid nitrogen cylinder has proven to be a reliable source of large volumes of gas free from organic contaminants. Connect the liquid nitrogen cylinder to the column by a length of cleaned copper tubing, 0.95 cm ID, coiled to pass through a heat source. A convenient heat source is a water-bath heated from a steam line. The final nitrogen temperature should only be warm to the touch and not over 40 °C. Continue flowing nitrogen through the adsorbent until all the residual solvent is removed. The flow rate should be sufficient to gently agitate the particles but not so excessive as the cause the particles to fracture.

3.1.2.3 Quality Control Check. The adsorbent must be checked for residual toluene.

3.1.2.3.1 Extraction. Weigh 1.0 g sample of dried resin into a small vial, add 3 ml of toluene, cap the vial, and shake it well.

3.1.2.3.2 Analysis. Inject a 2 µl sample of the extract into a gas chromatograph operated under the following conditions:

Column: 6 ft × ⅛ in stainless steel containing 10 percent OV–101 on 100/120 Supelcoport.

Carrier Gas: Helium at a rate of 30 ml/min.

Detector: Flame ionization detector operated at a sensitivity of 4×10^{-11} A/mV.

Injection Port Temperature: 250 °C.

Detector Temperature: 305 °C.

Oven Temperature: 30 °C for 4 min; programmed to rise at 40 °C/min until it reaches 250 °C; return to 30 °C after 17 minutes.

Compare the results of the analysis to the results from the reference solution. Prepare the reference solution by injection 2.5 µl of methylene chloride into 100 ml of toluene. This corresponds to 100 µg of methylene chloride per g of adsorbent. The maximum acceptable concentration is 1000 µg/g of adsorbent. If the adsorbent exceeds this level, drying must be continued until the excess methylene chloride is removed.

3.1.2.4 Storage. The adsorbent must be used within 4 weeks of cleaning. After cleaning, it may be stored in a wide mouth amber glass container with a Teflon-lined cap or placed in one of the glass adsorbent modules tightly sealed with glass stoppers. If precleaned adsorbent is purchased in sealed containers, it must be used within 4 weeks after the seal is broken.

3.1.3 Glass Wool. Cleaned by sequential immersion in three aliquots of methylene chloride, dried in a 110 °C oven, and stored in a methylene chloride-washed glass jar with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.1.4 Water. Deionized distilled and stored in a methylene chloride-rinsed glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.1.5 Silica Gel. Indicating type, 6 to 16 mesh. If previously used, dry at 175 °C (350 °F) for two hours. New silica gel may be used as received. Alternately other types of desiccants (equivalent or better) may be used, subject to the approval of the Administrator.

3.1.6 Chromic Acid Cleaning Solution. Dissolve 20 g of sodium dichromate in 15 ml of water, and then carefully add 400 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid.

3.2 Sample Recovery.

3.2.2 Acetone. Pesticide quality.

3.2.2 Methylene Chloride. Pesticide qualtity.

3.2.3 Toluene. Pesticide quality.

3.3 Analysis.

3.3.1 Potassium Hydroxide. ACS grade, 2-percent (weight/volume) in water.

3.3.2 Sodium Sulfate. Granulated, reagent grade. Purify prior to use by rinsing with methylene chloride and oven drying. Store the cleaned material in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.3 Sulfuric Acid. Reagent grade.

3.3.4 Sodium Hydroxide. 1.0 N. Weigh 40 g of sodium hydroxide into a 1-liter volumetric flask. Dilute to 1 liter with water.

3.3.5 Hexane. Pesticide grade.

3.3.6 Methylene Chloride. Pesticide grade.

3.3.7 Benzene. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.8 Ethyl Acetate.

3.3.9 Methanol. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.10 Toluene. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.11 Nonane. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.12 Cyclohexane. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.13 Basic Alumina. Activity grade 1, 100–200 mesh. Prior to use, activate the alumina by heating for 16 hours at 130 °C before use. Store in a desiccator. Pre-activated alumina may be purchased from a supplier and may be used as received.

3.3.14 Silica Gel. Bio-Sil A, 100–200 mesh. Prior to use, activate the silica gel by heating for at least 30 minutes at 180 °C. After cooling, rinse the silica gel sequentially with methanol and methylene chloride. Heat the rinsed silica gel at 50 °C for 10 minutes, then increase the temperature gradually to 180 °C over 25 minutes and maintain it at this temperature for 90 minutes. Cool at room temperature and store in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.15 Silica Gel Impregnated with Sulfuric Acid. Combine 100 g of silica gel with 44 g of concentrated sulfuric acid in a screw capped glass bottle and agitate thoroughly. Disperse the solids with a stirring rod until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store the mixture in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.16 Silica Gel Impregnated with Sodium Hydroxide. Combine 39 g of 1 N sodium hydroxide with 100 g of silica gel in a screw capped glass bottle and agitate thoroughly. Disperse solids with a stirring rod until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store the mixture in glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.17 Carbon/Celite. Combine 10.7 g of AX–21 carbon with 124 g of Celite 545 in a 250-ml glass bottle with a Teflon-lined screw cap. Agitate the mixture thoroughly until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store in the glass container.

3.3.18 Nitrogen. Ultra high purity.

3.3.19 Hydrogen. Ultra high purity.

3.3.20 Internal Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Internal Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

3.3.21 Surrogate Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Surrogate Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

3.3.22 Recovery Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the

isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Recovery Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

4. Procedure

4.1 Sampling. The complexity of this method is such that, in order to obtain reliable results, testers should be trained and experienced with the test procedures.

4.1.1 Pretest Preparation.

4.1.1.1 Cleaning Glassware. All glass components of the train upstream of and including the adsorbent module, shall be cleaned as described in section 3A of the ''Manual of Analytical Methods for the Analysis of Pesticides in Human and Environmental Samples.'' Special care shall be devoted to the removal of residual silicone grease sealants on ground glass connections of used glassware. Any residue shall be removed by soaking the glassware for several hours in a chromic acid cleaning solution prior to cleaning as described above.

4.1.1.2 Adsorbent Trap. The traps must be loaded in a clean area to avoid contamination. They may not be loaded in the field. Fill a trap with 20 to 40 g of XAD–2. Follow the XAD–2 with glass wool and tightly cap both ends of the trap. Add 100 μl of the surrogate standard solution (section 3.3.21) to each trap.

4.1.1.3 Sample Train. It is suggested that all components be maintained according to the procedure described in APTD–0576. Alternative mercury-free thermometers may be used if the thermometers are, at a minimum, equivalent in terms of performance or suitably effective for the specific temperature measurement application.

4.1.1.4 Silica Gel. Weigh several 200 to 300 g portions of silica gel in an air tight container to the nearest 0.5 g. Record the total weight of the silica gel plus container, on each container. As an alternative, the silica gel may be weighed directly in its impinger or sampling holder just prior to sampling.

4.1.1.5 Filter. Check each filter against light for irregularities and flaws or pinhole leaks. Pack the filters flat in a clean glass container.

4.1.2 Preliminary Determinations. Same as section 4.1.2 of Method 5.

4.1.3 Preparation of Collection Train.

4.1.3.1 During preparation and assembly of the sampling train, keep all train openings where contamination can enter, sealed until just prior to assembly or until sampling is about to begin.

NOTE: Do not use sealant grease in assembling the train.

4.1.3.2 Place approximately 100 ml of water in the second and third impingers, leave the first and fourth impingers empty, and transfer approximately 200 to 300 g of preweighed silica gel from its container to the fifth impinger.

4.1.3.3 Place the silica gel container in a clean place for later use in the sample recovery. Alternatively, the weight of the silica gel plus impinger may be determined to the nearest 0.5 g and recorded.

4.1.3.4 Assemble the train as shown in Figure 23–1.

4.1.3.5 Turn on the adsorbent module and condenser coil recirculating pump and begin monitoring the adsorbent module gas entry temperature. Ensure proper sorbent temperature gas entry temperature before proceeding and before sampling is initiated. It is extremely important that the XAD–2 adsorbent resin temperature never exceed 50 °C because thermal decomposition will occur. During testing, the XAD–2 temperature must not exceed 20 °C for efficient capture of the PCDD's and PCDF's.

4.1.4 Leak-Check Procedure. Same as Method 5, section 4.1.4.

4.1.5 Sample Train Operation. Same as Method 5, section 4.1.5.

4.2 Sample Recovery. Proper cleanup procedure begins as soon as the probe is removed from the stack at the end of the sampling period. Seal the nozzle end of the sampling probe with Teflon tape or aluminum foil.

When the probe can be safely handled, wipe off all external particulate matter near the tip of the probe. Remove the probe from the train and close off both ends with aluminum foil. Seal off the inlet to the train with Teflon tape, a ground glass cap, or aluminum foil.

Transfer the probe and impinger assembly to the cleanup area. This area shall be clean and enclosed so that the chances of losing or contaminating the sample are minimized. Smoking, which could contaminate the sample, shall not be allowed in the cleanup area.

Inspect the train prior to and during disassembly and note any abnormal conditions, e.g., broken filters, colored impinger liquid, etc. Treat the samples as follows:

4.2.1 Container No. 1. Either seal the filter holder or carefully remove the filter from the filter holder and place it in its identified container. Use a pair of cleaned tweezers to handle the filter. If it is necessary to fold the filter, do so such that the particulate cake is inside the fold. Carefully transfer to the container any particulate matter and filter fibers which adhere to the filter holder gasket, by using a dry inert bristle brush and a sharp-edged blade. Seal the container.

4.2.2 Adsorbent Module. Remove the module from the train, tightly cap both ends, label it, cover with aluminum foil, and store it on ice for transport to the laboratory.

4.2.3 Container No. 2. Quantitatively recover material deposited in the nozzle, probe transfer lines, the front half of the filter holder, and the cyclone, if used, first, by

brushing while rinsing three times each with acetone and then, by rinsing the probe three times with methylene chloride. Collect all the rinses in Container No. 2.

Rinse the back half of the filter holder three times with acetone. Rinse the connecting line between the filter and the condenser three times with acetone. Soak the connecting line with three separate portions of methylene chloride for 5 minutes each. If using a separate condenser and adsorbent trap, rinse the condenser in the same manner as the connecting line. Collect all the rinses in Container No. 2 and mark the level of the liquid on the container.

4.2.4 Container No. 3. Repeat the methylene chloride-rinsing described in section 4.2.3 using toluene as the rinse solvent. Collect the rinses in Container No. 3 and mark the level of the liquid on the container.

4.2.5 Impinger Water. Measure the liquid in the first three impingers to within ±1 ml by using a graduated cylinder or by weighing it to within ±0.5 g by using a balance. Record the volume or weight of liquid present. This information is required to calculate the moisture content of the effluent gas.

Discard the liquid after measuring and recording the volume or weight.

4.2.7 Silica Gel. Note the color of the indicating silica gel to determine if it has been completely spent and make a mention of its condition. Transfer the silica gel from the fifth impinger to its original container and seal. If a moisture determination is made, follow the applicable procedures in sections 8.7.6.3 and 11.2.3 of Method 5 to handle and weigh the silica gel. If moisture is not measured, the silica gel may be disposed.

5. Analysis

All glassware shall be cleaned as described in section 3A of the "Manual of Analytical Methods for the Analysis of Pesticides in Human and Environmental Samples." All samples must be extracted within 30 days of collection and analyzed within 45 days of extraction.

5.1 Sample Extraction.

5.1.1 Extraction System. Place an extraction thimble (section 2.3.4), 1 g of silica gel, and a plug of glass wool into the Soxhlet apparatus, charge the apparatus with toluene, and reflux for a minimum of 3 hours. Remove the toluene and discard it, but retain the silica gel. Remove the extraction thimble from the extraction system and place it in a glass beaker to catch the solvent rinses.

5.1.2 Container No. 1 (Filter). Transfer the contents directly to the glass thimble of the extraction system and extract them simultaneously with the XAD–2 resin.

5.1.3 Adsorbent Cartridge. Suspend the adsorbent module directly over the extraction thimble in the beaker (See section 5.1.1). The glass frit of the module should be in the up position. Using a Teflon squeeze bottle containing toluene, flush the XAD–2 into the thimble onto the bed of cleaned silica gel. Thoroughly rinse the glass module catching the rinsings in the beaker containing the thimble. If the resin is wet, effective extraction can be accomplished by loosely packing the resin in the thimble. Add the XAD–2 glass wool plug into the thimble.

5.1.4 Container No. 2 (Acetone and Methylene Chloride). Concentrate the sample to a volume of about 1–5 ml using the rotary evaporator apparatus, at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container three times with small portions of methylene chloride and add these to the concentrated solution and concentrate further to near dryness. This residue contains particulate matter removed in the rinse of the train probe and nozzle. Add the concentrate to the filter and the XAD–2 resin in the Soxhlet apparatus described in section 5.1.1.

5.1.5 Extraction. Add 100 µl of the internal standard solution (Section 3.3.20) to the extraction thimble containing the contents of the adsorbent cartridge, the contents of Container No. 1, and the concentrate from section 5.1.4. Cover the contents of the extraction thimble with the cleaned glass wool plug to prevent the XAD–2 resin from floating into the solvent reservoir of the extractor. Place the thimble in the extractor, and add the toluene contained in the beaker to the solvent reservoir. Pour additional toluene to fill the reservoir approximately ⅔ full. Add Teflon boiling chips and assemble the apparatus. Adjust the heat source to cause the extractor to cycle three times per hour. Extract the sample for 16 hours. After extraction, allow the Soxhlet to cool. Transfer the toluene extract and three 10-ml rinses to the rotary evaporator. Concentrate the extract to approximately 10 ml. At this point the analyst may choose to split the sample in half. If so, split the sample, store one half for future use, and analyze the other according to the procedures in sections 5.2 and 5.3. In either case, use a nitrogen evaporative concentrator to reduce the volume of the sample being analyzed to near dryness. Dissolve the residue in 5 ml of hexane.

5.1.6 Container No. 3 (Toluene Rinse). Add 100 µl of the Internal Standard solution (section 3.3.2) to the contents of the container. Concentrate the sample to a volume of about 1–5 ml using the rotary evaporator apparatus at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container apparatus at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container three times with small portions of toluene and add these to the concentrated solution and concentrate further to near dryness. Analyze the extract separately according to the procedures in sections 5.2 and 5.3, but concentrate the solution in a rotary evaporator apparatus rather than a nitrogen evaporative concentrator.

5.2 Sample Cleanup and Fractionation.

5.2.1 Silica Gel Column. Pack one end of a glass column, 20 mm × 230 mm, with glass wool. Add in sequence, 1 g silica gel, 2 g of sodium hydroxide impregnated silica gel, 1 g silica gel, 4 g of acid-modified silica gel, and 1 g of silica gel. Wash the column with 30 ml of hexane and discard it. Add the sample extract, dissolved in 5 ml of hexane to the column with two additional 5-ml rinses. Elute the column with an additional 90 ml of hexane and retain the entire eluate. Concentrate this solution to a volume of about 1 ml using the nitrogen evaporative concentrator (section 2.3.7).

5.2.2 Basic Alumina Column. Shorten a 25-ml disposable Pasteur pipette to about 16 ml. Pack the lower section with glass wool and 12 g of basic alumina. Transfer the concentrated extract from the silica gel column to the top of the basic alumina column and elute the column sequentially with 120 ml of 0.5 percent methylene chloride in hexane followed by 120 ml of 35 percent methylene chloride in hexane. Discard the first 120 ml of eluate. Collect the second 120 ml of eluate and concentrate it to about 0.5 ml using the nitrogen evaporative concentrator.

5.2.3 AX–21 Carbon/Celite 545 Column. Remove the botton 0.5 in. from the tip of a 9-ml disposable Pasteur pipette. Insert a glass fiber filter disk in the top of the pipette 2.5 cm from the constriction. Add sufficient carbon/celite mixture to form a 2 cm column. Top with a glass wool plug. In some cases AX–21 carbon fines may wash through the glass wool plug and enter the sample. This may be prevented by adding a celite plug to the exit end of the column. Rinse the column in sequence with 2 ml of 50 percent benzene in ethyl acetate, 1 ml of 50 percent methylene chloride in cyclohexane, and 2 ml of hexane. Discard these rinses. Transfer the concentrate in 1 ml of hexane from the basic alumina column to the carbon/celite column along with 1 ml of hexane rinse. Elute the column sequentially with 2 ml of 50 percent methylene chloride in hexane and 2 ml of 50 percent benzene in ethyl acetate and discard these eluates. Invert the column and elute in the reverse direction with 13 ml of toluene. Collect this eluate. Concentrate the eluate in a rotary evaporator at 50 °C to about 1 ml. Transfer the concentrate to a Reacti-vial using a toluene rinse and concentrate to a volume of 200 μl using a stream of N_2. Store extracts at room temperature, shielded from light, until the analysis is performed.

5.3 Analysis. Analyze the sample with a gas chromatograph coupled to a mass spectrometer (GC/MS) using the instrumental parameters in sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2. Immediately prior to analysis, add a 20 μl aliquot of the Recovery Standard solution from Table 1 to each sample. A 2 μl aliquot of the extract is injected into the GC. Sample extracts are first analyzed using the DB–5 capillary column to determine the concentration of each isomer of PCDD's and PCDF's (tetra-through octa-). If tetra-chlorinated dibenzofurans are detected in this analysis, then analyze another aliquot of the sample in a separate run, using the DB–225 column to measure the 2,3,7,8 tetra-chloro dibenzofuran isomer. Other column systems may be used, provided that the user is able to demonstrate using calibration and performance checks that the column system is able to meet the specifications of section 6.1.2.2.

5.3.1 Gas Chromatograph Operating Conditions.

5.3.1.1 Injector. Configured for capillary column, splitless, 250 °C.

5.3.1.2 Carrier Gas. Helium, 1–2 ml/min.

5.3.1.3 Oven. Initially at 150 °C. Raise by at least 40 °C/min to 190 °C and then at 3 °C/min up to 300 °C.

5.3.2 High Resolution Mass Spectrometer.

5.3.2.1 Resolution. 10000 m/e.

5.3.2.2 Ionization Mode. Electron impact.

5.3.2.3 Source Temperature 250 °C.

5.3.2.4 Monitoring Mode. Selected ion monitoring. A list of the various ions to be monitored is summarized in Table 3.

5.3.2.5 Identification Criteria. The following identification criteria shall be used for the characterization of polychlorinated dibenzodioxins and dibenzofurans.

1. The integrated ion-abundance ratio (M/M + 2 or M + 2/M + 4) shall be within 15 percent of the theoretical value. The acceptable ion-abundance ratio ranges for the identification of chlorine-containing compounds are given in Table 4.

2. The retention time for the analytes must be within 3 seconds of the corresponding ^{13}C-labeled internal standard, surrogate or alternate standard.

3. The monitored ions, shown in Table 3 for a given analyte, shall reach their maximum within 2 seconds of each other.

4. The identification of specific isomers that do not have corresponding ^{13}C-labeled standards is done by comparison of the relative retention time (RRT) of the analyte to the nearest internal standard retention time with reference (i.e., within 0.005 RRT units) to the comparable RRT's found in the continuing calibration.

5. The signal to noise ratio for all monitored ions must be greater than 2.5.

6. The confirmation of 2, 3, 7, 8–TCDD and 2, 3, 7, 8–TCDF shall satisfy all of the above identification criteria.

7. For the identification of PCDF's, no signal may be found in the corresponding PCDPE channels.

5.3.2.6 Quantification. The peak areas for the two ions monitored for each analyte are summed to yield the total response for each analyte. Each internal standard is used to quantify the indigenous PCDD's or PCDF's in its homologous series. For example, the $^{13}C_{12}$–2,3,7,8-tetra chlorinated dibenzodioxin is used to calculate the concentrations of all

other tetra chlorinated isomers. Recoveries of the tetra- and penta- internal standards are calculated using the $^{13}C_{12}$–1,2,3,4–TCDD. Recoveries of the hexa- through octa- internal standards are calculated using $^{13}C_{12}$–1,2,3,7,8,9–HxCDD. Recoveries of the surrogate standards are calculated using the corresponding homolog from the internal standard.

6. Calibration

Same as Method 5 with the following additions.

6.1 GC/MS System.

6.1.1 Initial Calibration. Calibrate the GC/MS system using the set of five standards shown in Table 2. The relative standard deviation for the mean response factor from each of the unlabeled analytes (Table 2) and of the internal, surrogate, and alternate standards shall be less than or equal to the values in Table 5. The signal to noise ratio for the GC signal present in every selected ion current profile shall be greater than or equal to 2.5. The ion abundance ratios shall be within the control limits in Table 4.

6.1.2 Daily Performance Check.

6.1.2.1 Calibration Check. Inject on µl of solution Number 3 from Table 2. Calculate the relative response factor (RRF) for each compound and compare each RRF to the corresponding mean RRF obtained during the initial calibration. The analyzer performance is acceptable if the measured RRF's for the labeled and unlabeled compounds for the daily run are within the limits of the mean values shown in Table 5. In addition, the ion-abundance ratios shall be within the allowable control limits shown in Table 4.

6.1.2.2 Column Separation Check. Inject a solution of a mixture of PCDD's and PCDF's that documents resolution between 2,3,7,8–TCDD and other TCDD isomers. Resolution is defined as a valley between peaks that is less than 25 percent of the lower of the two peaks. Identify and record the retention time windows for each homologous series.

Perform a similar resolution check on the confirmation column to document the resolution between 2,3,7,8 TCDF and other TCDF isomers.

6.2 Lock Channels. Set mass spectrometer lock channels as specified in Table 3. Monitor the quality control check channels specified in Table 3 to verify instrument stability during the analysis.

7. Quality Control

7.1 Sampling Train Collection Efficiency Check. Add 100 µl of the surrogate standards in Table 1 to the absorbent cartridge of each train before collecting the field samples.

7.2 Internal Standard Percent Recoveries. A group of nine carbon labeled PCDD's and PCDF's representing, the tetra-through octachlorinated homologues, is added to every sample prior to extraction. The role of the internal standards is to quantify the native PCDD's and PCDF's present in the sample as well as to determine the overall method efficiency. Recoveries of the internal standards must be between 40 to 130 percent for the tetra-through hexachlorinated compounds while the range is 25 to 130 percent for the higher hepta- and octachlorinated homologues.

7.3 Surrogate Recoveries. The five surrogate compounds in Table 2 are added to the resin in the adsorbent sampling cartridge before the sample is collected. The surrogate recoveries are measured relative to the internal standards and are a measure of collection efficiency. They are not used to measure native PCDD's and PCDF's. All recoveries shall be between 70 and 130 percent. Poor recoveries for all the surrogates may be an indication of breakthrough in the sampling train. If the recovery of all standards is below 70 percent, the sampling runs must be repeated. As an alternative, the sampling runs do not have to be repeated if the final results are divided by the fraction of surrogate recovery. Poor recoveries of isolated surrogate compounds should not be grounds for rejecting an entire set of the samples.

7.4 Toluene QA Rinse. Report the results of the toluene QA rinse separately from the total sample catch. Do not add it to the total sample.

8.0 [Reserved]

9. Calculations

Same as Method 5, section 6 with the following additions.

9.1 Nomenclature.

A_{ai} = Integrated ion current of the noise at the retention time of the analyte.

A^*_{ci} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the internal standard i in the calibration standard.

A_{cij} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of compound i in the jth calibration standard.

A^*_{cij} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the internal standard i in the jth calibration standard.

A_{csi} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of surrogate compound i in the calibration standard.

A_i = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of compound i in the sample.

A^*_i = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of internal standard i in the sample.

A_{rs} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the recovery standard.

A_{si} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of surrogate compound i in the sample.

C_i = Concentration of PCDD or PCDF i in the sample, pg/M^3.

C_T = Total concentration of PCDD's or PCDF's in the sample, pg/M³.
m_{ci} = Mass of compound i in the calibration standard injected into the analyzer, pg.
m_{rs} = Mass of recovery standard in the calibration standard injected into the analyzer, pg.
m_{si} = Mass of surrogate compound in the calibration standard, pg.
RRF_i = Relative response factor.
RRF_{rs} = Recovery standard response factor.
RRF_s = Surrogate compound response factor.

9.2 Average Relative Response Factor.

$$RRF_i = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\frac{A_{cij}\, m^*_{ci}}{A^*_{cij}\, m_{ci}} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-1}$$

9.3 Concentration of the PCDD's and PCDF's.

$$C_i = \frac{m_i * A_i}{A_i * RRF_i V_{mstd}} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-2}$$

9.4 Recovery Standard Response Factor.

$$RRF_{rs} = \frac{A_{ci} * m_{rs}}{A_{rs} m_{ci} *} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-3}$$

9.5 Recovery of Internal Standards (R*).

$$R^* = \frac{A_i * m_{rs}}{A_{rs} RF_{rs} m_i *} \times 100\% \qquad \text{Eq. 23-4}$$

9.6 Surrogate Compound Response Factor.

$$RRF_s = \frac{A_{ci} * m_s}{A_{cis} m_{ci} *} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-5}$$

9.7 Recovery of Surrogate Compounds (R_s).

$$R_s = \frac{A_s m_i *}{A_i * RRF_s m_s} \times 100\% \qquad \text{Eq. 23-6}$$

9.8 Minimum Detectable Limit (MDL).

$$MDL = \frac{2.5\ A_{ai} m_i *}{A_{ci} * RRF_i} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-7}$$

9.9 Total Concentration of PCDD's and PCDF's in the Sample.

$$C_{Tr} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i \qquad \text{Eq. 23-8}$$

Any PCDD's or PCDF's that are reported as nondetected (below the MDL) shall be counted as zero for the purpose of calculating the total concentration of PCDD's and PCDF's in the sample.

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TABLE 1—COMPOSITION OF THE SAMPLE FORTIFICATION AND RECOVERY STANDARDS SOLUTIONS

Analyte	Concentration (pg/μl)
Internal Standards:	
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-OCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	100
Surrogate Standards:	
$^{37}Cl_4$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	100
Recovery Standards:	
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4-TCDD	500
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	500

TABLE 2—COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS

Compound	Concentrations (pg/μL)				
	Solution No.				
	1	2	3	4	5
Alternate Standard:					
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	2.5	5	25	250	500

TABLE 2—COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS—Continued

Compound	Concentrations (pg/μL)				
	Solution No.				
	1	2	3	4	5
Recovery Standards:					
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4-TCDD ..	100	100	100	100	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	100	100	100	100	100

TABLE 3—ELEMENTAL COMPOSITIONS AND EXACT MASSES OF THE IONS MONITORED BY HIGH RESOLUTION MASS SPECTROMETRY FOR PCDD'S AND PCDF'S

Descriptor No.	Accurate mass	Ion type	Elemental composition	Analyte
2	292.9825	LOCK	C_7F_{11}	PFK
	303.9016	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O$	TCDF
	305.8987	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl^{37}O$	TCDF
	315.9419	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O$	TCDF (S)
	317.9389	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}ClO$	TCDF (S)
	319.8965	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}ClO_2$	TCDD
	321.8936	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}ClO_2$	TCDD
	327.8847	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{37}Cl_4O_2$	TCDD (S)
	330.9792	QC	C_7F_{13}	PFK
	331.9368	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O_2$	TCDD (S)
	333.9339	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl^{37}ClO_2$	TCDD (S)
	339.8597	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO$	PECDF
	341.8567	M + 4	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}Cl_2O$	PeCDF
	351.9000	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO$	PeCDF (S)
	353.8970	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl^{3537}Cl_2O$	PeCDF (S)
	355.8546	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_337ClO_2$	PeCDD
	357.8516	M + 4	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	PeCDD
	367.8949	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO_2$	PeCDD (S)
	369.8919	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}\ Cl_2O_2$	PeCDD (S)
	375.8364	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDPE
	409.7974	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCPDE
3	373.8208	M + 2	$C_{12}H_235Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDF
	375.8178	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HxCDF
	383.8639	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_6O$	HxCDF (S)
	385.8610	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDF (S)
	389.8157	M + 2	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO_2$	HxCDD
	391.8127	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HxCDD
	392.9760	LOCK	C_9F_{15}	PFK
	401.8559	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO_2$	HxCDD (S)
	403.8529	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HxCDD (S)
	445.7555	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O$	OCDPE
	430.9729	QC	C_9F_{17}	PFK
4	407.7818	M + 2	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCDF
	409.7789	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HpCDF
	417.8253	M	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_7O$	HpCDF (S)
	419.8220	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCDF (S)
	423.7766	M + 2	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO_2$	HpCDD
	425.7737	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HpCDD
	435.8169	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO_2$	HpCDD (S)
	437.8140	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HpCDD (S)
	479.7165	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}Cl_2O$	NCPDE
	430.9729	LOCK	C_9F_{17}	PFK
	441.7428	M + 2	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO$	OCDF
	443.7399	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O$	OCDF
	457.7377	M + 2	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO_2$	OCDD
	459.7348	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	OCDD
	469.7779	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO_2$	OCDD (S)
	471.7750	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	OCDD (S)
	513.6775	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_8{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	DCDPE
	442.9728	QC	$C_{10}F_{17}$	PFK

(a) The following nuclidic masses were used:
H = 1.007825
C = 12.000000
^{13}C = 13.003355
F = 18.9984
O = 15.994915
^{35}Cl = 34.968853
^{37}Cl = 36.965903

S = Labeled Standard
QC = Ion selected for monitoring instrument stability during the GC/MS analysis.

TABLE 4—ACCEPTABLE RANGES FOR ION-ABUNDANCE RATIOS OF PCDD'S AND PCDF'S

No. of chlorine atoms	Ion type	Theoretical ratio	Control limits	
			Lower	Upper
4	M/M + 2	0.77	0.65	0.89
5	M + 2/M + 4	1.55	1.32	1.78
6	M + 2/M + 4	1.24	1.05	1.43
6[a]	M/M + 2	0.51	0.43	0.59
7[b]	M/M + 2	0.44	0.37	0.51
7	M + 2/M + 4	1.04	0.88	1.20
8	M + 2/M + 4	0.89	0.76	1.02

[a] Used only for ^{13}C-HxCDF.
[b] Used only for ^{13}C-HpCDF.

TABLE 5—MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL AND DAILY CALIBRATION RESPONSE FACTORS

Compound	Relative response factors	
	Initial calibration RSD	Daily calibration % difference
Unlabeled Analytes:		
2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
2,3,7,8-TCDF	25	25
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	25	25
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
1,2,4,5,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	25	25
2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	25	25
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	25	25
OCDD	25	25
OCDF	30	30
Internal Standards:		
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-OCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	30	30
Surrogate Standards:		
$^{37}Cl_4$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	25	25
Alternate Standard:		
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	25	25

METHOD 24—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER CONTENT, WATER CONTENT, DENSITY, VOLUME SOLIDS, AND WEIGHT SOLIDS OF SURFACE COATINGS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile organic compounds	No CAS Number assigned
Water.	7732–18–5

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of paint, varnish, lacquer, or other related surface coatings.

1.3 Precision and Bias. Intra-and inter-laboratory analytical precision statements are presented in section 13.1. No bias has been identified.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Standard methods are used to determine the volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of paint, varnish, lacquer, or other related surface coatings.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Waterborne coating* means any coating which contains more than 5 percent water by weight in its volatile fraction.

3.2 *Multicomponent coatings* are coatings that are packaged in two or more parts, which are combined before application. Upon combination a coreactant from one part of the coating chemically reacts, at ambient conditions, with a coreactant from another part of the coating.

3.3 *Ultraviolet (UV) radiation-cured coatings* are coatings which contain unreacted monomers that are polymerized by exposure to ultraviolet light.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Components. Several of the compounds that may be contained in the coatings analyzed by this method may be irritating or corrosive to tissues (e.g., heptane) or may be toxic (e.g., benzene, methyl alcohol). Nearly all are fire hazards.

Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as Reference 3 of section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The equipment and supplies specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17 for acceptable versions of the methods) are required:

6.1 ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90, Standard Test Method for Density of Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products.

6.2 ASTM D 2369–81, 87, 90, 92, 93, or 95, Standard Test Method for Volatile Content of Coatings.

6.3 ASTM D 3792–79 or 91, Standard Test Method for Water Content of Water Reducible Paints by Direct Injection into a Gas Chromatograph.

6.4 ASTM D 4017–81, 90, or 96a, Standard Test Method for Water in Paints and Paint Materials by the Karl Fischer Titration Method.

6.5 ASTM 4457–85 91, Standard Test Method for Determination of Dichloromethane and 1,1,1-Trichloroethane in Paints and Coatings by Direct Injection into a Gas Chromatograph.

6.6 ASTM D 5403–93, Standard Test Methods for Volatile Content of Radiation Curable Materials.

6.7 ASTM D 6419–00, Test Method for Volatile Content of Sheet-Fed and Coldset Web Offset Printing Inks.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 The reagents and standards specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6 are required.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Follow the sample collection, preservation, storage, and transport procedures described in Reference 1 of section 16.0.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Reproducibility

NOTE: Not applicable to UV radiation-cured coatings). The variety of coatings that may be subject to analysis makes it necessary to verify the ability of the analyst and the analytical procedures to obtain reproducible results for the coatings tested. Verification is accomplished by running duplicate analyses on each sample tested (Sections 11.2 through 11.4) and comparing the results with the intra-laboratory precision statements (Section 13.1) for each parameter.

9.2 Confidence Limits for Waterborne Coatings. Because of the inherent increased imprecision in the determination of the VOC content of waterborne coatings as the weight percent of water increases, measured parameters for waterborne coatings are replaced with appropriate confidence limits (Section 12.6). These confidence limits are based on measured parameters and inter-laboratory precision statements.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Perform the calibration and standardization procedures specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

Additional guidance can be found in Reference 2 of section 16.0.

11.1 Non Thin-film Ultraviolet Radiation-cured (UV radiation-cured) Coatings.

11.1.1 Volatile Content. Use the procedure in ASTM D 5403 to determine the volatile matter content of the coating except the curing test described in NOTE 2 of ASTM D 5403 is required.

11.1.2 Water Content. To determine water content, follow section 11.3.2.

11.1.3 Coating Density. To determine coating density, follow section 11.3.3.

11.1.4 Solids Content. To determine solids content, follow section 11.3.4.

11.1.5 To determine if a coating or ink can be classified as a thin-film UV cured coating or ink, use the equation in section 12.2. If C is less than 0.2 g and A is greater than or equal to 225 cm^2 (35 in^2) then the coating or ink is considered a thin-film UV radiation-cured coating and ASTM D 5403 is not applicable.

NOTE: As noted in section 1.4 of ASTM D 5403, this method may not be applicable to radiation curable materials wherein the volatile material is water.

11.2 Multi-component Coatings.

11.2.1 Sample Preparation.

11.2.1.1 Prepare about 100 ml of sample by mixing the components in a storage container, such as a glass jar with a screw top or a metal can with a cap. The storage container should be just large enough to hold the mixture. Combine the components (by weight or volume) in the ratio recommended by the manufacturer. Tightly close the container between additions and during mixing to prevent loss of volatile materials. However, most manufacturers mixing instructions are by volume. Because of possible error caused by expansion of the liquid when measuring the volume, it is recommended that the components be combined by weight. When weight is used to combine the components and the manufacturer's recommended ratio is by volume, the density must be determined by section 11.3.3.

11.2.1.2 Immediately after mixing, take aliquots from this 100 ml sample for determination of the total volatile content, water content, and density.

11.2.2 Volatile Content. To determine total volatile content, use the apparatus and

reagents described in ASTM D2369 (incorporated by reference; see §60.17 for the approved versions of the standard), respectively, and use the following procedures:

11.2.2.1 Weigh and record the weight of an aluminum foil weighing dish. Add 3 ±1 ml of suitable solvent as specified in ASTM D2369 to the weighing dish. Using a syringe as specified in ASTM D2369, weigh to 1 mg, by difference, a sample of coating into the weighing dish. For coatings believed to have a volatile content less than 40 weight percent, a suitable size is 0.3 + 0.10 g, but for coatings believed to have a volatile content greater than 40 weight percent, a suitable size is 0.5 ±0.1 g.

NOTE: If the volatile content determined pursuant to section 12.4 is not in the range corresponding to the sample size chosen repeat the test with the appropriate sample size. Add the specimen dropwise, shaking (swirling) the dish to disperse the specimen completely in the solvent. If the material forms a lump that cannot be dispersed, discard the specimen and prepare a new one. Similarly, prepare a duplicate. The sample shall stand for a minimum of 1 hour, but no more than 24 hours prior to being oven cured at 110 ±5 °C (230 ±9 °F) for 1 hour.

11.2.2.2 Heat the aluminum foil dishes containing the dispersed specimens in the forced draft oven for 60 min at 110 ±5 °C (230 ±9 °F). Caution—provide adequate ventilation, consistent with accepted laboratory practice, to prevent solvent vapors from accumulating to a dangerous level.

11.2.2.3 Remove the dishes from the oven, place immediately in a desiccator, cool to ambient temperature, and weigh to within 1 mg.

11.2.2.4 Run analyses in pairs (duplicate sets) for each coating mixture until the criterion in section 11.4 is met. Calculate W_V following Equation 24–2 and record the arithmetic average.

11.2.3 Water Content. To determine water content, follow section 11.3.2.

11.2.4 Coating Density. To determine coating density, follow section 11.3.3.

11.2.5 Solids Content. To determine solids content, follow section 11.3.4.

11.2.6 Exempt Solvent Content. To determine the exempt solvent content, follow section 11.3.5.

NOTE: For all other coatings (*i.e.*, water-or solvent-borne coatings) not covered by multicomponent or UV radiation-cured coatings, analyze as shown below:

11.3 Water-or Solvent-borne coatings.

11.3.1 Volatile Content. Use the procedure in ASTM D 2369 to determine the volatile matter content (may include water) of the coating.

11.3.1.1 Record the following information:

W_1 = weight of dish and sample before heating, g

W_2 = weight of dish and sample after heating, g

W_3 = sample weight, g.

11.3.1.2 Calculate the weight fraction of the volatile matter (W_v) for each analysis as shown in section 12.3.

11.3.1.3 Run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.1.4 Record the arithmetic average (W_v).

11.3.2 Water Content. For waterborne coatings only, determine the weight fraction of water (W_w) using either ASTM D 3792 or ASTM D 4017.

11.3.2.1 Run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.2.2 Record the arithmetic average (w_w).

11.3.3 Coating Density. Determine the density (Dc, kg/l) of the surface coating using the procedure in ASTM D 1475.

11.3.3.1 Run duplicate analyses until each value in a set deviates from the mean of the set by no more than the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.3.2 Record the arithmetic average (D_c).

11.3.4 Solids Content. Determine the volume fraction (V_s) solids of the coating by calculation using the manufacturer's formulation.

11.3.5 Exempt Solvent Content. Determine the weight fraction of exempt solvents (W_E) by using ASTM Method D4457. Run a duplicate set of determinations and record the arithmetic average (W_E).

11.4 Sample Analysis Criteria. For W_v and W_w, run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement for that parameter. For D_c, run duplicate analyses until each value in a set deviates from the mean of the set by no more than the intra-laboratory precision statement. If, after several attempts, it is concluded that the ASTM procedures cannot be used for the specific coating with the established intra-laboratory precision (excluding UV radiation-cured coatings), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will assume responsibility for providing the necessary procedures for revising the method or precision statements upon written request to: Director, Emissions, Monitoring, and Analysis Division, MD–14, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 Nomenclature.

A = Area of substrate, cm^2, (in^2).

C = Amount of coating or ink added to the substrate, g.

D_c = Density of coating or ink, g/cm^3 (g/in^3).

F = Manufacturer's recommended film thickness, cm (in).
W_o = Weight fraction of nonaqueous volatile matter, g/g.
W_s = Weight fraction of solids, g/g.
W_v = Weight fraction of the volatile matter, g/g.
W_w = Weight fraction of the water, g/g.

12.2 To determine if a coating or ink can be classified as a thin-film UV cured coating or ink, use the following equation:

$$C = F\,A\,D_c \qquad \text{Eq. 24-1}$$

12.3 Calculate W_v for each analysis as shown below:

$$W_v = \frac{W_1 - W_2}{W_3} \qquad \text{Eq. 24-2}$$

12.4 Nonaqueous Volatile Matter.

12.4.1 Solvent-borne Coatings.

$$W_o = W_v \qquad \text{Eq. 24-3}$$

12.4.2 Waterborne Coatings.

$$W_o = W_v - W_w \qquad \text{Eq. 24-4}$$

12.4.3 Coatings Containing Exempt Solvents.

$$W_o = W_v - W_E - W_w \qquad \text{Eq. 24-5}$$

12.5 Weight Fraction Solids.

$$W_s = 1 - W_v \qquad \text{Eq. 24-6}$$

12.6 Confidence Limit Calculations for Waterborne Coatings. To calculate the lower confidence limit, subtract the appropriate inter-laboratory precision value from the measured mean value for that parameter. To calculate the upper confidence limit, add the appropriate inter-laboratory precision value to the measured mean value for that parameter. For W_v and D_c, use the lower confidence limits; for W_w, use the upper confidence limit. Because W_s is calculated, there is no adjustment for this parameter.

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Analytical Precision Statements. The intra-and inter-laboratory precision statements are given in Table 24–1 in section 17.0.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as specified in section 6.0, with the addition of the following:

1. Standard Procedure for Collection of Coating and Ink Samples for Analysis by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–010. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.
2. Standard Operating Procedure for Analysis of Coating and Ink Samples by Reference Methods 24 and 24A.
EPA–340/1–91–011. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.
3. Handbook of Hazardous Materials: Fire, Safety, Health. Alliance of American Insurers. Schaumberg, IL. 1983.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

TABLE 24–1—ANALYTICAL PRECISION STATEMENTS

	Intra-laboratory	Inter-laboratory
Volatile matter content, W_v	±0.015 $\overline{W}_v$	±0.047 $\overline{W}_v$
Water content, W_w	±0.029 $\overline{W}_w$	±0.075 $\overline{W}_w$
Density, D_c	±0.001 kg/l	±0.002 kg/l

METHOD 24A—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER CONTENT AND DENSITY OF PUBLICATION ROTOGRAVURE INKS AND RELATED PUBLICATION ROTOGRAVURE COATINGS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile organic compounds (VOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of the VOC content and density of solvent-borne (solvent-reducible) publication rotogravure inks and related publication rotogravure coatings.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Separate procedures are used to determine the VOC weight fraction and density of the ink or related coating and the density of the solvent in the ink or related coating. The VOC weight fraction is determined by measuring the weight loss of a known sample quantity which has been heated for a specified length of time at a specified temperature. The density of both the ink or related coating and solvent are measured by a standard procedure. From this information, the VOC volume fraction is calculated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Components. Some of the compounds that may be contained in the inks or related coatings analyzed by this method may be irritating or corrosive to tissues or may be toxic. Nearly all are fire hazards. Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as Reference 6 of section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The following equipment and supplies are required for sample analysis:

6.1 Weighing Dishes. Aluminum foil, 58 mm (2.3 in.) in diameter by 18 mm (0.7 in.) high, with a flat bottom. There must be at least three weighing dishes per sample.

6.2 Disposable Syringe. 5 ml.

6.3 Analytical Balance. To measure to within 0.1 mg.

6.4 Oven. Vacuum oven capable of maintaining a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) and an absolute pressure of 510 ±51 mm Hg (20 ±2 in. Hg) for 4 hours. Alternatively, a forced draft oven capable of maintaining a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) for 24 hours.

6.5 The equipment and supplies specified in ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17).

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 The reagents and standards specified in ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90 are required.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Follow the sample collection, preservation, storage, and transport procedures described in Reference 4 of section 16.0.

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedure

Additional guidance can be found in Reference 5 of section 16.0.

11.1 VOC Weight Fraction. Shake or mix the ink or related coating sample thoroughly to assure that all the solids are completely suspended. Label and weigh to the nearest 0.1 mg a weighing dish and record this weight (M_{x1}). Using a 5 ml syringe, without a needle, extract an aliquot from the ink or related coating sample. Weigh the syringe and aliquot to the nearest 0.1 mg and record this weight (M_{cy1}). Transfer 1 to 3 g of the aliquot to the tared weighing dish. Reweigh the syringe and remaining aliquot to the nearest 0.1 mg and record this weight (M_{cy2}). Heat the weighing dish with the transferred aliquot in a vacuum oven at an absolute pressure of 510 ±51 mm Hg (20 ±2 in. Hg) and a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) for 4 hours. Alternatively, heat the weighing dish with the transferred aliquot in a forced draft oven at a temperature of 120 ±2 °C for 24 hours. After the weighing dish has cooled, reweigh it to the nearest 0.1 mg and record the weight (M_{x2}). Repeat this procedure two times for each ink or related coating sample, for a total of three samples.

11.2 Ink or Related Coating Density. Determine the density of the ink or related coating (D_c) according to the procedure outlined in ASTM D 1475. Make a total of three determinations for each ink or related coating sample. Report the ink or related coating density as the arithmetic average (D_c) of the three determinations.

11.3 Solvent Density. Determine the density of the solvent (D_o) according to the procedure outlined in ASTM D 1475. Make a total of three determinations for each ink or related coating sample. Report the solvent density as the arithmetic average (D_o) of the three determinations.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 VOC Weight Fraction. For each determination, calculate the volatile organic content weight fraction (W_o) using the following equation:

$$W_o = \frac{M_{x1} + M_{cy1} - M_{cy2} - M_{x2}}{M_{cy1} - M_{cy2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 24A-1}$$

Make a total of three determinations. Report the VOC weight fraction as the arithmetic average ($\bar{W}_o$) of the three determinations.

12.2 VOC Volume Fraction. Calculate the volume fraction volatile organic content (V_o) using the following equation:

$$V_o = \frac{\overline{W}_o \overline{D}_c}{\overline{D}_o} \qquad \text{Eq. 24A-2}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 25—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS NONMETHANE ORGANIC EMISSIONS AS CARBON

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total gaseous nonmethane organic compounds (TGNMO)	N/A	Dependent upon analytical equipment.

1.2 Applicability.

1.2.1 This method is applicable for the determination of volatile organic compounds (VOC) (measured as total gaseous nonmethane organics (TGNMO) and reported as carbon) in stationary source emissions. This method is not applicable for the determination of organic particulate matter.

1.2.2 This method is not the only method that applies to the measurement of VOC. Costs, logistics, and other practicalities of source testing may make other test methods more desirable for measuring VOC contents of certain effluent streams. Proper judgment is required in determining the most applicable VOC test method. For example, depending upon the molecular composition of the organics in the effluent stream, a totally automated semicontinuous nonmethane organics (NMO) analyzer interfaced directly to the source may yield accurate results. This approach has the advantage of providing emission data semicontinuously over an extended time period.

1.2.3 Direct measurement of an effluent with a flame ionization detector (FID) analyzer may be appropriate with prior characterization of the gas stream and knowledge that the detector responds predictably to the organic compounds in the stream. If present, methane (CH_4) will, of course, also be measured. The FID can be used under any of the following limited conditions: (1) Where only one compound is known to exist; (2) when the organic compounds consist of only hydrogen and carbon; (3) where the relative percentages of the compounds are known or can be determined, and the FID responses to the compounds are known; (4) where a consistent mixture of the compounds exists before and after emission control and only the relative concentrations are to be assessed; or (5) where the FID can be calibrated against mass standards of the compounds emitted (solvent emissions, for example).

1.2.4 Another example of the use of a direct FID is as a screening method. If there is enough information available to provide a rough estimate of the analyzer accuracy, the FID analyzer can be used to determine the VOC content of an uncharacterized gas stream. With a sufficient buffer to account for possible inaccuracies, the direct FID can be a useful tool to obtain the desired results without costly exact determination.

1.2.5 In situations where a qualitative/quantitative analysis of an effluent stream is desired or required, a gas chromatographic FID system may apply. However, for sources emitting numerous organics, the time and expense of this approach will be formidable.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 An emission sample is withdrawn from the stack at a constant rate through a heated filter and a chilled condensate trap by means of an evacuated sample tank. After sampling is completed, the TGNMO are determined by independently analyzing the condensate trap and sample tank fractions and combining the analytical results. The organic content of the condensate trap fraction is determined by oxidizing the NMO to carbon dioxide (CO_2) and quantitatively collecting in the effluent in an evacuated vessel; then a portion of the CO_2 is reduced to CH_4 and measured by an FID. The organic content of the sample tank fraction is measured by injecting a portion of the sample into a gas chromatographic column to separate the NMO from carbon monoxide (CO), CO_2, and CH_4; the NMO are oxidized to CO_2, reduced to CH_4, and measured by an FID. In this manner, the variable response of the FID associated with different types of organics is eliminated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

4.1 Carbon Dioxide and Water Vapor. When carbon dioxide (CO_2) and water vapor are present together in the stack, they can produce a positive bias in the sample. The magnitude of the bias depends on the concentrations of CO_2 and water vapor. As a guideline, multiply the CO_2 concentration, expressed as volume percent, times the water vapor concentration. If this product does not exceed 100, the bias can be considered insignificant. For example, the bias is not significant for a source having 10 percent CO_2 and 10 percent water vapor, but it might be significant for a source having 10 percent CO_2 and 20 percent water vapor.

4.2. Particulate Matter. Collection of organic particulate matter in the condensate trap would produce a positive bias. A filter is included in the sampling equipment to minimize this bias.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sample Collection. The sampling system consists of a heated probe, heated filter, condensate trap, flow control system, and sample tank (see Figure 25–1). The TGNMO sampling equipment can be constructed from commercially available components and components fabricated in a machine shop. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Heated Probe. 6.4-mm (¼-in.) OD stainless steel tubing with a heating system capable of maintaining a gas temperature at the exit end of at least 129 °C (265 °F). The probe shall be equipped with a temperature sensor at the exit end to monitor the gas temperature. A suitable probe is shown in Figure 25–1. The nozzle is an elbow fitting attached to the front end of the probe while the temperature sensor is inserted in the side arm of a tee fitting attached to the rear of the probe. The probe is wrapped with a suitable length of high temperature heating tape, and then covered with two layers of glass cloth insulation and one layer of aluminum foil or an equivalent wrapping.

NOTE: If it is not possible to use a heating system for safety reasons, an unheated system with an in-stack filter is a suitable alternative.

6.1.2 Filter Holder. 25-mm (15⁄16-in.) ID Gelman filter holder with 303 stainless steel body and 316 stainless steel support screen with the Viton O-ring replaced by a Teflon O-ring.

6.1.3 Filter Heating System.

6.1.3.1 A metal box consisting of an inner and an outer shell separated by insulating material with a heating element in the inner shell capable of maintaining a gas temperature at the filter of 121 ±3 °C (250 ±5 °F). The heating box shall include temperature sensors to monitor the gas temperature immediately upstream and immediately downstream of the filter.

6.1.3.2 A suitable heating box is shown in Figure 25–2. The outer shell is a metal box that measures 102 mm × 280 mm × 292 mm (4 in. × 11 in. × 11½ in.), while the inner shell is a metal box measuring 76 mm × 229 mm × 241 mm (3 in. × 9 in. × 9½ in.). The inner box is supported by 13-mm (½-in.) phenolic rods. The void space between the boxes is filled with ceramic fiber insulation which is sealed in place by means of a silicon rubber bead around the upper sides of the box. A removable lid made in a similar manner, with a 25-mm (1-in.) gap between the parts is used to cover the heating chamber. The inner box is heated with a 250-watt cartridge heater, shielded by a stainless steel shroud. The heater is regulated by a thermostatic temperature controller which is set to maintain a gas temperature of 121 °C (250 °F) as measured by the temperature sensor upstream of the filter.

NOTE: If it is not possible to use a heating system for safety reasons, an unheated system with an in-stack filter is a suitable alternative.

6.1.4 Condensate Trap. 9.5-mm (⅜-in.) OD 316 stainless steel tubing bent into a U-shape. Exact dimensions are shown in Figure

25–3. The tubing shall be packed with coarse quartz wool, to a density of approximately 0.11 g/cm^3 before bending. While the condensate trap is packed with dry ice in the Dewar, an ice bridge may form between the arms of the condensate trap making it difficult to remove the condensate trap. This problem can be prevented by attaching a steel plate between the arms of the condensate trap in the same plane as the arms to completely fill the intervening space.

6.1.5 Valve. Stainless steel control valve for starting and stopping sample flow.

6.1.6 Metering Valve. Stainless steel valve for regulating the sample flow rate through the sample train.

6.1.7 Rate Meter. Rotameter, or equivalent, capable of measuring sample flow in the range of 60 to 100 cm^3/min (0.13 to 0.21 ft^3/hr).

6.1.8 Sample Tank. Stainless steel or aluminum tank with a minimum volume of 4 liters (0.14 ft^3).

NOTE: Sample volumes greater than 4 liters may be required for sources with low organic concentrations.

6.1.9 Mercury Manometer. U-tube manometer or absolute pressure gauge capable of measuring pressure to within 1 mm Hg in the range of 0 to 900 mm.

6.1.10 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg.

6.2 Condensate Recovery. The system for the recovery of the organics captured in the condensate trap consists of a heat source, an oxidation catalyst, a nondispersive infrared (NDIR) analyzer, and an intermediate collection vessel (ICV). Figure 25–4 is a schematic of a typical system. The system shall be capable of proper oxidation and recovery, as specified in section 10.1.1. The following major components are required:

6.2.1 Heat Source. Sufficient to heat the condensate trap (including probe) to a temperature of 200 °C (390 °F). A system using both a heat gun and an electric tube furnace is recommended.

6.2.2 Heat Tape. Sufficient to heat the connecting tubing between the water trap and the oxidation catalyst to 100 °C (212 °F).

6.2.3 Oxidation Catalyst. A suitable length of 9.5 mm (3⁄8-in.) OD Inconel 600 tubing packed with 15 cm (6 in.) of 3.2 mm (3⁄8-in.) diameter 19 percent chromia on alumina pellets. The catalyst material is packed in the center of the catalyst tube with quartz wool packed on either end to hold it in place.

6.2.4 Water Trap. Leak-proof, capable of removing moisture from the gas stream.

6.2.5 Syringe Port. A 6.4-mm (1⁄4-in.) OD stainless steel tee fitting with a rubber septum placed in the side arm.

6.2.6 NDIR Detector. Capable of indicating CO_2 concentration in the range of zero to 5 percent, to monitor the progress of combustion of the organic compounds from the condensate trap.

6.2.7 Flow-Control Valve. Stainless steel, to maintain the trap conditioning system near atmospheric pressure.

6.2.8 Intermediate Collection Vessel. Stainless steel or aluminum, equipped with a female quick connect. Tanks with nominal volumes of at least 6 liters (0.2 ft^3) are recommended.

6.2.9 Mercury Manometer. Same as described in section 6.1.9.

6.2.10 Syringe. 10-ml gas-tight glass syringe equipped with an appropriate needle.

6.2.11 Syringes. 10-μl and 50-μl liquid injection syringes.

6.2.12 Liquid Sample Injection Unit. 316 Stainless steel U-tube fitted with an injection septum (see Figure 25–7).

6.3 Analysis.

6.3.1 NMO Analyzer. The NMO analyzer is a gas chromatograph (GC) with backflush capability for NMO analysis and is equipped with an oxidation catalyst, reduction catalyst, and FID. Figures 25–5 and 25–6 are schematics of a typical NMO analyzer. This semicontinuous GC/FID analyzer shall be capable of: (1) Separating CO, CO_2, and CH_4 from NMO, (2) reducing the CO_2 to CH_4 and quantifying as CH_4, and (3) oxidizing the NMO to CO_2, reducing the CO_2 to CH_4 and quantifying as CH_4, according to section 10.1.2. The analyzer consists of the following major components:

6.3.1.1 Oxidation Catalyst. A suitable length of 9.5-mm (3⁄8-in.) OD Inconel 600 tubing packed with 5.1 cm (2 in.) of 19 percent chromia on 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) alumina pellets. The catalyst material is packed in the center of the tube supported on either side by quartz wool. The catalyst tube must be mounted vertically in a 650 °C (1200 °F) furnace. Longer catalysts mounted horizontally may be used, provided they can meet the specifications of section 10.1.2.1.

6.3.1.2 Reduction Catalyst. A 7.6-cm (3-in.) length of 6.4-mm (1⁄4-in.) OD Inconel tubing fully packed with 100-mesh pure nickel powder. The catalyst tube must be mounted vertically in a 400 °C (750 °F) furnace.

6.3.1.3 Separation Column(s). A 30-cm (1-ft) length of 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) OD stainless steel tubing packed with 60/80 mesh Unibeads 1S followed by a 61-cm (2-ft) length of 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) OD stainless steel tubing packed with 60/80 mesh Carbosieve G. The Carbosieve and Unibeads columns must be baked separately at 200 °C (390 °F) with carrier gas flowing through them for 24 hours before initial use.

6.3.1.4 Sample Injection System. A single 10-port GC sample injection valve or a group of valves with sufficient ports fitted with a sample loop properly sized to interface with the NMO analyzer (1-cc loop recommended).

6.3.1.5 FID. An FID meeting the following specifications is required:

6.3.1.5.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.1.2.3.

6.3.1.5.2 Range. A full scale range of 10 to 50,000 ppm CH_4. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.3.1.6 Data Recording System. Analog strip chart recorder or digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the analytical results.

6.3.2 Barometer. Mercury, aneroid, or other barometer capable of measuring atmospheric pressure to within 1 mm Hg.

6.3.3 Temperature Sensor. Capable of measuring the laboratory temperature within 1 °C (2 °F).

6.3.4 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Sample Collection. The following reagents are required for sample collection:

7.1.1 Dry Ice. Solid CO2, crushed.

7.1.2 Coarse Quartz Wool. 8 to 15 um.

7.1.3 Filters. Glass fiber filters, without organic binder, exhibiting at least 99.95 percent efficiency (<0.05 percent penetration) on 0.3 micron dioctyl phthalate smoke particles. The filter efficiency test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM Method D2986–71, 78, or 95a (incorporated by reference—see §60.17). Test data from the supplier's quality control program are sufficient for this purpose.

7.2 NMO Analysis. The following gases are required for NMO analysis:

7.2.1 Carrier Gases. Helium (He) and oxygen (O_2) containing less than 1 ppm CO_2 and less than 0.1 ppm hydrocarbon.

7.2.2 Fuel Gas. Hydrogen (H_2), at least 99.999 percent pure.

7.2.3 Combustion Gas. Either air (less than 0.1 ppm total hydrocarbon content) or O_2 (purity 99.99 percent or greater), as required by the detector.

7.3 Condensate Analysis. The following are required for condensate analysis:

7.3.1 Gases. Containing less than 1 ppm carbon.

7.3.1.1 Air.

7.3.1.2 Oxygen.

7.3.2 Liquids. To conform to the specifications established by the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society.

7.3.2.1 Hexane.

7.3.2.2 Decane.

7.4 Calibration. For all calibration gases, the manufacturer must recommend a maximum shelf life for each cylinder (i.e., the length of time the gas concentration is not expected to change more than ±5 percent from its certified value). The date of gas cylinder preparation, certified organic concentration, and recommended maximum shelf life must be affixed to each cylinder before shipment from the gas manufacturer to the buyer. The following calibration gases are required:

7.4.1 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check Calibration Gas. Gas mixture standard with nominal concentration of 1 percent methane in air.

7.4.2 FID Linearity and NMO Calibration Gases. Three gas mixture standards with nominal propane concentrations of 20 ppm, 200 ppm, and 3000 ppm, in air.

7.4.3 CO_2 Calibration Gases. Three gas mixture standards with nominal CO_2 concentrations of 50 ppm, 500 ppm, and 1 percent, in air.

NOTE: Total NMO less than 1 ppm required for 1 percent mixture.

7.4.4 NMO Analyzer System Check Calibration Gases. Four calibration gases are needed as follows:

7.4.4.1 Propane Mixture. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 50 ppm CO, 50 ppm CH_4, 1 percent CO_2, and 20 ppm C_3H_8, prepared in air.

7.4.4.2 Hexane. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 50 ppm hexane in air.

7.4.4.3 Toluene. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 20 ppm toluene in air.

7.4.4.4 Methanol. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 100 ppm methanol in air.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Transport, and Storage

8.1 Sampling Equipment Preparation.

8.1.1 Condensate Trap Cleaning. Before its initial use and after each use, a condensate trap should be thoroughly cleaned and checked to ensure that it is not contaminated. Both cleaning and checking can be accomplished by installing the trap in the condensate recovery system and treating it as if it were a sample. The trap should be heated as described in section 11.1.3. A trap may be considered clean when the CO_2 concentration in its effluent gas drops below 10 ppm. This check is optional for traps that most recently have been used to collect samples which were then recovered according to the procedure in section 11.1.3.

8.1.2 Sample Tank Evacuation and Leak-Check. Evacuate the sample tank to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure or less. Then close the sample tank valve, and allow the tank to sit for 60 minutes. The tank is acceptable if a change in tank vacuum of less than 1 mm Hg is noted. The evacuation and leak-check may be conducted either in the laboratory or the field.

8.1.3 Sampling Train Assembly. Just before assembly, measure the tank vacuum using a mercury manometer. Record this vacuum, the ambient temperature, and the barometric pressure at this time. Close the sample tank valve and assemble the sampling

system as shown in Figure 25–1. Immerse the condensate trap body in dry ice at least 30 minutes before commencing sampling to improve collection efficiency. The point where the inlet tube joins the trap body should be 2.5 to 5 cm (1 to 2 in.) above the top of the dry ice.

8.1.4 Pretest Leak-Check. A pretest leak-check is required. Calculate or measure the approximate volume of the sampling train from the probe tip to the sample tank valve. After assembling the sampling train, plug the probe tip, and make certain that the sample tank valve is closed. Turn on the vacuum pump, and evacuate the sampling system from the probe tip to the sample tank valve to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg or less. Close the purge valve, turn off the pump, wait a minimum period of 10 minutes, and recheck the indicated vacuum. Calculate the maximum allowable pressure change based on a leak rate of 1 percent of the sampling rate using Equation 25–1, section 12.2. If the measured pressure change exceeds the allowable, correct the problem and repeat the leak-check before beginning sampling.

8.2 Sample Collection.

8.2.1 Unplug the probe tip, and place the probe into the stack such that the probe is perpendicular to the duct or stack axis; locate the probe tip at a single preselected point of average velocity facing away from the direction of gas flow. For stacks having a negative static pressure, seal the sample port sufficiently to prevent air in-leakage around the probe. Set the probe temperature controller to 129 °C (265 °F) and the filter temperature controller to 121 °C (250 °F). Allow the probe and filter to heat for about 30 minutes before purging the sample train.

8.2.2 Close the sample valve, open the purge valve, and start the vacuum pump. Set the flow rate between 60 and 100 cm^3/min (0.13 and 0.21 ft^3/hr), and purge the train with stack gas for at least 10 minutes.

8.2.3 When the temperatures at the exit ends of the probe and filter are within the corresponding specified ranges, check the dry ice level around the condensate trap, and add dry ice if necessary. Record the clock time. To begin sampling, close the purge valve and stop the pump. Open the sample valve and the sample tank valve. Using the flow control valve, set the flow through the sample train to the proper rate. Adjust the flow rate as necessary to maintain a constant rate (±10 percent) throughout the duration of the sampling period. Record the sample tank vacuum and flowmeter setting at 5-minute intervals. (See Figure 25–8.) Select a total sample time greater than or equal to the minimum sampling time specified in the applicable subpart of the regulations; end the sampling when this time period is reached or when a constant flow rate can no longer be maintained because of reduced sample tank vacuum.

NOTE: If sampling had to be stopped before obtaining the minimum sampling time (specified in the applicable subpart) because a constant flow rate could not be maintained, proceed as follows: After closing the sample tank valve, remove the used sample tank from the sampling train (without disconnecting other portions of the sampling train). Take another evacuated and leak-checked sample tank, measure and record the tank vacuum, and attach the new tank to the sampling train. After the new tank is attached to the sample train, proceed with the sampling until the required minimum sampling time has been exceeded.

8.3 Sample Recovery. After sampling is completed, close the flow control valve, and record the final tank vacuum; then record the tank temperature and barometric pressure. Close the sample tank valve, and disconnect the sample tank from the sample system. Disconnect the condensate trap at the inlet to the rate meter, and tightly seal both ends of the condensate trap. Do not include the probe from the stack to the filter as part of the condensate sample.

8.4 Sample Storage and Transport. Keep the trap packed in dry ice until the samples are returned to the laboratory for analysis. Ensure that run numbers are identified on the condensate trap and the sample tank(s).

9.0 Quality Control

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
10.1.1	Initial performance check of condensate recovery apparatus.	Ensure acceptable condensate recovery efficiency.
10.1.2, 10.2	NMO analyzer initial and daily performance checks.	Ensure precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Initial Performance Checks.

10.1.1 Condensate Recovery Apparatus. Perform these tests before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown of 6 months or more, and after any major modification of the system, or at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer.

10.1.1.1 Carrier Gas and Auxiliary O_2 Blank Check. Analyze each new tank of carrier gas or auxiliary O_2 with the NMO analyzer to

check for contamination. Treat the gas cylinders as noncondensible gas samples, and analyze according to the procedure in section 11.2.3. Add together any measured CH_4, CO, CO_2, or NMO. The total concentration must be less than 5 ppm.

10.1.1.2 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check.

10.1.1.2.1 With a clean condensate trap installed in the recovery system or a ⅛″ stainless steel connector tube, replace the carrier gas cylinder with the high level methane standard gas cylinder (Section 7.4.1). Set the four-port valve to the recovery position, and attach an ICV to the recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in vent position and the flow-control and ICV valves fully open, evacuate the manometer or gauge, the connecting tubing, and the ICV to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure. Close the flow-control and vacuum pump valves.

10.1.1.2.2 After the NDIR response has stabilized, switch the sample recovery valve from vent to collect. When the manometer or pressure gauge begins to register a slight positive pressure, open the flow-control valve. Keep the flow adjusted such that the pressure in the system is maintained within 10 percent of atmospheric pressure. Continue collecting the sample in a normal manner until the ICV is filled to a nominal gauge pressure of 300 mm Hg. Close the ICV valve, and remove the ICV from the system. Place the sample recovery valve in the vent position, and return the recovery system to its normal carrier gas and normal operating conditions. Analyze the ICV for CO_2 using the NMO analyzer; the catalyst efficiency is acceptable if the CO_2 concentration is within 2 percent of the methane standard concentration.

10.1.1.3 System Performance Check. Construct a liquid sample injection unit similar in design to the unit shown in Figure 25–7. Insert this unit into the condensate recovery and conditioning system in place of a condensate trap, and set the carrier gas and auxiliary O_2 flow rates to normal operating levels. Attach an evacuated ICV to the system, and switch from system vent to collect. With the carrier gas routed through the injection unit and the oxidation catalyst, inject a liquid sample (see sections 10.1.1.3.1 to 10.1.1.3.4) into the injection port. Operate the trap recovery system as described in section 11.1.3. Measure the final ICV pressure, and then analyze the vessel to determine the CO_2 concentration. For each injection, calculate the percent recovery according to section 12.7. Calculate the relative standard deviation for each set of triplicate injections according to section 12.8. The performance test is acceptable if the average percent recovery is 100 ±5 percent and the relative standard deviation is less than 2 percent for each set of triplicate injections.

10.1.1.3.1 50 μl hexane.

10.1.1.3.2 10 μl hexane.

10.1.1.3.3 50 μl decane.

10.1.1.3.4 10 μl decane.

10.1.2 NMO Analyzer. Perform these tests before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown longer than 6 months, and after any major modification of the system.

10.1.2.1 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check. Turn off or bypass the NMO analyzer reduction catalyst. Make triplicate injections of the high level methane standard (Section 7.4.1). The oxidation catalyst operation is acceptable if the FID response is less than 1 percent of the injected methane concentration.

10.1.2.2 Reduction Catalyst Efficiency Check. With the oxidation catalyst unheated or bypassed and the heated reduction catalyst bypassed, make triplicate injections of the high level methane standard (Section 7.4.1). Repeat this procedure with both catalysts operative. The reduction catalyst operation is acceptable if the responses under both conditions agree within 5 percent of their average.

10.1.2.3 NMO Analyzer Linearity Check Calibration. While operating both the oxidation and reduction catalysts, conduct a linearity check of the analyzer using the propane standards specified in section 7.4.2. Make triplicate injections of each calibration gas. For each gas (*i.e.*, each set of triplicate injections), calculate the average response factor (area/ppm C) for each gas, as well as and the relative standard deviation (according to section 12.8). Then calculate the overall mean of the response factor values. The instrument linearity is acceptable if the average response factor of each calibration gas is within 2.5 percent of the overall mean value and if the relative standard deviation gas is less than 2 percent of the overall mean value. Record the overall mean of the propane response factor values as the NMO calibration response factor (RF_{NMO}). Repeat the linearity check using the CO_2 standards specified in section 7.4.3. Make triplicate injections of each gas, and then calculate the average response factor (area/ppm C) for each gas, as well as the overall mean of the response factor values. Record the overall mean of the response factor values as the CO_2 calibration response factor (RF_{CO2}). The RF_{CO2} must be within 10 percent of the RF_{NMO}.

10.1.2.4 System Performance Check. Check the column separation and overall performance of the analyzer by making triplicate injections of the calibration gases listed in section 7.4.4. The analyzer performance is acceptable if the measured NMO value for each gas (average of triplicate injections) is within 5 percent of the expected value.

10.2 NMO Analyzer Daily Calibration. The following calibration procedures shall be performed before and immediately after the

analysis of each set of samples, or on a daily basis, whichever is more stringent:

10.2.1 CO_2 Response Factor. Inject triplicate samples of the high level CO_2 calibration gas (Section 7.4.3), and calculate the average response factor. The system operation is adequate if the calculated response factor is within 5 percent of the RF_{CO2} calculated during the initial performance test (Section 10.1.2.3). Use the daily response factor (DRF_{CO2}) for analyzer calibration and the calculation of measured CO_2 concentrations in the ICV samples.

10.2.2 NMO Response Factors. Inject triplicate samples of the mixed propane calibration cylinder gas (Section 7.4.4.1), and calculate the average NMO response factor. The system operation is adequate if the calculated response factor is within 10 percent of the RF_{NMO} calculated during the initial performance test (Section 10.1.2.4). Use the daily response factor (DRF_{NMO}) for analyzer calibration and calculation of NMO concentrations in the sample tanks.

10.3 Sample Tank and ICV Volume. The volume of the gas sampling tanks used must be determined. Determine the tank and ICV volumes by weighing them empty and then filled with deionized distilled water; weigh to the nearest 5 g, and record the results. Alternatively, measure the volume of water used to fill them to the nearest 5 ml.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

11.1 Condensate Recovery. See Figure 25–9. Set the carrier gas flow rate, and heat the catalyst to its operating temperature to condition the apparatus.

11.1.1 Daily Performance Checks. Each day before analyzing any samples, perform the following tests:

11.1.1.1 Leak-Check. With the carrier gas inlets and the sample recovery valve closed, install a clean condensate trap in the system, and evacuate the system to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure or less. Monitor the system pressure for 10 minutes. The system is acceptable if the pressure change is less than 2 mm Hg.

11.1.1.2 System Background Test. Adjust the carrier gas and auxiliary oxygen flow rate to their normal values of 100 cc/min and 150 cc/min, respectively, with the sample recovery valve in vent position. Using a 10-ml syringe, withdraw a sample from the system effluent through the syringe port. Inject this sample into the NMO analyzer, and measure the CO_2 content. The system background is acceptable if the CO_2 concentration is less than 10 ppm.

11.1.1.3 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check. Conduct a catalyst efficiency test as specified in section 10.1.1.2. If the criterion of this test cannot be met, make the necessary repairs to the system before proceeding.

11.1.2 Condensate Trap CO_2 Purge and Sample Tank Pressurization.

11.1.2.1 After sampling is completed, the condensate trap will contain condensed water and organics and a small volume of sampled gas. This gas from the stack may contain a significant amount of CO_2 which must be removed from the condensate trap before the sample is recovered. This is accomplished by purging the condensate trap with zero air and collecting the purged gas in the original sample tank.

11.1.2.2 Begin with the sample tank and condensate trap from the test run to be analyzed. Set the four-port valve of the condensate recovery system in the CO_2 purge position as shown in Figure 25–9. With the sample tank valve closed, attach the sample tank to the sample recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in the vent position and the flow control valve fully open, evacuate the manometer or pressure gauge to the vacuum of the sample tank. Next, close the vacuum pump valve, open the sample tank valve, and record the tank pressure.

11.1.2.3 Attach the dry ice-cooled condensate trap to the recovery system, and initiate the purge by switching the sample recovery valve from vent to collect position. Adjust the flow control valve to maintain atmospheric pressure in the recovery system. Continue the purge until the CO_2 concentration of the trap effluent is less than 5 ppm. CO_2 concentration in the trap effluent should be measured by extracting syringe samples from the recovery system and analyzing the samples with the NMO analyzer. This procedure should be used only after the NDIR response has reached a minimum level. Using a 10-ml syringe, extract a sample from the syringe port prior to the NDIR, and inject this sample into the NMO analyzer.

11.1.2.4 After the completion of the CO_2 purge, use the carrier gas bypass valve to pressurize the sample tank to approximately 1,060 mm Hg absolute pressure with zero air.

11.1.3 Recovery of the Condensate Trap Sample (See Figure 25–10).

11.1.3.1 Attach the ICV to the sample recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in a closed position, between vent and collect, and the flow control and ICV valves fully open, evacuate the manometer or gauge, the connecting tubing, and the ICV to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure. Close the flow-control and vacuum pump valves.

11.1.3.2 Begin auxiliary oxygen flow to the oxidation catalyst at a rate of 150 cc/min, then switch the four-way valve to the trap recovery position and the sample recovery valve to collect position. The system should now be set up to operate as indicated in Figure 25–10. After the manometer or pressure gauge begins to register a slight positive pressure, open the flow control valve. Adjust the flow-control valve to maintain atmospheric pressure in the system within 10 percent.

11.1.3.3 Remove the condensate trap from the dry ice, and allow it to warm to ambient temperature while monitoring the NDIR response. If, after 5 minutes, the CO_2 concentration of the catalyst effluent is below 10,000 ppm, discontinue the auxiliary oxygen flow to the oxidation catalyst. Begin heating the trap by placing it in a furnace preheated to 200 °C (390 °F). Once heating has begun, carefully monitor the NDIR response to ensure that the catalyst effluent concentration does not exceed 50,000 ppm. Whenever the CO_2 concentration exceeds 50,000 ppm, supply auxiliary oxygen to the catalyst at the rate of 150 cc/min. Begin heating the tubing that connected the heated sample box to the condensate trap only after the CO_2 concentration falls below 10,000 ppm. This tubing may be heated in the same oven as the condensate trap or with an auxiliary heat source such as a heat gun. Heating temperature must not exceed 200 °C (390 °F). If a heat gun is used, heat the tubing slowly along its entire length from the upstream end to the downstream end, and repeat the pattern for a total of three times. Continue the recovery until the CO_2 concentration drops to less than 10 ppm as determined by syringe injection as described under the condensate trap CO_2 purge procedure (Section 11.1.2).

11.1.3.4 After the sample recovery is completed, use the carrier gas bypass valve to pressurize the ICV to approximately 1060 mm Hg absolute pressure with zero air.

11.2 Analysis. Once the initial performance test of the NMO analyzer has been successfully completed (see section 10.1.2) and the daily CO_2 and NMO response factors have been determined (see section 10.2), proceed with sample analysis as follows:

11.2.1 Operating Conditions. The carrier gas flow rate is 29.5 cc/min He and 2.2 cc/min O_2. The column oven is heated to 85 °C (185 °F). The order of elution for the sample from the column is CO, CH_4, CO_2, and NMO.

11.2.2 Analysis of Recovered Condensate Sample. Purge the sample loop with sample, and then inject the sample. Under the specified operating conditions, the CO_2 in the sample will elute in approximately 100 seconds. As soon as the detector response returns to baseline following the CO_2 peak, switch the carrier gas flow to backflush, and raise the column oven temperature to 195 °C (380 °F) as rapidly as possible. A rate of 30 °C/min (90 °F) has been shown to be adequate. Record the value obtained for the condensible organic material (C_{cm}) measured as CO_2 and any measured NMO. Return the column oven temperature to 85 °C (185 °F) in preparation for the next analysis. Analyze each sample in triplicate, and report the average C_{cm}.

11.2.3 Analysis of Sample Tank. Perform the analysis as described in section 11.2.2, but record only the value measured for NMO (C_{tm}).

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

Carry out the calculations, retaining at least one extra significant figure beyond that of the acquired data. Round off figures after final calculations. All equations are written using absolute pressure; absolute pressures are determined by adding the measured barometric pressure to the measured gauge or manometer pressure.

12.1 Nomenclature.

C = TGNMO concentration of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.

C_c = Calculated condensible organic (condensate trap) concentration of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.

C_{cm} = Measured concentration (NMO analyzer) for the condensate trap ICV, ppm CO_2.

C_t = Calculated noncondensible organic concentration (sample tank) of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.

C_{tm} = Measured concentration (NMO analyzer) for the sample tank, ppm NMO.

F = Sampling flow rate, cc/min.

L = Volume of liquid injected, µl.

M = Molecular weight of the liquid injected, g/g-mole.

M_c = TGNMO mass concentration of the effluent, mg C/dsm^3.

N = Carbon number of the liquid compound injected (N = 12 for decane, N = 6 for hexane).

n = Number of data points.

P_f = Final pressure of the intermediate collection vessel, mm Hg absolute.

P_b = Barometric pressure, cm Hg.

P_{ti} = Gas sample tank pressure before sampling, mm Hg absolute.

P_t = Gas sample tank pressure after sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{tf} = Final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

q = Total number of analyzer injections of intermediate collection vessel during analysis (where k = injection number, 1 * * * q).

r = Total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j = injection number, 1 * * * r).

r = Density of liquid injected, g/cc.

T_f = Final temperature of intermediate collection vessel, °K.

T_{ti} = Sample tank temperature before sampling, °K.

T_t = Sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, °K.

T_{tf} = Sample tank temperature after pressurizing, °K.

V = Sample tank volume, m^3.

V_t = Sample train volume, cc.

V_v = Intermediate collection vessel volume, m^3.

V_s = Gas volume sampled, dsm^3.

x_i = Individual measurements.

$\bar{x}$ = Mean value.

ΔP = Allowable pressure change, cm Hg.
Θ = Leak-check period, min.

12.2 Allowable Pressure Change. For the pretest leak-check, calculate the allowable pressure change using Equation 25–1:

$$\Delta P = 0.01 \frac{FP_b\Theta}{V_t} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-1}$$

12.3 Sample Volume. For each test run, calculate the gas volume sampled using Equation 25–2:

$$V_s = 0.3857\ V\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-2}$$

12.4 Noncondensible Organics. For each sample tank, determine the concentration of nonmethane organics (ppm C) using Equation 25–3:

$$C_t = \left(\frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm_j}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-3}$$

12.5 Condensible Organics. For each condensate trap determine the concentration of organics (ppm C) using Equation 25–4:

$$C_c = 0.3857 \frac{V_v P_f}{V_s T_f}\left(\frac{1}{q}\sum_{k=1}^{q} C_{cm_k}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-4}$$

12.6 TGNMO Mass Concentration. Determine the TGNMO mass concentration as carbon for each test run, using Equation 25–5:

$$M_c = 0.4993\left(C_t + C_c\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-5}$$

12.7 Percent Recovery. Calculate the percent recovery for the liquid injections to the condensate recovery and conditioning system using Equation 25–6:

$$\text{Percent Recovery} = K\ \frac{M\,V_v P_t C_{cm}}{L\,P\,T_f N} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-6}$$

where K = 1.604 (°K)(g-mole)(%)/(mm Hg)(ml)(m^3)(ppm).

12.8 Relative Standard Deviation. Use Equation 25–7 to calculate the relative standard deviation (RSD) of percent recovery and analyzer linearity.

$$\text{RSD} = \frac{100}{\bar{x}}\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_i - \bar{x}\right)^2}{n-1}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-7}$$

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Range. The minimum detectable limit of the method has been determined to be 50 parts per million by volume (ppm). No upper limit has been established.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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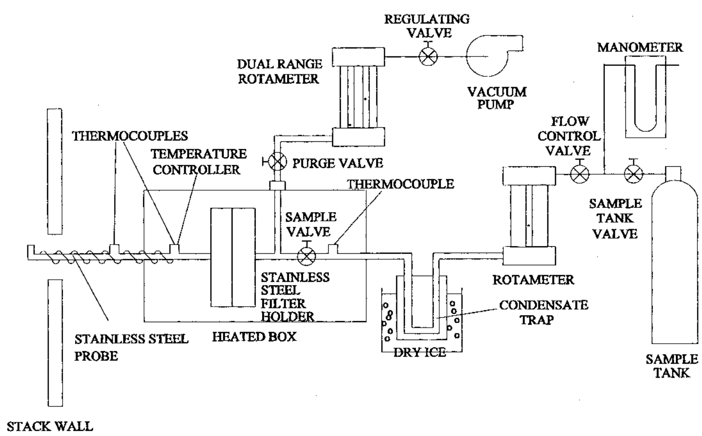


Figure 25-1. Sampling Train

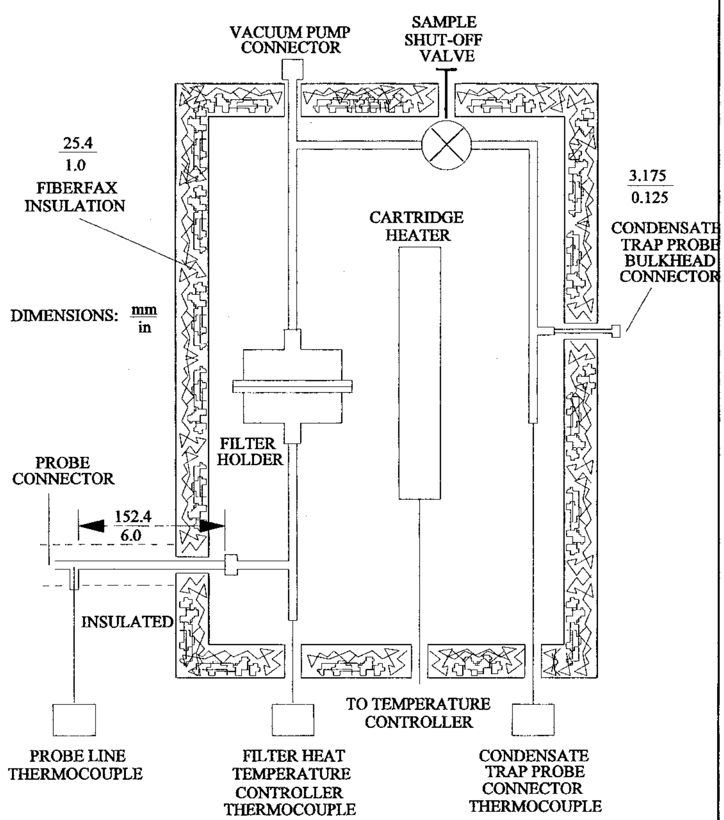


Figure 25-2. Out-of-stack Filter Box

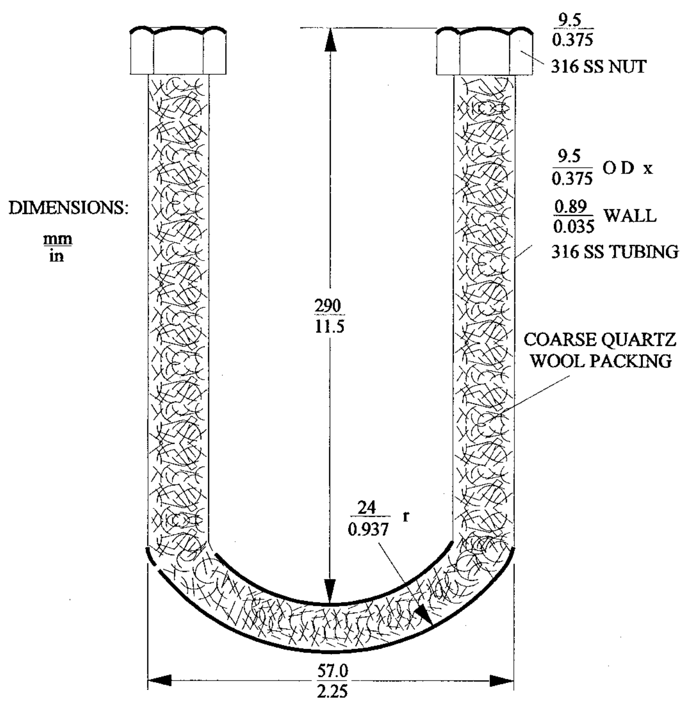
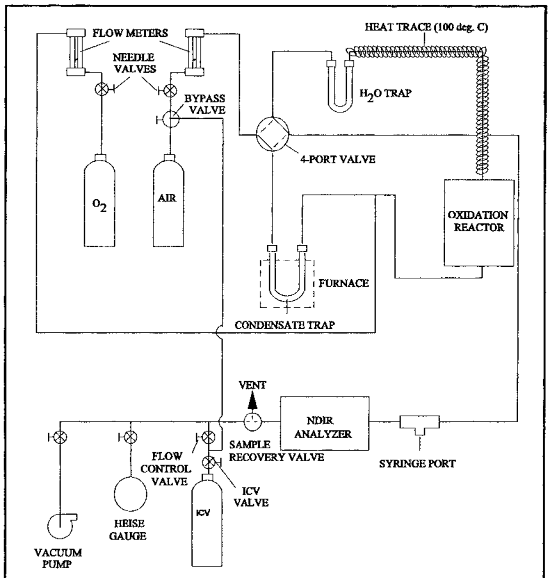


Figure 25-3. Condensate Trap



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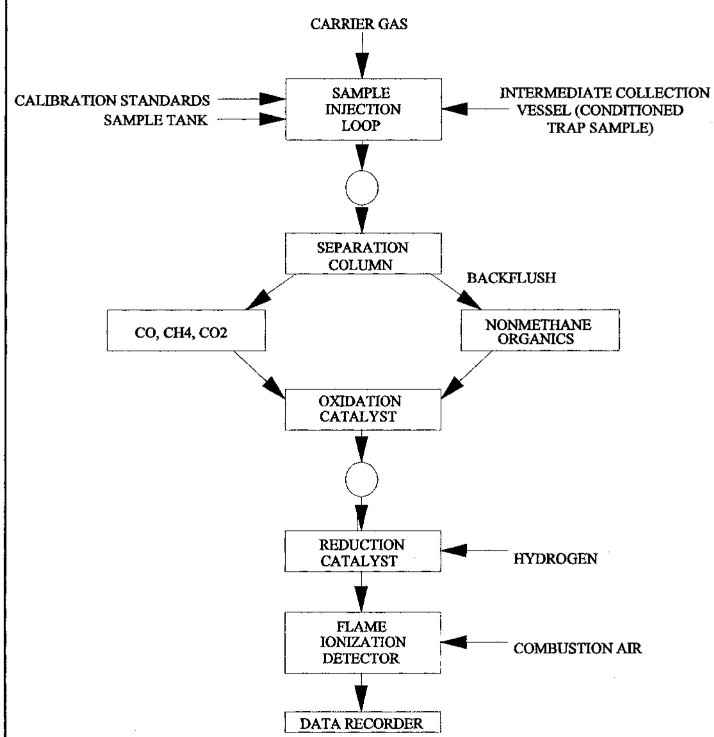

Figure 25-5. Simplified Schematic of Nonmethane Organic (NMO) Analyzer

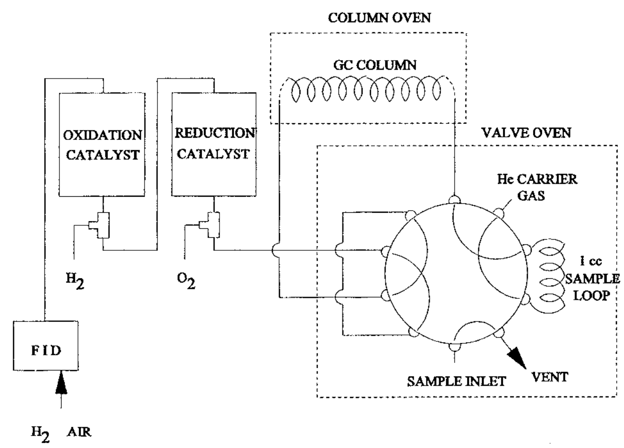

Figure 25-6. Nonmethane Organic Analyzer (NMO)

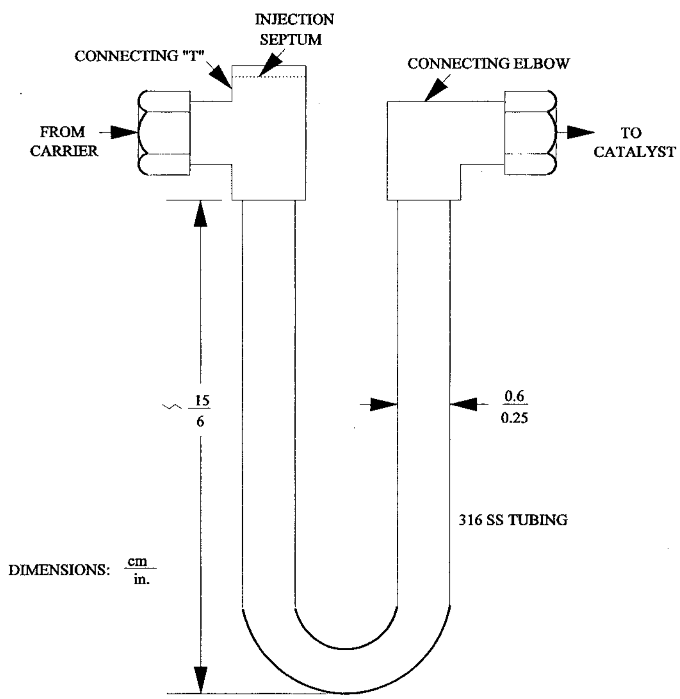

Figure 25-7. Liquid Sample Injection Unit

VOLATILE ORGANIC CARBON

FACILITY ______________ SAMPLE LOCATION ______________

LOCATION ______________ OPERATOR ______________

DATE ______________ RUN NUMBER ______________

TANK NUMBER ________ TRAP NUMBER ________ SAMPLE ID NUMBER ________

TANK VACUUM mm HG	cm Hg	BAROMETRIC PRESSURE mm Hg	AMBIENT TEMPERATURE °C
PRETEST (MANOMETER) ________	(GAUGE) ________		
POST-TEST (MANOMETER) ________	(GAUGE) ________		

LEAK RATE ________ cm Hg / 1.0 min. ________

PRETEST ________

TIME CLOCK/SAMPLE	VACUUM cm Hg	FLOWMETER SETTINGS	COMMENTS

Figure 25-8. Example Field Data Form

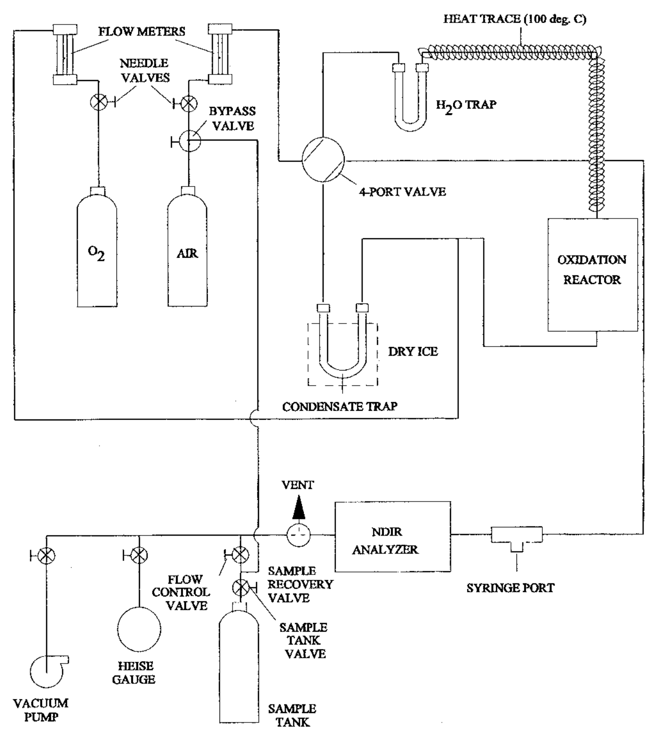

Figure 25-9. Condensate Recovery System, CO2 Purge

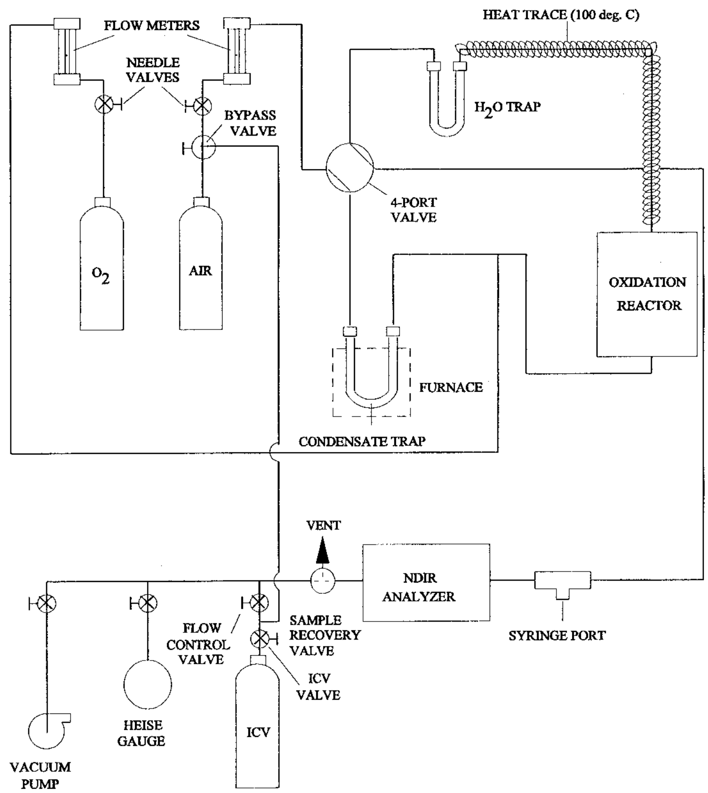

Figure 25-10. Condensate Recovery System, Collection of Trap Organics

METHOD 25A—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS ORGANIC CONCENTRATION USING A FLAME IONIZATION ANALYZER

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total Organic Compounds	N/A	<2% of span.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of total gaseous organic concentration of vapors consisting primarily of alkanes, alkenes, and/or arenes (aromatic hydrocarbons). The concentration is expressed in terms of propane (or other appropriate organic calibration gas) or in terms of carbon.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line and glass fiber filter to a flame ionization analyzer (FIA). Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of the calibration gas or as carbon equivalents.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Calibration drift* means the difference in the measurement system response to a mid-level calibration gas before and after a stated period of operation during which no unscheduled maintenance, repair, or adjustment took place.

3.2 *Calibration error* means the difference between the gas concentration indicated by the measurement system and the know concentration of the calibration gas.

3.3 *Calibration gas* means a known concentration of a gas in an appropriate diluent gas.

3.4 *Measurement system* means the total equipment required for the determination of the gas concentration. The system consists of the following major subsystems:

3.4.1 *Sample interface* means that portion of a system used for one or more of the following: sample acquisition, sample transportation, sample conditioning, or protection of the analyzer(s) from the effects of the stack effluent.

3.4.2 *Organic analyzer* means that portion of the measurement system that senses the gas to be measured and generates an output proportional to its concentration.

3.5 *Response time* means the time interval from a step change in pollutant concentration at the inlet to the emission measurement system to the time at which 95 percent of the corresponding final value is reached as displayed on the recorder.

3.6 *Span Value* means the upper limit of a gas concentration measurement range that is specified for affected source categories in the applicable part of the regulations. The span value is established in the applicable regulation and is usually 1.5 to 2.5 times the applicable emission limit. If no span value is provided, use a span value equivalent to 1.5 to 2.5 times the expected concentration. For convenience, the span value should correspond to 100 percent of the recorder scale.

3.7 *Zero drift* means the difference in the measurement system response to a zero level calibration gas before or after a stated period of operation during which no unscheduled maintenance, repair, or adjustment took place.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method. The analyzer users manual should be consulted for specific precautions to be taken with regard to the analytical procedure.

5.2 Explosive Atmosphere. This method is often applied in highly explosive areas. Caution and care should be exercised in choice of equipment and installation.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Measurement System. Any measurement system for total organic concentration that meets the specifications of this method. A schematic of an acceptable measurement system is shown in Figure 25A–1. All sampling components leading to the analyzer shall be heated ≥110 °C (220 °F) throughout the sampling period, unless safety reasons are cited (Section 5.2) The essential components of the measurement system are described below:

6.1.1 Organic Concentration Analyzer. A flame ionization analyzer (FIA) capable of meeting or exceeding the specifications of this method. The flame ionization detector block shall be heated >120 °C (250 °F).

6.1.2 Sample Probe. Stainless steel, or equivalent, three-hole rake type. Sample holes shall be 4 mm (0.16-in.) in diameter or smaller and located at 16.7, 50, and 83.3 percent of the equivalent stack diameter. Alternatively, a single opening probe may be used so that a gas sample is collected from the centrally located 10 percent area of the stack cross-section.

6.1.3 Heated Sample Line. Stainless steel or Teflon'' tubing to transport the sample gas

to the analyzer. The sample line should be heated (≥110 °C) to prevent any condensation.

6.1.4 Calibration Valve Assembly. A three-way valve assembly to direct the zero and calibration gases to the analyzers is recommended. Other methods, such as quick-connect lines, to route calibration gas to the analyzers are applicable.

6.1.5 Particulate Filter. An in-stack or an out-of-stack glass fiber filter is recommended if exhaust gas particulate loading is significant. An out-of-stack filter should be heated to prevent any condensation.

6.1.6 Recorder. A strip-chart recorder, analog computer, or digital recorder for recording measurement data. The minimum data recording requirement is one measurement value per minute.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Calibration Gases. The calibration gases for the gas analyzer shall be propane in air or propane in nitrogen. Alternatively, organic compounds other than propane can be used; the appropriate corrections for response factor must be made. Calibration gases shall be prepared in accordance with the procedure listed in Citation 2 of section 16. Additionally, the manufacturer of the cylinder should provide a recommended shelf life for each calibration gas cylinder over which the concentration does not change more than ±2 percent from the certified value. For calibration gas values not generally available (*i.e.*, organics between 1 and 10 percent by volume), alternative methods for preparing calibration gas mixtures, such as dilution systems (Test Method 205, 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix M), may be used with prior approval of the Administrator.

7.1.1 Fuel. A 40 percent H_2/60 percent N_2 gas mixture is recommended to avoid an oxygen synergism effect that reportedly occurs when oxygen concentration varies significantly from a mean value.

7.1.2 Zero Gas. High purity air with less than 0.1 part per million by volume (ppmv) of organic material (propane or carbon equivalent) or less than 0.1 percent of the span value, whichever is greater.

7.1.3 Low-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 25 to 35 percent of the applicable span value.

7.1.4 Mid-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 45 to 55 percent of the applicable span value.

7.1.5 High-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 80 to 90 percent of the applicable span value.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Selection of Sampling Site. The location of the sampling site is generally specified by the applicable regulation or purpose of the test (*i.e.*, exhaust stack, inlet line, etc.). The sample port shall be located to meet the testing requirements of Method 1.

8.2 Location of Sample Probe. Install the sample probe so that the probe is centrally located in the stack, pipe, or duct and is sealed tightly at the stack port connection.

8.3 Measurement System Preparation. Prior to the emission test, assemble the measurement system by following the manufacturer's written instructions for preparing sample interface and the organic analyzer. Make the system operable (Section 10.1).

8.4 Calibration Error Test. Immediately prior to the test series (within 2 hours of the start of the test), introduce zero gas and high-level calibration gas at the calibration valve assembly. Adjust the analyzer output to the appropriate levels, if necessary. Calculate the predicted response for the low-level and mid-level gases based on a linear response line between the zero and high-level response. Then introduce low-level and mid-level calibration gases successively to the measurement system. Record the analyzer responses for low-level and mid-level calibration gases and determine the differences between the measurement system responses and the predicted responses. These differences must be less than 5 percent of the respective calibration gas value. If not, the measurement system is not acceptable and must be replaced or repaired prior to testing. No adjustments to the measurement system shall be conducted after the calibration and before the drift check (Section 8.6.2). If adjustments are necessary before the completion of the test series, perform the drift checks prior to the required adjustments and repeat the calibration following the adjustments. If multiple electronic ranges are to be used, each additional range must be checked with a mid-level calibration gas to verify the multiplication factor.

8.5 Response Time Test. Introduce zero gas into the measurement system at the calibration valve assembly. When the system output has stabilized, switch quickly to the high-level calibration gas. Record the time from the concentration change to the measurement system response equivalent to 95 percent of the step change. Repeat the test three times and average the results.

8.6 Emission Measurement Test Procedure.

8.6.1 Organic Measurement. Begin sampling at the start of the test period, recording time and any required process information as appropriate. In particulate, note on the recording chart, periods of process interruption or cyclic operation.

8.6.2 Drift Determination. Immediately following the completion of the test period and hourly during the test period, reintroduce the zero and mid-level calibration gases, one at a time, to the measurement system at the calibration valve assembly. (Make no adjustments to the measurement system until both the zero and calibration drift checks are made.) Record the analyzer response. If the drift values exceed the specified limits, invalidate the test results preceding the check and repeat the test following corrections to the measurement system. Alternatively, recalibrate the test measurement system as in section 8.4 and report the results using both sets of calibration data (i.e., data determined prior to the test period and data determined following the test period).

NOTE: Note on the recording chart periods of process interruption or cyclic operation.

9.0 Quality Control

Method section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.4	Zero and calibration drift tests	Ensures that bias introduced by drift in the measurement system output during the run is no greater than 3 percent of span.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 FIA equipment can be calibrated for almost any range of total organic concentrations. For high concentrations of organics (>1.0 percent by volume as propane), modifications to most commonly available analyzers are necessary. One accepted method of equipment modification is to decrease the size of the sample to the analyzer through the use of a smaller diameter sample capillary. Direct and continuous measurement of organic concentration is a necessary consideration when determining any modification design.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

The sample collection and analysis are concurrent for this method (see section 8.0).

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 Determine the average organic concentration in terms of ppmv as propane or other calibration gas. The average shall be determined by integration of the output recording over the period specified in the applicable regulation. If results are required in terms of ppmv as carbon, adjust measured concentrations using Equation 25A–1.

$$C_c = K C_{meas} \qquad \text{Eq. 25A-1}$$

Where:

C_c = Organic concentration as carbon, ppmv.
C_{meas} = Organic concentration as measured, ppmv.
K = Carbon equivalent correction factor.
= 2 for ethane.
= 3 for propane.
= 4 for butane.
= Appropriate response factor for other organic calibration gases.

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Measurement System Performance Specifications.

13.1.1 Zero Drift. Less than ±3 percent of the span value.

13.1.2 Calibration Drift. Less than ±3 percent of span value.

13.1.3 Calibration Error. Less than ±5 percent of the calibration gas value.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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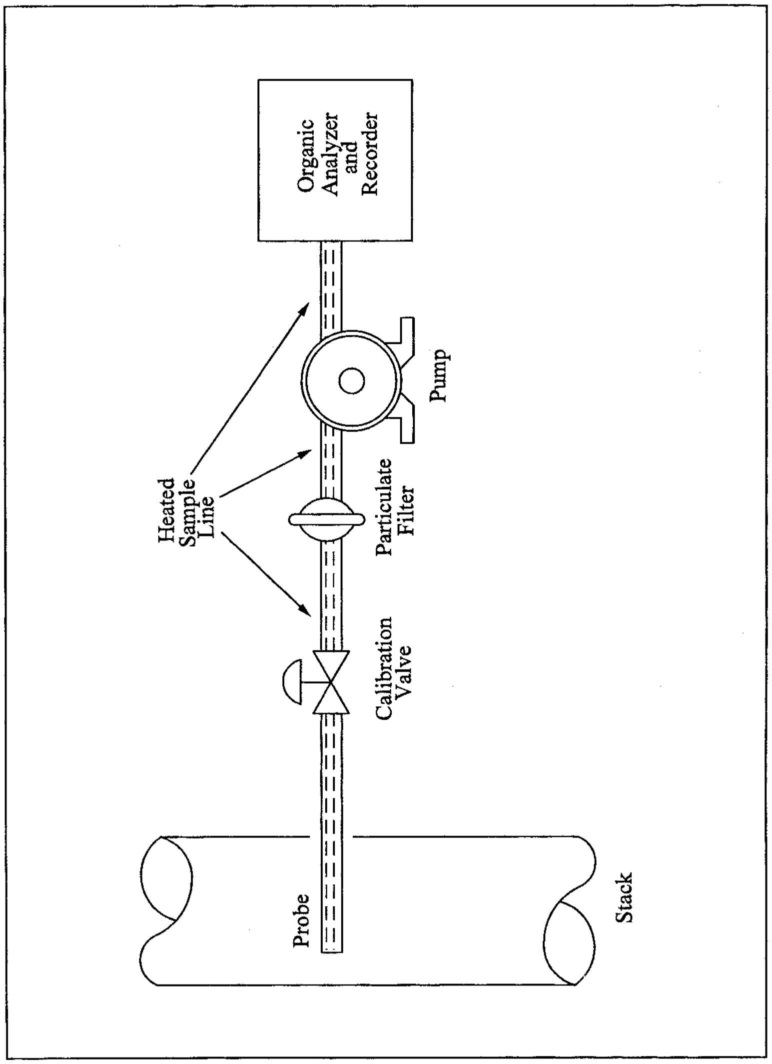

Figure 25A-1. Organic Concentration Measurement System.

METHOD 25B—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS ORGANIC CONCENTRATION USING A NONDISPERSIVE INFRARED ANALYZER

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 1, Method 6C, and Method 25A.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total Organic Compounds	N/A	<2% of span.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of total gaseous organic concentration of vapors consisting primarily of alkanes. Other organic materials may be measured using the general procedure in this method, the appropriate calibration gas, and an analyzer set to the appropriate absorption band.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line, if necessary, and glass fiber filter to a nondispersive infrared analyzer (NDIR). Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of the calibration gas or as carbon equivalents.

3.0 Definitions

Same as Method 25A, section 3.0.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method. The analyzer users manual should be consulted for specific precautions to be taken with regard to the analytical procedure.

5.2 Explosive Atmosphere. This method is often applied in highly explosive areas. Caution and care should be exercised in choice of equipment and installation.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

Same as Method 25A, section 6.0, with the exception of the following:

6.1 Organic Concentration Analyzer. A nondispersive infrared analyzer designed to measure alkane organics and capable of meeting or exceeding the specifications in this method.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Same as Method 25A, section 7.1. No fuel gas is required for an NDIR.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

Same as Method 25A, section 8.0.

9.0 Quality Control

Same as Method 25A, section 9.0.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

Same as Method 25A, section 10.0.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

The sample collection and analysis are concurrent for this method (see section 8.0).

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

Same as Method 25A, section 12.0.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as Method 25A, section 16.0.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

Method 25C—Determination of Nonmethane Organic Compounds (NMOC) in Landfill Gases

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling and analytical) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should also have a thorough knowledge of EPA Method 25.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable to the sampling and measurement of NMOC as carbon in landfill gases (LFG).

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A sample probe that has been perforated at one end is driven or augured to a depth of 0.9 m (3 ft) below the bottom of the landfill cover. A sample of the landfill gas is extracted with an evacuated cylinder. The NMOC content of the gas is determined by

injecting a portion of the gas into a gas chromatographic column to separate the NMOC from carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO_2), and methane (CH_4); the NMOC are oxidized to CO_2, reduced to CH_4, and measured by a flame ionization detector (FID). In this manner, the variable response of the FID associated with different types of organics is eliminated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Since this method is complex, only experienced personnel should perform this test. LFG contains methane, therefore explosive mixtures may exist on or near the landfill. It is advisable to take appropriate safety precautions when testing landfills, such as refraining from smoking and installing explosion-proof equipment.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sample Probe. Stainless steel, with the bottom third perforated. Teflon probe liners and sampling lines are also allowed. Non-perforated probes are allowed as long as they are withdrawn to create a gap equivalent to having the bottom third perforated. The sample probe must be capped at the bottom and must have a threaded cap with a sampling attachment at the top. The sample probe must be long enough to go through and extend no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. If the sample probe is to be driven into the landfill, the bottom cap should be designed to facilitate driving the probe into the landfill.

6.2 Sampling Train.

6.2.1 Rotameter with Flow Control Valve. Capable of measuring a sample flow rate of 100 ±10 ml/min. The control valve must be made of stainless steel.

6.2.2 Sampling Valve. Stainless steel.

6.2.3 Pressure Gauge. U-tube mercury manometer, or equivalent, capable of measuring pressure to within 1 mm Hg (0.5 in H_2O) in the range of 0 to 1,100 mm Hg (0 to 590 in H_2O).

6.2.4 Sample Tank. Stainless steel or aluminum cylinder, equipped with a stainless steel sample tank valve.

6.3 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg (5.4 in H_2O).

6.4 Purging Pump. Portable, explosion proof, and suitable for sampling NMOC.

6.5 Pilot Probe Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 8.2.1.

6.5.1 Pilot Probe. Tubing of sufficient strength to withstand being driven into the landfill by a post driver and an outside diameter of at least 6 mm (0.25 in.) smaller than the sample probe. The pilot probe shall be capped on both ends and long enough to go through the landfill cover and extend no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) into the landfill.

6.5.2 Post Driver and Compressor. Capable of driving the pilot probe and the sampling probe into the landfill. The Kitty Hawk portable post driver has been found to be acceptable.

6.6 Auger Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 8.2.2.

6.6.1 Auger. Capable of drilling through the landfill cover and to a depth of no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) into the landfill.

6.6.2 Pea Gravel.

6.6.3 Bentonite.

6.7 NMOC Analyzer, Barometer, Thermometer, and Syringes. Same as in sections 6.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.33, and 6.2.10, respectively, of Method 25.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 NMOC Analysis. Same as in Method 25, section 7.2.

7.2 Calibration. Same as in Method 25, section 7.4, except omit section 7.4.3.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sample Tank Evacuation and Leak-Check. Conduct the sample tank evacuation and leak-check either in the laboratory or the field. Connect the pressure gauge and sampling valve to the sample tank. Evacuate the sample tank to 10 mm Hg (5.4 in H_2O) absolute pressure or less. Close the sampling valve, and allow the tank to sit for 30 minutes. The tank is acceptable if no change more than ±2 mm is noted. Include the results of the leak-check in the test report.

8.2 Sample Probe Installation. The tester may use the procedure in section 8.2.1 or 8.2.2.

8.2.1 Pilot Probe Procedure. Use the post driver to drive the pilot probe at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. Alternative procedures to drive the probe into the landfill may be used subject to the approval of the Administrator's designated representative.

8.2.1.1 Remove the pilot probe and drive the sample probe into the hole left by the pilot probe. The sample probe shall extend at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover and shall protrude about 0.3 m (1 ft) above the landfill cover. Seal around the sampling probe with bentonite and cap the sampling probe with the sampling probe cap.

8.2.2 Auger Procedure. Use an auger to drill a hole to at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. Place the sample probe in the hole and backfill with pea gravel to a level 0.6 m (2 ft) from the surface. The sample probe shall protrude at least 0.3 m (1 ft) above the landfill cover. Seal the remaining area around the probe with bentonite. Allow 24

hours for the landfill gases to equilibrate inside the augured probe before sampling.

8.2.3 Driven Probes. Closed-point probes may be driven directly into the landfill in a single step. This method may not require backfilling if the probe is adequately sealed by its insertion. Unperforated probes that are inserted in this manner and withdrawn at a distance from a detachable tip to create an open space are also acceptable.

8.3 Sample Train Assembly. Just before assembling the sample train, measure the sample tank vacuum using the pressure gauge. Record the vacuum, the ambient temperature, and the barometric pressure at this time. Assemble the sampling probe purging system as shown in Figure 25C–1.

8.4 Sampling Procedure. Open the sampling valve and use the purge pump and the flow control valve to evacuate at least two sample probe volumes from the system at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less. Close the sampling valve and replace the purge pump with the sample tank apparatus as shown in Figure 25C–2. Open the sampling valve and the sample tank valve and, using the flow control valve, sample at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less until either a constant flow rate can no longer be maintained because of reduced sample tank vacuum or the appropriate composite volume is attained. Disconnect the sampling tank apparatus and pressurize the sample cylinder to approximately 1,060 mm Hg (567 in. H_2O) absolute pressure with helium, and record the final pressure. Alternatively, the sample tank may be pressurized in the lab.

8.4.1 The following restrictions apply to compositing samples from different probe sites into a single cylinder: (1) Individual composite samples per cylinder must be of equal volume; this must be verified by recording the flow rate, sampling time, vacuum readings, or other appropriate volume measuring data, (2) individual composite samples must have a minimum volume of 1 liter unless data is provided showing smaller volumes can be accurately measured, and (3) composite samples must not be collected using the final cylinder vacuum as it diminishes to ambient pressure.

8.4.2 Use Method 3C to determine the percent N_2 in each cylinder. The presence of N_2 indicates either infiltration of ambient air into the landfill gas sample or an inappropriate testing site has been chosen where anaerobic decomposition has not begun. The landfill gas sample is acceptable if the concentration of N_2 is less than 20 percent. Alternatively, Method 3C may be used to determine the oxygen content of each cylinder as an air infiltration test. With this option, the oxygen content of each cylinder must be less than 5 percent.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.4.2	Verify that landfill gas sample contains less than 20 percent N_2 or 5 percent O_2.	Ensures that ambient air was not drawn into the landfill gas sample and gas was sampled from an appropriate location.
10.1, 10.2	NMOC analyzer initial and daily performance checks.	Ensures precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Initial NMOC Analyzer Performance Test. Same as in Method 25, section 10.1, except omit the linearity checks for CO_2 standards.

10.2 NMOC Analyzer Daily Calibration.

10.2.1 NMOC Response Factors. Same as in Method 25, section 10.2.2.

10.3 Sample Tank Volume. The volume of the gas sampling tanks must be determined. Determine the tank volumes by weighing them empty and then filled with deionized water; weigh to the nearest 5 g, and record the results. Alternatively, measure the volume of water used to fill them to the nearest 5 ml.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 The oxidation, reduction, and measurement of NMOC's is similar to Method 25. Before putting the NMOC analyzer into routine operation, conduct an initial performance test. Start the analyzer, and perform all the necessary functions in order to put the analyzer into proper working order. Conduct the performance test according to the procedures established in section 10.1. Once the performance test has been successfully completed and the NMOC calibration response factor has been determined, proceed with sample analysis as follows:

11.1.1 Daily Operations and Calibration Checks. Before and immediately after the analysis of each set of samples or on a daily basis (whichever occurs first), conduct a calibration test according to the procedures established in section 10.2. If the criteria of the daily calibration test cannot be met, repeat

the NMOC analyzer performance test (Section 10.1) before proceeding.

11.1.2 Operating Conditions. Same as in Method 25, section 11.2.1.

11.1.3 Analysis of Sample Tank. Purge the sample loop with sample, and then inject the sample. Under the specified operating conditions, the CO_2 in the sample will elute in approximately 100 seconds. As soon as the detector response returns to baseline following the CO_2 peak, switch the carrier gas flow to backflush, and raise the column oven temperature to 195 °C (383 °F) as rapidly as possible. A rate of 30 °C/min (54 °F/min) has been shown to be adequate. Record the value obtained for any measured NMOC. Return the column oven temperature to 85 °C (185 °F) in preparation for the next analysis. Analyze each sample in triplicate, and report the average as C_{tm}.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

NOTE: All equations are written using absolute pressure; absolute pressures are determined by adding the measured barometric pressure to the measured gauge or manometer pressure.

12.1 Nomenclature

B_w = Moisture content in the sample, fraction.

C_{N2} = N_2 concentration in the diluted sample gas.

C_{mN2} = Measured N_2 concentration, fraction in landfill gas.

C_{mOx} = Measured Oxygen concentration, fraction in landfill gas.

C_{Ox} = Oxygen concentration in the diluted sample gas.

C_t = Calculated NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent.

C_{tm} = Measured NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent.

P_b = Barometric pressure, mm Hg.

P_t = Gas sample tank pressure after sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{tf} = Final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{ti} = Gas sample tank pressure after evacuation, mm Hg absolute.

P_w = Vapor pressure of H_2O (from Table 25C–1), mm Hg.

r = Total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j = injection number, 1 . . . r).

T_t = Sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, °K.

T_{ti} = Sample tank temperature before sampling, °K.

T_{tf} = Sample tank temperature after pressuring, °K.

12.2 Water Correction. Use Table 25C–1 (Section 17.0), the LFG temperature, and barometric pressure at the sampling site to calculate B_w.

$$B_w = \frac{P_w}{P_b} \qquad \text{Eq. 25C-1}$$

12.3 Nitrogen Concentration in the landfill gas. Use equation 25C–2 to calculate the measured concentration of nitrogen in the original landfill gas.

$$C_{N2} = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}\right)}{\left(\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}\right)-\left(\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\right)}\right] C_{mN2} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-2}$$

12.4 Oxygen Concentration in the landfill gas. Use equation 25C–3 to calculate the measured concentration of oxygen in the original landfill gas.

$$C_{Ox} = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}\right)}{\left(\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}\right)-\left(\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\right)}\right] C_{mOx} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-3}$$

12.5 You must correct the NMOC Concentration for the concentration of nitrogen or oxygen based on which gas or gases passes the requirements in section 9.1.

12.5.1 NMOC Concentration with nitrogen correction. Use Equation 25C–4 to calculate the concentration of NMOC for each sample tank when the nitrogen concentration is less than 20 percent.

$$C_t = \frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\left(1 - \frac{99}{78}C_{N2}\right) - B_w} \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm(j)} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-4}$$

12.5.2 NMOC Concentration with oxygen correction. Use Equation 25C–5 to calculate the concentration of NMOC for each sample tank if the landfill gas oxygen is less than 5 percent and the landfill gas nitrogen concentration is greater than 20 percent.

$$C_t = \frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\left(1 - \frac{99}{21}C_{Ox}\right) - B_w} \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm(j)} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-5}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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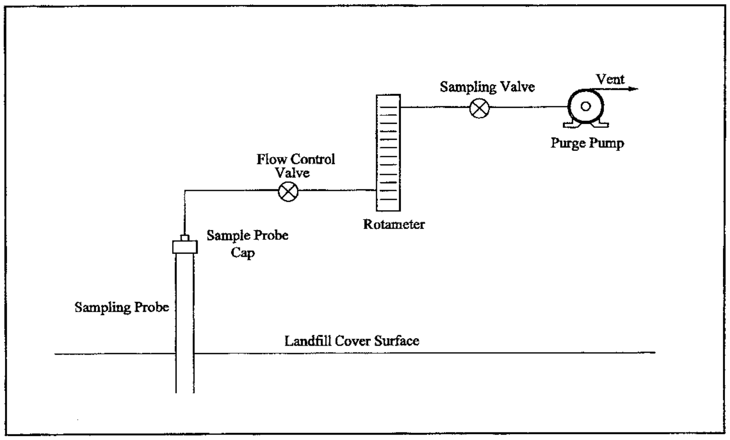

Figure 25C-1. Schematic of Sampling Probe Purging System

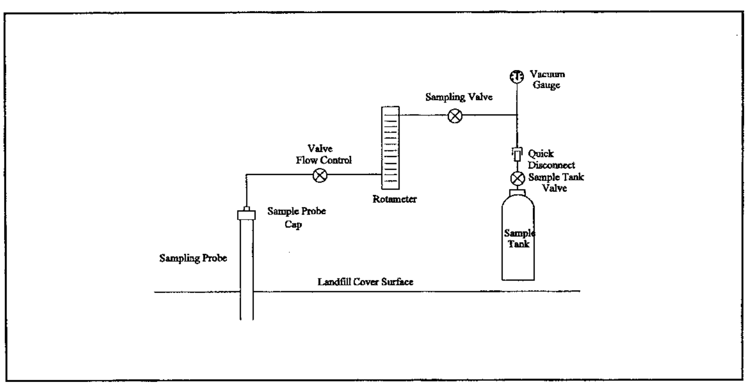

Figure 25C-2. Schematic of Sampling Train.

TABLE 25C–1—MOISTURE CORRECTION

Temperature, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg	Tempera- ture, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg
4	6.1	18	15.5
6	7.0	20	17.5
8	8.0	22	19.8
10	9.2	24	22.4
12	10.5	26	25.2
14	12.0	28	28.3
16	13.6	30	31.8

METHOD 25D—DETERMINATION OF THE VOLATILE ORGANIC CONCENTRATION OF WASTE SAMPLES

NOTE: Performance of this method should not be attempted by persons unfamiliar with the operation of a flame ionization detector (FID) or an electrolytic conductivity detector (ELCD) because knowledge beyond the scope of this presentation is required.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analyte. Volatile Organic Compounds. No CAS No. assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for determining the volatile organic (VO) concentration of a waste sample.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Principle. A sample of waste is obtained at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to the atmosphere). The sample is suspended in an organic/aqueous matrix, then heated and purged with nitrogen for 30 min. in order to separate certain organic compounds. Part of the sample is analyzed for carbon concentration, as methane, with an FID, and part of the sample is analyzed for chlorine concentration, as chloride, with an ELCD. The VO concentration is the sum of the carbon and chlorine content of the sample.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Well-mixed* in the context of this method refers to turbulent flow which results in multiple-phase waste in effect behaving as single-phase waste due to good mixing.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1 Sampling. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Sampling Tube. Flexible Teflon, 0.25 in. ID (6.35 mm).

6.1.2 Sample Container. Borosilicate glass, 40-mL, and a Teflon-lined screw cap capable of forming an air tight seal.

6.1.3 Cooling Coil. Fabricated from 0.25 in (6.35 mm). ID 304 stainless steel tubing with a thermocouple at the coil outlet.

6.2 Analysis. The following equipment is required.

6.2.1 Purging Apparatus. For separating the VO from the waste sample. A schematic of the system is shown in Figure 25D–1. The purging apparatus consists of the following major components.

6.2.1.1 Purging Flask. A glass container to hold the sample while it is heated and purged with dry nitrogen. The cap of the purging flask is equipped with three fittings: one for a purging lance (fitting with the #7 Ace-thread), one for the Teflon exit tubing (side fitting, also a #7 Ace-thread), and a third (a 50-mm Ace-thread) to attach the base of the purging flask as shown in Figure 25D–2. The base of the purging flask is a 50-mm ID (2 in) cylindrical glass tube. One end of the tube is open while the other end is sealed. Exact dimensions are shown in Figure 25D–2.

6.2.1.2 Purging Lance. Glass tube, 6-mm OD (0.2 in) by 30 cm (12 in) long. The purging end of the tube is fitted with a four-arm bubbler with each tip drawn to an opening 1 mm (0.04 in) in diameter. Details and exact dimensions are shown in Figure 25D–2.

6.2.1.3 Coalescing Filter. Porous fritted disc incorporated into a container with the same dimensions as the purging flask. The details of the design are shown in Figure 25D–3.

6.2.1.4 Constant Temperature Chamber. A forced draft oven capable of maintaining a uniform temperature around the purging flask and coalescing filter of 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F).

6.2.1.5 Three-way Valve. Manually operated, stainless steel. To introduce calibration gas into system.

6.2.1.6 Flow Controllers. Two, adjustable. One capable of maintaining a purge gas flow rate of 6 ±0.06 L/min (0.2 ±0.002 ft^3/min) The other capable of maintaining a calibration gas flow rate of 1–100 mL/min (0.00004–0.004 ft^3/min).

6.2.1.7 Rotameter. For monitoring the air flow through the purging system (0–10 L/min)(0–0.4 ft^3/min).

6.2.1.8 Sample Splitters. Two heated flow restrictors (placed inside oven or heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F)). At a purge rate of 6 L/min (0.2 ft^3/min), one will supply a constant flow to the first detector (the rest of the flow will be directed to the second sample splitter). The second splitter will split the analytical flow between the second detector and the flow restrictor. The approximate flow to the FID will be 40 mL/min (0.0014 ft^3/min) and to the ELCD will be 15 mL/min (0.0005 ft^3/min), but the exact flow must be adjusted to be compatible with the individual detector and to meet its linearity requirement. The two sample splitters will be connected to each other by 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm) stainless steel tubing.

6.2.1.9 Flow Restrictor. Stainless steel tubing, 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm), connecting the second sample splitter to the ice bath. Length is determined by the resulting pressure in the purging flask (as measured by the pressure gauge). The resulting pressure from the use of the flow restrictor shall be 6–7 psig.

6.2.1.10 Filter Flask. With one-hole stopper. Used to hold ice bath. Excess purge gas is vented through the flask to prevent condensation in the flowmeter and to trap volatile organic compounds.

6.2.1.11 Four-way Valve. Manually operated, stainless steel. Placed inside oven, used to bypass purging flask.

6.2.1.12 On/Off Valves. Two, stainless steel. One heat resistant up to 130 °C (266 °F) and placed between oven and ELCD. The other a toggle valve used to control purge gas flow.

6.2.1.13 Pressure Gauge. Range 0–40 psi. To monitor pressure in purging flask and coalescing filter.

6.2.1.14 Sample Lines. Teflon, 1/4′ OD (6.35 mm), used inside the oven to carry purge gas to and from purging chamber and to and from coalescing filter to four-way valve. Also used to carry sample from four-way valve to first sample splitter.

6.2.1.15 Detector Tubing. Stainless steel, 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm), heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F) . Used to carry sample gas from each sample splitter to a detector. Each piece of tubing must be wrapped with heat tape and insulating tape in order to insure that no cold spots exist. The tubing leading to the ELCD will also contain a heat-resistant on-off valve (Section 6.2.1.12) which shall also be wrapped with heat-tape and insulation.

6.2.2 Volatile Organic Measurement System. Consisting of an FID to measure the carbon concentration of the sample and an ELCD to measure the chlorine concentration.

6.2.2.1 FID. A heated FID meeting the following specifications is required.

6.2.2.1.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.1.1.

6.2.2.1.2 Range. A full scale range of 50 pg carbon/sec to 50 μg carbon/sec. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.2.1.3 Data Recording System. A digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the output of the detector. The recorder shall have the capability to start and stop integration at points selected by the operator or it shall be capable of the ‘‘integration by slices’’ technique (this technique involves breaking down the chromatogram into smaller increments, integrating the area under the curve for each portion, subtracting the background for each portion, and then adding all of the areas together for the final area count).

6.2.2.2 ELCD. An ELCD meeting the following specifications is required. 1-propanol must be used as the electrolyte. The electrolyte flow through the conductivity cell shall be 1 to 2 mL/min (0.00004 to 0.00007 ft^3/min).

NOTE: A ¼-in. ID (6.35 mm) quartz reactor tube is strongly recommended to reduce carbon buildup and the resulting detector maintenance.

6.2.2.2.1 Linearity. A linear response (±10 percent) over the response range as demonstrated by the procedures in section 10.1.2.

6.2.2.2.2 Range. A full scale range of 5.0 pg/sec to 500 ng/sec chloride. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.2.2.3 Data Recording System. A digital integration system compatible with the output voltage range of the ELCD. The recorder must have the capability to start and stop integration at points selected by the operator or it shall be capable of performing the ‘‘integration by slices’’ technique.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Sampling.

7.1.1 Polyethylene Glycol (PEG). Ninety-eight percent pure with an average molecular weight of 400. Before using the PEG, remove any organic compounds that might be detected as volatile organics by heating it to 120 °C (248 °F) and purging it with nitrogen at a flow rate of 1 to 2 L/min (0.04 to 0.07 ft^3/min) for 2 hours. The cleaned PEG must be stored under a 1 to 2 L/min (0.04 to 0.07 ft^3/min) nitrogen purge until use. The purge apparatus is shown in Figure 25D–4.

7.2 Analysis.

7.2.1 Sample Separation. The following are required for the sample purging step.

7.2.1.1 PEG. Same as section 7.1.1.

7.2.1.2 Purge Gas. Zero grade nitrogen (N_2), containing less than 1 ppm carbon.

7.2.2 Volatile Organics Measurement. The following are required for measuring the VO concentration.

7.2.2.1 Hydrogen (H_2). Zero grade H_2, 99.999 percent pure.

7.2.2.2 Combustion Gas. Zero grade air or oxygen as required by the FID.

7.2.2.3 Calibration Gas. Pressurized gas cylinder containing 10 percent propane and 1 percent 1,1-dichloroethylene by volume in nitrogen.

7.2.2.4 Water. Deionized distilled water that conforms to American Society for Testing and Materials Specification D 1193–74, Type 3, is required for analysis. At the option of the analyst, the $KMnO_4$ test for oxidizable organic matter may be omitted when high concentrations are not expected to be present.

7.2.2.5 1-Propanol. ACS grade or better. Electrolyte Solution. For use in the ELCD.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sampling.

8.1.1 Sampling Plan Design and Development. Use the procedures in chapter nine of Reference 1 in section 16 as guidance in developing a sampling plan.

8.1.2 Single Phase or Well-mixed Waste.

8.1.2.1 Install a sampling tap to obtain the sample at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to the atmosphere). Assemble the sampling apparatus as shown in Figure 25D–5.

8.1.2.2 Prepare the sampling containers as follows: Pour 30 mL of clean PEG into the container. PEG will reduce but not eliminate the loss of organics during sample collection. Weigh the sample container with the screw cap, the PEG, and any labels to the nearest 0.01 g and record the weight (m_{st}). Store the containers in an ice bath until 1 hour before sampling (PEG will solidify at ice bath temperatures; allow the containers to reach room temperature before sampling).

8.1.2.3 Begin sampling by purging the sample lines and cooling coil with at least four volumes of waste. Collect the purged material in a separate container and dispose of it properly.

8.1.2.4 After purging, stop the sample flow and direct the sampling tube to a preweighed sample container, prepared as described in section 8.1.2.2. Keep the tip of the tube below the surface of the PEG during sampling to minimize contact with the atmosphere. Sample at a flow rate such that the temperature of the waste is less than 10 °C (50 °F). Fill the sample container and immediately cap it (within 5 seconds) so that a minimum headspace exists in the container. Store immediately in a cooler and cover with ice.

8.1.3 Multiple-phase Waste. Collect a 10 g sample of each phase of waste generated using the procedures described in section 8.1.2 or 8.1.5. Each phase of the waste shall be analyzed as a separate sample. Calculate the weighted average VO concentration of the waste using Equation 25D–13 (Section 12.14).

8.1.4 Solid waste. Add approximately 10 g of the solid waste to a container prepared in the manner described in section 8.1.2.2, minimizing headspace. Cap and chill immediately.

8.1.5 Alternative to Tap Installation. If tap installation is impractical or impossible, fill a large, clean, empty container by submerging the container into the waste below the surface of the waste. Immediately fill a container prepared in the manner described in section 8.1.2.2 with approximately 10 g of the waste collected in the large container. Minimize headspace, cap and chill immediately.

8.1.6 Alternative sampling techniques may be used upon the approval of the Administrator.

8.2 Sample Recovery.

8.2.1 Assemble the purging apparatus as shown in Figures 25D–1 and 25D–2. The oven shall be heated to 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F). The sampling lines leading from the oven to the detectors shall be heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F) with no cold spots. The flame ionization detector shall be operated with a heated block. Adjust the purging lance so that it reaches the bottom of the chamber.

8.2.2 Remove the sample container from the cooler, and wipe the exterior of the container to remove any extraneous ice, water, or other debris. Reweigh the sample container to the nearest 0.01 g, and record the weight (m_{sf}). Pour the contents of the sample container into the purging flask, rinse the sample container three times with a total of 20 mL of PEG (since the sample container originally held 30 mL of PEG, the total volume of PEG added to the purging flask will be 50 mL), transferring the rinsings to the purging flask after each rinse. Cap purging flask between rinses. The total volume of PEG in the purging flask shall be 50 mL. Add 50 mL of water to the purging flask.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Quality Control Samples. If audit samples are not available, prepare and analyze the two types of quality control samples (QCS) listed in Sections 9.1.1 and 9.1.2. Before placing the system in operation, after a shutdown of greater than six months, and after any major modifications, analyze each QCS in triplicate. For each detector, calculate the percent recovery by dividing measured concentration by theoretical concentration and multiplying by 100. Determine the mean percent recovery for each detector for each QCS triplicate analysis. The RSD for any triplicate analysis shall be ≤10 percent. For QCS 1 (methylene chloride), the percent recovery shall be ≥90 percent for carbon as methane, and ≥55 percent for chlorine as chloride. For QCS 2 (1,3-dichloro-2-propanol), the percent recovery shall be ≤15 percent for carbon as methane, and ≤6 percent for chlorine as chloride. If the analytical system does not meet the above-mentioned criteria for both detectors, check the system parameters (temperature, system pressure, purge rate, etc.), correct the problem, and repeat the triplicate analysis of each QCS.

9.1.1 QCS 1, Methylene Chloride. Prepare a stock solution by weighing, to the nearest 0.1 mg, 55 µL of HPLC grade methylene chloride in a tared 5 mL volumetric flask. Record the weight in milligrams, dilute to 5 mL with cleaned PEG, and inject 100 µL of the stock solution into a sample prepared as a water blank (50 mL of cleaned PEG and 60 mL of water in the purging flask). Analyze

the QCS according to the procedures described in sections 10.2 and 10.3, excluding section 10.2.2. To calculate the theoretical carbon concentration (in mg) in QCS 1, multiply mg of methylene chloride in the stock solution by 3.777×10^{-3}. To calculate the theoretical chlorine concentration (in mg) in QCS 1, multiply mg of methylene chloride in the stock solution by 1.670×10^{-2}.

9.1.2 QCS 2, 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol. Prepare a stock solution by weighing, to the nearest 0.1 mg, 60 μL of high purity grade 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in a tared 5 mL volumetric flask. Record the weight in milligrams, dilute to 5 mL with cleaned PEG, and inject 100 μL of the stock solution into a sample prepared as a water blank (50 mL of cleaned PEG and 60 mL of water in the purging flask). Analyze the QCS according to the procedures described in sections 10.2 and 10.3, excluding section 10.2.2. To calculate the theoretical carbon concentration (in mg) in QCS 2, multiply mg of 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in the stock solution by 7.461×10^{-3}. To calculate the theoretical chlorine concentration (in mg) in QCS 2, multiply mg of 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in the stock solution by 1.099×10^{-2}.

9.1.3 Routine QCS Analysis. For each set of compliance samples (in this context, set is per facility, per compliance test), analyze one QCS 1 and one QCS 2 sample. The percent recovery for each sample for each detector shall be ±13 percent of the mean recovery established for the most recent set of QCS triplicate analysis (Section 9.4). If the sample does not meet this criteria, check the system components and analyze another QCS 1 and 2 until a single set of QCS meet the ±13 percent criteria.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Initial Performance Check of Purging System. Before placing the system in operation, after a shutdown of greater than six months, after any major modifications, and at least once per month during continuous operation, conduct the linearity checks described in sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2. Install calibration gas at the three-way calibration gas valve. See Figure 25D–1.

10.1.1 Linearity Check Procedure. Using the calibration standard described in section 7.2.2.3 and by varying the injection time, it is possible to calibrate at multiple concentration levels. Use Equation 25D–3 to calculate three sets of calibration gas flow rates and run times needed to introduce a total mass of carbon, as methane, (m_c) of 1, 5, and 10 mg into the system (low, medium and high FID calibration, respectively). Use Equation 25D–4 to calculate three sets of calibration gas flow rates and run times needed to introduce a total chloride mass (m_{ch}) of 1, 5, and 10 mg into the system (low, medium and high ELCD calibration, respectively). With the system operating in standby mode, allow the FID and the ELCD to establish a stable baseline. Set the secondary pressure regulator of the calibration gas cylinder to the same pressure as the purge gas cylinder and set the proper flow rate with the calibration flow controller (see Figure 25D–1). The calibration gas flow rate can be measured with a flowmeter attached to the vent position of the calibration gas valve. Set the four-way bypass valve to standby position so that the calibration gas flows through the coalescing filter only. Inject the calibration gas by turning the calibration gas valve from vent position to inject position. Continue the calibration gas flow for the appropriate period of time before switching the calibration valve to vent position. Continue recording the response of the FID and the ELCD for 5 min after switching off calibration gas flow. Make triplicate injections of all six levels of calibration.

10.1.2 Linearity Criteria. Calculate the average response factor (Equations 25D–5 and 25D–6) and the relative standard deviation (RSD) (Equation 25D–10) at each level of the calibration curve for both detectors. Calculate the overall mean of the three response factor averages for each detector. The FID linearity is acceptable if each response factor is within 5 percent of the overall mean and if the RSD for each set of triplicate injections is less than 5 percent. The ELCD linearity is acceptable if each response factor is within 10 percent of the overall mean and if the RSD for each set of triplicate injections is less than 10 percent. Record the overall mean value of the response factors for the FID and the ELCD. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.2 Daily Calibrations.

10.2.1 Daily Linearity Check. Follow the procedures outlined in section 10.1.1 to analyze the medium level calibration for both the FID and the ELCD in duplicate at the start of the day. Calculate the response factors and the RSDs for each detector. For the FID, the calibration is acceptable if the average response factor is within 5 percent of the overall mean response factor (Section 10.1.2) and if the RSD for the duplicate injection is less than 5 percent. For the ELCD, the calibration is acceptable if the average response factor is within 10 percent of the overall mean response factor (Section 10.1.2) and if the RSD for the duplicate injection is less than 10 percent. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.2.2 Calibration Range Check.

10.2.2.1 If the waste concentration for either detector falls below the range of calibration for that detector, use the procedure outlined in section 10.1.1 to choose two calibration points that bracket the new target

concentration. Analyze each of these points in triplicate (as outlined in section 10.1.1) and use the criteria in section 10.1.2 to determine the linearity of the detector in this "mini-calibration" range.

10.2.2.2 After the initial linearity check of the mini-calibration curve, it is only necessary to test one of the points in duplicate for the daily calibration check (in addition to the points specified in section 10.2.1). The average daily mini-calibration point should fit the linearity criteria specified in section 10.2.1. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat the calibration procedure mentioned in the first paragraph of section 10.2.2. A mini-calibration curve for waste concentrations above the calibration curve for either detector is optional.

10.3 Analytical Balance. Calibrate against standard weights.

11.0 Analysis

11.1 Sample Analysis.

11.1.1 Turn on the constant temperature chamber and allow the temperature to equilibrate at 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F). Turn the four-way valve so that the purge gas bypasses the purging flask, the purge gas flowing through the coalescing filter and to the detectors (standby mode). Turn on the purge gas. Allow both the FID and the ELCD to warm up until a stable baseline is achieved on each detector. Pack the filter flask with ice. Replace ice after each run and dispose of the waste water properly. When the temperature of the oven reaches 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F), start both integrators and record baseline. After 1 min, turn the four-way valve so that the purge gas flows through the purging flask, to the coalescing filter and to the sample splitters (purge mode). Continue recording the response of the FID and the ELCD. Monitor the readings of the pressure gauge and the rotameter. If the readings fall below established setpoints, stop the purging, determine the source of the leak, and resolve the problem before resuming. Leaks detected during a sampling period invalidate that sample.

11.1.2 As the purging continues, monitor the output of the detectors to make certain that the analysis is proceeding correctly and that the results are being properly recorded. Every 10 minutes read and record the purge flow rate, the pressure and the chamber temperature. Continue the purging for 30 minutes.

11.1.3 For each detector output, integrate over the entire area of the peak starting at 1 minute and continuing until the end of the run. Subtract the established baseline area from the peak area. Record the corrected area of the peak. See Figure 25D–6 for an example integration.

11.2 Water Blank. A water blank shall be analyzed for each batch of cleaned PEG prepared. Transfer about 60 mL of water into the purging flask. Add 50 mL of the cleaned PEG to the purging flask. Treat the blank as described in sections 8.2 and 8.3, excluding section 8.2.2. Calculate the concentration of carbon and chlorine in the blank sample (assume 10 g of waste as the mass). A VO concentration equivalent to ≤10 percent of the applicable standard may be subtracted from the measured VO concentration of the waste samples. Include all blank results and documentation in the test report.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature.

A_b = Area under the water blank response curve, counts.

A_c = Area under the calibration response curve, counts.

A_s = Area under the sample response curve, counts.

C = Concentration of volatile organics in the sample, ppmw.

C_c = Concentration of carbon, as methane, in the calibration gas, mg/L.

C_{ch} = Concentration of chloride in the calibration gas, mg/L.

C_j = VO concentration of phase j, ppmw.

DR_t = Average daily response factor of the FID, mg CH_4/counts.

Dr_{th} = Average daily response factor of the ELCD, mg Cl^-/counts.

F_j = Weight fraction of phase j present in the waste.

m_c = Mass of carbon, as methane, in a calibration run, mg.

m_{ch} = Mass of chloride in a calibration run, mg.

m_s = Mass of the waste sample, g.

m_{sc} = Mass of carbon, as methane, in the sample, mg.

m_{sf} = Mass of sample container and waste sample, g.

m_{sh} = Mass of chloride in the sample, mg.

m_{st} = Mass of sample container prior to sampling, g.

m_{VO} = Mass of volatile organics in the sample, mg.

n = Total number of phases present in the waste.

P_p = Percent propane in calibration gas (L/L).

P_{vc} = Percent 1,1-dichloroethylene in calibration gas (L/L).

Q_c = Flow rate of calibration gas, L/min.

t_c = Length of time standard gas is delivered to the analyzer, min.

W = Weighted average VO concentration, ppmw.

12.2 Concentration of Carbon, as Methane, in the Calibration Gas.

$$C_c = (19.681 \times P_p) + (13.121 \times P_{vc}) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-1}$$

12.3 Concentration of Chloride in the Calibration Gas.

$$C_{ch} = 28.998 \times P_{vc} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-2}$$

12.4 Mass of Carbon, as Methane, in a Calibration Run.

$$M_c = C_c \times Q_c \times t_c \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-3}$$

12.5 Mass of Chloride in a Calibration Run.

$$m_{ch} = C_{ch} \times Q_c \times t_c \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-4}$$

12.6 FID Response Factor, mg/counts.

$$DR_t = \frac{m_c}{A_c} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-5}$$

12.7 ELCD Response Factor, mg/counts.

$$DR_{th} = \frac{m_{ch}}{A_c} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-6}$$

12.8 Mass of Carbon in the Sample.

$$m_{sc} = DR_t (A_s - A_b) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-7}$$

12.9 Mass of Chloride in the Sample.

$$m_{sh} = DR_{th} (A_s - A_b) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-8}$$

12.10 Mass of Volatile Organics in the Sample.

$$m_{vo} = m_{sc} + m_{sh} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-9}$$

12.11 Relative Standard Deviation.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{\bar{x}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-10}$$

12.12 Mass of Sample.

$$m_s = m_{sf} - m_{st} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-11}$$

12.13 Concentration of Volatile Organics in Waste.

$$C = \frac{(m_{vo} \times 1000)}{m_s} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-12}$$

12.14 Weighted Average VO Concentration of Multi-phase Waste.

$$W = \sum_{j=1}^{n} F_j \, x \, \overline{C}_j \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-13}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

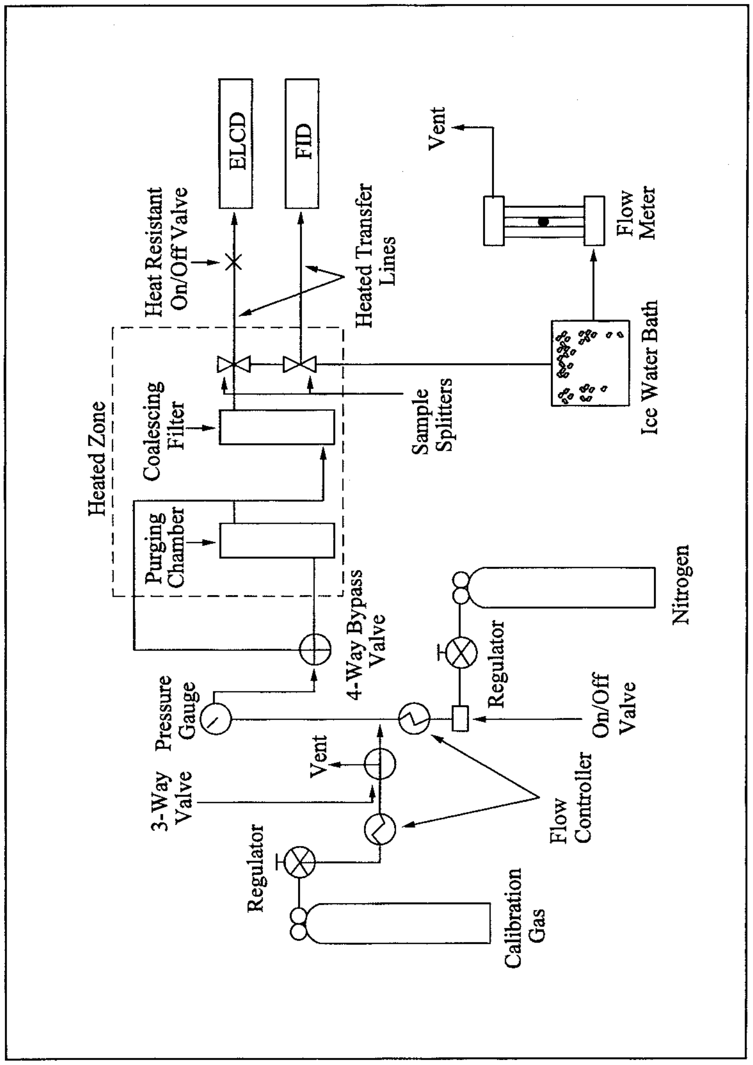
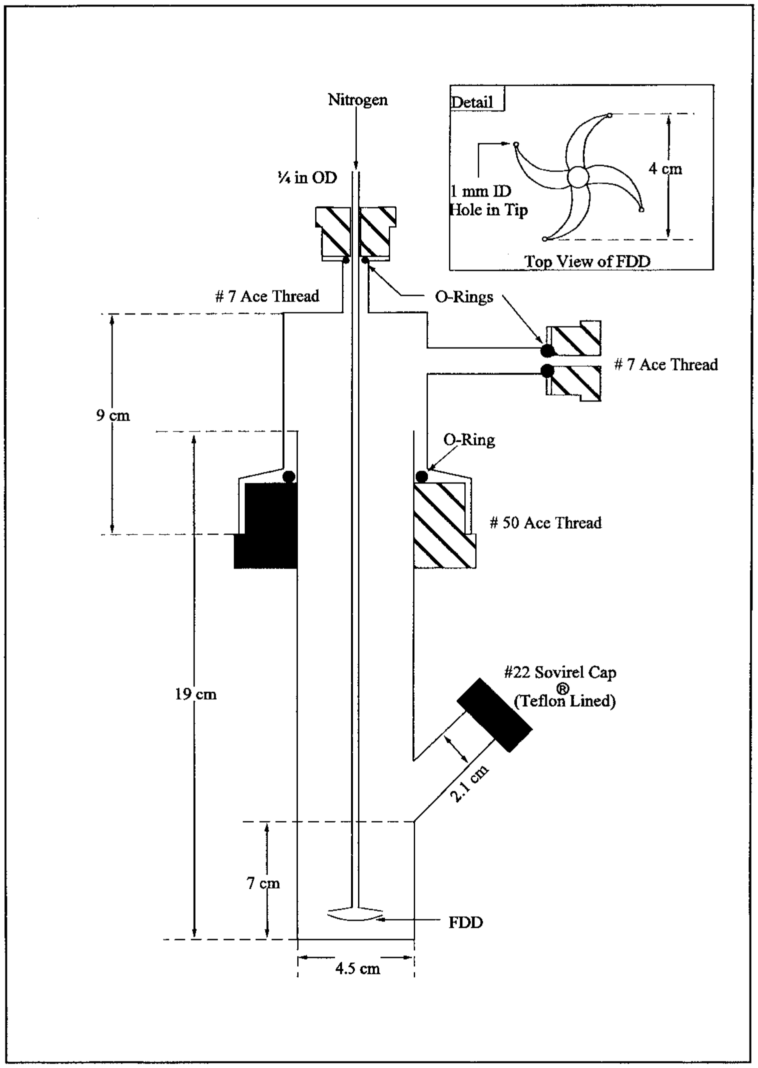


Figure 25D-1. Schematic of Purging Apparatus.



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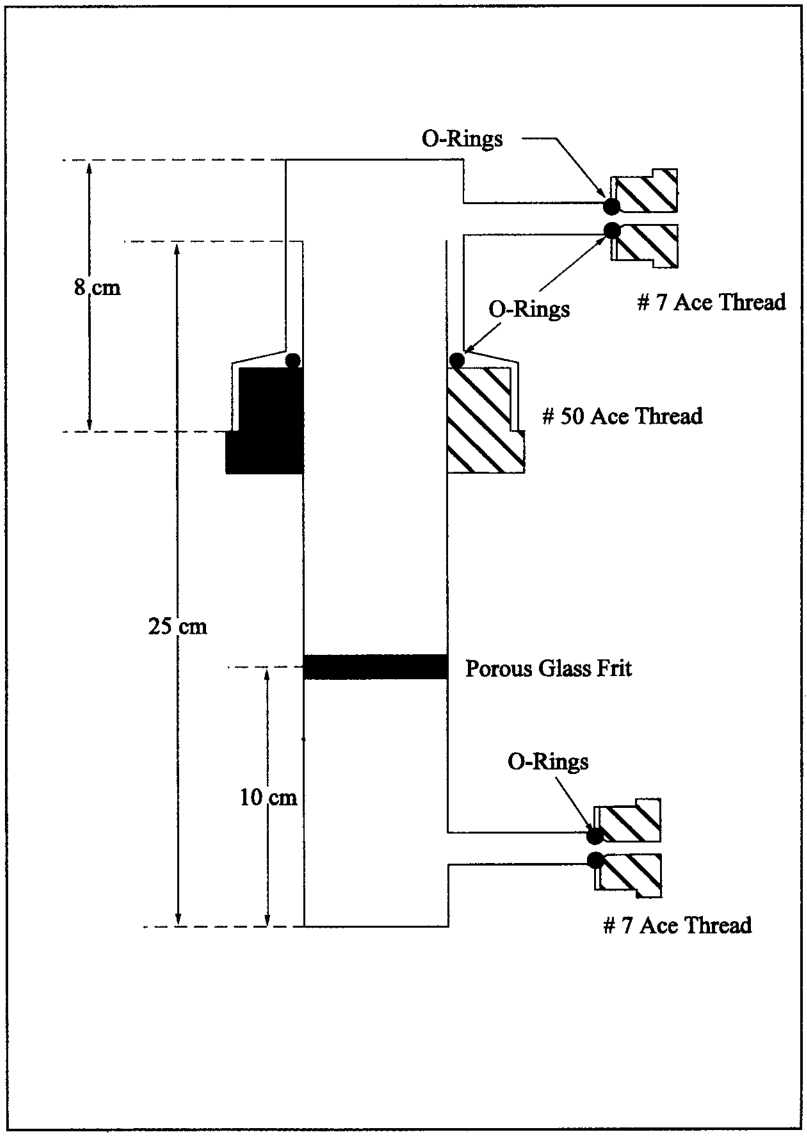
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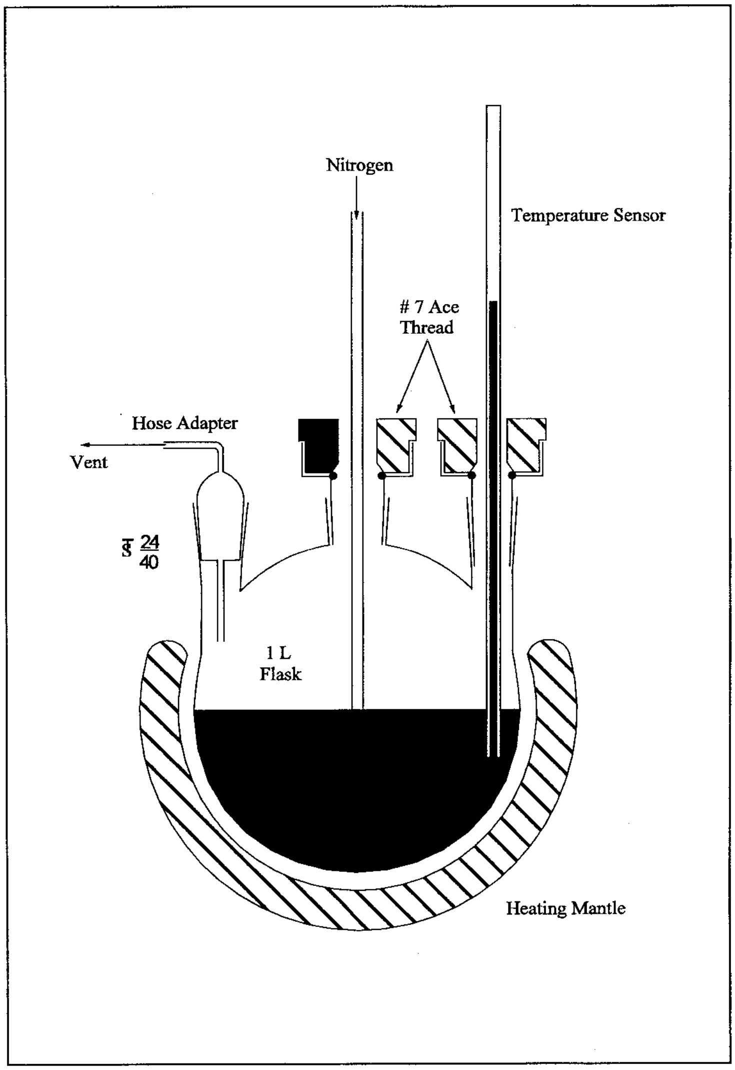
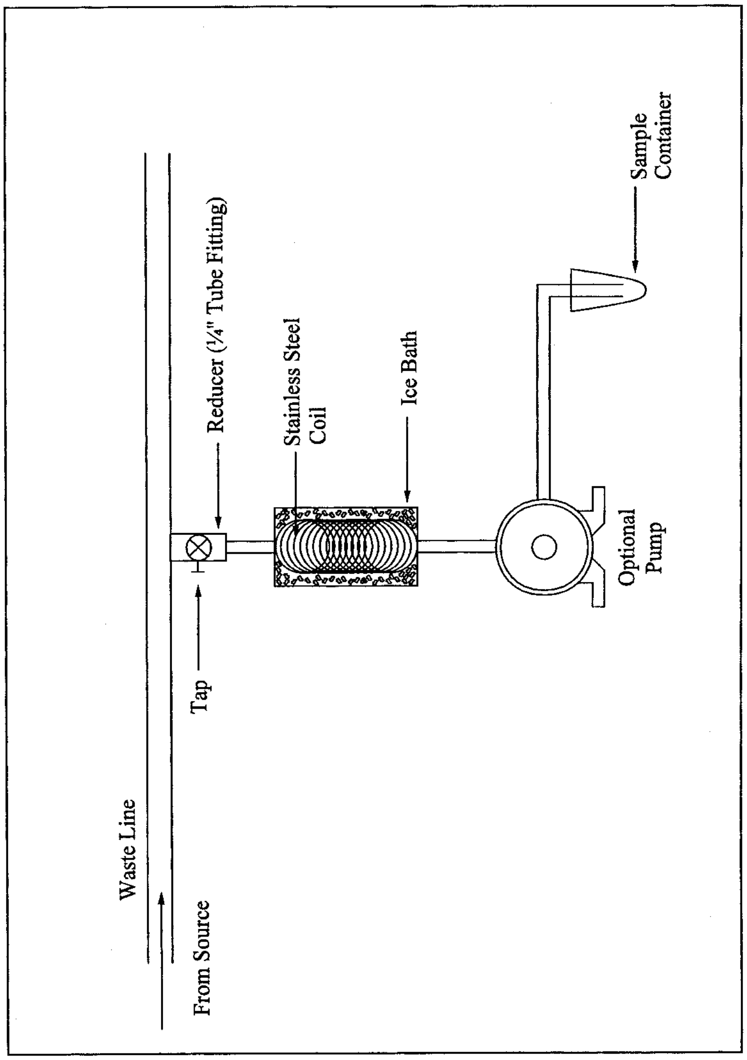


Figure 25D-4. Schematic of PEG Cleaning System.



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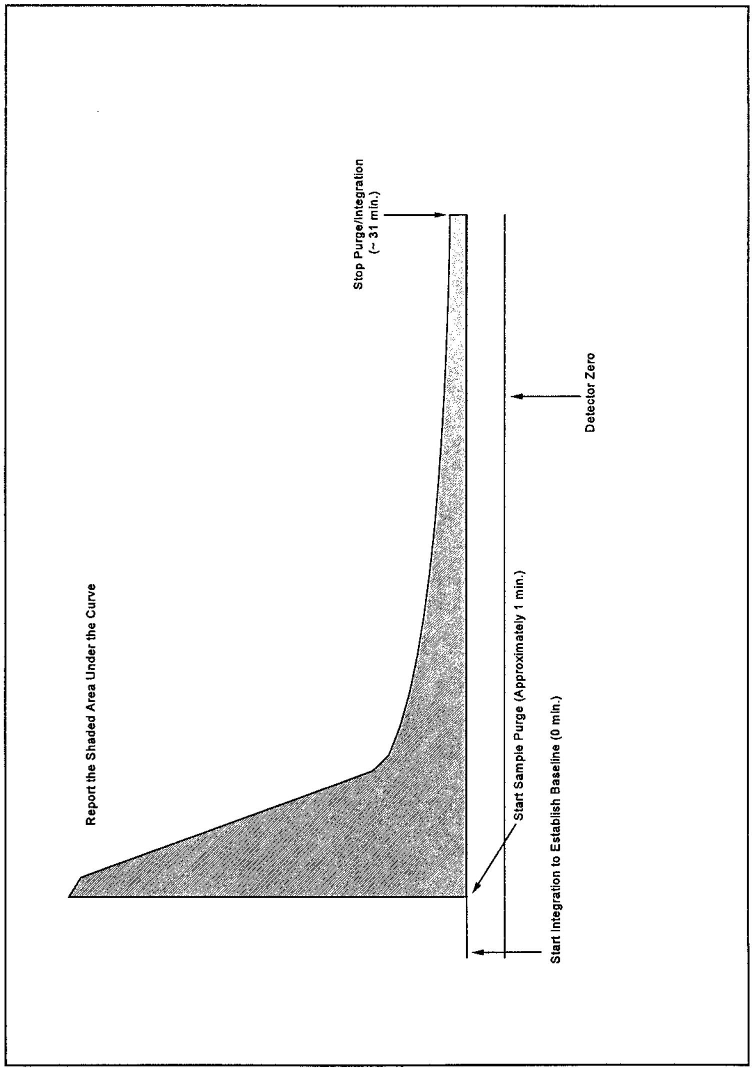

Figure 25D-6. Example Integration of Either Detector.

METHOD 25E—DETERMINATION OF VAPOR PHASE ORGANIC CONCENTRATION IN WASTE SAMPLES

NOTE: Performance of this method should not be attempted by persons unfamiliar with the operation of a flame ionization detector (FID) nor by those who are unfamiliar with source sampling because knowledge beyond the scope of this presentation is required. This method is not inclusive with respect to specifications (*e.g.*, reagents and standards) and calibration procedures. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 106, part 61, Appendix B, and Method 18, part 60, Appendix A.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable for determining the vapor pressure of waste cited by an applicable regulation.

1.2 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 The headspace vapor of the sample is analyzed for carbon content by a headspace analyzer, which uses an FID.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

4.1 The analyst shall select the operating parameters best suited to the requirements for a particular analysis. The analyst shall produce confirming data through an adequate supplemental analytical technique and have the data available for review by the Administrator.

5.0 Safety [Reserved]

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sampling. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Sample Containers. Vials, glass, with butyl rubber septa, Perkin-Elmer Corporation Numbers 0105–0129 (glass vials), B001–0728 (gray butyl rubber septum, plug style), 0105–0131 (butyl rubber septa), or equivalent. The seal must be made from butyl rubber. Silicone rubber seals are not acceptable.

6.1.2 Vial Sealer. Perkin-Elmer Number 105–0106, or equivalent.

6.1.3 Gas-Tight Syringe. Perkin-Elmer Number 00230117, or equivalent.

6.1.4 The following equipment is required for sampling.

6.1.4.1 Tap.

6.1.4.2 Tubing. Teflon, 0.25-in. ID.

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1.4.3 Cooling Coil. Stainless steel (304), 0.25 in.-ID, equipped with a thermocouple at the coil outlet.

6.2 Analysis. The following equipment is required.

6.2.1 Balanced Pressure Headspace Sampler. Perkin-Elmer HS–6, HS–100, or equivalent, equipped with a glass bead column instead of a chromatographic column.

6.2.2 FID. An FID meeting the following specifications is required.

6.2.2.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.2.

6.2.2.2 Range. A full scale range of 1 to 10,000 parts per million (ppm) propane (C_3H_8). Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.3 Data Recording System. Analog strip chart recorder or digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the output of the detector.

6.2.4 Temperature Sensor. Capable of reading temperatures in the range of 30 to 60 °C (86 to 140 °F) with an accuracy of ±0.1 °C (±0.2 °F).

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Analysis. The following items are required for analysis.

7.1.1 Hydrogen (H_2). Zero grade hydrogen, as required by the FID.

7.1.2 Carrier Gas. Zero grade nitrogen, containing less than 1 ppm carbon (C) and less than 1 ppm carbon dioxide.

7.1.3 Combustion Gas. Zero grade air or oxygen as required by the FID.

7.2 Calibration and Linearity Check.

7.2.1 Stock Cylinder Gas Standard. 100 percent propane. The manufacturer shall: (a) Certify the gas composition to be accurate to ±3 percent or better (see section 7.2.1.1); (b) recommend a maximum shelf life over which the gas concentration does not change by greater than ±5 percent from the certified value; and (c) affix the date of gas cylinder preparation, certified propane concentration, and recommended maximum shelf life to the cylinder before shipment to the buyer.

7.2.1.1 Cylinder Standards Certification. The manufacturer shall certify the concentration of the calibration gas in the cylinder by (a) directly analyzing the cylinder and (b) calibrating his analytical procedure on the day of cylinder analysis. To calibrate his analytical procedure, the manufacturer shall use, as a minimum, a three-point calibration curve.

7.2.1.2 Verification of Manufacturer's Calibration Standards. Before using, the manufacturer shall verify each calibration standard by (a) comparing it to gas mixtures prepared in accordance with the procedure described in section 7.1 of Method 106 of Part 61, Appendix B, or by (b) calibrating it against Standard Reference Materials (SRM's) prepared by the National Bureau of Standards, if such SRM's are available. The agreement between the initially determined concentration value and the verification concentration value must be within ±5 percent. The manufacturer must reverify all calibration standards on a time interval consistent with the shelf life of the cylinder standards sold.

8.0 Sampling Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Install a sampling tap to obtain a sample at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to

the atmosphere). Assemble the sampling apparatus as shown in Figure 25E–1.

8.2 Begin sampling by purging the sample lines and cooling coil with at least four volumes of waste. Collect the purged material in a separate container and dispose of it properly.

8.3 After purging, stop the sample flow and transfer the Teflon sampling tube to a sample container. Sample at a flow rate such that the temperature of the waste is <10 °C (<50 °F). Fill the sample container halfway (±5 percent) and cap it within 5 seconds. Store immediately in a cooler and cover with ice.

8.4 Alternative sampling techniques may be used upon the approval of the Administrator.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
10.2, 10.3	FID calibration and response check	Ensure precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Use the procedures in sections 10.2 to calibrate the headspace analyzer and FID and check for linearity before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown longer than 6 months, and after any modification of the system.

10.2 Calibration and Linearity. Use the procedures in section 10 of Method 18 of Part 60, Appendix A, to prepare the standards and calibrate the flowmeters, using propane as the standard gas. Fill the calibration standard vials halfway (±5 percent) with deionized water. Purge and fill the airspace with calibration standard. Prepare a minimum of three concentrations of calibration standards in triplicate at concentrations that will bracket the applicable cutoff. For a cutoff of 5.2 kPa (0.75 psi), prepare nominal concentrations of 30,000, 50,000, and 70,000 ppm as propane. For a cutoff of 27.6 kPa (4.0 psi), prepare nominal concentrations of 200,000, 300,000, and 400,000 ppm as propane.

10.2.1 Use the procedures in section 11.3 to measure the FID response of each standard. Use a linear regression analysis to calculate the values for the slope (k) and the y-intercept (b). Use the procedures in sections 12.3 and 12.2 to test the calibration and the linearity.

10.3 Daily FID Calibration Check. Check the calibration at the beginning and at the end of the daily runs by using the following procedures. Prepare 2 calibration standards at the nominal cutoff concentration using the procedures in section 10.2. Place one at the beginning and one at the end of the daily run. Measure the FID response of the daily calibration standard and use the values for k and b from the most recent calibration to calculate the concentration of the daily standard. Use an equation similar to 25E–2 to calculate the percent difference between the daily standard and C_s. If the difference is within 5 percent, then the previous values for k and b can be used. Otherwise, use the procedures in section 10.2 to recalibrate the FID.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 Allow one hour for the headspace vials to equilibrate at the temperature specified in the regulation. Allow the FID to warm up until a stable baseline is achieved on the detector.

11.2 Check the calibration of the FID daily using the procedures in section 10.3.

11.3 Follow the manufacturer's recommended procedures for the normal operation of the headspace sampler and FID.

11.4 Use the procedures in sections 12.4 and 12.5 to calculate the vapor phase organic vapor pressure in the samples.

11.5 Monitor the output of the detector to make certain that the results are being properly recorded.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature.

A = Measurement of the area under the response curve, counts.
b = y-intercept of the linear regression line.
C_a = Measured vapor phase organic concentration of sample, ppm as propane.
C_{ma} = Average measured vapor phase organic concentration of standard, ppm as propane.
C_m = Measured vapor phase organic concentration of standard, ppm as propane.
C_s = Calculated standard concentration, ppm as propane.
k = Slope of the linear regression line.
P_{bar} = Atmospheric pressure at analysis conditions, mm Hg (in. Hg).
P* = Organic vapor pressure in the sample, kPa (psi).
PD = Percent difference between the average measured vapor phase organic concentration (C_m) and the calculated standard concentration (C_s).
RSD = Relative standard deviation.
$\beta = 1.333 \times 10^{-7}$ kPa/[(mm Hg)(ppm)], (4.91×10^{-7} psi/[(in. Hg)(ppm)])

12.2 Linearity. Use the following equation to calculate the measured standard concentration for each standard vial.

$$C_m = kA + b \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-1}$$

12.2.1 Calculate the average measured standard concentration (C_{ma}) for each set of triplicate standards and use the following equation to calculate PD between C_{ma} and C_s. The instrument linearity is acceptable if the PD is within five for each standard.

$$PD = \frac{C_s - C_{ma}}{C_s} \times 100 \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-2}$$

12.3. Relative Standard Deviation (RSD). Use the following equation to calculate the RSD for each triplicate set of standards.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{C_{ma}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum \left(C_m - C_{ma}\right)^2}{2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-3}$$

The calibration is acceptable if the RSD is within five for each standard concentration.

12.4 Concentration of organics in the headspace. Use the following equation to calculate the concentration of vapor phase organics in each sample.

$$C_a = kA + b \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-4}$$

12.5 Vapor Pressure of Organics in the Headspace Sample. Use the following equation to calculate the vapor pressure of organics in the sample.

$$P^* = \beta P_{bar} C_a \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-5}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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Attachment E: Draft Amended Noxious Weed Control Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 1
Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 1, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 1 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The ~~proposed~~ approved Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan has been prepared to comply with Oregon Administrative Rule 660-033-0130 (38)(h)(D), which states, in regard to photovoltaic solar power generation facilities, that:

> "C*onstruction or maintenance activities will not result in the unabated introduction or spread of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species. This provision may be satisfied by the submittal and county approval of a weed control plan prepared by an adequately qualified individual that includes a long-term maintenance agreement. The approved plan shall be attached to the decision as a condition of approval*."

Noxious weeds are non-native, aggressive plants with the potential to cause significant damage to native ecosystems and/or cause significant economic losses. Noxious weeds are opportunistic plant species that readily flourish in disturbed areas, are difficult to control, and thereby can compete with and/or prevent native plant species from re-establishing. Notably, the likelihood of introduction or explosion of noxious weeds is correlated with new disturbances in a region, such as large-scale construction projects. In addition, noxious weed species can adversely affect the structure, composition, and success of revegetation efforts associated with construction-related temporary disturbances.

The intent of this Plan is to provide clear methods to prevent the introduction and spread of designated noxious weeds from the construction and operation of the Facility, control existing populations of noxious weeds within construction areas, and monitor the success of efforts to prevent and control noxious weeds. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and its contractors will be responsible for implementing the methods detailed in this Plan.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall finalize this plan by completing the following:

- Conduct an additional pre-construction noxious weed survey to identify the noxious weeds present at the Facility to inform pre-construction weed treatment.
- Develop final noxious weed monitoring methods in consultation with ODOE and incorporate as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.
- Update Table 2 in consultation with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department.
- Provide records demonstrating all personnel have been trained on noxious weed control.
- Provide evidence that existing noxious weed infestations have been identified and treated in a manner consistent with Morrow County recommendations.
- Consult with the Morrow County Weed Department on timing, method, and application rates for each identified weed species of concern.

2.0 Regulatory Framework

2.1 State of Oregon

In Oregon, a noxious weed is defined under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 569.175 as "a terrestrial, aquatic, or marine plant designated by the State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.". Noxious weeds have been declared by ORS 569.350 as a menace to public welfare, and control of these plants is the responsibility of private landowners and operators, as well as county, state, and federal governments.

The Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) was created by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) under ORS 569.600. OSWB provides recommendations for noxious weed control at the state-level and is responsible for updating the State Noxious Weed List. The OSWB and the ODA classify noxious weeds in Oregon in accordance with the ODA Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System (ODA ~~2022~~2024). There are three designations under the State's system:

- **A Listed Weed:** A weed of known economic importance that occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent.
    - **Recommended Action:** Focus on prevention of new infestations through vector control, certification programs, education, outreach and surveys. New and existing infestations are prioritized for eradication or intensive control when and where found. Regionally focused, species-specific Statewide Management Strategies for A-listed weeds may be developed as necessary.~~Infestations are subject to eradication or intensive control when found.~~

- **B Listed Weed:** A weed of economic importance that is regionally abundant~~,~~ but may have limited distribution in some counties.
  - **Recommended Action:** Limited to intensive control at the state, county, or regional level as determined on a site-specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.
- **T-Designated Weed:** A designated group of weed species selected from the B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and management actions are prioritized and informed by species-specific T-List Statewide Management Strategies created and maintained by the ODA. Action against these weeds will receive priority in accordance with the recommendations of the Statewide Management Strategy. ~~A designated group of weed species selected from either the A or B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. Action against these weeds will receive priority. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the OSWB, which directs ODA to develop and implement a statewide management plan.~~

2.2 Morrow County

The Morrow County Code Enforcement Ordinance establishes procedures for enforcing Morrow County Code through the authority granted to general law counties by ORS Chapter 203. Section 11 of the county Code Enforcement Ordinance, updated on July 5, 2021, establishes Morrow County as a weed control district, defines what is considered a noxious weed or weed of economic importance, identifies the responsibility of private landowners to control weeds, and outlines the authority of the weed control district and Morrow County Weed Program Manager/Inspector to administer and enforce weed control in the ordinance (Morrow County 2021).

Morrow County has its own weed classification system that differs from the state. Morrow County defines two classifications of weeds (Morrow County ~~2022~~2025):

- **Noxious Weeds - "A List":** Any plant that is determined by the weed advisory board and so declared by the County Board of Commissioners to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land, or property under provisions of Oregon State Statute and thus mandated for control.
- **Weeds of Economic Importance - "B List":** Weeds of limited distribution in the county and subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible.

2.3 State and County Weed Lists

The ODA lists 46 Class A species and ~~98~~ 88 Class B species for the state of Oregon, ~~47~~ 19 of which are T-designated (ODA ~~2022~~2024; Appendix A). Morrow County specifically recognizes 36 species of noxious weeds (Appendix B; Morrow County ~~2021~~2025). Although not all ~~of~~ the Morrow County listed noxious weeds noted in Appendix B occur in the vicinity of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and its contractors should be aware of the entire list while monitoring

and controlling weeds. Noxious weeds known to occur in the vicinity of the site boundary are discussed in Section 3.0.

3.0 Noxious Weeds Identified at the Facility

In June, 2022 Tetra Tech completed rare plant and habitat categorization surveys within and adjacent to the original Sunstone Solar Project~~Facility~~ site boundary[2]. During those surveys, four listed noxious weed species were documented, including three ODA-listed noxious weed species and four Morrow County listed species noxious weed species. Table 1 lists the noxious weed species observed, their noxious weed designation (i.e., status), and the frequency of observations. Locations of these noxious weeds documented during surveys are included in Exhibit P, Attachment P-1 of the ASC[3]. Three of the four noxious weed species observed were state and/or County "B" listed weeds (Table 1; Morrow County ~~2021~~2025, ODA ~~2022~~2024). One species, rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*), is an "A" List Weed in Morrow County and a state "T"-designated weed, meaning that ODA has targeted this species for prevention and control (Morrow County ~~2021~~2025; ODA ~~2022~~2024). Note that none of these noxious weed species observations are located within the Sunstone Solar Project 1/Facility site boundary, however, due to the likelihood that these species could be found at the Facility in the future, they are retained for awareness and noxious weed prevention purposes.

Cereal rye (*Secale cereale*) was abundant in the previously disturbed areas outside of active crop fields and was generally found in previously disturbed ground. Rush skeletonweed was found in isolated small populations or single individuals on the hillside between active cropland and a gravel county road. Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*) and jointed goatgrass (*Aegilops cylindrica*) were found in the highly disturbed border in between active cropland and roads. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct an additional pre-construction noxious weed survey to identify the noxious weeds present at the Facility ~~at the time of construction~~ to inform management actions. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may coordinate with landowners regarding noxious weed presence. Identified noxious weed infestations will be treated prior to construction.

Table 1. Noxious Weeds Observed during Surveys in 2022

Scientific Name	Common Name	Oregon State Status[1]	Morrow County Status[1]	Frequency
Aegilops cylindrica	Jointed goatgrass	B	B	Few small patches.
Chondrilla juncea	Rush skeletonweed	B*, T	A	Occasional single plants.
Secale cereale	Cereal rye	Not listed	B	Scattered large-sized patches.
Tribulus terrestris	Puncturevine	B*	B	Few small to large-sized patches.
1. Definitions for state and county noxious weed status are provided in Sections 2.1 and 2.2, respectively. Species marked with a (*) are targeted for biocontrol (ODA ~~2022~~2024).				

[2] Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project, November 18, 2024.
[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

In addition to noxious weeds, cheatgrass, an invasive annual grass, was identified in grassland habitats within the Sunstone Solar Project site boundary. While this species is not listed as a noxious weed by the state or county, it and other invasive annual grasses can adversely impact habitat and can increase fire risk. To address these issues and maintain compliance with the requirements of the Revegetation Plan required under Condition PRE-FW-01, the certificate holder will monitor the spread of these species as explained in Section 4.3 and 4.4.

4.0 Noxious Weed Management

This section of this Plan describes the steps the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will take to prevent and control the establishment and spread of noxious weed species during both construction and operation of the Facility. Noxious weed control methods for the Facility described in this Plan have been developed utilizing information from the ODA Noxious Weed Control Program and the Morrow County Weed Department.

The management of noxious weeds will be considered throughout all stages of construction and operation of the Facility and will include:

- **Prevention:** Implementing measures to prevent the spread of noxious weeds during construction, operation, and maintenance activities.
- **Treatment:** Treating noxious weed populations with their appropriate control methods, at appropriate time intervals.
- **Monitoring:** Assessing noxious weed changes within the Facility site boundary over time and ensuring that legacy as well as new weed populations are not increasing their distributions.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's objective is to prevent the introduction of new noxious weed populations and the spread of existing noxious weed populations. The methods described below will be implemented to minimize the spread of noxious weeds during construction activities. New noxious weeds detected during post-construction revegetation will be considered a result of construction activities and will be controlled accordingly.

4.1 Prevention

Prior to the start of construction, all personnel will be trained on the importance of noxious weed control. As part of start-up activities, and to help facilitate the avoidance of existing infestations and identification of new infestations, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their construction contractor will provide information and training to all construction personnel regarding noxious weed identification and prevention strategies. Operations and maintenance personnel will be similarly informed. The importance of preventing the spread of noxious weeds in areas not currently infested and controlling the proliferation of noxious weeds already present within or near the Facility will be emphasized.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following best management practices to minimize the spread of noxious weeds during construction activities, revegetation efforts, and operation and maintenance activities. The following practices center around ensuring that noxious weed seeds or reproductive plant fragments are not unintentionally dispersed within or outside of the Facility boundaries by personnel or their vehicles. These practices allow for responsible movement around sites with noxious weeds already present, and ensure that new populations or species are not accidentally introduced into the Facility boundaries.

- Flagging and treating areas of noxious weed infestations prior to construction to alert construction personnel;
- Limiting vehicle access to designated routes, whether existing roads or newly constructed roads, and the outer limits of construction disturbances per the final design for the Facility;
- Limiting vehicle traffic in noxious weed-infested areas;
- Cleaning construction vehicles each time they enter or exit the Facility at a wash station located inside the Facility at vehicle ingress/egress points;
- Cleaning vehicles and equipment associated with ground disturbance and movement of topsoil utilizing a mobile wash station after performing work in noxious weed-infested areas and prior to performing work in non-infested areas;
- Where feasible, not moving topsoil and other soils from noxious weed infested areas outside of the infested areas and returning them to their previous location during reclamation activities;
- Treating soils from infested areas with a pre-emergent herbicide prior to initiation of revegetation efforts;
- Providing information regarding target noxious weed species at the operations and maintenance buildings;
- Treating noxious weeds via biological, mechanical or chemical control (see Section 4.2);
- Preventing conditions favorable for noxious weed germination and spread by revegetating temporarily disturbed areas as soon as practicable;
- Monitoring areas of disturbance for noxious weeds after construction (see Section 4.3), during the normal course of revegetation maintenance of temporary workspaces, and implementing control measures as appropriate;
- Revegetating the site with appropriate, local native seed or native plants; when these are not available, non-invasive, and non-persistent non-native species may be used; and
- Ensuring that seed and straw mulch used for site rehabilitation and revegetation are certified free of noxious weed seed and propagules.

4.2 Treatment

Control of noxious weeds and other invasive weed species will be implemented through biological, mechanical, chemical, or biological control measures. The control method used will depend on the

weed species and size of infestation, time of year, proximity to intact native habitats, and resources available (Tu et al. 2003). Generally, mechanical control is best suited for small infestations of tap-rooted weeds that can be hand pulled or large occurrences in areas where mowing or soil disturbance is acceptable. Chemical control is used for most occurrences of perennial weeds with rhizomes or stolons and large occurrences of any weed in areas where mowing or soil disturbance are not recommended. Successful noxious weed control programs typically combine mechanical and chemical treatment strategies (USEPA 2008).

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will be responsible for hiring a qualified contractor to implement the treatment of noxious weeds. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ensure that noxious weed management actions will be conducted by specialists with the following qualifications:

- Experience in native plant, non-native and invasive plants, and noxious weed identification;
- Experience in noxious weed mapping;
- If chemical control is used, specialists must possess a Commercial or Public Pesticide Applicator License from the ODA or possess an Immediately Supervised Pesticide Trainee License and be supervised by a licensed applicator;
- Training in noxious weed management or Integrated Pest Management with an emphasis in noxious weeds;~~ and~~
- Experience in coordination with agencies and private landowners; and~~.~~
- No recent (within one year) violations on the contractor's record.

Existing noxious weed populations will be prevented from expanding in size and density and will not be spread to new sites. Existing populations of A listed noxious weeds will be eliminated. If it is determined that noxious weeds have invaded areas immediately adjacent to the Facility (e.g., areas visible just beyond the outer limits of construction disturbances associated with the Facility or along access roads) as a result of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will contact the landowner and seek approval to treat those noxious weed populations.

Long-term weed control methods will be described in a long-term monitoring plan as described in Section 4.3. The main factor in long-term weed control is successful revegetation with non-weedy species as described in the Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). If feasible, long-term management of vegetation within the Facility solar array fence line may include prescriptive sheep and goat grazing by an authorized contractor, if approved by Morrow County, ODFW and ODOE. As noted above, short-term noxious weed control will be done through mechanical or chemical treatment. However, it will be important to ensure that the short-term treatment does not affect the establishment of the native perennial cover that will help provide the long-term control. Additionally, early detection and control of small noxious weed populations before they can expand into larger populations is extremely important for successful weed control efforts.

Noxious weed control will continue for the life of the Facility to meet the identified success criteria described in Section 4.3. Supplemental seeding of desirable species may be needed to meet and/or

maintain compliance with success criteria. Fertilizer application will be limited in areas treated for noxious weeds, as fertilizer can stimulate the growth of noxious weeds, and the timing of revegetation activities will need to be coordinated with noxious weed treatments.

4.2.1 Biological

Biological control involves the use of prescribed insects, fungi and livestock to control noxious weeds to achieve management objectives. Biological control methods are typically targeted to a specific species or plant to control its persistence. They are also used for maintenance in targeted areas for vegetation management control in height and density that includes mitigating fire risk and erosion. Biological control is environmentally friendly and should be the first consideration when applicable.

4.2.2 Mechanical Treatment

Mechanical treatment will be the ~~primary~~ preferred method of treatment for existing noxious weed populations where appropriate within the boundaries of the Facility. Mechanical control methods rely on removal of plants, seed heads, and/or cutting roots with a shovel or other hand tools or equipment that can be used to remove, mow, or disc noxious weed populations. Hand removal of plants is also included under this treatment method. Mechanical methods are useful for smaller, isolated populations of noxious weeds in areas of sensitive habitats. Additionally, hand removal of small infestations can minimize soil disturbance, allowing desirable species to remain and limiting conditions favorable for noxious weeds.

For some large noxious weed occurrences, mowing, tilling, discing, or other mechanical techniques may be used to reduce thatch prior to chemical application so that herbicide can more effectively make contact with the target species. However, ~~S~~some rhizomatous plants can spread by discing or tillage. In addition, rush skeletonweed, which ~~has been~~was identified ~~within~~ near the Facility ~~site boundary~~ (Section 3.0), can reproduce vegetatively from small segments of root, and discing or tilling can facilitate the spread of this species. As such, implementation of discing will be species-specific and avoided in areas where rush skeletonweed individuals have been found.

If tilling or discing is employed in areas that will be revegetated following construction, subsequent seeding will be conducted to re-establish desirable vegetative cover that will stabilize the soils and slow the potential re-invasion of noxious weeds. Discing, tilling, or other mechanical treatments that disturb the soil surface within native habitats will also be avoided in favor of herbicide application, which is an effective means of reducing the size of noxious weed populations as well as preventing the establishment of new infestations. Previously unbroken ground or fallow areas should not be tilled or rod-weeded to maintain native biocrusts and prevent exposing weed seeds.

4.2.3 Chemical Treatment

Chemical control can effectively remove noxious weeds through use of selective herbicide when mechanical control is not feasible~~s~~. The specific herbicide used and the timing of application will be

chosen based on the specific noxious weed being treated, as appropriate herbicides differ between species and types of plants (i.e., dicots such as rush skeletonweed versus monocots such as jointed goatgrass). Example treatment methods, as well as the recommended timing of treatments for the four target noxious weeds identified within the Facility, are summarized in Table 2. The status of herbicide approval (e.g., confirming herbicides are approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] and ODA) will be checked annually.

Prior to construction and every fall season during facility operation, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or its contractor will consult with the Morrow County Weed Department on timing, method, and application rates for each identified weed species of concern, to allow for adaptive weed management given changes in weed control effectiveness from noxious weed species tolerance to herbicide treatment over time. Results of the consultation shall be reported in the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's annual monitoring report. Any alternative control methods can be proposed by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or its contractors after consulting with the Morrow County Weed Department and included in the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's annual monitoring report.

Herbicides will be applied on identified, treatable, noxious weed infestations. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder~~-~~ or their contractors will coordinate with the Morrow County Weed Department to determine which populations are treatable and will notify landowners of proposed herbicide use on their lands prior to application. If a noxious weed population is deemed to be untreatable (e.g., too widespread and established in an area to successfully control), the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the applicable prevention measures discussed in Section 4.1, except for treatment with herbicides.

Table 2. ~~Recommended~~ Example Treatment for Target Noxious Weed Species

Scientific Name	Common Name	Treatment Method and Timing
Aegilops cylindrica	Jointed goatgrass	**Glyphosate** – Apply to actively growing plants emerged before bolt stage (i.e., stage of growth where growth is focused on seed development versus leaf development). • Rate: 0.38 to 0.75 lb ae/a[1] **Imazapic –** Apply pre-emergence in fall. Due to the residual effect of this herbicide, it will not be used in areas to be revegetated. • Rate: 0.063 to 0.188 lb/a[1] **Sulfometuron** – Apply in fall or in late winter before jointed goatgrass is 3 inches tall. • Rate: 1 to 1.5 oz ai/a (1.33 to 2 oz/a)[1]
Chondrilla juncea	Rush skeletonweed	**2,4-D or MCPA –** Apply to rosettes in the spring immediately before or during bolting. • Rate: 2 lb ae/a[1] **Aminopyralid (Milestone) –** Spring or fall when rosettes are present. • Rate: 1.75 oz ae/a (7 fluid oz/a Milestone)[1] **Clopyralid –** Apply to rosettes in fall or up to early bolting in spring.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Treatment Method and Timing
		• Rate: 0.25 to 0.375 lb ae/a (0.66 to 1 pint/a)[1] **Picloram –** Apply from late fall to early spring. For best results, apply just before or during bolting. • Rate: 1 lb ae/a[1]
Secale cereale	Cereal rye	Postemergence, non-selective herbicides such as glyphosate can control cereal rye. Glyphosate does not provide residual weed control, so any plants that emerge after treatment will not be controlled. Other herbicides that have found to provide control include Clethodim, Hexazinone, Rimsulfuron, Sethoxydim, and Sulfometuron.
Tribulus terrestris	Puncturevine	**2,4-D amine or 2,4-D LV ester–** Apply every 3 weeks during growing season or when new seedlings appear. • Rate: 1 to 2 lb ae in 10 to 20 gal water for spot treatments **Bentazon (Basagran) + imazamox (Raptor)–** Apply to small, actively growing puncture vine • Rate: 0.75 to 1 lb ai/A bentazon + 0.031 lb ai/a imazamox (4 oz/A Raptor) **Bromacil + diuron–** Apply before weeds emerge. • Rate: 8 lb ai/A (10 lb/a)[1] **Chlorsulfuron–** Apply late fall or late winter preemergence to growth. Needs moisture to activate. • Rate: 1 oz ai/a (1.5 oz/a)[1] **Fomesafen –** Apply pre- and postemergence, depending on crop. • Rate: 1 to 2 pints/A (0.25 to 0.5 lb ai/a)[1] **Imazapic –** Apply early postemergence when plants are cracking. • Rate: 0.125 to 0.188 lb ai/a[1] **Indaziflam –** Apply at least several weeks prior to expected germination of puncture vine. Apply to dry soils when rain is not expected for at least 48 hours. Can be successfully applied several months in advance of weed germination. • Rate: Grazed areas 0.046 to 0.065 lb ai/a (3.5 to 5 oz/a Rejuvra); areas not grazed or cut for hay 0.046 to 0.09 lb ai/A (3.5 to 7 oz/a Rejuvra). Use lower rates only where weed pressure is light and shorter period of residual activity is desired. **Norflurazon –** Apply in fall to spring, before puncture vine emerges. • Rate: Refer to label. Adjust rates depending on soil texture and organic matter **Paraquat –** Apply as a postemergence spray to puncture vine foliage • Rate: 0.38 to 0.49 lb ai/a[1] •

Sources: DiTomaso e al. 2013; LCNWCB 2022; Prather and Peachey 2022.

[1] a = acre; ae = acid equivalent; ai = active ingredient; lb= pound; oz = ounces

4.2.3.1 Herbicide Application and Handling

Herbicide application will occur within the appropriate season and during the appropriate timeframe to achieve desired results, as approved by ODOE and the county weed departments. Herbicide application will adhere to EPA and ODA standards. Only those herbicides that are approved by the EPA and ODA will be used. In general, application of herbicides will not occur when the following conditions exists:

- Wind velocity exceeds 15 miles per hour for granular application, or exceeds 10 miles per hour for liquid applications;
- Snow or ice covers the foliage of target species; or
- Adverse weather conditions are forecasted within the next few days.

Hand application methods (e.g., backpack spraying) may be used in roadless areas or in rough terrain. Vehicle-mounted sprayers (e.g., handgun, boom, and injector) will be used mainly in open areas that are readily accessible by vehicle. Calibration checks of equipment will be conducted prior to spraying activities, as well as periodically throughout use, to ensure that appropriate application rates are achieved.

Herbicides will be transported to the Facility daily with the following stipulations:

- Only the quantity needed for that day's work will be transported.
- Concentrate will be transported in approved containers only, and in a manner that will prevent spilling, stored separately from food, clothing, and safety equipment.
- Mixing will be done off-site and at a distance greater than 200 feet from open or flowing water, wetlands, or other sensitive species' habitat. No herbicides will be applied at these areas unless authorized by the appropriate regulatory agencies.
- All herbicide equipment and containers will be inspected daily for leaks.
- Herbicides use will be in accordance with all manufacture's label recommendations and warnings.

4.2.3.2 Herbicide Spills and Cleanups

All appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid herbicide spills. In the event of a spill, cleanup will be immediate. Contractors will keep spill kits in their vehicles and in an appropriate storage shed to allow for quick and effective response to spills. Items included in the spill kit will be:

- Protective clothing and gloves;
- Adsorptive clay, "kitty litter," or other commercial adsorbent;
- Plastic bags and a bucket;
- A shovel;
- A fiber brush and screw-in handle;
- A dustpan;

- Caution tape;
- Highway flares (use on existing hard-top roads only); and
- Detergent.

Response to an herbicide spill will vary with the size and location of the spill, but general procedures include:

- Stopping the leak;
- Containing the spilled material;
- Traffic control;
- Dressing the clean-up team in protective clothing;
- Cleaning up and removing the spilled herbicide, as well as the contaminated adsorptive material and soil; and
- Transporting the spilled herbicide and contaminated material to an authorized disposal site.

4.2.3.3 Herbicide Spill Reporting

All herbicide contractors will have readily available copies of the appropriate material safety data sheets for the herbicides used at their disposal and will keep copies of the material safety data sheets in the application vehicle. ~~All herbicide spills will be reported in accordance with applicable laws and requirements.~~ If an herbicide spill of any size ~~If a spill~~ occurs, the appropriate agency and spill coordinators will be notified promptly. In case of a spill into wetlands and waterbodies, the appropriate federal, state, and county agencies will be notified immediately. All herbicide spills equal to or greater than 200 pounds or 25 gallons of pesticide residue will be reported to the Oregon Emergency Response System in accordance with applicable laws and requirements (OAR 340-142-0050; ODEQ 2024). The Certificate Holder will report all herbicide spills to ODOE by phone or email within 24 hours with follow up reporting as appropriate.

4.3 Monitoring

Weed inspections will occur across the entire Facility through visual inspection of the site while driving and/or walking. Final monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval. Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or weed specialist and will begin in the first growing season after seeding. Monitoring for noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species will occur at least five times per year including in the spring, June, July, and August for summer annuals and in the fall during the first two years following construction to capture the different life cycles of noxious weed species. This will allow real-time assessment of weed growth and inform proactive weed control measures to prevent large scale infestations. Frequent checks during early revegetation efforts will enable the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder to respond to new weed infestations in a timely manner and ensure the success of the site's revegetation. These inspections will be used to inform ongoing weed control efforts.

The initial monitoring survey will be scheduled slightly before herbicide application, as applicable, to identify any noxious weed species within the areas to be treated, with a focus on target noxious weed species observed prior to construction (Table 1), or other populations of target noxious weeds not previously observed.

Monitoring will assess the success of noxious weed treatments and will document any new noxious weed infestations observed. During the first two years following construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department at least once per season to provide updates on weed infestations and control measures at the Facility. These results will also be summarized in annual monitoring reports that describe the treatments performed, treatment success, make recommendations to improve treatment success (if necessary), and note any new target noxious weed species or emergence. Reports will be submitted to the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and Morrow County annually.

Based on the success of control efforts after the second year of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE and ODFW to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced for years three to five. After five years of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will design a long-term weed control plan in consultation with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will maintain ongoing communication with individual landowners, the Morrow County Weed Department, and ODOE regarding noxious weeds within the Facility. Landowners may also contact the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder directly to report the presence of noxious weeds related to Facility activity. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will control the noxious weeds on a case-by-case basis and prepare a summary of measures taken for that landowner. During the operational period of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will control noxious weeds as described in the long-term weed control plan. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report the investigator's findings and recommendations regarding weed control in the Facility's annual report required per OAR 345-026-0080.

The following contact information for the Morrow County Weed Program Manager will be used and updated as needed:

Corey Sweeney, Weed Program Manager
Morrow County Public Works
365 West Highway 74
Lexington, OR 97839
(541) 989-9502
mcweed@co.morrow.or.us

4.4 Success Criteria

Success criteria outlined below are designed to demonstrate compliance with OAR 660-033-0130(38)(D) to prevent the introduction and spread of noxious weed species. In each annual monitoring report, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include an assessment of whether the Facility is meeting or trending toward meeting the noxious weed control success criteria.

Compliance with the Facility Site Certificate will be demonstrated through documentation of meeting these success criteria for the life of the Facility.

- Class A and Class B noxious weed presence within the solar array fence line will not exceed 15 total populations (i.e., contiguous patches of individuals), and each respective population will not exceed 20 individuals or 20 square feet.
- Class T noxious weed presence within the solar array fence line will not exceed 5 total populations (i.e., contiguous patches of individuals), and each respective population will not exceed 20 individuals or 20 square feet.
- Invasive Annual Grasses and other Undesirable Species will not exceed more then 50 percent cover within any 1 acre area or more than 30 percent cover within the solar array fence line.
- During revegetation of temporary disturbance areas outside of the solar array fence line presence and cover of noxious weeds is 75 percent or less than that of the reference site.

5.0 Roles and Responsibilities

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is the overall responsible party for construction and operation of the Facility and implementation of the noxious weed management activities described in this Plan. However, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may use contractors to complete tasks associated with noxious weed management and monitoring. Example responsible parties and their roles may include:

Monitoring Contractor

- Perform site visits to document noxious weed occurrences.
- Provide summary memo after each visit to ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's operations manager outlining findings and treatment recommendations.
- Communicate directly with Weed Management Contractor and provide maps, and photos of noxious weed species locations to Weed Management Contractor.
- Communicate with Morrow County Weed Program Manager, and ODA about noxious weed survey findings and treatment plans.
- Prepare annual report for the Facility describing noxious weed monitoring findings and treatments.
- Organize and attend quarterly calls with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and Weed Management Contractor.
- Attend calls with ODOE, ODA, and Morrow County as needed.

~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder Site Manager

- Communicate findings and recommendations from Monitoring Contractor to the Weed Management Contractor.
- Document the work performed by the Weed Management Contractor and provide documentation to Monitoring Contractor. Documentation should include type and quantity of herbicides applied, dates applied, and any associated EPA/U.S. Department of Environmental Quality licensing/documentation of chemicals used.
- Reviews annual reports to ensure all treatments performed by the Weed Management Contractor are documented.
- Maintain landowner communications, providing guidance to the Monitoring Contractor and Weed Management Contractor regarding landowner restrictions/requests for performing noxious weed monitoring/treatment on their properties.
- Attend quarterly calls with Monitoring Contractor and the Weed Management Contractor.
- Attend calls with ODOE, ODA, and Morrow County as needed.

Weed Management Contractor

- Review Monitoring Contractor memos describing noxious weed occurrences and recommendations and plan appropriate treatment to address those issues.
- Communicate treatment plan to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder.
- Maintain records of when, where, and what type of noxious weed treatments are being performed.
- Maintain all appropriate documentation of chemicals applied. Shares documentation during the quarterly calls with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and Monitoring Contractor, and prior to Annual Report preparation.
- Attend quarterly calls with Monitoring Contractor and ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder.

Morrow County

- Review Monitoring Contractor memos describing weed occurrences and recommendations.
- Attend quarterly calls and provide recommendations.

6.0 Plan Amendment

This Plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE. This Plan may also be amended periodically

as the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder continues to evaluate and modify, as needed, agricultural dual use activities at the Facility.

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Appendix A: Oregon State Noxious Weed List

OREGON
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Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System 2024

Noxious Weed Control Program

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www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/Weeds/Pages/AboutWeeds.aspx

Mission Statement

To protect Oregon's natural resources and agricultural economy from the invasion and proliferation of invasive noxious weeds.

Program Overview

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Noxious Weed Control Program provides statewide leadership for coordination and management of state listed noxious weeds. The state program focuses on noxious weed control efforts by implementing early detection and rapid response projects for new invasive noxious weeds, implementing biological control, implementing statewide inventory and survey, assisting the public and cooperators through technology transfer and noxious weed education, maintaining noxious weed data and maps for priority listed noxious weeds, and assisting land managers and cooperators with integrated weed management projects. The Noxious Weed Control Program also supports the Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) with administration of the OSWB Grant Program, developing statewide management objectives, developing weed risk assessments, and maintaining the state noxious weed list.

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Noxious Weed Control Policy and Classification System

Definition

"Noxious weed" means a terrestrial, aquatic or marine plant designated by the Oregon State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.

Noxious weeds have become so thoroughly established and are spreading so rapidly on private, state, county, and federally owned lands, that they have been declared by ORS 569.350 to be a menace to public welfare. Steps leading to eradication, where possible, and intensive control are necessary. It is further recognized that the responsibility for eradication and intensive control rests not only on the private landowner and operator, but also on the county, state, and federal governments.

Weed Control Policy

Therefore, it shall be the policy of ODA to:

1. Assess non-native plants through risk assessment processes and make recommendations to the Oregon State Weed Board for potential listing.
2. Rate and classify weeds at the state level.
3. Prevent the establishment and spread of listed noxious weeds.
4. Encourage and implement the control or containment of infestations of listed noxious weed species and, if possible, eradicate them.
5. Develop and manage a biological weed control program.
6. Increase awareness of potential economic losses and other undesirable effects of existing and newly invading noxious weeds, and to act as a resource center for the dissemination of information.
7. Encourage and assist in the organization and operation of noxious weed control programs with government agencies and other weed management entities.
8. Develop partnerships with county weed control districts, universities, and other cooperators in the development of control methods.
9. Conduct statewide noxious weed surveys and weed control efficacy studies.

Weed Classification System

The purpose of this Classification System is to:

1. Act as the ODA's official guideline for prioritizing and implementing noxious weed control projects.
2. Assist the ODA in the distribution of available funds through the Oregon State Weed Board to assist county weed programs, cooperative weed management groups, private landowners, and other weed management entities.
3. Serve as a model for private and public sectors in developing noxious weed classification systems that aid in setting effective noxious weed control strategies.

Criteria for Determining Economic and Environmental Significance

Detrimental Effects

1. A plant species that causes or has the potential to cause severe negative impacts to Oregon's agricultural economy and natural resources.
2. A plant species that has the potential to or does endanger native flora and fauna by its encroachment into forest, range, aquatic and conservation areas.
3. A plant species that has the potential or does hamper the full utilization and enjoyment of recreational areas.
4. A plant species that is poisonous, injurious, or otherwise harmful to humans and/or animals.

Plant Reproduction

1. A plant that reproduces by seed capable of being dispersed over wide areas or that is long-lived, or produced in large numbers.
2. A plant species that reproduces and spreads by tubers, creeping roots, stolons, rhizomes, or other natural vegetative means.

Distribution

1. A weed of known economic importance which occurs in Oregon in small enough infestations to make eradication/containment possible; or not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states makes future occurrence seem imminent.
2. A weed of economic or ecological importance and of limited distribution in Oregon.
3. A weed that has not infested the full extent of its potential habitat in Oregon.

Difficulty of Control

A plant species that is not easily controlled with current management practices such as chemical, cultural, biological, and physical methods.

Noxious Weed Control Classification Definitions

Noxious weeds, for the purpose of this system, shall be listed as either A or B, and may also be designated as T, which are priority targets for control, as directed by the Oregon State Weed Board.

- **A Listed Weed**:
  A weed of known economic importance which occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent (Table I).
  Recommended action: Focus on prevention of new infestations through vector control, certification programs, education, outreach and surveys. New and existing infestations are prioritized for eradication or intensive control when and where found. Regionally focused, species-specific Statewide Management Strategies for A-listed weeds may be developed as necessary.

- **B Listed Weed**:
  A weed of economic importance which is regionally abundant, but which may have limited distribution in some counties (Table II).
  Recommended action: Limited to intensive control at the state, county or regional level as determined on a site specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.

- **T-Designated Weed (T)**:
  A designated group of weed species selected from the B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and management actions are prioritized and informed by species-specific T-List Statewide Management Strategies created and maintained by the ODA. Action against these weeds will receive priority in accordance with the recommendations of the Statewide Management Strategy.

Weed Biological Control

Oregon implements biological control, or “biocontrol” as part of its integrated pest management approach to managing noxious weeds. This is the practice of using host-specific natural enemies such as insects or pathogens to control noxious weeds. The Oregon Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program has adopted the International Code of Best Practices for biological control of weeds. Only safe, effective, and federally-approved natural enemies will be used for biocontrol.

Table I: A Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
African rue	*Peganum harmala*
Camelthorn	*Alhagi pseudalhagi*
Cape-ivy	*Delairea odorata*
Coltsfoot	*Tussilago farfara*
Common frogbit	*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*
Cordgrass	
Common	*Spartina anglica*
Dense-flowered	*Spartina densiflora*
Saltmeadow	*Spartina patens*
Smooth	*Spartina alterniflora*
Delta arrowhead	*Sagittaria platyphyla*
European water chestnut	*Trapa natans*
Flowering rush	*Butomus umbellatus*
Garden yellow loosestrife	*Lysimachia vulgaris*
Giant hogweed	*Heracleum mantegazzianum*
Goatgrass	
Barbed	*Aegilops triuncialis*
Ovate	*Aegilops ovata*
Goatsrue	*Galega officinalis*
Hawkweed	
King-devil	*Hieracium piloselloides*
Mouse-ear	*Hieracium pilosella*
Orange	*Hieracium aurantiacum*
Yellow	*Hieracium floribundum*
Hoary alyssum	*Berteroa incana*
Hydrilla	*Hydrilla verticillata*
Japanese dodder	*Cuscuta japonica*
Kudzu	*Pueraria lobata*
Matgrass	*Nardus stricta*
Oblong spurge	*Euphorbia oblongata*
Palmer amaranth	*Amaranthus palmeri*
Paterson's curse	*Echium plantagineum*
Purple nutsedge	*Cyperus rotundus*
Ravennagrass	*Saccharum ravennae*
Squarrose knapweed	*Centaurea virgata*

(Continued) **Table I: A Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Starthistle	
Iberian	*Centaurea iberica*
Purple	*Centaurea calcitrapa*
Thistle	
Plumeless	*Carduus acanthoides*
Smooth distaff	*Carthamus baeticus*
Taurian	*Onopordum tauricum*
Turkish	*Carduus cinereus*
Welted (curly plumeless)	*Carduus crispus*
Woolly distaff	*Carthamus lanatus*
Water soldiers	*Stratiotes aloides*
West Indian spongeplant	*Limnobium laevigatum*
White bryonia	*Bryonia alba*
Yellow floating heart	*Nymphoides peltata*
Yellowtuft	*Alyssum murale, A. corsicum*

Table II: B Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
Armenian (Himalayan) blackberry	*Rubus armeniacus (R. procerus, R. discolor)*
Biddy-biddy	*Acaena novae-zelandiae*
Broom French***** Portuguese (T) Scotch***** Spanish	 *Genista monspessulana* *Cytisus striatus* *Cytisus scoparius* *Spartium junceum*
Butterfly bush	*Buddleja davidii (B. variabilis)*
Common bugloss (T)	*Anchusa officinalis*
Common crupina **(T)**	*Crupina vulgaris*
Common reed	*Phragmities australis ssp. australis*
Common viper's bugloss (T)	*Echium vulgare*
Cutleaf teasel	*Dipsacus laciniatus*
Dyer's woad (T)	*Isatis tinctoria*
English hawthorn	*Crataegus monogyna*
Eurasian watermilfoil	*Myriophyllum spicatum*
False brome	*Brachypodium sylvaticum*
Field bindweed	*Convolvulus arvensis*
Garlic mustard (T)	*Alliaria petiolata*
Geranium Herb Robert Shiny leaf	 *Geranium robertianum* *Geranium lucidum*
Giant reed (T)	*Arundo donax*
Gorse***** (T)	*Ulex europaeus*
Halogeton	*Halogeton glomeratus*
Houndstongue	*Cynoglossum officinale*

* Biocontrol (See page 4)   (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) **Table II: B Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Indigo bush	*Amorpha fruticosa*
Ivy Atlantic English	 *Hedera hibernica* *Hedera helix*
Jointed goatgrass	*Aegilops cylindrica*
Jubata grass	*Cortaderia jubata*
Knapweed Diffuse***** Meadow***** Russian***** Spotted*****	 *Centaurea diffusa* *Centaurea pratensis* *Acroptilon repens* *Centaurea stoebe (C. maculosa)*
Knotweed Bohemian***** Giant***** Himalayan Japanese*****	 *Fallopia x bohemica* *Fallopia sachalinensis (Polygonum)* *Polygonum polystachyum* *Fallopia japonica (Polygonum)*
Kochia	*Kochia scoparia*
Lesser celandine	*Ranunculus ficaria*
Meadow hawkweed (T)	*Pilosella caespitosum (Hieracium)*
Mediterranean sage*	*Salvia aethiopis*
Medusahead rye	*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*
Old man's beard	*Clematis vitalba*
Parrot feather	*Myriophyllum aquaticum*
Perennial peavine	*Lathyrus latifolius*
Perennial pepperweed (T)	*Lepidium latifolium*
Pheasant's eye	*Adonis aestivalis*
Pine echium (T)	*Echium pininana*
Poison hemlock*****	*Conium maculatum*
Policeman's helmet	*Impatiens glandulifera*
Primrose-willow Large-flower (T) Water primrose (T) Floating (T)	 *Ludwigia grandiflora* *Ludwigia hexapetala* *Ludwigia peploides*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) **Table II: B Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Puncturevine*****	*Tribulus terrestris*
Purple loosestrife*****	*Lythrum salicaria*
Ribbongrass (T)	*Phalaris arundinacea var. Picta*
Rose Dog Sweetbriar	 *Rosa canina* *Rosa rubiginosa*
Rush skeletonweed***** (T)	*Chondrilla juncea*
Saltcedar***** (T)	*Tamarix ramosissima*
Small broomrape	*Orabanche minor*
South American waterweed	*Egeria densa (Elodea)*
Spanish heath	*Erica lusitanica*
Spurge laurel	*Daphne laureola*
Spurge Leafy***** (T) Myrtle	 *Euphorbia esula* *Euphorbia myrsinites*
St. Johnswort	*Hypericum perforatum*
Sulfur cinquefoil	*Potentilla recta*
Swainsonpea	*Sphaerophysa salsula*
Tansy ragwort***** (T)	*Senecio jacobaea (Jacobaea vulgaris)*
Thistle Bull Canada***** Italian Milk Musk Scotch Slender-flowered	 *Cirsium vulgare* *Cirsium arvense* *Carduus pycnocephalus* *Silybum marianum* *Carduus nutans* *Onopordum acanthium* *Carduus tenuiflorus*
Toadflax Dalmatian***** Yellow*****	 *Linaria dalmatica* *Linaria vulgaris*
Tree of heaven	*Ailanthus altissima*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) **Table II: B Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Ventenata grass	*Ventenata dubia*
Whitetop Hairy Lens-podded Whitetop (hoary cress)*****	 *Lepidium pubescens* *Lepidium chalepensis* *Lepidium draba*
Yellow archangel	*Lamiastrum galeobdolon*
Yellow flag iris	*Iris pseudacorus*
Yellow nutsedge	*Cyperus esculentus*
Yellow starthistle*	*Centaurea solstitialis*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

Appendix B: Morrow County Noxious Weed List

Morrow County Weed List:

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Noxious Weeds – “A” List” – Any plant that is determined by the weed advisory board, and so declared by the County Board of Commissioners to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land or property under provisions of Oregon State Statute and thus mandated for control.

Rush Skeletonweed

Yellow Starthistle

Tansy Ragwort

Yellow Toadflax

Dalmatian Toadflax

Mediterranean Sage

Leafy Spurge

Spikeweed

Musk Thistle

Scotch Thistle

Purple Loosestrife

Common Crupina

Whitetop (Hoary Cress)

Houndstongue

Flowering Rush

Yellow Flag Iris

Plumeless Thistle

WEEDS OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

Weeds of Economic Importance – “B” List – Weeds of limited distribution in the county and subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible.

Poison Hemlock

Canada Thistle

Jointed Goatgrass

St. Johnswort

Perennial Sowthistle

Field Bindweed

Cereal Rye

Johnsongrass

Russian Knapweed

Diffuse Knapweed

Spotted Knapweed

Field Dodder

Water Hemlock

Medusahead Rye

Puncturevine

Kochia

Perennial Pepperweed

Myrtle Spurge

Ventenata

Morrow County Weed Advisory Board

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Board also serves as the Weed Advisory Board

Attachment F: Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund/Agricultural Mitigation Plan

Attachment G: Draft Amended Revegetation and Reclamation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 1
Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan

Prepared for

Sunstone Solar 1, LLC

Prepared by

Tetra Tech, Inc.

September 2025~~April 2024~~

~~Revised by Department July 2024~~

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 1, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 1 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar ~~photovoltaic solar~~ energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon (Figure 1). The proposed Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a ~~1,~~200 -MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (Plan) has been prepared to guide ~~restoration~~revegetation of areas temporarily disturbed during construction of the Facility, as well as revegetation ~~of areas~~ within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ in compliance with Site Certificate Conditions PRE-FW-01 and PRE-SP-01. This Plan will be updated, as necessary, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and Morrow County Weed Department ~~and will be updated as needed~~ to reflect the final layout of the Facility.

Prior to construction, this ~~plan~~ Plan shall be finalized based on the following:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall finalize the ~~plan~~ Plan based on impacts associated with the final design/layout by disturbance level and habitat type and category.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall develop and incorporate maps showing anticipated construction disturbance levels along with the total acreage and major activities associated with each level.
3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall update Table 1 prior to construction to reflect the ~~final impact~~disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout.
4. ~~Applicant shall provide the number and location of reference sites to be utilized during short- and long-term monitoring of temporary impact areas for review and approval by ODOE in consultation with ODFW.~~
5. ~~5.~~4. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall develop and incorporate revegetation methods for each disturbance level in consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, and the Morrow County Weed Department.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

~~6. Applicant shall develop and incorporate monitoring methods for both temporary and permanent impact areas in consultation with ODOE.~~

Prior to construction, the following shall be completed:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall provide shapefiles showing anticipated construction disturbance levels at the site as a submittal to ODOE.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall provide the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor's qualifications and scope of work as a submittal to ODOE.
3. ~~ApplicantCertificate Holder shall conduct pre-construction habitat surveys at the approved reference sites for the purpose of collecting baseline quantitative data (vascular plant species present, native/non-native species present, percent cover of dominant species, percent cover of state and county listed noxious weed, and evidence of disturbance).~~
4. ~~4.~~3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall submit baseline soil compaction sample locations and baseline compaction results to ODOE.
5. ~~5.~~4. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall hold a kick-off meeting with their environmental contractor, construction contractor, and ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities.
6. ~~6.~~5. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall prepare a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan for use by the construction contractor. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to all participating parties prior to the kick-off meeting date.

Prior to initiation of revegetation, the following shall be completed:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall hold a kick-off meeting with their environmental contractor, ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, and ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall prepare a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan for use by the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to all participating parties prior to the kick-off meeting date.
3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall complete post-construction soil compaction testing and submit results for review and approval to ODOE.

Throughout construction, revegetation, and operation activities, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will take appropriate actions to prevent the spread of state and county listed noxious weeds. A stand-alone Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan has also been prepared (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-3[2]; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6), which contains information on state and Morrow County listed noxious weeds, noxious weeds observed during surveys, and treatment and monitoring of noxious weeds.

[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

2.0 Site Description

The Facility includes a 1,539~~010,960~~-acre site boundary within which all Facility components will be located. The Facility lies within the Columbia Plateau Ecoregion at elevations from ~~approximately 879~~ 960 to 1,~~440~~ 165 feet. The Facility is sited entirely on private land, which primarily consists of agriculture land used for growing dryland wheat. Native vegetation within the site boundary has been modified primarily through agricultural conversion, but also through the introduction of exotic grasses and other non-native vegetation.

Habitat mapping and categorization of the site boundary were conducted for the Facility in 2022. Habitat types within the site boundary include Agriculture, Pasture, and Mixed Environs (habitat subtype: Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops); Developed (habitat subtype: Urban and Mixed Environs); and Upland Grassland, Shrub-steppe, and Shrubland (habitat subtype~~s~~: Eastside Grasslands~~, Sagebrush Shrub-steppe~~)~~; Wetlands (habitat subtype: Emergent Wetlands); and Open Water-Lakes, Rivers, Streams (habitat subtype: Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams)~~. Details on habitat types, subtypes, and categories can be found in Exhibit P of the Facility's ASC, especially Attachment P-1 which contains the biological survey reports. Details on potential ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to habitat from construction and operation of the Facility, as well as avoidance and minimization measures, can be found in the ASC Exhibits P and Q[3].

3.0 Description of ~~Impacts~~Disturbance

Construction of the Facility will result in ~~up to about 58 acres of~~ temporary and ~~9,442 acres of~~ permanent ~~impacts~~ disturbance (see Exhibits C[4] and P). ~~Although actual impacts may change depending on the final layout, solar modules, and other associated facilities, this value represents the estimated maximum acreage of impact. Exhibit P~~ Section 3.1.1 (below) details the acres of each habitat subtype that will be temporarily and permanently disturbed during construction and operation of the Facility.

All areas within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ are considered a permanent ~~impact~~ disturbance and will be revegetated for the purposes of site stabilization to reduce erosion, dust pollution, and topsoil depletion, and to reduce potential for invasion by noxious and invasive plants. The entire solar array fence ~~line area~~ will occupy approximately ~~9,441~~4001,479 acres~~ within 20 fenced areas~~. As noted above, this area is considered permanently ~~impacted~~disturbed; however, vegetation within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ will be retained and/or revegetated and this area would be reclaimed upon retirement.

Temporary ~~impacts~~ disturbance will occur in areas outside the solar array fence ~~line area~~ that will be disturbed during construction activities, but which will not be occupied by permanent facilities.

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[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit Q, May 16, 2024.
[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit C, May 16, 2024.

Temporary disturbance will occur in association with the construction of aboveground and underground collector and transmission lines, new roads, and perimeter fence ~~line~~.

Prior to construction, a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan will be prepared for use by the construction contractor ~~prior to construction~~ to facilitate Plan implementation and ensure ground disturbance is minimized to the extent practicable. A kick-off meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder, their environmental contractor, construction contractor, and ODOE will be held at least 14 days prior to construction. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to ODOE staff prior to the kick-off meeting date. Staff from either the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their environmental contractor will field-verify that anticipated disturbance levels are followed to the extent possible~~,~~ and will document any variances and ~~the~~ justifications for those variances for ODOE review.

3.1 Disturbance Levels

Revegetation needs will be determined by a combination of disturbance level and existing vegetative cover. Disturbance levels will primarily be determined by site conditions such as slope, gradient, and existing vegetation. Disturbance levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 - Mowing: Mowing is used to conserve vegetative resources within a ~~large project area~~facility while mitigating risk of fire and facilitating construction activities. Vegetation ~~is mowed~~will be limited to a height of ~~generally~~ 12 inches~~, but~~ and mowed to no less than 6 inches during construction. Mowing to no less than 6 inches protects perennial grass crowns and allows grasses to regenerate. Depending on ~~site~~ facility objectives, vegetation can be allowed to reach a normal height or kept trimmed to a height between 6 -inches and the plant's full height potential. Crushing of vegetation will be minimal and this disturbance level is designed to have a minimal impact on existing vegetation. This method is least likely to result in invasions of undesirable plant species.

Level 2 – Overland Drive and Crush: Disturbance caused by accessing a ~~site~~ facility without significantly modifying the landscape. Vegetation is crushed to the ground, but no surface soil is removed so root structures are left intact~~but not cropped~~. ~~No surface soil is removed.~~ Even though vegetation may be damaged or~~and even~~ destroyed, the surface soil and seed bank remain~~s~~ in place. Some crushed vegetation will likely sprout after disturbance ceases. These activities would result in minimal to moderate disturbance. This type of disturbance will result in ~~the fastest~~a faster recovery time for vegetation compared to Levels 3 and 4. Soil seed banks remain largely in place, perennial vegetation can grow back, and minimal external efforts are necessary. This method is less likely to result in invasions of undesirable plant species compared to Levels 3 and 4. ~~This would involve crushing or mowing vegetation typically to the ground surface.~~

Level 3 – Clear and Cut: Disturbance caused by accessing the ~~project site but~~facility including having to remove all vegetation in order to improve or provide suitable access for other equipment. All vegetation is removed, soils are compacted, and the root zone or soil A-horizon may be disturbed, but no sub-surface soil is removed. Clear and cut activities would result in moderate disturbance. This type of disturbance will result in moderate recovery times for vegetation. This method has a moderate risk for invasion of undesirable plant species. An example is imprinting to crush vegetation down into the soil or incidental grading and smoothing of surface soils.

Level 4 – Clear and Cut with Soil Removal: Disturbance is caused by removing all vegetation in the impact zone, ~~the~~ soils are compacted, and ~~the~~ surface soil ~~is~~ and subsoil are displaced~~, and for Facility components requiring underground installation, the subsurface soils are displaced as well~~. These activities result in heavy disturbance. This type of disturbance results in an extensive recovery time for vegetation, and is most likely to lead to invasions of undesirable plant species, which can result in lengthy and expensive control efforts. Includes disc-and-roll construction, and other traditional construction methods where soils are disturbed and no vegetation is left intact. This category includes all work requiring the segregation and replacement of topsoils.

3.1.1 Facility Disturbance

To the maximum extent practicable, Level 1 and Level 2 disturbance will be used during Facility construction. Existing vegetation root systems (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) will be left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable, although construction vehicles driving across the site may affect ~~these~~ existing root systems by compacting soils. Grading within solar arrays will be limited to areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances (typically, but not exclusively, 10 percent maximum on North slopes and 15 percent maximum in other directions). Areas where the slope and gradient are within ~~the solar~~ panel and racking tolerances will only ~~will receive minimal grading, with grading in those areas limited to the~~ be graded in road~~s~~, inverter, and energy storage footprints ~~only~~where possible. ~~This p~~Preservation of existing root systems will minimize soil erosion, providing both improved compliance with stormwater and dust management requirements, facilitate revegetation success, and preserve soil productivity for future agricultural use. Construction will be coordinated and sequenced to the extent practicable with landowners to maintain land in current production and weed control until just prior to construction. This will avoid land being left unmanaged and minimize weed issues that can complicate revegetation.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide maps and shapefiles showing anticipated construction disturbance levels at the Facility, along with ~~the~~ total acreage and major activities associated with each level. This will serve to demonstrate the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's avoidance and minimization of ground disturbing activities to the extent practicable.

Table 1 presents the estimated maximum acreage of temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to habitat subtypes associated with Facility construction and operation based on the permitted layout. Table 1 will be updated prior to construction to reflect the final ~~impact~~disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout. Figures depicting the location of Facility infrastructure are included in Exhibit C, and a figure depicting habitat subtypes within the site boundary is available in Exhibit P.

Table 1. Maximum Temporary and Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance~~s~~ by Habitat Subtype

ODFW Habitat Category	Habitat Subtype	Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance (Acres)[1, 2]	Temporary Disturbance (Acres)[1]
~~2~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~<0.1~~	~~0.4~~
~~4~~	~~Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams~~	~~-~~	~~<0.1~~
~~4~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~17.9~~	~~2.7~~
5	Eastside Grasslands	~~18.5~~4.7	~~2.2~~<0.1
Category ~~2, 4, and~~ 5 Habitat ~~T~~Subtotal		**~~36.4~~4.7**	**~~5.3~~<0.1**
6	Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops	~~9,397.4~~1,474	~~51.3~~13.4
	Urban and Mixed Environs	~~7.7~~0.2	~~1.2~~0.1
Category 6 Habitat Subtotal		**~~9,405.1~~1,474**	**~~52.6~~13.5**
Grand Total[1]		**~~9,441.5~~1,479**	**~~57.8~~13.5**

Note: Totals in this table may not appear to sum correctly due to rounding. ~~"-" means no impact while~~ <0.1 means greater than zero but less than 0.05 acre ~~impact~~disturbance.

1. Additional details associated with temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ are provided in Exhibit C of the ASC. Disturbances were calculated based on the layout permitted in the ASC and will be updated prior to construction based on an updated layout.

2. Acres of permanent ~~impact~~disturbance includes the entire area within the solar array area fence ~~line~~ including the footprints of all solar components and supporting facilities, as well as the areas outside of the footprint of permanent components and facilities (e.g., areas underneath and between rows of solar panels).

4.0 Reclamation and Revegetation Methods

This plan addresses revegetation methods for temporary ~~impact~~disturbances to agricultural lands and wildlife habitat~~non-agriculture (i.e., Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops habitat subtype) and non-developed (i.e., Urban and Mixed Environs habitat subtype) habitat types~~, as well as revegetation and vegetation management of lands within the solar array fence ~~line area~~. ~~Restoration~~ Revegetation of temporarily disturbed developed habitat (i.e., Urban and Mixed Environs habitat subtype) will be determined on a case-by-case basis and is not covered further in this plan. Temporary disturbances to agricultural habitat (i.e., Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops habitat subtype) will be restored as described in Section 4.5.1. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will restore temporarily disturbed areas by re-establishing slope, surface stability, and drainage features, as needed, followed by soil preparation and seeding. Soil preparation and seeding techniques are described below.

Revegetation will begin as soon as feasible after completion of each construction phase. Seeding and planting will be done in a timely manner and in the appropriate season to facilitate germination and establishment of seeded species.

Prior to construction, final revegetation methods will be developed for each disturbance level in consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, and the Morrow County Weed Department and will be incorporated as an amendment to this Plan upon ODOE approval.

4.1 Roles and Responsibilities

A construction contractor qualified to perform ~~restoration and~~ revegetation and seeding will be responsible for implementing ~~the~~ measures in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 1200-C permit, as well as ~~the~~ revegetation activities discussed herein during and immediately after construction. A qualified botanist or revegetation specialist will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on revegetation success. Remedial revegetation actions, if needed during the operation phase, will be performed by a qualified contractor. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will be responsible for ensuring that all contractors perform work in accordance with permit requirements and all agreed upon methods for revegetation.

The goal of this ~~plan~~ Plan is to increase the probability of revegetation success, reduce early weed establishment, reduce erosion and dust pollution, ~~and~~ protect topsoil for future agricultural use in permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas, and ensure no loss of habitat quality for temporary disturbances to wildlife habitat. To ensure this goal is met, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ensure that the contractor selected for revegetation will be a qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor with demonstrated experience in the Columbia Plateau. Options for contracting and managing this work include:

- Having the construction contractor subcontract ~~the~~ revegetation work out to a qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor. The contract will stipulate the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's right to dictate the timing, methods, and management of seeding.
- Contracting directly with the qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, with the power to contractually enforce seed timing and methods.
- Having the environmental contractor contract with the qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, with the power to contractually enforce seed timing and methods.

The ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor's qualifications and scope of work will be provided as a submittal to ODOE prior to construction. Additionally, a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan will be prepared for use by the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor prior to initiation of revegetation to facilitate Plan implementation. A kick-off meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder, their environmental contractor, ~~restoration~~ revegetation and seeding contractor, and ODOE will be held at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to ODOE staff prior to the kick-off meeting date. Staff from either the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their environmental contractor will field-verify seeding methods and timing requirements are followed appropriately~~,~~ and will document any variances and the justifications for those variances. Monitoring and follow-up will be provided as described in Section 6.0 to ensure oversight and increase the probability of revegetation success.

4.2 Soil Reclamation

Soil scientists use a soil penetrometer to field measure subsurface compaction in soil. This tool measures resistance (pressure) to the advance of a cone-tipped rod with a T-handle, vertically through the soil column. The metric intends to measure soil compaction that can inhibit the ability

of plants to penetrate the soil. An operator pushes the penetrometer rod with a cone base into the ground with consistent force. A pressure gauge records pressure in pounds per square inch (psi), equaling levels of resistance at differing soil layers. Resistance is measured at 3-inch intervals until the meter goes above 300 psi, which is a level of soil compaction most roots cannot penetrate. For this test compaction would be measured at 3, 6, 9, and 12 inches if the soils allow~~ed~~. Soil compaction testing must be completed in spring or late fall when soils are at field capacity (approximately 24 hours after a soaking rain). Baseline soil compaction measurements will be taken prior to construction. Baseline soil compaction sample locations and baseline compaction results will be submitted to ODOE prior to construction.

1. Baseline and post-construction soil compaction measurements and testing must be done in conditions favorable to soil testing (e.g. non-saturated or frozen soils).
2. Baseline soil compaction measurements will be documented and established by using the above protocol, or other protocol as approved by ODOE, to establish baseline soil conditions within temporary ~~impact~~disturbance areas.
3. Recordation of the baseline soil plots must be represented on a map based on final Facility design.
4. Post-construction soil compaction testing following the above protocols must be completed in spring or late fall when soil conditions are favorable to soil testing (non-saturated or frozen soils). Compaction testing will occur after soil stockpiles are replaced and grading is complete but prior to initiation of revegetation activities.~~Prior to construction completion at the Facility site and prior to the initiation of revegetation activities, soil compaction testing following the above protocols must be completed.~~
5. If soil ~~measurements~~ monitoring demonstrates that ~~the~~ soils are compacted more than 300 psi~~within the work areas are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~, then remediation activities must be completed prior to initiation of revegetation activities. See Section ~~6.4~~ 4.3 below, the Facility NPDES 1200-C permit, and applicable S~~s~~ite C~~c~~ertificate C~~c~~onditions.

In addition, in areas where soil is removed during construction, the following measures will be taken where appropriate:

- During construction, excavated topsoil will be stockpiled separately from subsoil and replaced in proper order with topsoil on the surface to maintain soil productivity. Stockpiled soil will be put back in place prior to revegetation activities.~~During construction, excavated soils will be stockpiled by soil horizon, so that they can be replaced in proper order with the topsoil on the surface, preventing mixing of topsoil and subsoils and maintaining soil productivity. The conserved soil will be put back in place as topsoil prior to revegetation activities. The conserved soil will be put back in place as topsoil prior to revegetation activities.~~

- Soils will be stabilized during construction using the appropriate best management practices as determined by the onsite stormwater pollution prevention plan implementor.
- Soil preparation will involve standard, commonly used methods (i.e. tracking, decompaction, and tilling), and will consider all relevant site-specific factors, including slope, size of area, and erosion potential. Soils will be de-compacted if necessary to create a uniform seedbed using an agricultural disc, soil ripper, or similar equipment. Additional details regarding soil preparation are in Section 4.3.
- Topsoil and other soils from noxious weed infested areas will not be moved outside of the infested areas and will be returned to their previous location during reclamation activities to eliminate the transport of weed seeds, roots, or rhizomes.
- Soils from weed-infested areas will be treated with a non-persistent, pre-emergent herbicide prior to initiation of revegetation efforts, depending on site-specific conditions.
- Prior to final regrade and revegetation efforts, any weeds that have grown during periods of construction dormancy should be treated as described in the Noxious Weed Control Plan~~removed mechanically or treated with an herbicide in consultation with the Morrow County Weed Department~~.
- The construction contractor will use appropriate erosion and sediment control practices (i.e., seeded or unseeded hydromulch, tackifier, weed-free erosion control blankets, weed-free or locally sourced straw mulch) to maintain topsoil during construction in both temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas.

4.3 Site Preparation

~~As noted above, e~~Existing vegetation root systems (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) will be left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable. Areas where the slope and gradient are within the solar panel and racking tolerances will receive minimal grading, with grading in those areas limited to the roads, inverter, and energy storage footprints~~ only~~. In areas where soil is removed during construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will demonstrate adequate soil stabilization to prevent erosion and dust pollution. The following measures will be taken where appropriate:

- Site preparation ~~will involve standard, commonly used methods, and ~~will take into account all relevant site-specific factors, including slope, size of area, and erosion potential.
- Areas of severe machine or vehicle tracking that would hinder seeding success and are unnecessary for soil stabilization will be regraded.
- In the spring, fall or winter of the year prior to when construction would occur, areas of high erosion risk (e.g., slopes, areas with low vegetative cover) should be seeded with a non-invasive, non-persistent cover crop such as triticale to ~~demonstrate ~~stabilize soils ~~stabilization~~.

- ~~Prior to seeding and/or planting of revegetation areas, soils will be prepared to facilitate revegetation success.~~
- If soils are not suitable for revegetation, soil amendments may be required. Any imported topsoil, if required, will be demonstrated to be suitable for vegetative success.
- Where soil compaction testing demonstrates that soils are compacted greater than 300 psi~~Where applicable~~, soils will be mechanically scarified (e.g., tilling or ripping the soil) to an appropriate depth to reduce the potential effects of compaction, to maintain soil productivity, and reduce the potential for erosion on compacted soils. Dry soils should be de-compacted using an agricultural disc, soil ripper, or similar equipment.
- Prior to seeding and/or planting of revegetation areas, ~~In general, the~~ soils ~~needs to~~will be prepared into a firm, fine-textured seedbed that is relatively free of debris ~~before seeding or planting~~. Shallow tilling with a disc, followed by a harrow or drag if necessary, can typically achieve this. If replaced soil is too soft, then seeds may be buried too deep to properly germinate; a roller or culti-packer should be used to pack down the soil.
- In non-cropland temporary disturbance areas, site complexity will be considered during soil preparation. For instance, it may be desirable to purposely create an uneven, patchy site that allows for depressions and other microsites that result in small variations in aspect and moisture holding to promote complexity.
- Seeded areas will be temporarily stabilized to facilitate establishment. This can be accomplished by application of seedless, certified weed-free hydromulch containing a tackifier or straw mulch crimping. Alternate methods ~~such~~ may be proposed by the revegetation and seeding contractor but will require prior written approval by ODOE and must provide demonstrated success in sites with similar wind and soil conditions.
- The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or a designated construction contractor will use mulching and other appropriate practices, as required by the anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit, to control erosion and sediment during construction and revegetation work.

4.4 Revegetation of Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance Areas

During construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement site stabilization measures, including seeding of all disturbed areas according to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit. Approximately 6 months prior to commercial operation of each phase of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODFW, ODOE, and Morrow County Weed Department personnel to review the actual extent and conditions of ~~impacted~~ disturbed areas and confirm the revegetation methods to be implemented.

As portions of the Facility are ~~After the site has been~~ prepared for installation of ~~facility~~ Facility components (i.e., grading is complete), but prior to installation, all areas with less than 70 percent vegetative cover should be seeded with a non-invasive, non-persistent cover crop ~~(e.g., triticale)~~. The cover crop will be selected based on the time of year and site conditions; for example, winter wheat or sterile triticale can be seeded from fall to early spring, while peas should be seeded in

spring. Tillage radish and sunflowers can be seeded in spring to break up compaction but are not suitable options for soil stability. ~~Establishment of a~~A cover crop ~~at this stage of construction~~ will stabilize soils and suppress noxious weed infestations to reduce erosion and facilitate revegetation of desired plant species.

Following the completion of each construction phase, permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas will be reseeded with a mix of native or non-invasive, non-native grasses and forbs as appropriate based on disturbance level and actual site conditions (see Section 4.4). All seeds will be obtained from a reputable supplier in compliance with the Oregon Seed Law (OAR 603-056). The final seed mix for permanent disturbance areas ~~within the solar array fence line area~~ will include low~~er~~ growing grasses and pollinator-friendly forbs compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). Table 3~~Table 3Table 3~~ in Section 4.7 includes an example of low-growing seed mix for permanent disturbance areas.

4.5 ~~Restoration~~ Revegetation of Temporary Disturbance Areas

4.5.1 Agricultural Lands

Temporarily disturbed agricultural lands will be reseeded with the appropriate crop or maintained as fallow in consultation with the landowner or farm operator. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ~~also~~ consult with the landowner or farm operator to determine the seed mix, application methods, and rates for seed and fertilizer. Success of cropland revegetation will have been achieved when production of the revegetated area is comparable to that of adjacent, non-disturbed croplands of the same type.

~~Dryland crop~~Agricultural lands will be reseeded to match the timing of the crop rotation on adjacent cropland ~~in order~~ to facilitate easy harvest and re-establish the appropriate crop rotation ~~on that land~~. ~~Dryland crop~~Agricultural lands that will be seeded in the year that construction is complete can be temporarily hydromulched or otherwise stabilized until seeding can occur in the fall; agricultural lands ~~dryland cropland~~ that will be fallow for a year (i.e., fallow rather than reseeded the year construction is complete) will be planted with a cover crop (dependent on timing of construction closeout) or have continued stabilization with hydromulch, straw mulch crimping, or other best management practices ~~(BMPs)~~ through the fallow year.

Soil compaction as a result of construction activity is a concern for restoring agricultural soils to their pre-construction productivity. Within temporary disturbance areas, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will excavate and store ~~soils~~ topsoil separately from subsoil~~by soil horizon~~, so that topsoil~~s are~~ is replaced and restored appropriately~~, including replacing topsoil~~. During post-construction ~~restoration~~revegetation of temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to agricultural ~~areas~~lands, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will loosen agricultural soil by mechanical scarification (tilling or ripping the soil) to an appropriate depth to reduce the potential effects of compaction. Soil amendment, by addition of organic matter (e.g., compost), may also be necessary to alleviate compaction.

Success determination will involve consultation with the landowner or farm operator, and the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report to ODOE on the success of ~~cropland~~ agricultural land ~~restoration~~revegetation efforts. Noxious weed control is necessary for successful revegetation of agricultural ~~crop~~lands and will be implemented per the methods described in the Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan (Exhibit P, Attachment P-3; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6).

4.5.2 Wildlife Habitat

During construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement site stabilization measures, including seeding of temporarily disturbed areas according to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit. Approximately 6 months prior to commercial operation of each phase of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODFW, ODOE, and Morrow County Weed Department personnel to review the actual extent and conditions of temporarily ~~impacted~~ disturbed areas, confirm the revegetation methods to be implemented, and to revisit reference sites as necessary.

Following each construction phase, all areas, with the exception of temporarily disturbed agricultural lands, will be ~~re~~seeded with a mix of native or non-invasive, non-native grasses and forbs (see Section 4.7~~4.6~~). All seeds will be obtained from a reputable supplier in compliance with the Oregon Seed Law (OAR 603-056). The methods used and timing of planting will be appropriate to the seed mixes, weather conditions, and site conditions (including area size, slope, and erosion potential) based upon consultation with ODOE, ODFW, ODA, and the Morrow County Weed Department.

~~The s~~Seed mixes may include species selected to enhance soil health, such as nitrogen-fixing species, if determined to be appropriate based on coordination with ODOE, ODA, and ODFW. Including these species in the seed mix would help the other plant species thrive and increase long-term survival of desired species. Additionally, the seed mixes include species intended to provide broader ecosystem benefits, such as pollinator species, that will benefit the surrounding landscape. The seed mix for temporarily disturbed areas outside of the solar array fence ~~line area~~ will include taller native species of grasses and pollinator-friendly forbs to increase overall site biodiversity and increase benefits to wildlife and pollinators. Using native~~,~~ or non-invasive, non-native pollinator-friendly~~,~~ plants as ground cover under solar panels can also help recharge groundwater, reduce erosion, and improve soil carbon sequestration (Neal~~e~~ and Atre 2020).

4.6 Seeding Methods

The seeding method~~s~~ and timing of planting will be appropriate to the seed mixes (see Section 4.7~~4.6~~), weather conditions (e.g., precipitation, wind speed, temperature, etc.), and site conditions (including area size, slope, and erosion potential) based upon consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, the Morrow County Weed Department, and the seed supplier. Seeding ~~between late-fall and late-winter/early-spring~~from late September to March is typically recommended; however, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE, ODFW, ODA, Morrow County Weed Department, and/or the seed supplier to determine the optimal timing for seed application based on climatic conditions of the particular year when construction and revegetation efforts are implemented.

~~The three c~~Common seed application methods that may be used for revegetation are broadcast seeding, drill seeding, imprint seeding, and hydroseeding; each of these are discussed further below. Other seeding methods may be proposed for review and approval prior to revegetation efforts.

4.6.1 Broadcast Seeding

Broadcast seeding is the application of seed directly to the ground surface. This method may be chosen for areas with shallow and rocky soils, and the type of broadcast spreader would depend on the size of the area to be seeded and the terrain. Broadcast seeding may be completed before or after panel and fence installation.

In this method, the seed mix is typically broadcast at a rate of 20 to 24 pounds pure live seed per acre, or twice the recommended rate for drill seeding; this rate may be adjusted depending on the recommendation of the actual seed supplier and agencies~~would be broadcast using at least the application rates specified by the seed supplier for broadcast seeding~~. When feasible, due to the seasonality of when planting can occur, the entire area will be seeded after grading is complete but before placement of Facility components, providing more flexibility in seed application. In those instances where seeding occurs prior to installation of components, follow-up seeding will occur in areas temporarily disturbed by installation and any areas that are deficient in vegetation from the first round of seeding. Immediately following seed application, hydromulch or certified weed-free straw would be applied. Broadcast seeding will not be employed if winds exceed 5 miles per hour. If certified weed-free straw is unavailable, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or a designated construction contractor will identify a local source of straw. The local source of the straw will be approved by the county weed master and ODFW prior to purchase. This straw will either be crimped into the ground or applied with a tackifier.

4.6.2 Drill Seeding

Drill seeding can be used for larger areas with deeper soils and moderate to gentle terrain to accommodate mechanical equipment. This method provides the advantage of planting the seed at a uniform depth and may provide better soil to seed contact. Drill seeding plants seeds using an agricultural or range seed drill at a rate of 12 to 14 pounds pure live seed per acre, per discussions with a seed supplier and ODFW. The rate may be adjusted depending on the recommendations of the actual seed supplier.~~Using a range seed drill, seeds will be sown according to the application rates recommended by the seed supplier.~~ Drill seeding will be difficult after Facility components have been installed so it will primarily be used if seeding occurs after grading is complete but before components are installed or in areas that were temporarily disturbed during construction that do not have any permanent infrastructure (e.g., temporary access roads, laydown areas).

4.6.3 Imprint Seeding

Imprint seeding is a no-till drill seeding method used to restore grasslands in areas with low annual precipitation. Seeds will be sown at 20 to 24 pounds pure live seed per acre or according to application rates recommended by the seed supplier. The seeder consists of a heavy metal drum roller with V-shaped, angled teeth and a seed agitator box. The teeth create V-shaped troughs with a depth of 4-7 inches to collect rainwater. The rolling drum presses the seed into the soil, insuring good seed-to-soil contact. The troughs collect rainwater for seed germination and seedling growth. Imprint seeders can be used on steep slopes and generally do not require seed bed preparation before seeding. Seeding can occur on soils with light to moderate vegetative cover, with vegetation acting as a mulch to prevent soil erosion until seedlings are established. Imprint seeders do not work well in areas with shrubs or heavy vegetation cover. Heavily compacted soils may need to be ripped or de-compacted before seeding. Imprint seeding will be difficult after solar components have been installed, so it will primarily be used if seeding occurs after grading is complete but before components are installed, or in areas that were temporarily disturbed during construction that do not have any permanent infrastructure (e.g., temporary access roads, laydown areas).

~~4.6.3~~4.6.4 Hydroseeding

Hydroseeding is a method of hydraulically applying seeds, stabilizers, and soil amendments to the surface of the soil. Hydroseeding is most applicable for areas where drill or broadcast seeding machinery cannot access~~,~~; this usually includes steeper sloped or narrow terrain~~,~~ but can be used in all terrains. Hydroseeding is feasible after panel installation but before the Facility is fenced. Soil bed preparation is also crucial for growth success and frequently includes tracking perpendicular to the slope to create micro conditions for seed. Flat grading and compaction are not recommended. Seeding rates increase by 30 to 50 percent of broadcast seeding rates (i.e., 30 pounds pure live seed per acre) ~~or single applications~~ per consultation with the seed supplier and ODFW. Prior to hydroseeding the tackifier and fertilizer, if included, will be reviewed and approved in consultation with ODOE. Fertilizer should not be used when hydroseeding wildlife habitat.

4.7 Seed Mixes

Two seed mixes are proposed for revegetation efforts: one for revegetation of ~~temporarily~~ temporary disturbance~~ed~~ areas outside the solar array fence~~ line~~, and one for revegetation of permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas within the solar array fence~~ line~~. Tables 2 and 3 present example seed mixes that would be considered for revegetation. However, the number of seed mixes and composition of~~ the~~ final seed mixes will be determined in consultation with ODOE and ODFW and will be based on pre-construction conditions and~~ the~~ availability of seed at the time of procurement.

Grassland Seed Mix #1 would be appropriate for revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas outside the solar array fence~~ line area~~, with the exception of areas that would be returned to agricultural production following construction (as noted in Section 4.5.1). The example seed mix is presented in Table 2 and contains a mixture of native grasses and native, pollinator-friendly forbs.

This seed mix includes a mixture of deep-rooted grasses and flowering plants as these types of species can capture and filter stormwater, build topsoil, and provide food sources and for native insects (Davis 2021). Forbs included in this seed mix were also chosen based on their bloom period. Including plants that flower throughout the growing season provides a continuous source of nectar and pollen and can attract a variety of pollinators (NRCS 2011).

Table 2. Example Grassland Seed Mix #1

Growth Habit	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Percent of Mix
Grasses	Bluebunch wheatgrass[1]	*Pseudoroegneria spicata*	35
	Sandberg's bluegrass[2]	*Poa secunda* ssp. *secunda*	15
	Bottlebrush squirreltail	*Elymus elymoides*	10
	Needle-and-thread grass[3]	*Hesperostipa comata*	10
Forbs	~~Curlycup~~ Low gumweed	*Grindelia ~~squarrosa~~nana*	5
	Hoary aster	*Dieteria* (*Machaeranthera*) *canescens*	5
	Clover~~Lupine~~	*Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens~~Lupinus leucophyllus, L. sericeus, L. sulphureus~~*	5
	Munro's globemallow[4]	*Sphaeralcea munroana*	5
	Western blue flax	*Linum lewisii*	5
	Yarrow	*Achillea millefolium*	5

1. An alternative to bluebunch wheatgrass is Snake River wheatgrass (*Elymus wawawaiensis*; also sold as "Secar" bluebunch wheatgrass).
2. An alternative to Sandberg's bluegrass is big bluegrass (*Poa secunda* subsp. *juncifolia*; also sold as *P. ampla*).
3. Alternatives to needle-and-thread grass include ~~the native bunchgrass Indian ricegrass (*Achnatherum* [*Oryzopsis*] *hymenoides*) or~~ the non-native bunchgrasses crested wheatgrass (*Agropyron cristatum*) and sheep/hard fescue (*Festuca ovina/F. trachyphylla*).
4. An alternative to Munro's globemallow is blanketflower (*Gaillardia aristata*)

A second grassland seed mix, Grassland Seed Mix #2, is suggested for post-construction revegetation within the solar array fence ~~line area~~, including areas that previously consisted of agricultural lands. The example seed mix presented in Table 3 contains a mixture of low-growing native and non-native grasses and native and non-native pollinator friendly forbs which would be compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). Similar to Grassland Seed Mix #1, this seed mix includes a mixture of deep-rooted grasses and flowering plants that flower throughout the growing season.

Table 3. Example Grassland Seed Mix #2

Growth Habit	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Percent of Mix
Grasses	Sandberg's bluegrass	*Poa secunda* ssp. *secunda*	35
	Bottlebrush squirreltail, common squirreltail	*Elymus elymoides* ssp. *elymoides*	15
	Desert fescue[1]	*Vulpia microstachys*	10
	Thurber's needlegrass	*Eriocoma (Achnatherum) thurberianum*	10
Forbs	~~Pacific lupine[2]~~Clover	~~*Lupinus lepidus*~~ *Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens*	5
	Bigseed bisuitroot~~[3]~~[2]	*Lomatium macrocarpum*	5
	Erigeron/fleabane	*Erigeron filifolius, E. linearis,* or *E. pumilus*	5
	Oregon sunshine	*Eriophyllum lanatum*	5
	Snow buckwheat	*Eriogonum niveum*	5
	Wollypod milkvetch	*Astragalus purshii*	5

1. Alternatives to desert fescue are sixweeks fescue (*Vulpia octoflora*) or sheep/hard fescue (*Festuca ovina*/*F. trachyphylla*).

~~2 Alternatives to Pacific lupine are American vetch (*Vicia americana*) or clover (*Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens*).~~

~~3~~2. An alternative to bigseed biscuitroot is longleaf phlox (*Phlox longifolia*).

4.8 Revegetation Methods by Disturbance Level

Revegetation methods for each disturbance level were developed to tailor revegetation to specific conditions (Table 4). Revegetation should follow soil reclamation, site preparation, and seeding methods described in Sections 4.2 through 4.7.

Table 4. Revegetation Methods by Disturbance Level

Disturbance Level	Soil Reclamation	Site Preparation	Seeding
1 – Mowing	Ensure vegetation remains intact.	Retain existing vegetation root systems to prevent erosion. Control weeds.	Seed if necessary to achieve success criteria
2 – Overland Drive and Crush	Measure soil compaction in areas of high vehicle traffic.	Retain existing vegetation root systems and/or mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil in areas of high vehicle traffic if necessary. Control weeds.	Seed if necessary to achieve success criteria
3 – Clear and Cut	Measure soil compaction.	Mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil if necessary. Control weeds	Required
4 – Clear and Cut with Soil Removal	Measure soil compaction. Stockpile topsoil separately from subsoil and stabilize during construction.	Mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil. Regrade and replace subsoil then topsoil prior to seeding. Control weeds.	Required

5.0 Revegetation Documentation

Records will be kept of revegetation efforts in all temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas. Records will include:

- Date construction phase was completed;
- Acreage of each disturbance level;
- Description and photos of the affected area;
- Date revegetation was initiated;
- Description of the revegetation effort, including methods and timing;
- Supporting figures representing the location, acres affected, and pre-disturbance condition of the revegetation area; and
- Confirmation from the landowner that temporary disturbances in cropland have been satisfactorily restored.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of revegetation efforts. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will update ODOE with these records monthly as revegetation work occurs~~,~~ and will provide ODOE with copies of these records along with submission of the monitoring report that is required by the Site Certificate.

6.0 Monitoring

6.1 Monitoring of Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance Areas

In accordance with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit, all areas within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ must be revegetated to stabilize soils for the purposes of erosion and dust pollution control. Pursuant to OAR 345-022-0022, construction and operation of the Facility must not result in significant adverse impacts to soils, including but not limited to, erosion. Pursuant to MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(3), construction or maintenance activities shall not result in the unabated introduction or spread of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species. Therefore, monitoring is required to demonstrate compliance with the above site stabilization and weed control requirements. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ~~conduct~~ monitor~~ing within~~ permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas to assess the following:

- Dominant species composition;
- Relative cover of desirable and undesirable forbs and grasses;
- Percent cover of bare soil;
- Degree of erosion;
- Presence noxious weeds; and
- Qualitative assessment of overall vigor of vegetation within revegetated areas.

~~Monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.~~ Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or revegetation specialist and will begin within 60 days of the completion of ~~the~~ initial site ~~restoration~~revegetation ~~effort~~. Permanent disturbance areas will be monitored using a meander survey. During the meander survey, the surveyor will walk within the solar array fence and document the assessment items listed above using photos and spatial data collection. Areas of erosion and significant patches of bare soil will be mapped and photographed. The surveyor will record dominant species, overall percent cover of forbs and grasses, and general notes about plant vigor.

Monitoring will be conducted at least once per season during the first year following construction. After the first complete year of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced based on revegetation progress. After five years of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE.

6.1.1 Success Criteria

Success criteria outlined below will demonstrate compliance with the soil protection standard (OAR 345-022-0022); NPDES 1200-C permit requirements; and the requirements of MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(4):

- Establish uniform (i.e., evenly distributed, without large bare areas) perennial, non-invasive vegetation that provides 70 percent or more cover on all exposed areas.

Requirements of the soil protection standard and MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(4) apply to the construction and operation of the Facility. Therefore, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall maintain compliance with ~~the~~ revegetation success criteria for all areas within the solar array fence ~~line~~ for the life of the Facility. In each monitoring report, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include an assessment of whether the area within the solar array fence ~~line~~ is meeting or trending toward meeting the revegetation success criteria. Final determination of whether the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is in compliance with the revegetation obligations will be made by ODOE. Remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas may be required in areas that have been determined by ODOE not to have met the success criteria.

6.1.2 Reporting

Monitoring reports will be prepared and submitted to ODOE once per season during the first year following construction. After the first year of monitoring is complete, the reporting cycle will be modified to align with the new monitoring cycle determined in consultation with ODOE. The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of revegetation methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of seed applications and dates revegetation work was performed.

Each monitoring report will include:

- ~~The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of site restoration methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of the seed applications and dates restoration work was performed;~~
- GIS maps of revegetation areas and disturbance levels;
- Monitoring methods;
- Local climatic data (i.e., precipitation, temperature) for the monitoring month and year and percent deviation from the historical average;
- ~~The r~~Results of ~~the~~ monitoring efforts;
- The investigator's assessment of whether the revegetated areas are trending toward meeting the success criteria;
- Assessments of factors impacting the ability of ~~the~~ revegetated area to trend towards meeting the success criteria; and
- Recommendations ~~of~~ for ~~remedial actions~~adaptive management, if any.

6.2 Monitoring of Temporary Disturbance Areas

Per ODFW recommendations on other projects, temporary disturbance monitoring is not required for temporary disturbance areas less than 0.5 acres or when the area is not sufficiently large to accommodate a monitoring site. Because there are no non-agricultural habitat types with temporary disturbance areas greater than 0.5 acres, no monitoring or reference sites will be established for this Facility.~~Following implementation of revegetation efforts, the Applicant will monitor the temporarily disturbed areas that have been revegetated as described in this section, unless the landowner has converted the area to land uses that preclude meeting revegetation success criteria. Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or revegetation specialist and will begin within 60 days of the completion of the initial site restoration effort. Monitoring will be conducted at least once per season during the first year following construction. After the first complete year of monitoring, the Applicant will consult with ODOE to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced based on revegetation progress. After five years of monitoring, the Applicant will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE. Monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE and ODFW prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.~~

~~This may include remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas that have been determined by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW, not to have met the success criteria.~~

~~Reference and Monitoring Sites~~

~~To determine if the revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas are meeting success criteria, (see Section 6.1.1), paired monitoring and reference sites will be established in each of the habitat subtypes that will be temporarily disturbed by construction (with the exception of agricultural land). Reference sites are intended to represent target conditions for the revegetation effort. Vegetation within monitoring sites in revegetation areas will be compared with those in the associated reference sites to measure success of the revegetation activities. During each assessment, revegetated areas will be compared to reference sites based on the success criteria defined in Section 6.2.1.~~

~~Per ODFW recommendations on other projects, a minimum of one monitoring site will be located within habitats where temporary disturbances will be less than 5 acres in size. Therefore, one monitoring site and one reference site will be established within each habitat category of temporarily disturbed Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype for a total of three monitoring sites and three reference sites. Preliminary locations of monitoring and reference sites are provided on Figure 1. No monitoring site is proposed for the less than 0.1 acre of temporary impact anticipated to the Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams habitat subtype, although this area will be revegetated if not avoided during final design. Monitoring and reference sites within each habitat subtype and category were selected using existing habitat mapping. Additional monitoring locations were also chosen within areas of temporarily disturbed Category 4 and 5 Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype as alternative locations in case one of the selected monitoring or reference site locations is deemed unacceptable during the first revegetation monitoring effort. No alternative monitoring or reference site locations were chosen for temporarily disturbed Category 2 Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype because all 0.4 acres of temporary impacts to this habitat subtype and category are located in one area.~~

~~Success Criteria~~

~~In each monitoring report, the Applicant will include an assessment of whether the temporarily disturbed revegetated areas are meeting or trending toward meeting the success criteria. Revegetation areas would be deemed successfully revegetated when the success criteria outlined below are met. Success criteria were based on pre-disturbance conditions observed during habitat mapping conducted for the Facility (Exhibit P, Attachment P-1). Final determination of whether the Applicant has met the revegetation obligations will be made by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW.~~

~~Temporarily disturbed areas will be deemed successfully revegetated when the habitat quality at a monitoring site is equal to or surpasses the habitat quality at the associated reference site, as follows:~~

~~**Native Forbs:** Cover of native and desirable (i.e., species included in seed mixes and/or native species that have naturally colonized) forbs will be at least 75 percent of the reference site within 5 years. Richness of native and desirable forbs will be at least equal to the richness of native forbs measured on the reference site within 5 years.~~

~~**Native and Desirable Grasses:** Cover and richness of native and desirable (i.e., species included in seed mixes and/or native species that have naturally colonized) grass species will be at least 85 percent of the reference site within 5 years.~~

~~**Noxious Weeds:** Presence and cover of noxious weeds is 75 percent or less than that of the reference site.~~

~~Reporting~~

~~Monitoring reports will be prepared and submitted to ODOE once per season during the first year following construction. Each report will be delivered within the same season that the monitoring was conducted. After the first year of monitoring is complete, the reporting cycle will be modified to align with the new monitoring cycle determined in consultation with ODOE.~~

~~Each monitoring report will include:~~

~~The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of site restoration methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of the seed applications and dates restoration work was performed;~~

~~GIS maps of revegetation areas and disturbance levels;~~

~~Monitoring methods;~~

~~Local climatic data (i.e., precipitation, temperature) for the monitoring month and year and percent deviation from the historical average;~~

~~The results of the monitoring efforts;~~

~~Photos of sample plots and representative overview photos of restoration areas;~~

~~The investigator's assessment of whether the revegetated areas are trending toward meeting the success criteria;~~

~~Assessments of factors impacting the ability of the revegetated area to trend towards meeting the success criteria; and~~

~~Recommendations of remedial actions, if any.~~

6.3 ~~Remedial Action in Revegetation Areas~~Adaptive Management

After each revegetation monitoring visit in either temporary or permanent disturbance areas, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's qualified investigator will report to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder regarding the revegetation progress of each revegetation area. If applicable, the investigator will make recommendations to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder for reseeding, weed control, or other remedial measures for areas that are not showing progress toward achieving revegetation success. The investigator will provide a description of factors that may be contributing to the lack of revegetation success. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include the investigator's recommendations for ~~remedial actions~~adaptive management and the measures taken in the next monitoring report. ODOE may require reseeding or other remedial measures in cases where success criteria have not been met.

If a revegetation area is damaged by wildfire during the first 5 years following initial seeding, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will amend this ~~plan~~Plan, subject to ODOE approval, to restore the damaged area. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will continue to monitor and report on revegetation progress during the remainder of the 5-year period. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report to ODOE and ODFW the area impacted by the fire (with a map or figure) within 72 hours of discovery.

6.4 Soil Reclamation Monitoring

Soil measurements conducted per Section 4.2 shall be evaluated to determine whether soils within disturbance areas have compaction readings of greater than 300 psi~~are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~. If results show soils have compaction readings of greater than 300 psi, ~~are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~ then remediation activities must be completed before revegetation ~~activities~~ can begin. Prior to initiation of revegetation, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide the results of soil compaction testing to ODOE. ~~ODOE will authorize revegetation to begin when soils are 10 percent or less compacted than the baseline plot.~~

7.0 Plan Amendment

This Plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.~~.~~

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Sunstone Solar Project

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Sunstone Solar Project 1

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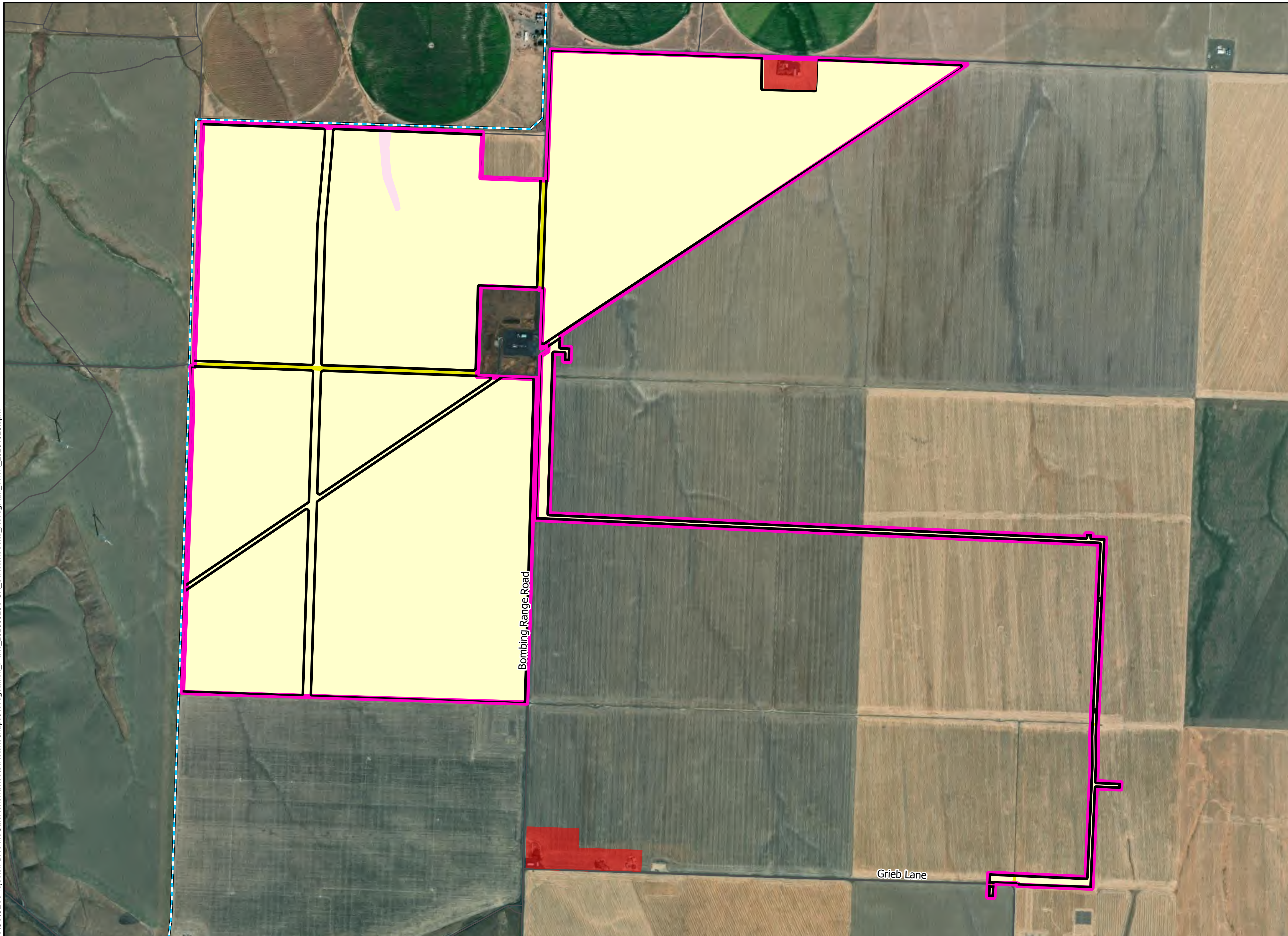

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Habitat Subtypes by Category

Category 5

- Eastside Grasslands

Category 6

- Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crop
- Urban and Mixed Environs

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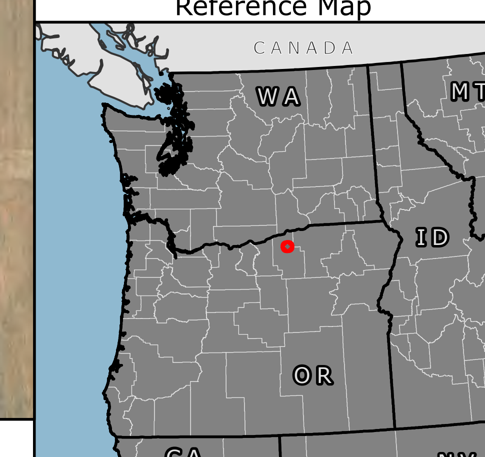
Reference Map



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Attachment H: Draft Amended Habitat Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 1

Draft Habitat Mitigation Plan

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 1, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 1 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate up to 200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a ~~1,~~200- MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities and the anticipated phasing of construction are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1). ~~The Facility site boundary encompasses approximately 10,960 acres and is located entirely on private land. The Facility will connect with the existing Umatilla Electric Cooperative (UEC) 230-kilovolt Blue Ridge Line.~~

This Draft Habitat Mitigation Plan (HMP) describes how the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will mitigate for ~~the~~ unavoidable wildlife habitat ~~impacts~~ disturbance from ~~of the~~ Facility construction and therefore, in conjunction with Exhibit P of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[2]), demonstrates how the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will construct and operate the Facility consistent with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy, Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 635-415-0025. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder ~~has~~ conducted habitat categorization surveys and other biological studies that inform habitat categorization in accordance with the ODFW Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy~~,~~ and ~~has~~ avoided and minimized ~~impacts~~ disturbance to wildlife and habitat as described in Exhibit P of the ASC. The actual disturbance acres ~~of impacts~~ and ~~the~~ associated mitigation needs will be determined based on the final design ~~by phase~~ and included in an updated HMP prior to construction ~~of any Facility phase~~. If ~~impacts~~ disturbance to all wildlife habitats (i.e., habitat categories 2 through 5) are avoided during final design, no habitat mitigation plan would be ~~needed~~ required and in lieu of an updated HMP prior to construction, the Certificate Holder would provide a figure depicting wildlife habitat avoidance for this Facility phase.

2.0 Temporary and Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance~~s~~

Construction and operation of the Facility will result in both permanent and temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to wildlife and their habitats, although the~~se~~ ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ ~~have~~ has been

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

minimized considerably as described in Exhibit P of the ASC. Due to the multi-year construction schedule of the Facility, both permanent and temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to fish and wildlife habitat will occur in phases over this time period.

Permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas are those that will be converted from the existing condition to a different condition for the life of the Facility. The entire ~~solar array~~ area within the fence ~~line~~ is considered permanently ~~impact~~disturbed and includes all solar components. Although it is considered permanently ~~impacted~~disturbed, vegetation within the solar array area fence ~~line~~ will be retained and/or planted following construction, and as a result there will be residual ~~(and in some cases improved)~~ value of these areas to wildlife.

Temporary ~~impact~~disturbance areas include ~~temporary impacts from the~~ underground collector lines and transmission lines outside the solar array area fence ~~line~~, as well as temporary ~~impacts~~ disturbance around the outside ~~of the~~ perimeter fencing. Restoration of the temporary ~~impact~~disturbance areas will occur following construction, as will revegetation within portions of the solar array area fence line not occupied by permanent infrastructure. The duration of temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to habitat will vary by habitat subtype. For example, the recovery period for temporarily disturbed agricultural areas could be as short as 1 to 3 years and grasslands generally recover within 3 to 7 years. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will restore temporary ~~impact~~disturbance areas consistent with the Draft Revegetation Plan; therefore, temporary ~~impacts~~ disturbance will be mitigated through successful implementation of the Draft Revegetation Plan (Attachment P-4 to Exhibit P; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6).

Table 1 lists the acres that will be permanently or temporarily ~~impacted~~disturbed by ~~the~~ Facility construction based on the ~~current~~ permitted design ~~for all phases~~, organized by habitat category and subtype. These habitats are described in Exhibit P of the ASC and in ~~the~~ biological survey reports attached to Exhibit P (Exhibit ~~-~~P, Attachment P-1). Table 1 will be updated prior to construction to reflect the final disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout.

Table 1. Temporary and Permanent ~~Impacts~~ Disturbance by Habitat Category and Habitat Subtype

Habitat Category	Habitat Subtype	Disturbance (Acres)[1]	
		Permanent ~~Acres Impacted~~	Temporary ~~Acres Impacted~~
~~2~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~<0.1~~	~~0.4~~
~~**Total Category 2**~~		~~**<0.1**~~	~~**0.4**~~
~~4~~	~~Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams~~	~~-~~	~~<0.1~~
	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~17.9~~	~~2.7~~
~~**Total Category 4**~~		~~**17.9**~~	~~**2.7**~~
5	Eastside Grasslands	~~18.5~~4.7	~~2.2~~<0.1
~~Total~~ Category 5 Habitat Subtotal		**~~18.5~~4.7**	**~~2.2~~<0.1**

6	Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops	1474.1~~9,397.4~~	13.4~~51.3~~
	Urban and Mixed Environs	0.2~~7.7~~	0.1~~1.2~~
	~~Total~~ Category 6 Habitat Subtotal	**~~9,405.1~~1,474**	**~~52.6~~13.5**
	Grand Total	**~~9,441.5~~1,479**	**~~57.8~~13.5**

Note:
Totals in this table may not sum correctly due to rounding; "-" means no ~~impact~~disturbance while <0.1 means greater than zero but less than 0.05 acre~~s~~ ~~impact~~disturbance.
1. Disturbance acres were calculated based on the layout permitted in the ASC and will be updated prior to construction.

3.0 Methods for Calculating Mitigation

Table 2 shows the methods for calculating mitigation required for permanent ~~impact~~disturbance based on the permitted layout~~s~~. No mitigation is proposed for temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ beyond ~~the restoration of~~ habitat revegetation. No mitigation is required for ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to Category 6 areas.

Prior to construction ~~of any phase~~ of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide an estimate, in tabular format, of ~~the acres of~~ permanent ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ acres and mitigation ratios shown in Table ~~-~~2 to provide an updated estimate of mitigation needs ~~for that phase~~.

Table 2. Mitigation Calculation

Habitat Category	Permanent ~~Impacts~~ Disturbance (acres)[1]	Mitigation Ratio[2]	Mitigation Need	Mitigation Description
~~Category 4~~	~~17.9~~	~~1:1~~	~~17.9~~	~~The mitigation goal for Category 4 habitat is to provide no net loss in quantity or quality. Mitigation can be in-kind or out-of-kind, in-proximity or off-proximity mitigation.~~
~~Category~~ 5	~~18.5~~4.7	0.5:1	~~9.3~~2.4	The mitigation goal for Category 5 habitat is to provide net benefit in habitat quantity or quality. The mitigation strategy is actions that improve habitat conditions.
Grand Total	-	-	**~~27.2~~2.4**	--

1. Acres of permanent ~~impact~~disturbance requiring mitigation, which excludes habitat types and categories with less than a 0.05 acre mitigation need as well as Category 6 areas.
2. Acres mitigation per acres ~~impacted~~disturbed.

4.0 Mitigation

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes to contribute funding to supplement ongoing conservation work being conducted by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Morrow County to meet ~~the~~ mitigation needs of the Facility. This funding will allow additional conservation actions to occur that would not otherwise be conducted and would therefore benefit wildlife in the area. Supplementing existing conservation efforts will provide a greater benefit to wildlife across the landscape than creating a new easement not connected to an existing conservation area with known wildlife use. TNC identified the Lindsay Prairie Preserve, located less than 2 miles west of the Facility, as a potentially suitable site for Facility mitigation. The Lindsay Prairie Preserve is a 376-acre site owned by TNC since 1987 that is protected for restoration and preservation of native vegetation and wildlife. The preserve is a mix of grasslands and sagebrush communities that supports a large and consistent population of Washington ground squirrel (WAGS; *Urocitellus washingtoni*) ~~(Appendix A)~~. In August 2018, a wildfire burned approximately 111 acres of the preserve, removing nearly all the sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*) and bitterbrush (*Purshia tridentata*) shrubs from the affected area. Thus, the site would benefit from habitat enhancements focused on restoring habitat that burned in 2018.

4.1 Site Description

According to TNC ~~and as detailed in Appendix A~~, ~~the~~ habitat within the Lindsay Prairie Preserve is considered Category 1 per the ODFW Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy due to the presence of WAGS (personal communication with Jen Langevin, TNC Columbia Basin Program Manager, December 28, 2023). If WAGS were not present at the site, the habitat alone would be considered Category 2 native perennial grassland. ~~As noted in Appendix A,~~ TNC collected vegetation data in 2021 in two macroplots within the ~~27-acre area proposed as mitigation for the Facility~~proposed mitigation area; at that time, cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) was in less than 50 percent of the 1-meter plots, while perennial grasses, such as bluebunch wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spicata*), was in greater than 85 percent of plots and Sandberg bluegrass (*Poa secunda*) was in greater than 98 percent of plots. The dominant grass observed was Sandberg bluegrass, with a diverse forb community also present, including the following species: milkvetch species (*Astragalus purshii* and *Astragalus lentiginous*), woolly plantain (*Plantago patagonica*), lomatium species (*Lomatium macrocarpum* and *Lomatium triternatum*), pussytoes (*Antennaria dimorpha*), phlox (*Phlox longifolia*), flax (*Linum lewisii*), slender hawksbeard (*Crepius atribarba*), and shaggy fleabane (*Erigeron pumilis*). Non-native or introduced forb species were present at a much lower percent frequency compared to native forb species ~~(Appendix A)~~. These data were collected 3 years after the wildfire in 2018 demonstrating a plant community resilient to disturbances such as wildfire, a unique trait in the local area.

4.2 Habitat Enhancements

As described in Section 3.0 above, ~~approximately 18 acres of habitat mitigation are needed for Facility impacts to Category 4 habitat (goal of no net loss) and 9~~ 2.4 acres of habitat mitigation are needed for Facility ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to Category 5 habitat (goal of net benefit). Typically, mitigation for ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to Category 5 habitat includes less uplift or enhancement effort than mitigation for Category 4 habitat, given that Category 5 habitat does not have a no net loss goal. However, due to the few total number of acres needed for Facility mitigation, TNC requested that all ~~the~~ mitigation acreage be considered Category 4 for the purpose~~s~~ of performing habitat enhancements to simplify ~~the~~ logistics of mitigation implementation. Therefore, ~~the~~ proposed mitigation habitat enhancements include treatment of the entire ~~27-acre~~mitigation area at a level consistent with Category 4 mitigation goals, as described below.

Mitigation proposed to be conducted at the Lindsay Prairie Preserve includes funding of chemical purchase and application for annual grass treatment and planting shrub plugs ~~on approximately 27 acres~~ as follows:

- Treatment 1 (Year 1): fall aerial application of imazapic (i.e., Plateau) and indaziflam (i.e., Rejuvra) to reduce competition from invasive annual grasses.
- Treatment 2 (Year 1): winter planting of sagebrush and bitterbrush plugs at 300 shrubs per acre ~~for a total of 8,100 plugs~~. Exact species ratios will be determined prior to mitigation implementation.
    - In TNC's experience performing restoration at the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility - Boardman and at the Boardman Conservation Area, the average survival of sagebrush plugs is about 50 percent and ~~the~~ establishment of bitterbrush is extremely challenging with a survival rate significantly lower than sagebrush. Therefore, TNC proposed two times the ideal number of shrubs per acre to account for this anticipated survival rate.
- Treatment 3 (Year 3, 4, or 5): follow-up aerial application of Plateau and Rejuvra to continue a reduction in competition of invasive annual grasses to allow shrubs to become established.

~~Mitigation for both Category 4 and Category 5 habitat can be in-kind or out-of-kind, and in-proximity or off-proximity mitigation as defined by the ODFW Habitat Mitigation Policy.~~ This proposed mitigation would provide in-kind and in-proximity mitigation considering the Facility would ~~impact~~disturb grassland habitat and this mitigation would provide uplift to grassland habitat, and considering the mitigation site's close proximity to the Facility. By mitigating ~~both~~ Category ~~4 and~~ 5 habitat ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ with treatments sufficient to meet the ODFW mitigation goal for Category 4 habitat and including shrub plantings in addition to herbicide application to address the local need for post-fire shrub recovery at the Lindsay Prairie Preserve, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is going above and beyond the minimum mitigation need for Facility ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ under the ODFW Habitat Mitigation Policy.

5.0 Monitoring

The treatment area would be monitored for 5 to 6 years to document pre- and post-treatment conditions. This monitoring would be designed to document changes in species diversity and composition. Monitoring would be funded by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and conducted by the TNC or its contractors ~~-~~and the results of monitoring would be reported to ODFW and the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) following each monitoring effort.

To document pre- and post-treatment conditions, baseline monitoring would be conducted during the growing season in the area to be treated in Year 0, followed by post-treatment monitoring during the growing season in Years 1 through 5, and possibly 6 (depending on the timing of the third treatment). Monitoring would occur for at least one-year post-application of the third treatment. TNC ~~has~~ established long-term vegetation monitoring macroplots ~~(see Appendix A)~~ on the Lindsay Prairie Preserve where frequency data are collected. Two of these plots are within the proposed ~~27-acre~~ mitigation area (i.e., treatment area) and could be utilized for a portion of the monitoring protocol to determine the efficacy of the herbicide treatments. Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide ODOE and ODFW with a copy of the monitoring protocol, which will be developed in coordination with TNC and subject to ODOE approval. Following ODOE approval, this plan will be amended to incorporate the monitoring protocol.

The mitigation treatments would be considered successful when all treatments have been performed and documented in accordance with the methods described in this HMP.

After initial monitoring of treatments is complete in Year 5 or 6, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will continue to monitor the site every 5 years thereafter in years divisible by five for the life of the Facility to confirm the site is being maintained at the same habitat category or better as compared to the baseline condition of the mitigation area. This reporting will serve to demonstrate the Facility's mitigation needs are being met throughout the life of the Facility. If the habitat quality of the mitigation area shows evidence of decline the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will investigate the cause of the decline and consult with ODOE and ODFW to develop appropriate adaptive management measures to restore baseline habitat quality.

6.0 Legal Instrument

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide a map of the mitigation area to ODOE along with a copy of the legal agreement between TNC and the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder that describes the scope of mitigation work and the legally enforceable mechanism to ensure implementation of mitigation consistent with the ODFW Habitat Mitigation Policy. The legal instrument will include assurance of durability for the life of the Facility to ensure the mitigation property will remain habitat if TNC ceases to own or manage the land prior to decommissioning of the Facility. The legal instrument will also contain an assurance that the land covered under the agreement will not be used to satisfy any other mitigation obligations other than those pertaining to this Facility. The final mitigation acreage, location, and treatments will be based on final Facility habitat ~~impacts~~ disturbance and mitigation site conditions at the time of implementation and be sufficient to satisfy the ODFW Habitat Mitigation Policy Goals for ~~impacts~~ disturbance to Category ~~4 and~~ 5 habitat. This HMP will be updated, in coordination with ODOE, to reflect any changes in mitigation prior to construction of any Facility phase as described in Section 7.0, below, and consistent with the legal agreement between the TNC and the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder at that time.

7.0 Amendment of the HMP

The HMP may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.

~~Appendix A: The Nature Conservancy Recommendation for Sunstone Solar Project Mitigation Plan (Confidential)~~

~~This appendix contains confidential and privileged information and is therefore not included in this document. It is provided under separate cover.~~

Attachment I: Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 1
Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan

This plan identifies the minimization measures that will be implemented during facility construction to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential adverse impacts to state sensitive species with a potential to occur within the site.

> Note: several measures that would minimize potential impacts to wildlife species, including noxious weed control, vegetation management and habitat mitigation, are not included in this plan because they are covered in other conditions of the site certificate.

The measures included in this plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the certificate holder and EFSC. Such amendments may be made without an amendment of the Site Certificate. The Council authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan and to mitigation actions that may be required under this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of -all amendments and mitigation actions, and the Council retains the authority to approve, reject or modify any amendment of this plan or mitigation action agreed to by ODOE.

1. During facility construction, 20 mile per hour speed limit signs shall be posted within the perimeter fence line; onsite contractors and personnel shall adhere to the 20 miles per hour speed limit on all facility access roads (excluding public roads).

2. Prior to and during facility construction, the certificate holder shall require all onsite contractors and personnel to complete site specific worker environmental training. This training shall include information regarding the sensitive biological resources including potentially occurring listed and sensitive species, individual responsibilities associated with the facility, and the consequences of non-compliance. Written material will be provided to employees at orientation and participants will sign an attendance sheet documenting their participation.

3. If construction will occur between March 1 and August 15 the certificate holder shall:
   a. Complete raptor nest occupancy surveys at least once per month between March 1 and May 31 to identify active nests. Surveys shall be based on a protocol approved by the Department in consultation with ODFW; and,
   b. Submit to the Department a construction plan (schedule) that demonstrates construction activities will not occur within the buffer zones established in 4) during the sensitive nesting and breeding season.

4. During construction, the certificate holder shall flag and avoid, or develop constraints mapping to ensure avoidance, of ground-disturbing activities within the buffer of any active nest site. Active nest sites shall be determined based on the preconstruction raptor nest surveys, as applicable, depending on the duration of construction.

Special Status Species	Buffer Size (Radius Around Nest Site):	Sensitive Nesting and Breeding Season
American kestrel	500 feet	March 1 to June 15

Ferruginous hawk	0.5 mile	March 15 to August 15
Golden eagle	0.5 – 1 mile	February 1 to August 15
Peregrine falcon	0.25 mile	January 1 to July 1
Red-tailed hawk	0.10 mile	March 1 to August 15
Swainson’s hawk	0.25 mile	April 1 to August 15
Western burrowing owl	0.25 mile	April 1 to August 15
Other hawks and owls	0.25 mile	March 1 to August 15

Attachment J: Draft Amended Wildlife Monitoring Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 1
Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 1, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 1 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The ~~proposed~~ approved Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities and the anticipated phasing of construction are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan (WMP) describes wildlife monitoring the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct during operation of the Facility. This WMP has the following components:

1. Raptor nest surveys
2. Washington ground squirrel (WAGS; *Urocitellus washingtoni)* monitoring
3. Wildlife Reporting and Handling System (WRHS)
4. Data reporting

This WMP will be updated, as necessary, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and will be updated as needed to reflect the final layout of the Facility.

2.0 Raptor Nest Surveys

The objectives of raptor nest surveys are: (1) to count raptor nests on the ground or above ground at the Facility; and (2) to determine whether there are noticeable changes in nesting activity in the local populations of raptor species, with particular focus on Swainson's hawks (*Buteo swainsoni*), the only state sensitive raptor species documented nesting during baseline surveys.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct long-term ground-based monitoring of nests identified during the baseline raptor nest surveys, as well as any other nests identified subsequently. The ground-based surveys will be used to evaluate nest success by gathering data on nest occupancy. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ qualified personnel to perform raptor nest surveys.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

2.1 Initial Monitoring

The first monitoring season will be in the first full raptor nesting season after the commercial operating date. During the first monitoring season, the surveyor will conduct one ground survey for raptor nests in late May or early June and additional surveys as described in this section. The ground surveys will be conducted within the site boundary to determine nest occupancy.

All nests discovered during the anticipated pre-construction surveys and any nests discovered during post-construction surveys, whether active or inactive, will be given identification numbers. Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates will be recorded for each nest. Locations of inactive nests will be recorded because they could become occupied during future years.

After the first monitoring season, the surveyor will analyze this one year of data compared to the baseline data. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide a summary of the first-year results in the monitoring report described in Section 5.0.

2.2 Long-Term Monitoring

The surveyor will conduct raptor nest surveys at 5-year intervals for the life of the Facility.[2] The surveyor will conduct~~-~~ long-term raptor nest surveys following the methods described in Section ~~-~~2.3 every 5 years after the first monitoring season in years divisible by 5. This may result in a greater than 5-year period between the initial monitoring season and the first long-term monitoring season (e.g., if the initial monitoring season is 2028, the first long-term monitoring season would be 2035 rather than 2033). During each long-term monitoring event biologists will visit all previously identified nest locations in addition to searching the survey area for new nest sites.

In conducting long-term surveys, the surveyor will follow the same survey protocols as the initial survey (Section 2.3), unless the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes alternative protocols that are approved by ODOE. In developing an alternative protocol, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODFW and ODOE and will take into consideration other raptor nest monitoring conducted in adjacent or overlapping areas.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will analyze the data to identify any trends in the number of raptor breeding attempts the Facility supports and the success of those attempts. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will submit a report after each year of long-term raptor nest surveys.

2.3 Monitoring Protocol

Qualifications of surveyors: Surveys and nest monitoring will be conducted by professional, qualified biologists with a relevant academic background and sufficient field experience pertaining to avian biology and species identification.

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[2] As used in this plan, "life of the Facility" means continuously until the Facility is restored and the site certificate is terminated in accordance with OAR 345-027-0110.

Survey period: Occupancy surveys will be conducted between March 1 and May 31. The survey period may be extended in consultation with ODFW and ODOE.

Survey area: The survey area will be limited to leased parcels within the Site Boundary, where surveyor access is granted. Surveys will be performed from public roads and project roads, or from participating landowner parcels only, as site conditions safely permit (e.g. snow, mud).

Survey protocol: Biologists will conduct a ground-based search for raptor nest activity using binoculars and/or spotting scopes to search potential nest sites. Previously identified nests will be surveyed to determine the occupancy status of nests. New nests that are discovered will also be surveyed~~,~~ and visited in future monitoring years. A log will be kept to track nest occupancy status on all nests. ArcGIS Online or similar GIS program will be used to locate and track the nests.

Data collection: Data collected during the survey will include, at a minimum, the location, occupancy status, occupying species, activity observed, and condition of each nest.

<u>Nest Location:</u> Nest/Burrow Identification Number: Existing IDs will be used where possible in addition to corresponding GPS waypoint numbers.

<u>Occupying Species:</u> Using four-letter American Ornithologists' Union codes (e.g., SWHA = Swainson's hawk).

<u>Raptor Activity:</u>

- Adult Present: Proximity of the adult to the nest (e.g., on nest, nearby, or unknown).
- Eggs or Young: Number of eggs or young observed.
- Nest Substrate: Structure in which nest was located (e.g., broadleaf tree, cut bank, transmission pole, etc.).
- Nest Height: Height relative to the structure it is on (e.g., on top of transmission pole, 3/4 of height of tree).

<u>Nest Condition:</u> To assess nest condition the following criteria will be used:

- No Longer Present: For nests that are no longer present.
- Unknown: The nest cannot be found, was not surveyed, or the nest is present, but because of its location a determination cannot be made.
- Excellent: Defined cup or nest bowl with a well-maintained rim; adult or young present.
- Good: Nest bowl intact and rim defined; minor repair needed for nest to be used; margins of nest in loose configuration, minor slumping occurring.
- Fair: Nest bowl intact and nest not dilapidated; but needs significant repair in order to be used; material is slumping or sliding.
- Poor: Loose structure of nest bowl still present; nest walls and side falling out; nest is in need of major repair to be used.
- Remnant: Nest bowl not defined; scant material remaining and not usable unless fully rebuilt.

Determination of active nests: Nest occupancy status will be determined using the definitions below.

Active: Defined by the presence of one or more eggs, dependent young, or adults on the nest in the past 10 days during the breeding season, including the period when adults are displaying courtship behaviors and are building or adding to the nest in preparation for egg-laying.

Potentially Active: There is not observable activity during the visit, but active status cannot be confirmed.

Inactive: The inactive status will only be determined if the nest is observed for at least one hour each time over the course of two consecutive visits separated by at least one day.

3.0 Washington Ground Squirrel Monitoring

No WAGS were detected during baseline surveys, but any new colonies that are detected incidentally during other surveys, such as raptor nest monitoring, will be documented and the extent of those colonies delineated and included in future WAGS monitoring and reporting activities.

If any incidental WAGS are detected, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ qualified personnel to monitor these locations every 5 years thereafter in years divisible by five for the life of the Facility (i.e., on the same monitoring schedule as the raptor nest surveys). The survey area will include the colonies (i.e., groups of active burrows) and a buffer of 785 feet in suitable habitat, if accessible. The surveyors will walk linear transects spaced 165 to 230 feet (50 to 70 meters) apart two times between February 15 and May 31. Surveys of each location will be spaced at least 2 weeks apart. Surveyors will record locations of activity centers and colony boundaries using a sub-meter accuracy GPS unit; approximate number of burrows; and representative photographs of burrows and scat. Surveyors will describe habitat characteristics at each location and note any noticeable land use or habitat changes that may have occurred since detection.

After each survey, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report the results to ODFW and ODOE and will include maps of the areas surveyed and detection locations. WAGS surveys will not be conducted if there are barriers to WAGS dispersal (i.e., active agriculture fields, highways, perennial waterbodies) or no suitable habitat.

4.0 Wildlife Reporting and Handling System

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will document fatalities found during routine maintenance activities and any other incidentally detected fatalities. However, systematic post-construction fatality monitoring studies are not likely to produce significant findings or provide meaningful data on impacts based on the attributes of this Facility (especially relative to the costs that they incur to implement) as described below, and therefore no systematic post-construction fatality monitoring study is proposed for the Facility nor is one needed to meet the standards under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-022-0060. In a December 2023 meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and ODOE, ODFW stated they are not requesting a post-construction fatality monitoring study for the Facility. If evidence of significant fatality events is detected by operations and maintenance (O&M) staff, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will coordinate with

ODOE and ODFW regarding the need for systematic post-construction fatality monitoring and adaptive management.

Although mortality at the Facility due to collision with infrastructure is possible, as it is with most human development (e.g., buildings), the available literature on avian mortality at utility-scale photovoltaic solar energy sites suggests that mortality at these facilities is comparatively low (Walston et al. 2016, Loss et al. 2014, Kosciuch et al. 2020, Smith et al. 2021). In Oregon, results of a fatality study at a 56-MW photovoltaic facility near Prineville detected only three bird fatalities, only two of which were native birds (i.e., a horned lark [*Eremophila alpestris*] and a dark-eyed junco [*Junco hyemalis*]), during 1 year of standardized searches (ODOE 2020). These results suggest that large fatality events are unlikely at photovoltaic solar facilities in the region but that low numbers of fatalities of common ground-dwelling bird species could be detected at the Facility (ODOE 2020), and may be similar to background mortality levels. Post-construction fatality monitoring studies conducted at utility-scale photovoltaic solar facilities to date have reported lower fatality rates compared to other human development types, with fatalities in general primarily composed of resident ground-nesting birds.

In contrast to wind energy development, impacts to wildlife from photovoltaic solar development are primarily associated with habitat loss rather than direct mortality from collisions. The Facility is located almost entirely on wheat fields, and impacts to wildlife habitat will be minimal, restricted primarily to small tracts of disturbed grasslands. This habitat will be mitigated in accordance with ODFW's Habitat Mitigation Policy (OAR 635-415-0025), as described in the Facility's Exhibit P and Habitat Mitigation Plan (Attachment P-2 to Exhibit P; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will adhere to standard best management practices including following Avian Powerline Interaction Committee guidelines for minimizing avian collisions and electrocutions (APLIC 2006, 2012), primarily burying the medium voltage collector line system, and implementing down-shield lighting for permanent lighting at the substations and O&M buildings, and identifying a licensed local wildlife rehabilitator capable of responding to the Facility in the event of injured wildlife. Based on coordination with ODFW, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will additionally install flight diverters on the overhead collector line that crosses Sand Hollow. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will use wildlife-friendly fencing that does not include a top strand. Thus, the Facility has already minimized the risk of avian collision fatalities, based on known risk factors such as lighting (Gehring et al. 2009; Kerlinger et al. 2010; USFWS 2012, 2013).

Additionally, post-construction fatality monitoring is not necessary for the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder to meet the standards under OAR 345-022-0060 (i.e., that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are consistent with the general fish and wildlife habitat mitigation goals and standards of OAR 635-415-0025, ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy) because the mitigation goals and standards relate to fish and wildlife habitat quality and quantity rather than fatalities of fish and wildlife individuals. OAR 635-415-0025 goals and standards for impacts to Category 2, 3, 4, and 5 habitat (i.e., the habitat categories addressed in the Facility's Habitat Mitigation Plan) include avoidance and, where impacts are unavoidable, mitigation to achieve the goal of no net loss of either habitat quantity or quality (Category 2, 3 and 4 habitat) and/or a net benefit in habitat quantity or quality (Category 2 and 5

habitat). Fatality monitoring, in itself, does not improve or maintain habitat quantity or quality, nor would the results of monitoring affect the habitat mitigation ratios or the size of the mitigation need described in the Facility's Habitat Mitigation Plan attached to Exhibit P and Attachment 6 for RFA 1. Therefore, a systematic post-construction fatality monitoring study is not necessary for the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) to determine that the Facility is consistent with OAR 635-415-0025

Although standardized fatality searches will not be implemented, all incidentally detected fatalities will be reported in the WRHS. The WRHS is a program for O&M staff to report wildlife (including bird and bat) casualties found during operation of the Facility. O&M staff will be trained in the methods needed to carry out this program. This monitoring program includes the initial response, handling, and reporting of bird and bat carcasses discovered incidental to maintenance operations ("incidental finds"). Approximately 10 permanent O&M staff are anticipated to be on-site for Facility operations and be responsible for WRHS program implementation. If a battery energy storage system is installed, additional workers will be on-site, but they will likely be contract employees and will not be included in WRHS program implementation. As part of routine O&M activities, O&M staff will visit each inverter pad approximately every 6 months to visually inspect equipment. If evidence of significant fatality events is detected by O&M staff, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will coordinate with ODOE and ODFW regarding the need for systematic post-construction fatality monitoring.

All carcasses discovered by O&M staff will be photographed and recorded. If O&M staff find a carcass at the Facility, they will notify qualified personnel who will identify the carcass. If the qualified personnel determines that a carcass is a state or federally threatened or endangered or otherwise protected species, agency reporting procedures and timelines specified in Section 5.0 shall be followed. Information recorded for each carcass and reported to ODFW and ODOE will include the location, date of discovery, species if known, as well as any evidence that might assist in determination of cause of death, such as evidence of electrocution, vehicular strike, wire strike, predation, or disease. Based on coordination with ODFW, feather spots[3] will be documented if found as well, consistent with industry standards; however, feather spots will not necessarily be attributed to a Facility-caused fatality (personal communication with J. Thompson, ODFW, December 13, 2023). Fatalities documented by O&M staff will be reported to ODOE and ODFW annually, as described in Section 5.0.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will develop and implement a protocol for handling injured birds. Any injured native birds found at the Facility may be carefully captured by trained qualified personnel and transported to a qualified rehabilitation specialist approved by ODOE. Alternatively, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may contact a qualified rehabilitation specialist approved by ODOE to respond to injured wildlife. Blue Mountain Wildlife (https://bluemountainwildlife.org/, 541.278.0215), located in Pendleton, Oregon, has confirmed the ability to respond to injured native wildlife, especially migratory birds, at the Facility (Lynn Tompkins, personal communication, April 11, 2023). The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will pay costs,

[3] Feather spots are defined as at least 5 tail feathers, or 2 primary feathers, or a total of at least 10 feathers with no attached bone or tissue, within 5 meters of each other (CEC and CDFG 2007).

if any, charged for time and expenses related to care and rehabilitation of injured native birds found on the site, unless the cause of injury is clearly demonstrated to be unrelated to Facility operations.

5.0 Data Reporting

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report wildlife monitoring methods, data, and data analysis to ODOE for each calendar year in which wildlife monitoring occurs. Monitoring data include raptor nest survey data, WAGS monitoring data (if applicable), and WRHS data. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may include the reporting of wildlife monitoring data and analysis in the annual report required under OAR 345-026-0080 or submit this information as a separate document at the same time the annual report is submitted. In addition, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide to ODOE data or records generated in carrying out this WMP upon request by ODOE.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and ODFW if any federal or state endangered or threatened species are killed or injured at the Facility within 24 hours of species identification.

6.0 Plan Amendment

This WMP may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and EFSC. Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this WMP. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.

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Attachment K: Draft Amended Inadvertent Discovery Plan

Inadvertent Discovery Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 1

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Pine Gate Renewables (PGR) proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 1 (Facility), a solar energy generation facility with related or supporting facilities including an energy storage system on private lands in Morrow County, Oregon. PGR seeks a Site Certificate through the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) for the Facility. The Facility will include an up to ~~1,~~200-megawatt (MW) solar project, battery energy storage system, and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1). The ~~proposed~~ approved solar facility siting area (Facility site boundary) ~~will include approximately 10,960 acres of~~is located on privately owned agricultural land with areas of sage brush near the drainages and along Sand Hollow Canyon.

To meet the requirements for site certification, PGR must develop an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) for monitoring construction activities and responding to the discovery of archaeological resources or buried human remains.

2.0 CULTURAL RESOURCES IN THE PROJECT AREA

The entirety of the Facility site boundary and a 2-mile viewshed was surveyed for cultural resources, including pedestrian surveys along with subsurface shovel probing within the Facility site boundary. ~~A total of seven archaeological sites, one archaeological site with standing structures, and three isolated finds were identified in the Facility site boundary. All have been recommended as not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). In addition, t~~Two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs), Sand Hollow Battleground and Sisupa, are identified in the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) archaeological database as overlapping a portion of the Facility site boundary. The HPRCSITs are eligible for listing on the NRHP.

Due to the presence of two culturally important resource areas to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) within the Facility site boundary and its viewshed, the CTUIR has recommended monitoring to protect potential HPRCSIT-associated subsurface resources. The CTUIR has recommended that monitoring occur in the following areas:

- Within the HPR~~S~~CSIT boundaries and a 100-foot surrounding buffer area, monitoring should occur for all ground disturbing activities, except driving posts for the solar modules; and
- Monitoring should occur within the Facility site boundary for all excavation work related to the proposed 3-foot-deep collector cable system.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

Prior to construction, PGR will develop a Monitoring Plan that incorporates this IDP and includes necessary staff, agency, and tribal contact information once determined. This plan should include monitoring protocols and staffing roles and incorporate input from the CTUIR.

3.0 PROCEDURES FOR THE DISCOVERY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

If any staff, contractors, or subcontractors, including archaeological and/or tribal monitors, believe that they have encountered cultural or archaeological remains of any kind, all work at and adjacent to the discovery shall immediately cease. The area of work stoppage will be adequate to provide for the security, protection, and integrity of the archaeological discovery. A cultural resource discovery may be pre-contact period or historic period in age and consist of (but not limited to):

- Areas of charcoal or charcoal-stained soil and stones;
- Stone tools or waste flakes (i.e., an arrowhead or stone chips);
- Bone, burned rock, or shell, whether or not seen in association with stone tools or chips;
- Clusters of tin cans, ceramics, flat glass, or bottles; and
- Concentrations of brick, railway tracks, or logging or agricultural equipment.

In the event unrecorded archaeological resources are identified during the construction or operation of the Sunstone Solar Project 1, work within 100 feet of the find shall be halted and directed away from the discovery until a Qualified Archaeologist[2] assesses the resource and its significance for inclusion on the NRHP. This assessment will include coordination with the CTUIR. (A wider avoidance area will be required for human remains; see below.) The archaeologist, in coordination with ODOE, the SHPO, Facility personnel, CTUIR, and the landowner, shall make the necessary plans for treatment of the finds and for the evaluation and mitigation of impacts if the finds are found to be eligible for listing on the NRHP.

A Qualified Archaeologist will determine if the resources are archaeological and greater than 50 years old. If the archaeologist believes that the discovery is a cultural resource, he or she in coordination with the PGR Construction Manager will establish a 100-foot avoidance buffer to protect the discovery site where construction activities will be suspended until treatment of the discovery can be determined. Vehicles, equipment, and unauthorized personnel will not be permitted to traverse the discovery site or avoidance area. Any newly discovered archaeological resource will be considered eligible to the NRHP until determined otherwise. Work in the immediate area will not resume until treatment of the discovery has been completed.

If archaeological artifacts are observed during construction, the Qualified Archaeologist will ensure proper documentation and assessment of any discovered cultural resources. All precontact and

[2] *Qualified Archaeologist* - means a person with qualifications meeting the federal secretary of the interior's standards for a Professional Archaeologist . An individual who has: (A) A post-graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, history, classics or other germane discipline with a specialization in archaeology, or a documented equivalency of such a degree; (B) Twelve weeks of supervised experience in basic archaeological field research, including both survey and excavation and four weeks of laboratory analysis or curating; and (C) Has designed and executed an archaeological study, as evidenced by a Master of Arts or Master of Science thesis, or report equivalent in scope and quality, dealing with archaeological field research.

historic cultural material discovered during project construction will be recorded by the archaeologist in SHPO's online archaeological site form database. Site overviews, features, and artifacts will be photographed; stratigraphic profiles and soil/sediment descriptions will be prepared for subsurface exposure. Discovery locations will be documented on scaled site plans and site location maps.

If the Qualified Archaeologist in consultation with the SHPO and CTUIR determines that the discovery is an NRHP-eligible cultural resource, they will consult to determine appropriate treatment to be presented and agreed upon in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or other appropriate documentation. Mitigation measures will be developed in consultation with PGR, ODOE, SHPO, CTUIR, and the landowner, and could include avoidance through redesign, conducting data recovery, and/or relocating materials. Treatment measures performed may include protecting in place or data recovery such as mapping, photography, limited probing, and sample collection, or other activity deemed appropriate through an MOA or other appropriate documentation.

If human remains are inadvertently discovered, ODOE, SHPO, the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS), and CTUIR will decide when construction may continue at the discovery location. Where cultural resources are encountered during construction, but additional project effects to the resources are not anticipated, Facility construction may continue while documentation and assessment of the cultural resources proceed. If continued construction is likely to cause additional impacts to such resources, Facility activities within a radius of 100 feet of the discovery will cease until the Qualified Archaeologist has documented the site, evaluated its significance in consultation with CTUIR, and assessed potential effects to the site.

Discovery Procedures: What to do if you find something

1) **Immediately Discontinue All Ground Disturbing Activity. Do Not Touch Or Move The Objects, and Maintain Confidentiality of the Site. Do Not Take Photos.** Removing bone fragments, artifacts, and other items from any archaeological site, without proper authorization, is against the law. Violators could be charged in state or federal court resulting in a fine or imprisonment.
2) Do not draw any attention to the area with obvious flagging or markers. Maintain confidentiality concerning the discovery of the cultural resource, and do not discuss with anyone other than the contact people listed above. Secure and protect area of inadvertent discovery with 100 foot buffer—work may continue outside of this buffer.
3) Notify PGR Project Manager and ODOE (see Attachment A).
4) Construction Manager will need to contact a Qualified Archaeologist to assess the find.
5) If archaeologist determines the find is an archaeological site or object, contact SHPO. If it is determined to *not* be archaeological, you may continue work.

4.0 PROCEDURES FOR THE DISCOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS

If human remains and/or associated grave goods are inadvertently encountered during Project activities, the Oregon State legislature protocol for inadvertent discovery of human remains will be

followed (Oregon State Legislature 2025~~3~~). All activity that may cause further disturbance to the remains shall cease and the area secured and protected from further disturbance. A 200-foot avoidance buffer will be utilized for human remains and associated grave goods until appropriate treatment is completed. The presence of skeletal remains will be immediately reported to the County Medical Examiner, Oregon State Police, SHPO, and LCIS. The remains will not be touched, moved, or further disturbed. The County Medical Examiner or LCIS State Physical Anthropologist will assume jurisdiction over the human skeletal remains and determine whether those remains are forensic or non-forensic. If the remains are non-forensic, then they will report that finding to SHPO and the State Physical Anthropologist with the LCIS, who will then take jurisdiction over the remains and will notify CTUIR.

Although excavation work in the immediate area of a human remains find will not resume until assessment has been completed, excavation work may continue in other parts of the Facility that have been surveyed for cultural resources. Due to the sensitive nature of such a find, human remains should never be left unattended. No work will resume in the area of a human remains discovery until written authorization has been received from the LCIS and SHPO.

Discovery Procedures: What to do if you find something

1) **Immediately Discontinue All Ground Disturbing Activity. Do Not Touch Or Move The Objects, and Maintain Confidentiality of the Site. Do Not Take Photos.** Removing bone fragments, artifacts, and other items from any archaeological site, without proper authorization, is against the law. Violators could be charged in state or federal court resulting in a fine or imprisonment.
2) Do not draw any attention to the area with obvious flagging or markers. Maintain confidentiality concerning the inadvertent discovery, and do not discuss with anyone other than the contact people listed above. Secure and protect area of inadvertent discovery with 60-meter/200-foot buffer, then work may continue outside of this buffer with caution.
3) Cover remains from view and protect them from damage or exposure, restrict access, and leave in place until directed otherwise. Do not take photographs. Do not speak to the media.
4) Notify (refer to Attachment A for contact information):
   - PGR Project Manager
   - ODOE
   - Oregon State Police **DO NOT CALL 911**
   - SHPO
   - LCIS State Physical Anthropologist
   - CTUIR and other appropriate Native American Tribes determined by LCIS
5) If the site is determined not to be a crime scene by the Oregon State Police, do not move anything! The remains will continue to be secured in place along with any associated funerary objects, and protected from weather, water runoff, and shielded from view.

6) Do not resume any work in the buffered area until a plan is developed and carried out between ODOE, SHPO, LCIS, and appropriate Native American Tribes and you are directed that work may proceed.

5.0 CONFIDENTIALITY

The Facility and employees shall make their best efforts, in accordance with federal and state law, to ensure that its personnel and contractors keep the discovery confidential. The media, or any third-party member or members of the public are not to be contacted or have information regarding the discovery, and any public or media inquiry is to be reported to ODOE. Prior to any release, the responsible agencies and Tribes shall concur on the amount of information, if any, to be released to the public.

To protect fragile, vulnerable, or threatened sites, the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (Section 304 [16 U.S.C. 470s-3]), and Oregon State law (Oregon Revised Statute 192.501(11)) establishes that the location of archaeological sites, both on land and underwater, shall be confidential.

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2025~~3~~ Electronic document accessed ~~December 21, 2023~~July 2025, https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/cis/Pages/archaeology.aspx

ATTACHMENT A: CONTACTS

1. Pine Gate Renewables

Project Manager	To be determined prior to construction

2. Cultural Resource Contacts

Qualified Archaeologist	Lara Rooke, Tetra Tech
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Oregon SHPO State Archaeologist	John Pouley
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State Physical Anthropologist, LCIS	Dr. Elissa Bullion
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3. Agency Contacts

ODOE	Christopher Clark
	(503) 871-7254
Oregon State Police	Craig Heuberger
	(503) 731-0079 or (503) 731-3030 (dispatch)
Morrow County Medical Examiner	(541) 676-5421

4. Tribal Contacts

CTUIR	Teara Farrow Ferman (Human Remains)
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	(541) 429-7214

Attachment L: Draft Amended Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 1

Draft Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 1

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APLIC	Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~	Sunstone Solar 1, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC
BMP	best management practice
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
Facility	Sunstone Solar Project 1
Li-ion	lithium-ion
MW	megawatt
O&M	operations and maintenance
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
Plan	Wildfire Mitigation Plan
RACE	Rescue, Alarm, Contain, Extinguish
RFA	Request for Amendment
SCADA	supervisory, control, and data acquisition
UL	Underwriters Laboratories

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 1, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct the approved Sunstone Solar Project 1 (Facility), a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate~~with~~ up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal electric generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. ~~In addition to solar arrays, the proposed Facility would include up to 17.2 gigawatt hours of distributed battery storage capacity, an interconnection substation, up to seven collector substations, an operations and maintenance building, and other structures including roads, perimeter fencing, and gates. The Facility is proposed to be sited within an approximately 10,960-acre (17 square mile) site boundary in Morrow County. All land within the proposed site boundary is privately owned and zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.~~ The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan) is attached to Exhibit V – Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation[2] and updated for Request for Amendment (RFA) 1 (see Attachment 6) which~~that~~ was prepared to meet the submittal requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-021-0010(1)(v), including providing evidence that the Facility complies with the approval standard in OAR 345-022-0115.

2.0 Wildfire Risk Minimization Procedures

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source;*

In addition to the measures described in this plan, the risk of a wildfire affecting the public safety, first responders, or Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council–protected resources would be minimized by the procedures listed in Table 1.

The Certificate H~~h~~older will contact local fire districts, as well as local emergency management agencies to request and incorporate any input into final Construction WMP, as appropriate, about

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit V, May 16, 2024.

the location and types of temporary fire breaks needed in the event of a fire on or off site. The final WMP shall designate:

- Estimated response times for on-site staff and local emergency service providers (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Protocols for staff or emergency providers to erect or create fire breaks in the event of a fire (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Identify and provide maps of:
    - Primary access points and facility components.
    - Important safety features or hazards such as shut-offs and hazardous material storage areas.
    - Priority areas where fire breaks would be prioritized to protect fires spreading off site or impacting the facility site.

During construction, the C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older or its contractor will work directly with local emergency responders, if available, to compile and maintain a current list of adjacent landowners/property owners with contact information. The final Wildfire Mitigation Plan will identify the best notification procedures of adjacent landowners/property owners to provide to local and regional emergency services for emergency notifications, in the event of an ignition or fire at the facility.

Table 1: Procedures to Minimize Wildfire Risk

Topic	Procedures
Public health and safety	The public will be excluded from the solar array, substation, and battery energy storage system facilities by fencing. Ground-mounted inverters and junction boxes will be surrounded by bollards to minimize inadvertent vehicle/farm equipment collisions with electrical equipment.
First Responders	The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will offer annual training to local first responders. Training will cover the firefighting responses to electrical fires. Response to fires in the facility should focus on controlling spread to adjacent lands. Operational staff will be trained in the use of fire extinguishers for responding to incipient stage fires on site.
Resource Protection	Resources covered by Energy Facility Siting Council standards near the site boundary include agricultural land, shrub steppe habitat, and cultural resources. The existing county roads will form a fire break between fields that will discourage the spread of wildfire between fields into wildlife habitat or cultural resources. ~~According to Exhibit S, within the analysis area there are four cultural resources that are listed or likely eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The four cultural resources include two historic sites, ES-KB-03 and ES-KB-07, and two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes, Sand Hollow Battle Ground and Sisupa. ES-KB-03 is a Dutch barn that was constructed in the late 19th to early 20th century.~~

3.0 Wildfire Risk Assessment

This Plan has been prepared to meet the approval standard under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b), which requires:

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;*

Prior to construction of the facility provide a summary update of wildfire risk at the site as designated under OAR 345-022-0115, if significantly different from Final Order on ASC and the Request for Amendment 1.

4.0 Inspection and Management

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;*

4.1 Vegetation Management

The Certificate Holder and contractor(s) will maintain vegetation within the Site Boundary and will also maintain a defensible space clearance along Facility features. Defensible space will be free of combustible vegetation or other materials. Roads and parking areas will be maintained to be free of vegetation tall enough to contact the undercarriage of the vehicle.

The following best management practices to minimize fire risk from vehicle travel and fueling activities would be implemented at the site during construction:

- The movement of vehicles will be planned and managed to minimize fire risk.
- The contractor(s) will be responsible for identifying and marking paths for all off-road vehicle travel. All off-road vehicle travel will be required to stay on the identified paths. No off-road vehicle travel will be permitted while working alone. Travel off road or parking in vegetated areas will be restricted during fire season.
- Areas with grass that are as tall or taller than the exhaust system of a vehicle must be wetted before vehicles travel through it.
- Workers will be instructed to shut off the engine of any vehicle that gets stuck, and periodically inspect the area adjacent to the exhaust system for evidence of ignition of vegetation. Stuck vehicles will be pulled out rather than “rocked” free and the area will be inspected again after the vehicle has been moved.
- All combustion engines (including but not limited to off road vehicles, chainsaws, and generators) will be equipped with a spark arrester that meets U.S. Forest Service Standard 5100-1.

- The contractor(s) will designate a location for field fueling operations at the temporary construction yards. Any fueling of generators, pumps, etc. shall take place at this location only.
- Fuel containers, if used, shall remain in a vehicle or equipment trailer, parked at a designated location alongside a county right-of-way. No fuel containers shall be in the vehicles that exit the right-of-way except the five-gallon container that is required for the water truck pump.
- Smoking shall only be allowed in designated smoking areas at the Facility.

5.0 Preventative and Minimization Actions for Wildfire Risk

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;

5.1 Preventative Actions

Unless already paved, access roads will be graveled. Facility roads will be sufficiently sized for emergency vehicle access in accordance with 2019 Oregon Fire Code requirements, including Section 503 and Appendix D - Fire Apparatus Access Roads[3]. Specifically, roads will primarily be 10 feet wide in the solar array area with roads up to 20 feet wide near the substation, with an internal turning radius of 28 feet and less than 10 percent grade, or a similar profile depending on siting, to provide access to emergency vehicles. The areas immediately around the O&M buildings, substations, and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present. See Exhibit U[4] for additional discussion of Project fire prevention measures and coordination with local emergency responders.

5.2 Preventative Programs

The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will implement the following programs to minimize fire risk during construction of the Facility, as applicable.

5.2.1 Occupational Safety and Health Act–Compliant Fire Prevention Plan

To assure safe and healthful working conditions under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, all workers, contracting employees, and other personnel performing official duties at the Facility will conduct work under a Fire Prevention Plan that meets applicable portions of 29 CFR 1910.39, 29 CFR 1910.155, and 29 CFR 1910, subpart L. The plan will ensure that:

- Workers are trained in fire prevention, good housekeeping, and use of a fire extinguisher.

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit D, May 16, 2024.
[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit U, May 16, 2024.

- Necessary equipment is available to fight incipient stage fires. Fire beyond incipient stage shall be managed using local fire response organizations.
- Provide necessary safety equipment for handling and storing combustible and flammable material.
- Ensure equipment is maintained to prevent and control sources of ignition.
- Do not allow smoking or open flames in an area where combustible materials are located.
- Implement a Hot Work Procedure program.

5.2.2 Fire Weather Monitoring and Hot Work

Burn probability, expected flame length, and overall risk may increase during periods of the fire season. Personnel on site will monitor Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings. A fire weather watch indicates the potential for weather conducive to large fore spread in the next 12 to 72 hours. A Red Flag Warning is issued when current weather conditions are conducive to large fire growth in the next 24 hours. Personnel monitoring these conditions shall halt work in high risk locations, designated in this plan, and employ additional mitigation measures designated in this plan. Mitigation measures during a Red Flag Warning include, but are not limited to, communicating to on-site staff of the Red Flag Warning, communicating with local fire protection agency personnel of on-going conditions, driving or parking on roads to avoid sparking a fire in grass or brush, and halting construction activities that may increase fire risk such as hot work. All hot work (any cutting, welding, or other activity that creates spark or open flame) must be conducted on roads or on non-combustible surfaces, and fire suppression equipment will be immediately available during hot work activities. Following the completion of hot work, the Certificate Holder or contractor(s) must maintain a fire watch for 60 minutes to monitor for potential ignition.

5.2.3 Emergency Management Plan

The EMP will be prepared prior to construction by the Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ and construction contractor and will contain policies and procedures for preparing for and responding to a range of potential emergencies, including fires. Implementation of the EMP will ensure risks to public health and safety and risks to emergency responders are minimized. Any potential fires inside the solar array will be controlled by trained staff who will be able to access the Facility around the clock. These measures will help keep external fires out or internal fires in. The EMP will cover response procedures that consider the dry nature of the region and address risks on a seasonal basis. The plan will also specify communication channels the Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ intends to pursue with local fire protection agency personnel, for example, a construction kickoff meeting to discuss emergency planning, and invitations to observe any emergency drill conducted at the Facility.

In addition to the emergency responses to be stipulated in the EMP, personnel will be trained on the RACE (Rescue, Alarm,~~,~~ Contain, Extinguish) procedure to implement in the event of a fire start. The RACE procedure includes:

- **Rescue** anyone in danger (if safe to do so);
- **Alarm** – call the control room, who will then determine if 911 should be alerted;
- **Contain** the fire (if safe to do so); and
- **Extinguish** the incipient fire stage (if safe to do so).

Vehicles on-site will carry fire suppression equipment during the fire season. This equipment shall include, at a minimum:

- Fire Extinguisher: Dry chemical, 2.5 or 2.8 pound, 1A-10B: C U/L rating, properly mounted or secured;
- Shovel;
- Collapsible Pail or Backpack Pump: 5-gallon capacity; and
- Drip Can.

Another safety mitigation measure is to have available on site during construction is a water truck, water buffalo, or tank with minimum 500 gallon capacity.

Personnel will receive training on use of suppression equipment. All personnel shall also be equipped with communication equipment capable of reaching the control room from all locations within the site boundary.

6.0 Plan Updates and Modifications

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.

The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will track the industry groups and applicable design standards outlined in Table 2 to identify future technologies or best practices that could be implemented at the Facility.

Table 2: Resources for Future Best Practices

Reference	Description	Method
American Clean Power (ACP)	Industry group that establishes best practices for renewable energy projects	The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ is a member of ACP and participates in best practice development[1].

Reference	Description	Method
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)	National Energy Reliability Corporation develops electrical standards for large energy facilities.	The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will follow NERC Standard FAC-003-0 for its vegetation management program of transmission lines[2], or updates to this standard as approved by NERC.
Oregon Specialty Building Codes (OSBC)	Building codes applicable to inhabitable spaces, including the O&M building and the substation enclosure.	Remodeling to the O&M and enclosure structure that requires permits will follow any updates to the OSBC at that time.
APLIC	Avian protection methods for electrical facility reduce fires related to bird/mammal nests on electrical equipment	The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ is a member of APLIC[3]. An operational wildlife monitoring program will inspect for wildlife nesting on facilities that could cause fire, and take actions following applicable laws (e.g., Migratory Bird Treaty Act).

1. Link to ACP Standards & Practices: https://cleanpower.org/resources/types/standards-and-practices/.
2. NERC FAC-003-0: https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Reliability%20Standards/FAC-003-0.pdf.
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Attachment M: Draft Amended Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 1

Draft Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APLIC	Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~	Sunstone Solar 1, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC
BMP	best management practice
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
Facility	Sunstone Solar Project 1
Li-ion	lithium-ion
MW	megawatt
O&M	operations and maintenance
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
Plan	Wildfire Mitigation Plan
RACE	Rescue, Alarm, Contain, Extinguish
RFA	Request for Amendment
SCADA	supervisory, control, and data acquisition
UL	Underwriters Laboratories

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 1, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct the approved Sunstone Solar Project 1 (Facility), a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate~~with~~ up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal electric generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. ~~In addition to solar arrays, the proposed Facility would include up to 7.2 gigawatt hours of distributed battery storage capacity, an interconnection substation, up to seven collector substations, an operations and maintenance building, and other structures including roads, perimeter fencing, and gates. The Facility is proposed to be sited within an approximately 10,960-acre (17 square mile) site boundary in Morrow County. All land within the proposed site boundary is privately owned and zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.~~ The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan) wa~~i~~s attached to Exhibit V – Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation[2] and updated for Request for Amendment (RFA) 1 (see Attachment 6) which~~that~~ was prepared to meet the submittal requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-021-0010(1)(v), including providing evidence that the Facility complies with the approval standard in OAR 345-022-0115.

2.0 Wildfire Risk Minimization Procedures

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source;*

In addition to the measures described above, the risk of a wildfire affecting the public safety, first responders, or Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council–protected resources would be minimized by the procedures listed in Table 1.

The Certificate H~~h~~older will contact local fire districts, as well as local emergency management agencies to request and incorporate any input into final WMP, as appropriate, about the location

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit V, May 16, 2024.

and types of temporary fire breaks needed in the event of a fire on or off site. The final WMP shall designate:

- Estimated response times for on-site staff and local emergency service providers, (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Protocols for staff or emergency providers to erect or create fire breaks in the event of a fire, (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Identify and provide maps of:
    - Primary access points and facility components.
    - Important safety features or hazards such as shut-offs, battery components, and hazardous material storage areas.
    - Priority areas where fire breaks would be prioritized to protect fires spreading off site or impacting the facility site.

During operation, the C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older or its contractor will work directly with local emergency responders, if available, to compile and maintain a current list of adjacent landowners/property owners with contact information. The final Wildfire Mitigation Plan will identify the best notification procedures of adjacent landowners/property owners to provide to local and regional emergency services for emergency notifications, in the event of an ignition or fire at the facility.

Table 1: Procedures to Minimize Wildfire Risk

Topic	Procedures
Public health and safety	The public will be excluded from the solar array, substation, and battery energy storage system facilities by fencing. Ground-mounted inverters and junction boxes will be surrounded by bollards to minimize inadvertent vehicle/farm equipment collisions with electrical equipment.
First Responders	The C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older will offer annual training to local first responders. Training will cover the firefighting responses to electrical fires and how to safely respond to fires involving BESS components. Response to fires in the facility should focus on controlling spread to adjacent lands. Operational staff will be trained in the use of fire extinguishers for responding to incipient stage fires on site.
Resource Protection	Resources covered by Energy Facility Siting Council standards near the site boundary include agricultural land, shrub steppe habitat, and cultural resources. The existing county roads will form a fire break between fields that will discourage the spread of wildfire between fields into wildlife habitat or cultural resources. ~~According to Exhibit S, within the analysis area there are four cultural resources that are listed or likely eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The four cultural resources include two historic sites, ES-KB-03 and ES-KB-07, and two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes, Sand Hollow Battle Ground and Sisupa. ES-KB-03 is a Dutch barn that was constructed in the late 19th to early 20th century.~~

3.0 Wildfire Risk Assessment Update

This Plan has been prepared to meet the approval standard under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b), which requires:

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;

Prior to operation of the facility provide a summary update of wildfire risk at the site as designated under OAR 345-022-0115.

4.0 Inspection and Management

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;

4.1 Facility Inspections

Facility components will be inspected quarterly. The supervisory, control, and data acquisition (SCADA) system collects operating and performance data from the Facility as a whole and allows remote operation. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will monitor the Facility components, such as the substation and solar arrays, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including shutdown capabilities. These operational monitoring and maintenance measures are also discussed in Section 4.0.

The battery energy storage system may consist of either zinc-based batteries or lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries and will be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules. The modules will be stored on a concrete pad to capture any leaks that may occur. Operations and maintenance (O&M) employees will conduct inspections of the battery energy storage systems according to the manufacturer's recommendations, which are assumed to be monthly inspections.

The zinc-based batteries under consideration for this Facility are non-flammable and tolerate wide temperature ranges. As a result, the manufacturer affirms that they are not anticipated to present a fire hazard and do not require on-site fire suppression systems. Section 2.7.1 of Exhibit B summarizes the information pertinent to fire prevention and control for a Li-ion battery energy storage system, if selected.

Table 2 below provides draft operational inspections for electrical facility components from similar types of facilities. As part of finalizing the final operational WMP, the Certificate Holder~~applicant~~ may update this table as applicable to facility equipment, standards, and inspections.

Table 2: Draft Operational Inspections for Electrical Components

Inspection	Procedure	Standard	Time frame
Solar Inverter	Visual inspection of inverter and surrounding area.	SPCC Plan[1] Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations	Monthly SPCC Bi-annual Preventative Maintenance

Inspection	Procedure	Standard	Time frame
Substation	Visual inspection of MPT, Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC) measures, and surrounding area.	Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations APLIC[2]	Monthly Yearly (APLIC)
BESS	Visual inspection of BESS, PCS, and surrounding areas	SPCC Plan Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations	Monthly
Overhead electrical lines	Visual inspection of components, grounding, APLIC measures, vertical clearance distance between conductor and vegetation.	National Energy reliability Corporation (NERC)[3] APLIC	Bi-annual
1. The Operational Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan for the facility will require these components to be inspected monthly for spills. During these inspections, Operational Staff will also visually inspect the component and surrounding area. 2. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will develop an inspection checklist and program of electrical equipment based on manufacturer's recommendations for individual components. 3. Vegetation maintenance standard FAC-003-0 .			

4.2 Vegetation Management

Vegetation within areas temporarily disturbed during construction of the Facility, as well as revegetation of areas within the solar array fence line area, will be revegetated as outlined in the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4[3]; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). As noted in the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, areas within the solar array fence line area will be revegetated with a mixture of low-growing grasses and forbs which would be compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). In addition, vegetation within the solar array fence line area will be managed as needed to reduce fuels for fire. This would include mowing vegetation under solar panels periodically, if required. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will also maintain a 5-foot noncombustible, defensible space clearance along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary. Defensible space will be free of combustible vegetation or other materials. Roads and parking areas will be maintained to be free of vegetation tall enough to contact the undercarriage of the vehicle.

A physical vegetation survey assessment of the fenced area will be completed at least twice a year to monitor for vegetation clearances, maintain fire breaks, as applicable, and monitor for wildfire hazards. One of the vegetation survey assessments will occur in May or June, prior to the start of the dry season, a time when wildfire risk begins to become heightened. The survey will be conducted by the Site Operations Manager and will be used to assess the frequency of any upcoming vegetation maintenance required and identify areas that may need additional attention. The Site

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

Operations Manager will visually assess and document vegetation height, abundance, and areas where vegetation should not be present such as crushed rock bed around collector substations. The vegetation survey assessment will determine that clearances and fire breaks (vegetative clearance areas and areas determined to remain clear to act as permanent fire breaks or areas where temporary fire breaks may be deployed in the event of a fire) are satisfactory, and if not, the mitigation procedures will be implemented (e.g., vegetation management) to ensure clearances and fire breaks are satisfactory The vegetation survey will document::

- Location of observations
- Species
- Estimated growth rate
- Abundance
- Clearance / Setbacks
- Risk of fire hazard

Additional vegetation surveys may be required throughout the season based on seasonally heightened fire risk. Vegetation Maintenance procedures and BMPs will be followed during operation of the Facility to ensure that vegetation does not grow in a manner that blocks or reduces solar radiation reaching the solar panels and reduce the risk of starting a fire. Vegetation control will employ best management practices (BMPs) and techniques that are most appropriate for the local environment. BMPs may include physical vegetation control such as mowing. Noxious weeds within the site boundary will be controlled in accordance with the Noxious Weed Control Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). Efforts will be made to minimize the use of herbicides and only herbicides approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Oregon Department of Agriculture will be used. Herbicides used for vegetation management of the site will be selected and used in a manner that fully complies with all applicable laws and regulations.

Vegetation within the fence line and below the solar arrays will be maintained to a height of 18 inches and provide a minimum of 24-inch clear distance to any exposed electrical cables. Exposed electrical wires should be running under the solar panels at the midpoint or higher than the center of the panel. The areas immediately around the O&M buildings, substations, and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present.

Ongoing vegetation management to ensure that vegetation does not grow in these graveled areas is outlined in Table 3.

Table 3. Vegetation Management Procedures by Facility Component

Vegetation Management	Procedure	Standard	Time Frame
Solar Inverter	Herbicide application on gravel pad around inverter to prevent vegetation growth.	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 80[1] National Electrical Code (NEC) 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Substation	Herbicide application on substation gravel pad. Highly compacted gravel foundations of substation are not suitable for vegetation.	IEEE 80[1] NEC 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Battery energy storage system	Herbicide application on gravel pad surrounding the battery energy storage system. Highly compacted gravel foundations of the battery energy storage system are not suitable for vegetation.	IEEE 80[1] NEC 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Overhead electrical lines	Mow vegetation to achieve clearance requirements between conductor and ground.	North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)[3]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
1. IEEE (2015) 2. NFPA (2023) 3. NERC (2009)			

5.0 Preventative and Minimization Actions for Wildfire Risk

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;

5.1 Preventative Actions and Design Features

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will minimize risk of operation of the facility causing wildfire by implementing a number of systems and procedures. During O&M activities, these will include requirements to conduct welding or metal cutting only in areas cleared of vegetation, and maintaining emergency firefighting equipment on-site. Employees will keep vehicles on roads and off dry grassland when feasible during the dry months of the year, unless such activities are required for emergency purposes, in which case fire precautions will be observed. Fire extinguishers and shovels will be kept in all vehicles. On-site employees will also receive training on fire prevention and response and have on-site fire extinguishers to respond to small fires. In the event of a large fire, emergency responders will be dispatched.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will minimize risk of Facility components causing wildfire through preventative actions. In the design of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement

the design considerations and best practices outlined in Table 4 to minimize electrical fire risk from facility components.

Table 4. Design Considerations for Fire Safety by Facility Component

Consideration	Inverter	Substation	Battery Energy Storage System	Overhead Lines
Electrical connections by qualified electricians	X	X	X	X
Inspections for mechanical integrity prior to energizations	X	X	X	X
Lighting protection	X	X	X	X
Corrosion protection	X	X	X	X
Strain relief of connecting cabling	X	X	X	X
Protection against moisture	X	X	X	X
Grounding systems	X	X	X	X
Safety setback from structures	X[1]	X[1]	X[1]	X[2]
Technology specific design standards	X[3]	X[4]	X[5]	X[3]

1. Graveled inside structure's perimeter fence with additional 3-foot gravel setback outside of structure's perimeter fence
2. Vertical and horizontal clearances from structures depends on voltage of conductor.
3. NFPA 70 (.NFPA 2023).
4. IEEE 979 (IEEE 2012).
5. NFPA 1, Chapter 52 (NFPA 2021).

During Facility operations, the areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire include the solar array areas. The solar array areas will have low-growing vegetation maintained below the solar arrays during the operational period of the Facility. Measures for reducing the risk of fire ignition and reducing the risk of equipment damage were a wildfire to occur are discussed further in Section 3.0, including the Facility's vegetation management program (see Section 3.2), and through the emergency response procedures that will be described in the Emergency Management Plan (EMP). The EMP will be developed for the Facility and is outlined below in Section 4.2.5. The collector substation area, transformer pads, and the permanent, fenced parking and storage area will have reduced risk for fire due to the fact that these areas will have a gravel base with no vegetation within a 10-foot perimeter to reduce fire risk.

The Facility components will meet National Electrical Code and Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers standards and will not pose a significant fire risk. The solar array will have shielded electrical cabling, as required by applicable code, to prevent electrical fires. In addition, the collector system and substation will have redundant surge arrestors to deactivate the Facility during unusual operational events that could start fires. The collector substation ~~and the switchyard~~ will have also sufficient spacing between equipment to prevent the spread of fire.

Unless already paved, access roads will be graveled. Facility roads will be sufficiently sized for emergency vehicle access in accordance with 2019 Oregon Fire Code requirements, including

Section 503 and Appendix D - Fire Apparatus Access Roads. Specifically, roads will primarily be 10 feet wide in the solar array area with roads up to 20 feet wide near the substation, with an internal turning radius of 28 feet and less than 10 percent grade, or a similar profile depending on siting, to provide access to emergency vehicles. A 5-foot noncombustible, defensible space clearance along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary will be maintained. The areas immediately around the O&M buildings, substations, and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present. See Exhibit U for additional discussion of Project fire prevention measures and coordination with local emergency responders. Vegetation free areas such as gravel pads or base and facility perimeter and interior roads act as a permanent fire break which could minimize the spread of fires on site or impacts from an external wildfire.

Smoke/fire detectors will be placed around the site that will be tied to the SCADA system and will contact local firefighting services. This communication system allows each solar string, battery energy storage system, and substation to be monitored by a SCADA system, accessed through both the SCADA control room in the substations or remotely. This system monitors these components for variables such as meteorological conditions, critical operating parameters, and power output. The solar array is controlled and monitored via the SCADA system~~,~~ and can be controlled remotely. SCADA software is tuned specifically to the needs of each project by the solar module manufacturer or a third-party SCADA vendor. This system will be monitored 24/7 by a remote operations center.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes to construct either a direct current–coupled distributed battery energy storage system (located throughout the solar array fence line area at the inverter and transformer sites) or alternating current–coupled battery energy storage system (concentrated in a single location within the solar array fence~~ line area~~). The system as a whole will use a series of self-contained containers located within the solar array fence line area. The containers may have their own additional fencing, to be determined prior to construction. Each container will be placed on a concrete foundation. Regardless of the battery technology selected, the containers are estimated to require up to 0.2 to 0.4 acre each with a total of 2,491~~14,946~~ containers. Each container is rated for outdoor environments and holds the batteries and a battery management system.

The Facility will use either Li-ion batteries or zinc batteries to store up to ~~1,~~200 MW alternating current of power over a 6-hour discharge duration (1~~7~~,200 megawatt-hours alternating current) (ASC Exhibit C, Figure C-2[4]).

The zinc-based batteries under consideration for this Facility are non-flammable and tolerate wide temperature ranges. As a result, the manufacturer affirms that they are not anticipated to present a fire hazard and do not require on-site fire suppression systems. Additionally, zinc batteries will have fans and a heating unit for climate control.

The following paragraphs summarize the information pertinent to fire prevention and control for a Li-ion battery energy storage system, if selected. The chemicals used in Li-ion batteries are generally nontoxic but do present a flammability hazard. Li-ion systems would also include a fire

[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit C, May 16, 2024.

prevention system and cooling units placed either on top of the containers or along the side. Li-ion batteries are susceptible to overheating and typically require cooling systems dedicated to each battery energy storage system enclosure, especially at the utility scale (Jeevarajan et al. 2022). The gas released by an overheating Li-ion cell is mainly carbon dioxide but may also include carbon monoxide, methane, ethylene, and propylene (Jeevarajan et al. 2022).

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following fire prevention and control methods to minimize fire and safety risks for the Li-ion batteries proposed for the battery energy storage system:

- The batteries will be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules.
- Ample working space will be provided around the battery energy storage system for maintenance and safety purposes.
- Off-site, 24-hour monitoring of the battery energy storage system will be implemented and will include shutdown capabilities.
- Transportation of Li-ion batteries is subject to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 173.185 – Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration. This regulation contains requirements for prevention of a dangerous evolution of heat; prevention of short circuits; prevention of damage to the terminals; and prevention of batteries coming into contact with other batteries or conductive materials. Adherence to the requirements and regulations, personnel training, safe interim storage, and segregation from other potential waste streams will minimize any public hazard related to transport, use, or disposal of batteries.
- Design of the battery energy storage system will be in accordance with applicable Underwriters Laboratories (UL; specifically, 1642, 1741, 1973, 9540A), National Electric Code, and National Fire Protection Association (specifically 855) standards, which require rigorous industry testing and certification related to fire safety and/or other regulatory requirements applicable to battery storage at the time of construction.
- Additionally, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ the following design practices, as applicable to the available technology and design at time of construction:
    - Use of Li-ion phosphate battery chemistry that does not release oxygen when it decomposes due to temperature;
    - Employment of an advanced and proven battery management system;
    - Qualification testing of battery systems in accordance with UL 9540A (UL Solutions 2025~~3~~);
    - Employment of Fike fire control panels with 24-hour battery backup at every battery container;

- Installation of fire sensors, smoke and hydrogen detectors, alarms, emergency ventilation systems, cooling systems, and aerosol fire suppression/extinguishing systems in every battery container;
- Installation of doors that are equipped with a contact that will shut down the battery container if opened;
- Installation of fire extinguishing and thermal insulation sheets between each individual battery cell;
- Implementation of locks and fencing to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel;
- Installation of remote power disconnect switches; and
- Clear and visible signs to identify remote power disconnect switches.

5.2 Preventative Programs

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following programs to minimize fire risk during operations of the Facility.

5.2.1 Occupational Safety and Health Act–Compliant Fire Prevention Plan

To assure safe and healthful working conditions under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, all workers, contracting employees, and other personnel performing official duties at the Facility will conduct work under a Fire Prevention Plan that meets applicable portions of 29 CFR 1910.39, 29 CFR 1910.155, and 29 CFR 1910, subpart L. The plan will ensure that:

- Workers are trained in fire prevention, good housekeeping, and use of a fire extinguisher.
- Necessary equipment is available to fight incipient stage fires. Fire beyond incipient stage shall be managed using local fire response organizations.
- Provide necessary safety equipment for handling and storing combustible and flammable material.
- Ensure equipment is maintained to prevent and control sources of ignition.
- Do not allow smoking or open flames in an area where combustible materials are located.
- Implement a Hot Work Procedure program.

5.2.2 Electrical Safety Program

All operational workers will be trained in electrical safety and the specific hazards of the Facility. This training will address:

- Minimum experience requirements to work on different types of electrical components;
- Electrical equipment testing and troubleshooting;
- Switching system;

- Provisions for entering high voltage areas (e.g., substation);
- Minimum approach distances; and
- Required personal protective equipment.

5.2.3 Lock Out/Tag Out Program

During maintenance activities, electrical equipment will be de-energized and physically locked or tagged in the de-energized positions to inadvertent events that could result in arc flash.

5.2.4 Fire Weather Monitoring and Hot Work

Burn probability, expected flame length, and overall risk may increase during periods of the fire season. Personnel on site will monitor Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings. A fire weather watch indicates the potential for weather conducive to large fire spread in the next 12 to 72 hours. A Red Flag Warning is issued when current weather conditions are conducive to large fire growth in the next 24 hours. Personnel monitoring these conditions shall halt work in high-risk locations, as designated in this plan, and employ additional mitigation measures designated in this plan. Mitigation measures during a Red Flag Warning include, but are not limited to, communicating to on-site staff of the Red Flag Warning, communicating with local fire protection agency personnel of on-going conditions, driving or parking on roads to avoid sparking a fire in grass or brush, and halting construction activities that may increase fire risk such as hot work. All hot work (any cutting, welding, or other activity that creates spark or open flame) must be conducted on roads or on non-combustible surfaces, and fire suppression equipment will be immediately available during hot work activities. Following the completion of hot work, the Certificate Holder or contractor(s) must maintain a fire watch for 60 minutes to monitor for potential ignition.

5.2.5 Emergency Management Plan

Emergency Management will cover response procedures that consider the dry nature of the region and address risks on a seasonal basis. The final WMP will specify communication channels the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder intends to pursue with local fire protection agency personnel, for example, annual meetings to discuss emergency planning, protocols for how to respond to electrical fires and safely respond to a fire involving BESS components, and invitations to observe any emergency drill conducted at the Facility.

At the beginning of Facility operations, a copy of the site plan indicating the arrangement of the Facility structures, access points, and fire breaks will be provided to the local fire district.

Personnel will be trained on the RACE (Rescue, Alarm~~,~~, Contain, Extinguish) procedure to implement in the event of a fire start. The RACE procedure includes:

- **Rescue** anyone in danger (if safe to do so);
- **Alarm** – call the control room, who will then determine if 911 should be alerted;

- **Contain** the fire (if safe to do so); and
- **Extinguish** the incipient fire stage (if safe to do so).

Vehicles on-site will carry fire suppression equipment during the fire season. This equipment shall include, at a minimum:

- Fire Extinguisher: Dry chemical, 2.5 or 2.8 pound, 1A-10B: C U/L rating, properly mounted or secured;
- Shovel;
- Collapsible Pail or Backpack Pump: 5-gallon capacity; and
- Drip Can.

During times of heightened wildfire risk, a water truck, water buffalo, or tank with minimum 500 gallon capacity will be stationed at the site during operations and maintenance activities.

Personnel will receive training on use of suppression equipment. All personnel shall also be equipped with communication equipment capable of reaching the control room from all locations within the amended site boundary.

6.0 Plan Updates and Modifications

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.*

This Plan will be updated by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder every 5 years. Updates to this Plan will account for changes in local fire protection agency personnel and changes in best practices for minimizing and mitigating fire risk. It is recommended to consult with Morrow County, the local fire department, and the Morrow County Emergency Manager.

After each 5-year review, a copy of the updated plans will be provided to the Oregon Department of Energy with the annual compliance report required under OAR 345-026-008(2).

Every 5 years, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will review wildfire risk and update this Plan for the site boundary. Evaluation of wildfire risk will be consistent with the requirements of OAR 345-022-0115(1) using current data from reputable sources.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may consider revisions to this Plan at its sole discretion to incorporate future best practices or emerging technology depending on whether the new technology is cost effective and suitable for the site conditions. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will track the industry groups and applicable design standards outlined in Table 5 to identify future technologies or best practices that could be implemented at the Facility.

Table 5. Resources for Future Best Practices

Reference	Description	Method
American Clean Power (ACP)	Industry group that establishes best practices for renewable energy projects	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is a member of ACP and participates in best practice development[1].
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)	National Energy Reliability Corporation develops electrical standards for large energy facilities.	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will follow NERC Standard FAC-003-0 for its vegetation management program of transmission lines[2], or updates to this standard as approved by NERC.
Oregon Specialty Building Codes (OSBC)	Building codes applicable to inhabitable spaces, including the O&M building and the substation enclosure.	Remodeling to the O&M and enclosure structure that requires permits will follow any updates to the OSBC at that time.
APLIC	Avian protection methods for electrical facility reduce fires related to bird/mammal nests on electrical equipment	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is a member of APLIC[3]. An operational wildlife monitoring program will inspect for wildlife nesting on facilities that could cause fire, and take actions following applicable laws (e.g., Migratory Bird Treaty Act).

1. Link to ACP Standards & Practices: https://cleanpower.org/resources/types/standards-and-practices/.
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Attachment O: Decommissioning Cost Estimate and Assumptions

Estimate Summary
TETRA TECH, INC.
Job Code: Sunstone solar
Description: Decommissioning Estimate

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1	1.00	Lump Sum	SUNSTONE SOLAR RETIREMENT - PHASE 1	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	24,197,939.27	24,197,939.27
1.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Equipment & Facilities Mob / Demob	0.10	Detail	U.S. Dollar	218,136.80	218,136.80
1.1.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Equipment Mob	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	81,200.00	81,200.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UERNTRLG	Rental Equip Transp-Large		8.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	10,000.00	80,000.00
UERNTRSM	Rental Equip Transp-Small		8.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	150.00	1,200.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.1.2	1.00	Lump Sum	Site Facilities	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,200.00	2,200.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UOCONMOB	Connex Box Mob		2.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	300.00	600.00
UOTRLTRN	Trailer Trnsp/Setup/Trdwn		2.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,600.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.1.3	5.00	Day	Crew Mob & Site Setup	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	13,473.68	67,368.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,000.00	20.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	46,970.00
L010101	OPERATOR	400.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	20,398.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.1.4	5.00	Day	Crew Demob & Site Cleanup	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	13,473.68	67,368.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,000.00	20.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	46,970.00
L010101	OPERATOR	400.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	20,398.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.2	4.00	Month	Project Site Support	0.05	Detail	U.S. Dollar	71,469.70	285,878.80
1.2.1	4.00	Month	Site Facilities	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,755.00	7,020.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
URCONNEX	Connex Box		8.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	150.00	1,200.00
UROFFTRL	Office Trailer -12x60		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	500.00	2,000.00
UO1STAID	1st Aid Supplies		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	300.00	1,200.00
UOOFFSUP	Office Supplies($/prs/mo)		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	55.00	220.00
URPRTAJH	Port-a-John Unit(s) (4)		8.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	300.00	2,400.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.2.2	4.00	Month	Field Management	0.05	Detail	U.S. Dollar	69,714.70	278,858.80

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L90FXX02	Field - Proj Superintendent	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	114.95	101,156.00
RPUTRK05	F-250 4X4 3/4 TON PICKUP	2,640.00	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	11.07	29,211.60
L90FEL00	Field - Engr. Tech	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	64.24	56,531.20
L90FXX03	Field - SHSO	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	104.50	91,960.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.3	1.00	Each	Substation Retirement	0.03	Detail	U.S. Dollar	214,103.31	214,103.31
1.3.1	1.00	Day	Fence Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.3.2	1.00	Each	Transformer Removal	0.17	Detail	U.S. Dollar	102,309.50	102,309.50
1.3.2.1	1.00	Each	Oil Removal & Disposal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	66,314.40	66,314.40

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.3.2.1.1	1.00	Each	Oil Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	939.40	939.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	20.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	939.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.3.2.1.2	16,000.00	Gallon	Oil Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4.00	64,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		64,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	64,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.3.2.1.3	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,375.00	1,375.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,375.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,375.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.3.2.2	1.00	Each	Dismantle & Loadout Transformer	0.20	Detail	U.S. Dollar	35,995.10	35,995.10
1.3.2.2.1	1.00	Each	Dismantle, Cut & Size	0.20	Detail	U.S. Dollar	29,995.10	29,995.10

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	200.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	9,394.00
L010101	OPERATOR	100.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	50.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	6,226.75
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	50.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	9,274.75

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.3.2.2.2	4.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	6,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		6,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	6,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.3.3	1.00	Each	Remove Control Building	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,612.51	2,612.51
1.3.3.1	1.00	Each	Demo	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,112.51	1,112.51

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	234.85
L010101	OPERATOR	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	254.98
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	622.68

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.3.3.2	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.3.4	1.00	Day	UG Utility & Ground Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.3.5	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	28,045.10
1.3.5.1	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation - Various Depth	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	15,516.50

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	1,677.50
L010101	OPERATOR	71.43	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	3,642.57
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	5,748.75

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	4,447.68

1.3.5.2	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	12,528.60

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	7,429.00
L080940	TEAMSTER	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60

1.3.6	1.00	Each	Misc. Material Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,900.00	2,900.00
1.3.6.1	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00

1.3.6.2	20.00	Ton	Disposal Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,400.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,400.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,400.00

1.3.7	1.00	Each	Restore Yard	0.09	Detail	U.S. Dollar	75,612.19	75,612.19
1.3.7.1	7.30	Acre	Remove Aggregate / Backfill / Regrade	1.60	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,062.47	15,056.05

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	91.25	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	4,286.01
L010101	OPERATOR	91.25	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	4,653.39
REXCAV06B	Gradall - Excavator	45.63	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	75.73	3,455.12
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	45.63	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	2,661.53

1.3.7.2	2,000.00	Cubic Yard	Vegetative Cover	300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	27.36	54,716.13
1.3.7.2.1	2,000.00	Cubic Yard	Topsoil, Delivered	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	20.00	40,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
IMSOIL	Topsoil		2,000.00	Cubic Yard	U.S. Dollar	20.00	40,000.00

1.3.7.2.2	2,000.00	Cubic Yard	Placement	300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7.36	14,716.13

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	133.33	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	6,799.47
RDOZER08	CAT D6N XL	133.33	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	59.38	7,916.67

1.3.7.3	7.30	Acre	Re-Seed With Native Vegetation	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800.00	5,840.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLANDSCAPE	Landscape Sub		7.30	Acre	U.S. Dollar	800.00	5,840.00

1.4	1.00	Lump Sum	Transmission Line Retirement	0.02	Detail	U.S. Dollar	298,438.33	298,438.33
1.4.1	31.00	Each	Structure Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4,785.16	148,339.96
1.4.1.1	31.00	Each	Cut / Lower Structure	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,916.53	59,412.43

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	620.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	29,121.40
L010101	OPERATOR	155.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	7,904.38
*RXMISC14	MAN LIFT GAS 125ft	155.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	53.52	8,295.60
*RXMISC23	GROVE RT 200 TON	155.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	90.91	14,091.05

1.4.1.2	31.00	Each	Cut / Size Structure & Loadout	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,118.63	65,677.53

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	930.00	6.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	43,682.10

Cost Item

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

L010101	OPERATOR	155.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	7,904.38
*RXMISC23	GROVE RT 200 TON	155.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	90.91	14,091.05

1.4.1.3	15.50	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	23,250.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		23,250.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	23,250.00

Notes: **
Assume 9 ton per steel structure and cable span
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1.4.2	31.00	Each	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	0.98	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4,841.88	150,098.37
1.4.2.1	31.00	Each	Excavate / Remove Foundation - Various Depth	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4,814.32	149,243.92

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	620.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	29,121.40
L010101	OPERATOR	620.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	31,617.52
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	310.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	49,899.15
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	310.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	38,605.85

1.4.2.2	51.15	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	75.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	16.70	854.45

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	6.82	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	506.66
L080940	TEAMSTER	6.82	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	347.79

1.5	1.00	Lump Sum	Collector Line Retirement	0.07	Detail	U.S. Dollar	46,946.45	46,946.45
1.5.1	5,850.00	Linear Feet	Conductor Removal	585.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	5.50	32,154.10
1.5.1.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Cut / Lower Cable, Size & Loadout	0.10	Detail	U.S. Dollar	31,404.10	31,404.10

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	400.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	18,788.00
L010101	OPERATOR	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60
*RXMISC14	MAN LIFT GAS 125ft	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	53.52	5,352.00
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	2,164.50

1.5.1.2	0.50	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	750.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		750.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	750.00

1.5.2	26.00	Each	Utility Pole Removal	5.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	568.94	14,792.35
1.5.2.1	26.00	Each	Cut / Lower Pole	10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	191.78	4,986.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	52.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	2,442.44
L010101	OPERATOR	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,325.90
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	1,217.84

1.5.2.2	26.00	Each	Size & Loadout	10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	191.78	4,986.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	52.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	2,442.44
L010101	OPERATOR	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,325.90
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	1,217.84

1.5.2.3	2.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	3,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		3,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	3,000.00

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.5.2.4	26.00	Ton	Disposal Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,820.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,820.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,820.00

Notes: **

Assumption: 101 poles x 2000' per pole

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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.6	1.00	Each	O&M Building Removal	0.21	Detail	U.S. Dollar	27,418.75	27,418.75
1.6.1	40.00	Ton	Structure Demo	10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	505.96	20,238.48

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	40.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	4,981.40
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	40.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	7,419.80
L010101	OPERATOR	80.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	4,079.68
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	80.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	3,757.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.6.2	50.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	71.43	Detail	U.S. Dollar	35.61	1,780.27
1.6.2.1	50.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation - Various Depth	250.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	17.38	868.92

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	2.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	93.94
L010101	OPERATOR	4.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	203.98
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	2.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	321.93
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	2.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	249.07

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.6.2.2	50.00	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	18.23	911.35

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	371.45
L080940	TEAMSTER	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	254.98
L010101	OPERATOR	2.50	0.50	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	127.49
RFELWH09	CAT 966F LOADER, 4.25CY	2.50	0.50	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	62.97	157.43

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.6.3	40.00	Ton	Material T&D	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	135.00	5,400.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		2,600.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	2,600.00
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		2,800.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	2,800.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.7	1,200.00	MW	DC Storage Retirement	2.47	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,148.02	3,777,627.74
1.7.1	1,200.00	MW	Battery Removal & Disposal	5.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,044.07	2,452,881.60
1.7.1.1	240.00	Day	Remove Batteries, Load For Transport	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,251.10	780,264.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	14,400.00	6.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	676,368.00
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	4,800.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	103,896.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.7.1.2	396.00	Each	Transport Batteries	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,605.60	635,817.60
1.7.1.2.1	396.00	Each	Roll Off Liners	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	105.60	41,817.60

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODCLINER	Rolloff Liner		396.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	105.60	41,817.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.7.1.2.2	396.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	594,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		594,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	594,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.7.1.3	5,184.00	Ton	Disposal Fee's	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	200.00	1,036,800.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,036,800.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,036,800.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.7.2	1,200.00	MW	Structure & Components Removal	4.90	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,103.96	1,324,746.14
1.7.2.1	120.00	Day	Refrigerant Recovery	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,207.80	144,936.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010110	Craft - MEP	2,400.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	60.39	144,936.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.7.2.2	3,936.00	Ton	Structure Demo	43.33	Detail	U.S. Dollar	116.76	459,569.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	908.31	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	113,116.10
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	908.31	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	168,486.54
L010101	OPERATOR	1,816.62	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	92,640.12
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,816.62	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	85,326.42

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.7.2.3	396.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,375.00	544,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		544,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	544,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.7.2.4	105,000.00	Gallon	Glycol Recovery & Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.00	105,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLIQUID	Liquids T&D		105,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	105,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.7.2.5	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	70,740.96
1.7.2.5.1	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	39,138.82

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	4,231.33
L010101	OPERATOR	180.17	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	9,188.02
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	14,500.65
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	11,218.82

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.7.2.5.2	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	31,602.14

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	252.24	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	18,738.91
L080940	TEAMSTER	252.24	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	12,863.23

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.8	1.00	Lump Sum	Solar Array Retirement	0.01	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7,950,255.65	7,950,255.65
1.8.1	83,952.00	Linear Feet	Fence Removal	5,124.80	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.31	110,061.34
1.8.1.1	83,952.00	Linear Feet	Fence Removal	5,124.80	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.04	87,561.34

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	491.45	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	25,061.76
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	982.89	6.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	46,166.39
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	491.45	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	16,333.19

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.8.1.2	15.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	22,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		22,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	22,500.00

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.8.2	656,256.00	Each	Solar Panel Removal & Disposal	10,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7.17	4,708,588.14
1.8.2.1	656,256.00	Each	Solar Panel Removal	10,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3.07	2,017,928.14

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	6,562.56	10.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	142,046.61
L010101	OPERATOR	6,562.56	10.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	334,664.31
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	32,812.80	50.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	1,541,217.22

Notes: **
Assumed production: 20 panels per laborer per hour,
Includes packaging and preparing for shipment offsite.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.8.2.2	875.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,312,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,312,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,312,500.00

Notes: **************************************
Assumption: 45,000 lbs per load
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.8.2.3	19,688.00	Ton	Recycling Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,378,160.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,378,160.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,378,160.00

Notes: **
Assumption: 60 lbs each
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.8.3	1.00	Lump Sum	Solar Rack (Trackers) & Post Removal	0.01	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,131,606.18	3,131,606.18
1.8.3.1	10,938.00	Each	Solar Rack (Trackers) & Post Removal	160.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	252.98	2,767,106.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10,938.00	16.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	557,794.25
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10,938.00	16.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	513,757.86
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	5,469.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	681,081.92
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	5,469.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	1,014,472.16

Notes: ***
Assumed production: .5 hour per rack per crew. Crew to include
1 excavator w/shear, 1 excavator w/grapple, 2 operators and 2
laborers. Includes post removal and sizing of steel for sale as scrap,
and loadout to haul trucks.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.8.3.2	243.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	364,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		364,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	364,500.00

Notes: **************************************
Assumption: 45,000 lbs per load
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.9	54.00	Each	Inverter / Transformer Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,143.21	169,733.07
1.9.1	54.00	Each	Disconnect Electrical	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	592.13	31,974.75

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010110	Craft - MEP	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	60.39	16,305.30
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	12,681.90
RPUTRK05	F-250 4X4 3/4 TON PICKUP	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	11.07	2,987.55

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.9.2	54.00	Each	Loadout Inverter & Transformer	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,051.08	56,758.32

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Cost Item							
CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	540.00	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	25,363.80
L010101	OPERATOR	270.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	13,768.92
RHYDCR06	GROVE RT880 73 TON	270.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	65.28	17,625.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.9.3	54.00 Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	81,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		81,000.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	81,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.10	105,665.00 Cubic Yard	Remove Inverter / Transformer / BESS Foundations	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	2,963,385.49
1.10.1	105,665.00 Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	1,639,550.97

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	3,773.75	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	177,253.04
L010101	OPERATOR	7,547.50	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	384,892.31
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	3,773.75	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	607,441.67
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	3,773.75	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	469,963.96

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.10.2	105,665.00 Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	1,323,834.52

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	10,566.50	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	784,985.29
L080940	TEAMSTER	10,566.50	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	538,849.23

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.11	1.00 Lump Sum	Site Restoration - Partial Site Seeding	0.02	Detail	U.S. Dollar	607,907.45	607,907.45
1.11.1	39,960.00 Linear Feet	Site Roads - Removal & Restoration	5,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.63	65,240.05

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	319.68	4.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	18,648.53
L010101	OPERATOR	559.44	7.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	28,529.20
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	159.84	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	11,874.51
*RFELWH08C	CAT 980 LOADER	79.92	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	77.43	6,187.81

Notes: ************************************
Assume topsoil for restoration available onsite.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.11.2	8.00 Each	Remove CONEX Storage & Gravel Pads	6.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	750.46	6,003.65
1.11.2.1	8.00 Each	Remove & Load CONEX	12.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	81.53	652.24

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	339.97
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	312.27

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.11.2.2	8.00 Each	Remove CONEX Gravel Pads	12.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	168.93	1,351.41

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	339.97
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	495.27
*RFELWH08C	CAT 980 LOADER	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	77.43	516.17

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.11.2.3	8.00 Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	500.00	4,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		4,000.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	4,000.00

Notes: **
Assumption: CONEX containers will be accepted locally
for re-use, and will only require local transport
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Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.11.3	500.00	Acre	Spot Grade Disturbed Areas	16.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	273.33	136,663.75

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	1,250.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	72,918.75
L010101	OPERATOR	1,250.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	63,745.00

Notes: ***
Assume that 35% of the area distrubed by construction
will be regraded.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.11.4	500.00	Acre	Re-Seed With Native Vegetation - Roads & Areas Disturbed By Construction	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800.00	400,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLANDSCAPE	Landscape Sub		500.00	Acre	U.S. Dollar	800.00	400,000.00

Notes: ***
Assume that 35% of the area distrubed by construction
will be re-seeded.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.12	1.00	Lump Sum	Contractor Markups	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,438,465.05	3,438,465.05
1.12.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Home Office, Project Management (5% Of Cost)	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	829,991.60	829,991.60

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USMARKUP5	5% Markup		16,599,832.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.05	829,991.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.12.2	1.00	Lump Sum	Contractor OH & Fee (15% Of Cost)	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,608,473.45	2,608,473.45

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USMARKUP	15% Markup		17,389,823.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.15	2,608,473.45

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.13	1.00	Lump Sum	ODOE Applied Contingencies	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4,199,642.37	4,199,642.37
1.13.1	1.00	Lump Sum	1% Performance Bond	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	199,982.97	199,982.97

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE1	ODOE 1% Markup		19,998,297.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.01	199,982.97

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.13.2	1.00	Lump Sum	10% Administrative and Project Management	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,999,829.70	1,999,829.70

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE2	ODOE 10% Markup		19,998,297.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.10	1,999,829.70

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.13.3	1.00	Lump Sum	10% Future Development Contingency	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,999,829.70	1,999,829.70

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE2	ODOE 10% Markup		19,998,297.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.10	1,999,829.70

Report Total:	24,197,939.27

Category	Total
Labor	5,924,349.16
Rented Equipment	4,510,050.09
Supplies	43,237.60
Materials	40,000.00
Subcontract	9,373,460.05
Travel-Risk-Adj	105,000.00
ODCs	4,201,842.37

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ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

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Attachments

1.0 Introduction and Site Certification

This site certificate is a binding agreement between the State of Oregon (State), acting through the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council), and Sunstone Solar 2, LLC (certificate holder), owned by Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (parent company). Both the State and certificate holder must abide by local ordinances, state law, and the rules of the Council in effect on the date this site certificate is executed. However, upon a clear showing of a significant threat to public health, safety, or the environment that requires application of later-adopted laws or rules, the Council may require compliance with such later-adopted laws or rules (ORS 469.401(2)).

This site certificate binds the State and all counties, cities and political subdivisions in Oregon as to the approval of the site and the construction, operation, and retirement of the facility as to matters that are addressed in and governed by this site certificate (ORS 469.401(3)). Each affected state agency, county, city, and political subdivision in Oregon with authority to issue a permit, license, or other approval addressed in or governed by this site certificate, shall upon submission of the proper application and payment of the proper fees, but without hearings or other proceedings, issue such permit, license or other approval subject only to conditions set forth in this site certificate. In addition, each state agency or local government agency that issues a permit, license or other approval for this facility shall continue to exercise enforcement authority over such permit, license or other approval (ORS 469.401(3)). For those permits, licenses, or other approvals addressed in and governed by this site certificate, the certificate holder shall comply with applicable state and federal laws adopted in the future to the extent that such compliance is required under the respective state agency statutes and rules (ORS 469.401(2)).

This site certificate does not address, and is not binding with respect to, matters that are not included in and governed by this site certificate, and such matters include, but are not limited to: employee health and safety; building code compliance; wage and hour or other labor regulations; local government fees and charges; other design or operational issues that do not relate to siting the facility (ORS 469.401(4)); and permits issued under statutes and rules for which the decision on compliance has been delegated by the federal government to a state agency other than the Council (ORS 469.503(3)).

The obligation of the certificate holder to report information to the Department or the Council under the conditions listed in this site certificate is subject to the provisions of ORS 192.502 *et seq.* and ORS 469.560. To the extent permitted by law, the Department and the Council will not publicly disclose information that may be exempt from public disclosure if the certificate holder has clearly labeled such information and stated the basis for the exemption at the time of submitting the information to the Department or the Council. If the Council or the Department receives a request for the disclosure of the information, the Council or the Department, as appropriate, will make a reasonable attempt to notify the

certificate holder and will refer the matter to the Attorney General for a determination of whether the exemption is applicable, pursuant to ORS 192.450.

Council shall have continuing authority over the site and may inspect, or direct the Oregon Department of Energy (Department) to inspect, or request another state agency or local government to inspect, the site at any time in order to ensure that the facility is being operated consistently with the terms and conditions of this site certificate (ORS 469.430).

The duration of this site certificate shall be the life of the facility, subject to termination pursuant to OAR 345-027-0110 or the rules in effect on the date that termination is sought, or revocation under ORS 469.440 and OAR 345-029-0100 or the statutes and rules in effect on the date that revocation is ordered. The Council shall not change the conditions of this site certificate except as provided for in OAR Chapter 345, Division 27.

In interpreting this site certificate, any ambiguity will be clarified by reference to the following, in order, incorporated herein by this reference: 1) this *Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project 2 – (SS2)*; 2) the *Final Order on Request for Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project* (hereafter, *Final Order on RFA1)*; 3) the *Final Order on the Application for Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project* issued on November 18, 2024 (hereafter, *Final Order on the ASC*); and ~~2~~4) the record of the proceedings that led to the Final Order on the ASC.

The definitions in ORS 469.300 and OAR 345-001-0010 apply to the terms used in this site certificate, except where otherwise stated, or where the context clearly indicates otherwise.

2.0 Facility Location and Site Boundary

The facility is located within an approximately ~~10,960~~1,233.7-acre (~~17~~ 1.9 sq. mile) site in Morrow County. The site is located on both sides of State Route 207 and is approximately 15 miles northeast of the Town of Lexington and approximately 4.5 miles west of Butter Creek Junction. The site is approximately 3 miles west of the Umatilla County line at its closest point. Table 1 below provides the Township, Range, and Sections occupied wholly, or in part, by the site. Up to ~~9,442~~ 1,230.9 of land within the site boundary would be occupied by facility components. The regional location of the facility site boundary, ~~transmission line corridor,~~ and ~~approximately 1,518 acres~~areas within the site boundary ~~are~~ excluded from development as applicable, are shown ~~on ASC Exhibit C, Figures C-2, and C-2.1 to C-2.3, attached to~~in Attachment 1 of this site certificate~~ as Attachment 1~~.

Table 1: Township, Range, and Section for Areas Occupied by the Site Boundary

Township	Range	Sections
~~1N~~	~~26E~~	~~1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15~~

Table 1: Township, Range, and Section for Areas Occupied by the Site Boundary

Township	Range	Sections
2N	26E	~~27,~~ 28, 29, ~~30, 31,~~ 32, 33~~, 34, 35, 36~~
Reference: SSPAPPDoc25-03 ASC Exhibit C Project Location, Table C-1. 2024-05-15.		

3.0 Facility Description

The energy facility is approved to include the components presented in Table 2 below. Additional details regarding specific components, and discussion of alternative designs or technologies under consideration are provided in the sections that follow.

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Site Boundary		
Site Boundary	~~10,960~~1,233.7	acres
Maximum Footprint	~~9,442~~ 1,230.9	acres
Permanent Impacts~~[1]~~	~~9,442~~ 1,230.9	acres
Solar Components		
PV Solar Modules		
Approx. total number	~~3,937,536~~656,256	modules
Max Height at full-tilt	15	feet
Posts		
Approx. total number (assumes concrete foundation)	~~535,056~~89,176	posts
Cabling		
Combiner Boxes	~~61,524~~10,254	each
Inverter Step Up (ISU) Transformer Units		
Approx. total number	~~319~~54	each
Noise level	89	dBA
Transformer oil-containing capacity	800	gallons
Related or Supporting Facility Components		
34.5 kV Collection System		
Collector line length, belowground	~~82~~12.9	miles
Collector line length, overhead (OH)	~~4.3~~0.7	miles
Wood Monopoles (max estimate for OH)	~~151~~26	each

~~[1] The energy facility would occupy approximately 9,442400 acres within up to 20 separately fenced areas. Most related or supporting facilities will be located within the energy facility's footprint; however, portions of the overhead 34.5 kV collector and 230-kV transmission lines running between solar array areas would result in additional temporary and permanent disturbance areas.~~

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Collector Substations		
Substations w SCADA; GSU transformers per each	~~6~~1; 1	each
Site size	1.6	acres
Transformer oil-containing capacity	16,000	gallons~~/each~~
Transformer noise level	100	dBA
Max height of structures	45	feet
~~**Switchyards**~~		
~~Stations; Transformers per each~~	~~2; 0~~	~~each~~
~~Site size (northern and/or within solar fence line); with foundations and graveled areas~~	~~3~~	~~acres~~
~~**230 kV Transmission Line**~~		
~~Length (total; northern line; southern line)~~	~~9.5; 3.2; 6.3~~	~~miles~~
~~Structures: Type (Wood or Galvanized Steel); quantity~~	~~H-frame; 50~~	~~each~~
~~Height of structures~~	~~70–180~~	~~feet~~
Battery Energy Storage System (Lithium-ion/Zinc)		
Zinc		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with fans/heating systems; SCADA	~~14,946~~2,491	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	9.5 x 8 x 20	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
Lithium-ion		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with HVAC and fire suppression systems; SCADA	~~12,000~~2,000	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	11.25 x 8.1 x 5.2	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
O&M Building		
Quantity	~~4~~1	each
Site size	2.8	acres
Height	20	feet
Appurtenances	On-site well, septic system, SCADA System	
Storage for Replacement Solar Panels		
Containers	~~50~~ 8 – 9	each
Approx. container dimensions	8.5 x 8 x 40	H x W x L; feet

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Location	Dispersed within fence line if not next to O&M, gravel base	
Facility Roads		
Length	~~55~~7.4	miles
Width	10- 20	feet
Perimeter Fence		
Length	~~58~~2.2	miles
Height	7-8	feet
Access/gates	~~52~~8 – 9	each
Temporary Construction Areas		
Quantity	~~54~~3	each
Site size	5	acres
Description	Gravel base; diesel/gas storage; within fence line	

Energy Facility

The facility includes a solar photovoltaic power generation facility with up to ~~1,200~~200 MW of electric generation capacity. ~~The energy facility consists of up to 20 separately fenced solar arrays organized into six 200 MW blocks.~~

Photovoltaic Modules

Solar photovoltaic modules, or solar panels, convert sunlight into DC electric power. The typical module contains crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells arranged within glass panels equipped with an anti-reflective coating, a metal frame, and wire connectors.

Racking System

The photovoltaic modules are connected in series into strings and then mounted on a racking system. Each rack would contain 2 strings of 32 modules mounted on a single-axis tracking system. Multiple racks are organized into rows between 200 and 400 feet in length depending on topography. Rows would be spaced at least 10 feet apart and at least 15 feet from perimeter fencing to provide vehicle access.

Posts

Each row of tracker mounted modules is supported by multiple hollow, screw pile, or pile-type steel posts. Posts are typically installed to a depth of 6-8 feet below surface and extend 5 feet above grade. Posts at the end of rows may be installed at greater depths to withstand wind

uplift. Posts may be installed directly in the ground or concrete backfill may be required in some soil conditions.

DC Cabling System

Combiner boxes or a Big Lead Assembly (BLA) harness system is used to aggregate the DC output of the photovoltaic modules for transmission to an inverter by low-voltage DC cables. Using the combiner boxes, strings of modules are connected to a pad-mounted combiner box installed at each row, which in turn, are connected to the inverters by low voltage DC cables that are either mounted to the tracking system, installed in trays, or buried underground. Using the BLA system, strings are connected directly to a rack-mounted cabling system.

Inverters and Inverter Step Up (ISU) Transformers

Inverters convert the DC output of the photovoltaic modules to AC power that can be transmitted to the electric grid. A typical inverter in utility scale solar facilities converts the 900 to 1,500 volt DC module output to 660 volt AC output. After conversion, the output is sent to an inverter step-up (ISU) transformer to increase the voltage to 34.5 kV power for transmission to the collector substation via the electrical collector system. Inverters and ISU transformers are collocated on concrete slabs near each module block.

Related or Supporting Facilities

Related or supporting facilities include a battery energy storage system, ~~an interconnection substation, up to six~~one collector substation~~s~~, ~~up to four~~one operations and maintenance building, and other structures.

Battery Energy Storage System

The battery energy storage system (BESS) is designed to provide up to ~~7~~1.2 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of storage capacity. The BESS may use either Lithium-Ion (Li-ion) or Zinc-based battery technology. Under either technology, batteries are contained in pre-constructed modular containers, or "segments," placed on concrete slab foundations.
The battery storage system includes, but is not limited to, the following elements:

- Batteries and containers, inverters, isolation transformers, and switchboards;
- Balance of plant equipment, which may include medium-voltage and low-voltage electrical systems, fire suppression and HVAC systems (for Li- ion technology, if selected), building auxiliary electrical systems, and network/SCADA systems;
- Cooling system, which may include a separate chiller plant located outside the battery racks with chillers, pumps, and heat exchangers (Li-ion only, if selected); zinc batteries will have fans and a heating unit for climate control; and

- High-voltage (HV) equipment, including a step-up transformer, circuit breaker, current transformers and voltage transformers, a packaged control building for the breaker and transformer equipment, towers, structures, and cabling.

The batteries and associated equipment may be oversized or periodically augmented in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure a minimum of 7,200 MWh of energy storage capability over the life of the BESS, taking into account natural degradation of the batteries over time.

Li-ion batteries are currently the most common battery type used in utility-scale battery energy storage systems. If a Li-ion battery technology is used at the facility, it would use Li-ion phosphate batteries, which are more thermally stable than Li-ion cathode batteries.
Each module contains approximately 10 hermetically sealed battery cells filled with a gel or liquid electrolyte. The module containers serve as secondary containment for the cells. Each container holds approximately 840 cells with a combined capacity of approximately 740 kilowatt-hour AC, and approximately ~~1~~2,000 containers would be required to meet the capacity needs of the facility.

The electrolyte used in Li-ion batteries is flammable and susceptible to overheating and vaporization, so Li-ion Battery Systems typically require cooling, ventilation, and fire suppression systems included in each container. If Li-ion battery technology is used at the site, it would implement the following design features and fire prevention and control methods to minimize fire and safety risks:

- Batteries would be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules.
- Ample working space would be provided around the BESS for maintenance and safety purposes.
- An off-site, 24-hour monitoring system with shutdown capabilities would be implemented.
- Batteries would be transported in accordance with Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration regulations under 49 CFR 173.185
- Battery systems would be designed in accordance with applicable Underwriters Laboratories, National Electric Code, and National Fire Protection Association Standards, including but not limited to, UL 1642, 1741, 1973, and 9540A, and NFPA 855.
- An advanced and proven battery management system would be employed;
- Battery Containers would be equipped with:
  - Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to maintain optimal battery temperatures;
  - Fire control panels with 24-hour battery backup;
  - Fire sensors, smoke and hydrogen detectors, alarms, emergency ventilation systems, cooling systems, and aerosol fire suppression/extinguishing systems;
  - Doors equipped with a contact that will shut down the battery container if opened;

- Fire extinguishing and thermal insulation sheets between each individual battery cell;
- Locks and fencing to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel;
- Remote power disconnect switches with clear and visible signs identifying their location.[2]

Li-ion battery modules under consideration for this facility have an expected useful life of 20 years and it is expected that every module at the facility would need to be replaced at least once during the life of the facility. Used Li-ion batteries are generally considered to be hazardous waste by the EPA and must be transported and disposed of according to the most current guidelines at end of life.

A typical zinc-based BESS container includes 144 zinc-hybrid cathode powered batteries with a combined 700 kWh capacity. Zinc batteries are estimated to have a lifespan of at least 20 years. Zinc battery systems can operate across a higher range of temperatures and only require cooling fans rather than a full HVAC system. Zinc batteries have a lower fire-risk than lithium-ion batteries and do not require fire suppression systems to be included in the container design.

The BESS may be designed either as a DC-coupled system, with containers distributed throughout the energy facility site near inverter/transformer station sites, or as an AC-coupled system with containers concentrated in a single area near the ~~switchyards~~substation. In either case, the containers and other BESS equipment are located within the fenced solar array areas and may have their own additional fencing.

34.5 kV Electrical Collection System

The facility includes up to ~~86~~ 12.9 miles of 34.5 kV electrical collector lines that connects energy facility components to the collector substation~~s~~ described below. The majority of the collector lines are buried underground; however, overhead lines are installed at long "home run" stretches, stream or canyon crossings, and other areas where burial is infeasible. The collector lines are generally located within the energy facility footprint except at road crossings and crossings between fenced solar array areas.

Communication and SCADA System

The facility includes a system of fiber optic and copper communication lines that connect the solar arrays, BESS, and substations to Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system control rooms within ~~each~~ the collector substation. The communication lines are collocated with the 34.5 kV electrical collection system described above. The SCADA system monitors meteorological conditions, critical operating parameters, and power output, for each solar string, battery energy storage system, and substation. The SCADA system is monitored by a

[2] SSPAPPDoc25-02 ASC Exhibit B Project Description 2024-05-15, Section 2.7.1.

remote operations center. Smoke and fire detectors placed around the site also connect to the SCADA system and will contact local emergency responders in the event of a fire at the site.

Collector Substations

The facility includes ~~up to six~~one collector substation~~s~~ at the site. ~~Each~~ The substation includes a generator-step up (GSU) transformer and control building, and may also include circuit-breakers and fuses, transmission line termination structures, power transformers, bus bars and insulators, disconnect switches, relaying, battery and charger, surge arresters, AC and DC supplies, control systems, metering equipment, grounding, a lightning protection system and associated control wiring.

The GSU transformer~~s~~ increase the 34.5-kV ISU transformer output to 230-kV power. The GSU transformer~~s are~~ is a ground-mounted unit~~s~~ constructed on a concrete pad~~s~~. ~~Each of the six~~The single GSU transformer~~s are~~ is filled with up to 16,000 gallons of non-toxic oil such as mineral or seed oil.

~~Each~~ The GSU transformer is equipped with a secondary spill containment catchment system designed to minimize the possibility of accidental leakage. The concrete catchment system is sized to contain approximately 1.25 times the amount of oil inside the transformer.

All substation structures and components are surrounded by a graveled area and enclosed by an 8-foot-tall chain-link fence with three strands of barbed wire one foot above the top. Access to the substation site~~s~~ is limited with a locked gate.

~~230-kV Transmission Line~~

~~The facility includes up to two 230-kV overhead transmission lines that connect the collector substations to the two primary interconnection switchyards located at the point of interconnection. The transmission lines are supported by steel or wood monopole or H-Frame structures, spaced approximately 1,000 feet between structures, and have a combined length of approximately 9.5 miles. The northern line connects two collector substations along the south side of Alpine Lane to the switchyard and extends approximately 3.2 miles. The southern line connects four collector substations across the southern portion of the site and extend approximately 6.3 miles. The two lines run in parallel for approximately 1-mile between Bombing Range Road and the switchyards.~~

~~The transmission lines are located within the fenced solar array areas except where the lines span roads or corridors between areas and between the switchyards and the point of interconnection. All transmission line components are sited within the facility lease boundary.~~

~~No new or expanded right-of-way will be required, but some portions of the transmission lines are located within existing public rights-of-way. A portion of the transmission line that runs~~

~~along the western boundary of energy facility footprint is within the public right-of-way on the east side of Bombing Range Road. Additionally, portions of the transmission line that connect solar array areas in the southern portion of the site cross Doherty Road and the Lexington-Echo Highway.~~

~~Project Switchyards and~~ Interconnection Facilities

The facility interconnects with the existing Umatilla Electric Cooperative 230kV Blue Ridge Line at the northwest corner of the facility. ~~Two switchyards are approved to be located within a separately fenced site either within or adjacent to the energy facility footprint, each approximately 3 acres. The interconnection switchyards do not contain transformers and are constructed on foundations with surrounding gravel areas.~~

Operations and Maintenance Building~~s~~

The facility includes ~~up to four~~one operations and maintenance (O&M) building~~s~~, ~~each including~~that includes a utility room, storage for maintenance supplies and equipment, and a SCADA control room. The building~~s each have~~has an on-site well and septic system. Power is supplied by a local service provider using overhead and/or underground lines. ~~Each~~ The O&M building site also has a graveled parking and storage areas.

Small quantities of chemical materials, including cleaners, insecticides or herbicides, paint, lubricants, degreasers, and solvents, may be stored at the O&M building~~s~~ during construction and operation of the facility. No extremely hazardous materials would be stored on site; other chemicals will be handled in accordance with label instructions as well as state and federal standards.

The facility includes an aboveground fuel storage tank with capacity to store up to 500 gallons of diesel fuel or gasoline at ~~each~~ the O&M building site.

The O&M building~~s are~~ is equipped with basic firefighting equipment for use on-site during maintenance activities, such as shovels, beaters, portable water for hand sprayers, fire extinguishers, and other equipment.

Replacement Solar Panel Storage

To store spare solar panels and associated equipment, the facility is approved to store materials either at the O&M building site~~s~~ or within approximately 8-9~~50~~ locked Conex storage containers distributed throughout the site. The containers may be placed directly on the ground or on gravel pads. ~~The containers would store up to the approximately 204,720 replacement panels needed over the life of the facility.~~

Access and Service Roads

The facility includes up to ~~55~~ 7.4 miles of new roads (graded and graveled to meet load requirements for all equipment) to provide access to facility components. Corridors between module racking are at least 10 feet wide and racking are no closer than 15 feet from perimeter fencing. Some new road construction is required to access site features. Roads will be 10 to 20 feet in width, with some exceptions, including access to the substation~~s~~ and main travel corridors where two-way traffic is required. In these cases, roads will be 20 feet wide. A 5-foot maintained vegetative surface or noncombustible base, approved by the fire code official, will be maintained along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary. Use of the roads may continue after construction, or new roads may be removed and the land reclaimed to pre-construction conditions.

Security Fencing and Gates

The facility includes approximately ~~58~~ 2.2 miles of security fence to enclose each solar array area, and substation~~, and switchyard site~~. The perimeter fencing has lockable vehicle and pedestrian access gates to provide access to the site.

Temporary Construction Areas

The facility includes up to ~~54~~ 3 temporary construction areas within the energy facility footprint to support construction, store supplies and equipment, and facilitate the delivery and assembly of materials and equipment. Each area consists of a 5-acre site that would be cleared and graveled prior to construction.

Up to five above-ground diesel tanks and one temporary above-ground gasoline tank may be stored in the temporary construction areas. The tanks each hold up to 1,000 gallons of fuel. Most fuel containers have self-contained secondary containment (e.g., double-walled containers) that provide capacity for the entire container plus precipitation, but in some cases may be placed in a constructed secondary containment area that is impervious and is diked or otherwise contained to provide the required fuel and precipitation capacity.

Shared Facility Components

The certificate holder will share facility components between the Sunstone Solar Projects (SS) 1-6 facilities to support facility operation, including the switchyard, transmission line, O&M buildings, access roads, SCADA system, and temporary constructions areas (including fuel tanks). The compliance obligations for site certificate conditions and EFSC standards apply to the facility components and applicable related or supporting facilities as described in Section 3.0 and Table 2 of each site certificate (SS1, SS2, SS3, SS4, SS5, SS6).

4.0 Facility Development

4.1 Construction

~~The applicant proposed to construct the proposed facility in six phases, with each phase including approximately 200 MWs of generating capacity.~~

Portions of the site, including the substation ~~sites~~, inverter and battery energy storage system sites, and access roads will be cleared and graded, prior to construction of the applicable facility components. Existing vegetation (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) and associated root systems in the energy facility footprint are left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable to minimize soil and erosion impacts, and that grading in solar arrays is limited to those areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances. Typical grading tolerances within the array are 10% maximum on North slopes and 15% maximum in other directions. Following construction, operational requirements include long-term site stabilization and revegetation of disturbed areas.

Adherence to the requirements of a Fugitive Dust Control Plan is required under Condition PRE-SP-02. Measures implemented under this plan include maintaining existing vegetative root systems, applying dust suppressants, and restricting traffic speeds on-site. Typically, water is applied as a dust suppressant on access roads, but under drought conditions, alternative dust suppressants including synthetic polymer emulsions, chemical suppressants, organic glues, and wood fiber materials may be applied at the site by qualified vendors.

Construction of the facility will generate less than 910 commuting trips and 250 truck trips per day over approximately 1,224 construction workdays. At the peak of construction, if all SS1-SS6 facilities are constructed together, it is estimated a maximum of approximately 1,266 commuting trips per day and 250 truck trips per day. The primary route to the site would be Bombing Range Road via Interstate Highway 84 (I-84) at the I-84/Irrigon Junction. Alternate routes would be via OR-207 via I-84 south of Hermiston.

4.2 Operations and Maintenance

Operation and maintenance activities include routine inspections, replacement of solar modules and battery components, panel washing, and vegetation management. ~~Up to~~Less than 10 permanent employees would operate and maintain the facility, with occasional delivery truck accessing the site during operations depending on the type of maintenance activity.

Individual batteries associated with the BESS will be inspected according to the manufacturer's recommendations and will need to be replaced approximately every 20 years, and every battery will be replaced during the life of the facility. Each type of electrical facility component would have routine inspections as designated in the operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan. The solar panels may require periodic washing during operations, and other incidental water use for sanitation and equipment washing.

Vegetation will be cleared and maintained along access roads to provide a vegetation clearance area for fire safety. This includes mowing to a height of no more than 12 inches. Use of the roads may continue after construction, or new roads may be removed, and the land reclaimed to pre-construction conditions.

An aboveground 500-gallon fuel storage tank sized may be installed at each O&M building. Secondary containment and refueling procedures for on-site fuel storage during operations will continue to follow the SPCC Plan and requirements for secondary containment. No extremely hazardous materials are expected to be produced, used, stored, transported, or disposed of at the facility during operation.

4.3 Retirement

The estimated useful life of the ~~proposed~~ facility is 40 years. Operational jobs would be eliminated after the facility ceased operating; however, some short-term contract jobs to monitor restored areas may be added to facilitate retirement activities. Decommissioning requires similar workforce numbers as required for the construction of the facility and is estimated to require a similar duration of up to 47 months.

Final retirement activities will be designated in a retirement plan but would begin with disconnecting all electrical equipment disassembling equipment and components such and the battery storage units, solar panels and transformers. Larger containers and equipment would be removed, trucked off-site and recycled and disposed of. Solar panels would be disconnected, and piles would be removed including the excavation of any concrete foundations. Gravel and foundations from the inverters and transformers, O&M building, substation~~s~~, and battery units would be removed by trenching and excavation. The facility site would then be restored through grading, filling, and revegetation with plants or seed mix consistent with applicable plans and conditions discussed in this order or landowner interests.

5.0 Site Certificate Conditions

The conditions of this Site Certificate are organized and coded to indicate the phase of implementation, the standard the condition is required to satisfy, and an identification number (1, 2, 3, etc.).[3] The table below presents a "key" for phase of implementation:

Key	Type of Conditions/Phase of Implementation
GEN	General Conditions: Design, Construction and Operation
PRE	Pre-Construction Conditions

[3] The identification number is not representative of an order that conditions must be implemented; it is intended only to represent a numerical value for identifying the condition.

Key	Type of Conditions/Phase of Implementation
CON	Construction Conditions
PRO	Pre-Operational Conditions
OPR	Operational Conditions
RET	Retirement Conditions

To align with the phased construction approach, preconditions requiring applicant actions prior to construction allow for phased compliance. These apply specifically to the area in which the phased activities would occur, rather than the entirety of the site.

5.1 General (GEN) Conditions: Design, Construction and Operations

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
STANDARD: GENERAL STANDARD OF REVIEW (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
GEN-GS-01	The certificate holder must design, construct, operate and retire the facility: a. Substantially as described in the site certificate; b. In compliance with the requirements of ORS Chapter 469, applicable Council rules, and applicable state and local laws, rules and ordinances in effect at the time the site certificate was issued; and c. In compliance with all applicable permit requirements of other state agencies. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(10); General Standard Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-02	The certificate holder must begin and complete construction of the facility ~~or facility phase~~ by the following dates: ~~a. Construction of the facility or first facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2027. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site.~~ ~~b.~~a. Construction of the final facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2028. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site. ~~c.~~b. All facility construction must be completed on or before November 18, 2030.~~within 2 years after the date construction of the final facility phase (under (b)) begins.~~ Within 7 days after completing construction, the certificate holder shall provide the Department written verification that it has met the deadline. [General Standard Condition 2; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
GEN-GS-03	If the certificate holder becomes aware of a significant environmental change or impact attributable to the facility, the certificate holder must, as soon as possible, submit a written report to the Department describing the impact on the facility and any affected site certificate conditions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(6); General Standard Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-04	The certificate holder must prevent the development of any conditions on the site that would preclude restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition to the extent that prevention of such site conditions is within the control of the certificate holder. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(7); General Standard Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-GS-05	Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder must restore vegetation to the extent practicable and must landscape all areas disturbed by construction in a manner compatible with the surroundings and proposed use. Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder must remove all temporary structures not required for facility operation and dispose of all timber, brush, refuse and flammable or combustible material resulting from clearing of land and construction of the facility. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(11); General Standard Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-06	~~The certificate holder is authorized to construct the 230 kV transmission lines anywhere within the approved transmission line corridors, subject to the conditions in the site certificate. The approved transmission line corridor includes:~~ ~~a. Southern transmission line: Approximately 6.3 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to four collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~ ~~b. Northern transmission line: Approximately 3.2 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to two collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~ ~~[Site Specific Condition OAR 345-025-0010(5); General Standard Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]~~[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]
GEN-GS-07	The certificate holder may operationally share the following facility components between Sunstone Solar 1, Sunstone Solar 2, Sunstone Solar 3, Sunstone Solar 5 and Sunstone Solar 6 (SS1 – SS6): the switchyard, transmission line, O&M buildings, replacement solar panel storage (as needed), access roads, SCADA system, and temporary construction areas, subject to the following: a. Within 30 days of use by certificate holders of the shared facilities, the certificate holder must provide evidence to the Department that the certificate holders of the shared facilities have an executed agreement for shared use of any constructed shared facilities. The Shared Use Agreements must allow operation and maintenance personnel and contractors access to the shared SS1 – SS6 facilities. b. If a certificate holder for SS1 - SS6 proposes to substantially modify any of the shared facilities listed in sub(a) of this condition, or supporting facility or ceases facility operation, the applicable/relevant certificate holder is obligated to submit an amendment determination request to the Department to determine the appropriate process for evaluating the change and ensuring full regulatory coverage under each site certificate, or remaining site certificate if either is terminated, in the future. [General Standard Condition 11; Final Order on AMD1]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-OE-01	Before any transfer of ownership of the facility or ownership of the site certificate holder, the certificate holder must inform the Department of the proposed new owners. The requirements of OAR 345-027-0400 apply to any transfer of ownership that requires a transfer of the site certificate. [Organizational Expertise Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-02	Any matter of non-compliance under the site certificate is the responsibility of the certificate holder. Any notice of violation issued under the site certificate will be issued to the certificate holder. Any civil penalties under the site certificate will be levied on the certificate holder. [Organizational Expertise Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-03	The certificate holder must notify the Department within 72 hours of any occurrence of the following: a. There is an attempt by anyone to interfere with the facility's safe operation. b. There is a significant nature event such as a fire, earthquake, flood, tsunami or tornado, or human-caused event such as a fire or explosion. c. There is any fatal injury at the facility. [Organizational Expertise Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-04	The certificate holder shall, as soon as reasonably possible: a. Report incidents or circumstances that may violate the terms or conditions of the site certificate, terms or conditions of any order of the Council, or the terms or conditions of any order issued under OAR 345-027-0230, to the Department. In the report to the Department, the certificate holder shall provide all pertinent facts including an estimate of how long the conditions or circumstances existed, how long they are expected to continue before they can be corrected, and whether the conditions or circumstances were discovered as a result of a regularly scheduled compliance audit; b. Initiate and complete appropriate action to correct the conditions or circumstances and to minimize the possibility of recurrence; c. Submit a written report within 30 days of discovery to the Department. The report must refer to the language in (d) of the condition and contain: i. A discussion of the cause of the reported conditions or circumstances; ii. The date of discovery of the conditions or circumstances by the responsible party; iii. A description of immediate actions taken to correct the reported conditions or circumstances; iv. A description of actions taken or planned to minimize the possibility of recurrence; and v. For conditions or circumstances that may violate the terms or conditions of a site certificate, an assessment of the impact on the resources considered under the standards of OAR Chapter 345 Divisions 22 and 24 as a result of the reported conditions or circumstances.

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
	d. Upon receipt of the written report in sub(c) of this condition, the Department may review the facility record for incidents or circumstances reported or reportable under sub(a) related to public health and safety, the environment, or other resources protected under Council standards. If these incidences are determined by the Department to impact the adequacy of the facility decommissioning cost, the Department or Council may adjust the contingencies identified in Final Order on ASC Table 4 and shall request and receive an updated bond or letter of credit from certificate holder in the adjusted amount. [Organizational Expertise Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Structural Standard (SS) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
GEN-SS-01	The certificate holder must design, engineer and construct the facility to avoid dangers to human safety and the environment presented by seismic hazards affecting the site that are expected to result from all maximum probable seismic events. "Seismic hazards" include ground shaking, ground failure, landslide, liquefaction triggering and consequences (including flow failure, settlement buoyancy, and lateral spreading), cyclic softening of clays and silts, fault rupture, directivity effects and soil-structure interaction. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(12); Structural Standard Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-02	The certificate holder must notify the Department, the State Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly if site investigations or trenching reveal that conditions in the foundation rocks differ significantly from those described in the application for a site certificate. After the Department receives the notice, the Council may require the certificate holder to consult with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building Codes Division to propose and implement corrective or mitigation actions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(13); Structural Standard Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-03	The certificate holder must notify the Department, the State Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly if shear zones, artesian aquifers, deformations or clastic dikes are found at or in the vicinity of the site. After the Department receives notice, the Council may require the certificate holder to consult with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building Codes Division to propose and implement corrective or mitigation actions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(14); Structural Standard Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-04	The certificate holder shall design, engineer, and construct the facility in accordance with the versions of the International Building Code, Oregon Structural Specialty Code, and local building codes in effect at the time of construction. [Structural Standard Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-LU-01	The certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department of coordination with the owners of adjacent lands dedicated to agricultural use. Coordination must include information about the facility that could impact agricultural activities. The certificate holder must document any recommendations made by adjacent landowners regarding measures to reduce or avoid any adverse impacts to farm practices on surrounding lands and to avoid any increase in farming costs as well as any responses made to these recommendations. [Land Use Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-LU-02	The certificate holder must adhere to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund included in Attachment F of the Final Order on the ASC, or subsequently amended. It is the certificate holder's responsibility to ensure that the Council and Department receive all reports and notifications required by the agreement. If the Memorandum of Agreement is amended, the certificate holder shall provide a copy of the amended Agreement to the Department within 30 days of it being amended. [Land Use Condition 12; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
GEN-RF-01	The certificate holder shall prevent the development of any conditions on the site that would preclude restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition to the extent that prevention of such site conditions is within the control of the certificate holder. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(7); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Siting Standards for Transmission Lines (TL) [OAR 345-024-0090]	
GEN-TL-01	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project] ~~The certificate holder shall:~~ ~~a. Design, construct and operate the transmission lines in accordance with the requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code as approved by the American National Standards Institute; and~~ ~~b. Develop and implement a program that provides reasonable assurance that all fences, gates, cattle guards, trailers, or other objects or structures of a permanent nature that could become inadvertently charged with electricity are grounded or bonded throughout the life of the line.~~ ~~[Siting Standards for Transmission Line Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]~~

5.3 Pre-Construction (PRE) Conditions

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
STANDARD: General Standard of Review (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
PRE-GS-01	Except as necessary for the initial survey, the certificate holder may not begin construction of the facility or phase, or create a clearing on any part of the site of the facility or phase, as applicable, until the certificate holder has the legal right to engage in construction activities on the relevant parts of the site for the facility or phase. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(5); General Standard Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-GS-02	At least 90 days prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable (unless otherwise agreed to by the Department), the certificate holder shall submit to the Department a compliance plan documenting and demonstrating actions completed or to be completed to satisfy the requirements of all site certificate terms and conditions and applicable statutes and rules. The plan shall be provided to the Department for review and compliance determination for each requirement. The Department may request additional information or evaluation deemed necessary to demonstrate compliance. [OAR 345-026-0048, General Standard Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
PRE-OE-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall notify the Department of the identity and qualifications of the major design, engineering and construction contractor(s). The certificate holder shall select contractors that have substantial experience in the design, engineering and construction of similar facilities. The certificate holder shall report to the Department any changes of major contractors. [Organizational Expertise Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall select a construction contractor with a low rate of historic environmental and safety compliance citations. Certificate holder shall provide the following documentation to the Department: a. Qualifications and contact information of the of the major design, engineering and construction contractor(s) and subcontractors, as applicable. b. Construction contractor compliance history. c. Contract excerpt affirming that contractors are required to comply with the terms and conditions of the site certificate, including selecting design layout and construction materials that minimize impacts to resources protected under Council standards. [Organizational Expertise Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the certificate holder's construction manager.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Organizational Expertise Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Provide the Department a list of federal, state and local permits, including any third-party permits related to facility siting; and a schedule for obtaining identified permits. b. Once obtained, provide copies of all permits, including third-party permits, required for facility siting to the Department. [Organizational Expertise Condition 12; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Structural (SS) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRE-SS-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit a site-specific geotechnical investigation report, consistent with the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners Guideline for Preparing Engineering Geologic Reports, or newer guidelines if available to the Department, for review in consultation with its third-party consultant. [Structural Standard Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRE-SP-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide a Vegetation and Grading Plan that demonstrates contractors are required to adhere to the following: a. Existing vegetation (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) and associated root systems shall be left intact to the maximum extent practicable. b. Grading within solar arrays shall be limited to areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances (typically 10% maximum on North slopes and 15% maximum in other directions). [Soil Protection Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-SP-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Obtain a NPDES 1200-C Pemit from DEQ. A copy of the approved permit and attached Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) must be submitted to the Department. b. Finalize the Fugitive Dust Control Plan, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment D. Finalization includes verification of names and contact information of individuals responsible for implementation, measures to be implemented and forms to be used for monitoring and reporting. [Soil Protection Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-SP-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must submit to the Department a Construction Spill Prevention Countermeasures and Control (SPCC) Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
PRE-LU-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must provide to the Department a copy of the approved Conditional Use Permit and applicable Zoning Permit(s). [Land Use Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-02	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~Prior to construction of the 230 kV transmission lines, the certificate holder shall demonstrate to the Department that the transmission lines will be sited within the exiting road rights-of-way, unless Morrow County Public Works Department and Oregon Department of Transportation, as applicable, confirm that use of the existing road rights-of-way is not feasible.~~ ~~[Land Use Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]~~
PRE-LU-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the draft Noxious Weed Control Plan, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment E, and submit to the Department for review and approval in consultation with the Morrow County Weed Department. [Land Use Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must submit an executed document prohibiting the certificate holder, and the certificate holder's successors in interest, from pursuing a claim for relief or cause of action alleging injury from farming or forest practices as defined in ORS 30.930(2) and (4), and provide evidence that the document has been recorded in the deed records for Morrow County. [Land Use Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-05	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall demonstrate that the final design adheres to the following setbacks: a. All facility structures and above-ground components except the perimeter fenceline must be sited: 1. At least 20 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way of a local minor collector or marginal access street, including but not limited to Sand Hollow Road, Grieb Lane, Alpine Lane, Doherty Road, or Melville Road. 2. At least 30 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way, of a major collector, including but not limited to, Bombing Range Road. 3. At least 80 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way for an arterial road, including but not limited to State Highway 207. b. All facility structures, and all on-site septic systems or other sewage disposal systems must be set back at least 100 feet from delineated waterways. [Land Use Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-06	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit a final site plan that includes all information required by MCZO 4.165.E to the County and the Department. The Department may defer review and approval to the County.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Land Use Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-07	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must complete the preconstruction requirements identified in the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment F, or subsequently amended. [Land Use Condition 11; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
PRE-RF-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon, through the Council, a bond or letter of credit naming the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as beneficiary or payee. The approved bond or letter of credit amount of $~~117,945,000~~23,894,173 (~~Q1~~ Q3 ~~2023~~ 2025 dollars) may be adjusted based on the design configuration of the facility, or phase of the facility, as provided in Sub(a) and adjusted to the year and quarter of issuance as provided under Sub(b). a. The bond or letter of credit amount may be adjusted based on actual design/number of components of the facility or phase, as applicable, and shall use the same unit costs and contingencies presented in the Final Order Sunstone Solar RFA1~~on the ASC~~ Table 5~~8~~. b. Adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation. c. The bond or letter of credit must be issued by a financial institution that is included on the Council's pre-approved financial institution list. The certificate holder may request to have a financial institution added to the list at any time. d. The bond or letter of credit must be prepared using the most recent Council-approved template. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 4; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
PRE-FW-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, based on Attachment G of the Final Order on the ASC, and submit to the Department for review and approval. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 1]
PRE-FW-02	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit the draft legal agreement for review and approval by the Department, in consultation with ODFW. The legal agreement shall ensure that payment provided for long-term~~

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	~~management and enhancement of the mitigation area is adequate to cover the permanent habitat loss from the facility.~~ ~~[Fish and Wildlife Condition 4, Final Order on ASC]~~
PRE-FW-03	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Habitat Mitigation Plan, as provided in Attachment H of the Final Order on ASC, based on the impacts associated with the final facility design and the legal agreement, as approved by the Department.~~ ~~[Fish and Wildlife Condition 5, Final Order on ASC]~~
PRE-FW-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department that the design measures included in the Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Final Order on ASC Attachment I) have been included in the final facility design and construction contractor contracts, as applicable. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Threatened and Endangered Species (TE) [OAR 345-022-0070]	
PRE-TE-01	If construction commences after April 2025, certificate holder shall, prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, conduct protocol-level Washington ground squirrel (WAGS) surveys within areas of planned facility construction that are within suitable WAGS habitat. The certificate holder shall: a. Submit a protocol-level survey plan for surveys to be conducted within suitable WAGS habitat, for review and approval by the Department in consultation with ODFW. At a minimum, the survey plan shall specify the survey area (all areas of suitable habitat within 1,000 feet of ground disturbing activities except where there is a habitat barrier (e.g., a paved road) or access restrictions); and survey timing (February 15 to May 31, unless otherwise approved by ODFW). b. Complete protocol-level WAGS surveys based on the protocol approved per (a). c. Submit survey reports to the Department and ODFW. The certificate holder shall not begin construction within 1,000 feet of Category 1 or Category 2 WAGS habitat until the identified boundaries of Category 1 WAGS habitat have been approved by the Department, in consultation with ODFW. Category 1 habitat includes a 785-foot buffer from an identified active burrow, and the area within the perimeter of multiple active burrows. Category 2 WAGS habitat consists of a 4,136-foot buffer from the exterior boundary of all Category 1 WAGS habitat. The survey results are valid for 3-years. d. Develop maps and worker training materials to inform of sensitive Category 1 and Category 2 habitat. Submit to the Department final facility design maps demonstrating that Category 1 habitat, including 785-buffer from any colonies identified per (b), is avoided. e. Install flagging or other demarcation, as appropriate, to inform workers of sensitive WGS habitat and of avoidance requirement.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Threatened and Endangered Species Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
PRE-HC-01	Prior to construction of the facility, or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall update the contact information provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment K, Inadvertent Discovery Plan. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Public Services (PS) [OAR 345-022-0100]	
PRE-PS-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall execute a final Road Use Agreement, based on Final Order on ASC Attachment N, and provide a copy to the Department. [Public Services Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]
PRE-PS-02	At least 180-days prior to construction of any phase, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department and Morrow County a temporary housing plan for the construction workforce. The plan shall provide for coordination with contractors and local officials on housing options and strategies to minimize impacts to local housing supply based on an ongoing evaluation of patterns of uses and potential shortages or changes in housing demand. [Public Services Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
PRE-WF-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan, as provided in Attachment L to the Final Order on ASC. The final Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
PRE-WM-01	Prior to construction of the facility, or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require contractors to develop and submit to the Department for review and approval, Construction Waste Management Plan(s) that, at a minimum, include the following: a. All sources and quantities of construction waste and wastewater, including damaged or dysfunctional energy facility components, and where feasible, estimated quantities that can be recycled. b. Process for disposal and recycling, including use of licensed haulers and disposal/recycling facilities; names and locations of licensed recycling and disposal facilities; collection, hauling and tracking requirements. c. Process for requesting a permit exemption from DEQ pursuant to OAR 340-093-0080 to ensure that concrete washout materials reused in foundation backfill are substantially the same as clean fill. d. Process for training workers and tracking compliance with the requirements of the plan. [Waste Minimization Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
STANDARD: Noise Control Regulations (NC) [OAR 340-035-0035]	
PRE-NC-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall demonstrate that the operational noise levels comply with OAR 345-035-0035(1)(b), based on an updated acoustic modeling analysis using final design/layout and equipment specifications. [Noise Control Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Removal-Fill (WL)	
PRE-WL-01	Prior to construction of the facility, facility component or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must provide documentation of a valid jurisdictional determination from the Oregon Department of State Lands demonstrating that no waterways subject to the State Removal-Fill law under ORS 196.795 through 196.990 are present within areas to be disturbed during construction or operation. [Removal-Fill Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
PRE-WR-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Identify all water-related needs and estimate daily and annual water demand for each construction phase, as applicable. b. Provide, to the Department, a contract or purchase agreement demonstrating that adequate water supply to meet construction demand has been secured from sources with valid water rights. [Water Rights Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]

5.4 Construction (CON) Conditions

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
CON-OE-01	The certificate holder shall contractually require all contractors and subcontractors to comply with all applicable laws and regulations and with the terms and conditions of the site certificate. The contractual obligation shall be required of each contractor and subcontractor prior to that firm working on the facility. Such contractual provisions shall not operate to relieve the certificate holder of responsibility under the site certificate. [Organizational Expertise Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
CON-OE-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall: a. Maintain an onsite construction manager. b. Require that the construction manager implement and monitor all applicable construction related site certificate conditions. c. Within six months after beginning construction, and every six months thereafter during construction of the energy facility and related or supporting facilities, the certificate holder shall submit a semiannual construction progress report to the Department. In each construction progress report, the certificate holder shall describe any significant changes to major milestones for construction. The certificate holder shall report on the progress of construction and shall address the following: i. Facility Status: An overview of site conditions, the status of facilities under construction and a summary of the operating experience of facilities that are in operation. The certificate holder shall describe any unusual events, such as earthquakes, extraordinary windstorms, major accidents or the like that occurred during the year and that had a significant adverse impact on the facility. ii. Status of Surety Information: Documentation demonstrating that bonds or letters of credit as described in the site certificate are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect for the term of the next reporting period. iii. Compliance Report: A report describing the certificate holder's compliance with all site certificate conditions that are applicable during the reporting period. For ease of review, the certificate holder shall, in this section of the report, use numbered subparagraphs corresponding to the applicable sections of the site certificate. iv. Facility Modification Report: A summary of changes to the facility that the certificate holder has made during the reporting period without an amendment of the site certificate in accordance with OAR 345-027-0050. [Organizational Expertise Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
CON-SP-01	During construction, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require that contractors adhere to the requirements of the Vegetation and Grading Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-SP-02	During construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Conduct all work in compliance with the NPDES 1200-C Permit and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) or revised ESCP if applicable. The ESCP shall be revised if determined necessary by the certificate holder, certificate holder's contractor(s) or the Department. Any Department-required ESCP revisions shall be implemented within 14-days, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department based on a good faith effort to address erosion issues. b. Conduct all work in compliance with the Fugitive Dust Control Plan. The Fugitive Dust Control Plan may be amended, as needed, to ensure that control measures are effective at the site. [Soil Protection Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
CON-SP-03	During construction, the certificate holder shall require that all onsite contractors and personnel adhere to the requirements of the SPCC Plan. Any SPCC revisions and updates shall be reported to the Department. [Soil Protection Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	
CON-LU-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Noxious Weed Control Plan required under Condition PRE-LU-02. [Land Use Condition 4, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
CON-RF-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall: a. Describe the status of the bond or letter of credit in the semi-annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. b. If construction extends for more than 12 months, the certificate holder shall adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit on an annual basis thereafter as described in under Condition PRE-RF-01. c. The Department and Council reserve the right to adjust the contingencies, as necessary to ensure that costs to restore the site are adequate. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
CON-FW-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, as applicable. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 2, Final Order on ASC]
CON-FW-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Attachment I of the Final Order on the ASC). Monitoring records shall be maintained throughout construction and included in the semi-annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
STANDARD: Threatened and Endangered Species (TE) [OAR 345-022-0070]	
CON-TE-01	Prior to and during construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, any incidentally identified occurrence(s) of Lawrence's milkvetch shall be avoided using a 100-foot buffer via mapping and flagging. [Threatened and Endangered Species Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
CON-HC-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall require all onsite employees and contractors to implement and adhere to the requirements of the Inadvertent Discovery Plan, as submitted to the Department under PRE-HC-01. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Public Services (PS) [OAR 345-022-0100]	
CON-PS-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall adhere to the terms and conditions of the Road Use Agreement executed under PRE-PS-01. [Public Services Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-PS-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall report to the Department the outcomes of the work completed under the temporary housing plan required under PRE-PS-02. The report shall be included in the construction progress report required under CON-OE-02, and shall include, at a minimum: a. Outcome of coordination with construction contractors to identify housing options for incoming workers, including aggregate data on the location (i.e. city) and type of housing used by workers. b. Documentation of coordination with local officials such as the Morrow County Planning Department, nearby cities and towns such as Lexington and Ione, the Lexington Community Development Group, the Ione Community Agri-Business Organization, the Boardman Community Development Association, the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, and other housing providers to identify housing options and strategies to minimize that impacts to local housing supply. [Public Services Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
CON-WF-01	During construction of the facility of phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall implement and require all onsite contractors and employees to adhere to the Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan required under Condition PRE-WF-01. Updates to the Wildfire Mitigation Plan may be required if determined necessary by the certificate holder, certificate holder's contractor(s), or the Department to address wildfire hazard to public health and safety. Any Department required updates shall be implemented within 14 days, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department based on a good faith effort to address wildfire hazard. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
CON-WM-01	During construction, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require that contractors adhere to the requirements of the Construction Waste Management Plan(s) and maintain records of employee training and tracking compliance onsite and available upon Department request. [Waste Minimization Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-WM-02	During construction, on-site concrete washwater disposal is prohibited unless DEQ approval of a permit exemption for materials substantially similar to clean fill is obtained. If DEQ approval of a permit exemption is obtained, concrete washwater must be disposed of onsite via infiltration and evaporation in accordance with the DEQ-issued NPDES 1200-C permit required under Condition CON-SP-02. [Waste Minimization Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
CON-WR-01	During construction: a. All water used for construction activities shall be appropriated and used in accordance with the applicable provisions of ORS chapter 537 and OAR chapter 690. b. The certificate holder shall report the source and amount of water used during each month of construction under Condition CON-OE-02. The certificate holder shall maintain records adequate to substantiate reports (e.g., written logs and photographs of well meter readings, copies of invoices from water sources) and make such records available to the Department upon request. c. If a water right, limited water use license, or water rights transfer is needed and would not be obtained by a third-party, the certificate holder shall submit and obtain approval of the applicable water permit through the site certificate amendment process. [Water Rights Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]

5.5 Pre-Operational (PRO) Conditions

Condition Number	Pre-Operational (PRO) Conditions
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
PRO-OE-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the individuals responsible for monitoring facility operations, including individuals or third-party entity responsible for onsite maintenance. [Organizational Expertise Condition 10; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRO-SP-01	Following the termination of the 1200-C, the certificate holder shall update the requirements of the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, specific to the areas within the fenceline not occupied by facility infrastructure. Certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department that the permit was terminated by DEQ. [Soil Protection Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
PRO-SP-02	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall submit to the Department an Operational Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
PRO-WF-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall finalize the operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) included as Attachment M to the Final Order on ASC. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
PRO-WM-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall develop an Operational Recycling Plan or protocol requiring that damaged or nonfunctional panels and lithium-ion batteries be recycled to the extent practicable. The certificate holder shall report in its annual report to the Department the quantities of panels and lithium-ion batteries recycled, reused or disposed of in a landfill. Requirements for lithium-ion battery recycling do not apply if the BESS is not constructed. [Waste Minimization Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other - Water Rights (WR)	
PRO-WR-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall provide, to the Department, a copy of the map, well log and all other information it provided to OWRD pursuant to ORS 537.545 and ORS 537.765 to qualify for an exempt ground water use for any onsite exempt wells. [Water Rights Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]

5.6 Operational (OPR) Conditions

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
STANDARD: General Standard of Review (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
OPR-GS-01	The certificate holder must submit a legal description of the site to the Department within 90 days after beginning operation of the facility. The legal description must include a description of metes and bounds or a description of the site by reference to a map and geographic data that clearly and specifically identify the outer boundaries that contain all parts of the facility. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(2); General Standard Condition 9]
OPR-GS-02	After January 1 but no later than April 30 of each year after beginning operation of the facility, the certificate holder shall submit an annual report to the Department. The Council Secretary and the certificate holder may, by mutual agreement, change the reporting date. a. The annual report must include the following information for the calendar year preceding the date of the report: 1. Facility Status: An overview of site conditions, the status of facilities under construction and a summary of the operating experience of facilities that are in operation. The certificate holder shall describe any unusual events, such as earthquakes, extraordinary windstorms, major accidents or the like that occurred during the year and that had a significant adverse impact on the facility. 2. Reliability and Efficiency of Power Production: For electric power plants, the plant availability and capacity factors for the reporting year. The certificate holder shall describe any equipment failures or plant breakdowns that had a significant impact on those factors and shall describe any actions taken to prevent the recurrence of such problems. 3. Status of Surety Information: Documentation demonstrating that bonds or letters of credit as described in the site certificate are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect for the term of the next reporting period. 4. Monitoring Report: A list and description of all significant monitoring and mitigation activities performed during the previous year in accordance with site certificate terms and conditions, a summary of the results of those activities and a discussion of any significant changes to any monitoring or mitigation program, including the reason for any such changes. 5. Compliance Report: A report describing the certificate holder's compliance with all site certificate conditions that are applicable during the reporting period. For ease of review, the certificate holder shall, in this section of the report, use numbered subparagraphs corresponding to the applicable sections of the site certificate.

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	6. Facility Modification Report: A summary of changes to the facility that the certificate holder has made during the reporting period without an amendment of the site certificate in accordance with OAR 345-027-0350. b. To the extent that information required by this rule is contained in reports the certificate holder submits to other state, federal or local agencies, the certificate holder may submit excerpts from such other reports to satisfy this rule. The Council reserves the right to request full copies of such excerpted reports. [Mandatory Condition 345-026-0080(1); General Standard Condition 10, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
OPR-OE-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the individuals responsible for monitoring facility operations, including individuals or third-party entity responsible for onsite maintenance. [Organizational Expertise Condition 11; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
OPR-SP-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational SPCC Plan. Any SPCC updates shall be described and included in the Annual Report to the Department. Certificate holder shall report spill and cleanup activities to the Department within 72 hours and shall make inspection records available to the Department upon request. [Soil Protection Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	
OPR-LU-01	Following the fifth year of monitoring under the Noxious Weed Control Plan required under PRE-LU-03, the certificate holder shall submit a Long-term Noxious Weed Monitoring Plan to the Department, for review and approval. The certificate holder shall implement the plan for the remainder of the facility's operating life. [Land Use Condition 5, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
OPR-RF-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Annually adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation. b. Any changes to the template made by the Council must be incorporated into the bond or letter or letter of credit whenever the amount is adjusted under Sub(a). c. The Department and Council reserve the right to adjust the contingencies, as

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	necessary to ensure that costs to restore the site are adequate. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
OPR-FW-01	During operation, as applicable, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 3, Final Order on ASC]
OPR-FW-02	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~During operation, the certificate holder shall provide reports from The Nature Conservancy on the status of long-term management and enhancement of the habitat mitigation area, consistent with the Habitat Mitigation Plan.~~ ~~[Fish and Wildlife Condition 6, Final Order on ASC]~~
OPR-FW-03	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Attachment J of the Final Order on the ASC). Monitoring records shall be maintained throughout operation and included in the annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
OPR-HC-01	During operations, the certificate holder shall require all onsite employees and contractors to implement and adhere to the requirements of the Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP), as provided for Condition PRE-HC-01. The IDP shall be reviewed and updated annually for current contact information. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
OPR-WF-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Implement the Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan finalized under Condition PRO-WF-01. b. Every 5 years after the first operational year, review and update the evaluation of wildfire risk under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b) and submit the results in the annual report required under Condition CON-OE-02 for that year. c. Submit an updated Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan to the Department if substantive changes are made to the plan because of the review under sub (b) of this condition, or at any other time substantiative revisions are made. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
OPR-WM-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational Recycling Plan or protocol developed under Condition PRO-WM-01. [Waste Minimization Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
OPR-WM-02	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Prohibit use of chemicals, soaps, detergents and heated water unless Chemical Safety Data Sheets for low volatile organic compound/biodegradable cleaning

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	chemicals and solvents are submitted to the Department for review and approval prior to use. b. Ensure that washing is conducted in a manner that does not remove paint or other finishes. c. Discharge wash water through evaporation and infiltration only. [Waste Minimization Condition 6, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
OPR-WR-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall verify that any onsite exempt wells do not use more than 5,000 gallons of ground water a day, collectively, and shall monitor the volume of groundwater used on a daily basis, maintain a record of such use and make the monitoring records available to the Department upon request. [Water Rights Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]

5.7 Retirement (RET) Conditions

Condition Number	Retirement (RET) Conditions
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
RET-RF-01	The certificate holder must retire the facility if the certificate holder permanently ceases construction or operation of the facility. The certificate holder must retire the facility according to a final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0410. The certificate holder must pay the actual cost to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition at the time of retirement, notwithstanding the Council's approval in the site certificate of an estimated amount required to restore the site. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(9); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
RET-RF-02	If the Council finds that the certificate holder has permanently ceased construction or operation of the facility without retiring the facility according to a final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0410, the Council must notify the certificate holder and request that the certificate holder submit a proposed final retirement plan to the Department within a reasonable time not to exceed 90 days. If the certificate holder does not submit a proposed final retirement plan by the specified date, the Council may direct the Department to prepare a proposed final retirement plan for the Council's approval. Upon the Council's approval of the final retirement plan, the Council may draw on the bond or letter of credit described in Condition PRE-RF~~T~~-01 to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition according to the final retirement plan, in addition to any penalties the Council may impose under OAR chapter 345, division 29. If the amount of the bond or letter of credit is insufficient to pay the actual cost of retirement, the certificate holder must pay any additional cost necessary to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition. After completion of site restoration, the Council must issue an order to terminate the site certificate if the Council finds that the facility has been retired according to the approved final retirement plan. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(16); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]

6.0 Successors and Assigns

To transfer this site certificate or any portion thereof or to assign or dispose of it in any other manner, directly or indirectly, the certificate holder shall comply with OAR 345-027-0400.

7.0 Severability and Construction

If any provision of this agreement and certificate is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the agreement and certificate did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

8.0 Execution

This site certificate may be executed in counterparts and will become effective upon signature by the Chair of the Energy Facility Siting Council and the authorized representative of the certificate holder.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this site certificate has been executed by the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Energy Facility Siting Council and Sunstone Solar 2, LLC (certificate holder).

ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL	**SUNSTONE SOLAR 2, LLC**
By: ______________________________	By: ___________________________________
Kent Howe, Chair	XXX, Authorized Representative
Date: ____________________________	Date:_________________________________

ATTACHMENT 1: FIGURES

Figure 1: Regional Location of Facility ~~and Site Boundary~~

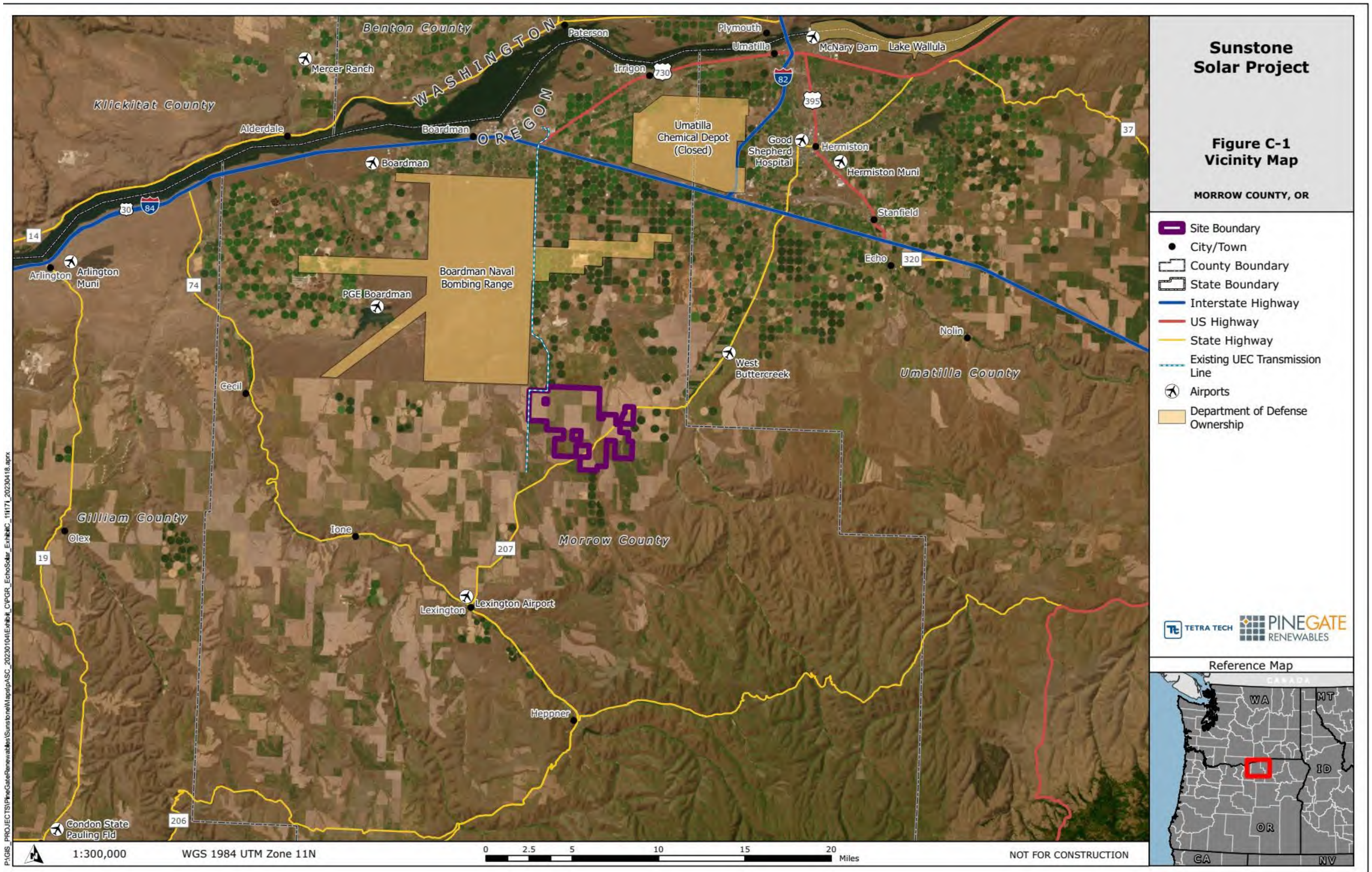

Figure 2: Original Site Boundary and RFA1 facility division (into six -facilities)

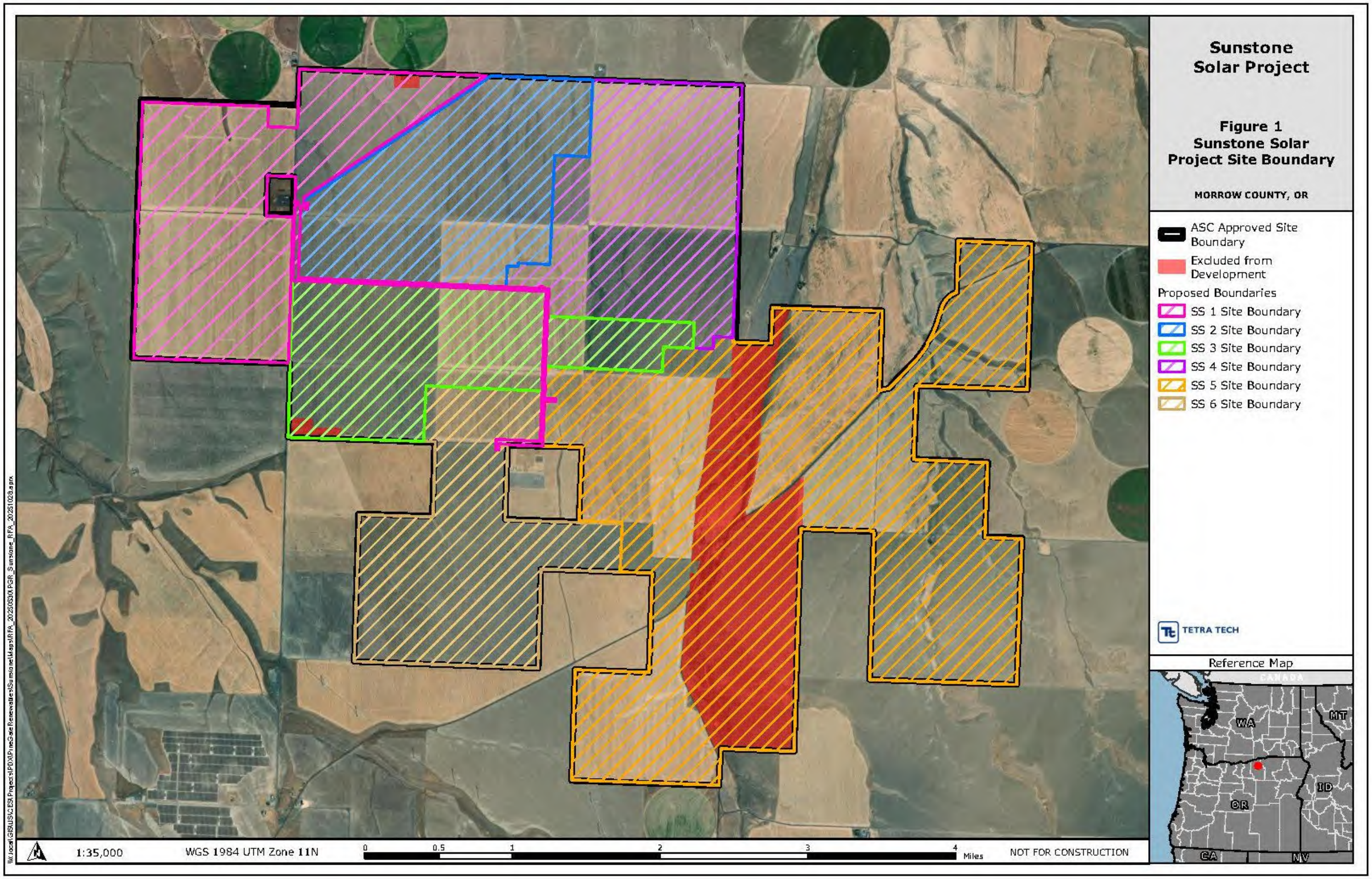

Figure 33~~1~~: Sunstone Solar Project 2 (SS2) Site

Figure 4: SS2 Preliminary Facility Component Layout

Attachment D: Draft Fugitive Dust Control Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 2

Draft Fugitive Dust Control Plan

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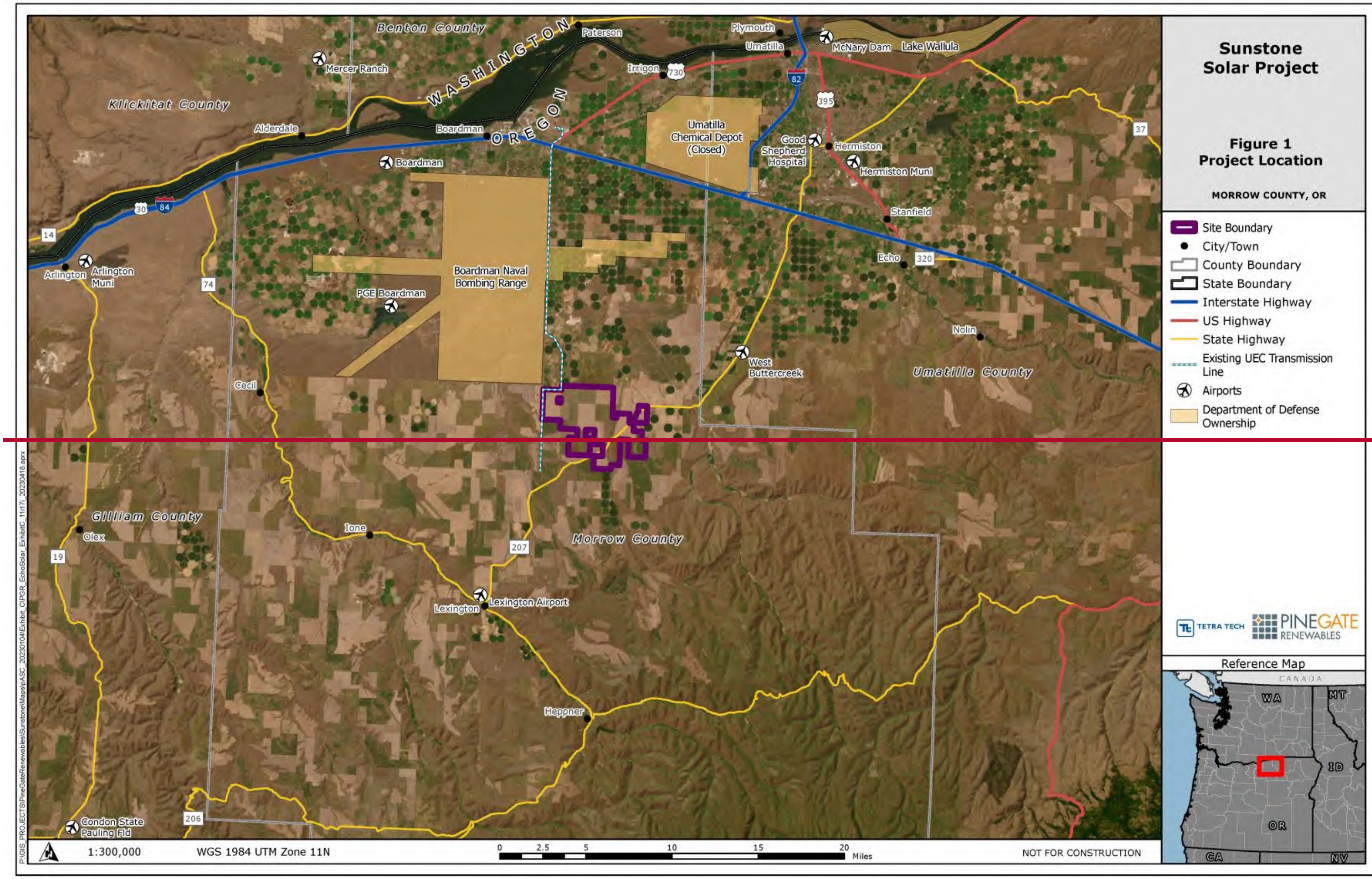
1.0 Introduction

This Fugitive Dust Control Plan (Plan) has been developed by Sunstone Solar 2, LLC (~~Sunstone Solar~~ Certificate Holder), a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC, for the ~~proposed~~ approved Sunstone Solar Project 2 (Facility) in Morrow County, Oregon ~~(Figure 1)~~. The purpose of this Plan is to reduce fugitive dust emissions associated with construction-related activities of a photovoltaic energy generation facility with up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) alternating current and related or supporting facilities, as well as a 1,200 MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system. The majority of the site consists of a mix of fallow fields and fields in small grain production, primarily dryland wheat; no farmlands within the site boundary receive irrigation (the application of water to land for purposes of growing agricultural products; Sunstone Solar 2024~~3a~~). This Plan summarizes the sources of and regulatory issues that relate to fugitive dust emissions; identifies responsibilities, monitoring, and training; and provides reasonable available control methods for fugitive dust in a table for easy reference in the field (Attachment 1).

This is an owner-imposed Plan that is expected to be implemented, maintained, and adaptively managed by the selected contractor throughout all phases of construction. The performance criteria and suggested measures identified in this Plan are minimums, and the contractor is expected to identify and implement additional measures as needed to fully meet all regulatory and public safety performance criteria. As identified in this Plan, the contractor may propose alternative approaches for consideration by the owner.

1.1 Fugitive Dust Sources

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey identified six~~13~~ major soil types within the project area (NRCS 2025~~3; see Sunstone Solar 2023b~~). Approximately 98~~64~~ percent of the site is composed of Warden silt loam ~~(Sunstone Solar 2023a)~~, which is moderately or severely susceptible to erosion from ground disturbance, wind, and vehicle traffic on unpaved roads due to its composition of hemic organic soil materials and very fine sand (~~Sunstone Solar 2023b;~~ NRCS 2025, NRCS 2011). ~~Additionally, 20 percent of the site is composed of Ritzville silt loam, which is also moderately or severely susceptible to erosion from ground disturbance, wind, and vehicle traffic due to its composition of silt and fibric organic material (Sunstone Solar 2023b; NRCS 2011).~~ Due to their composition, the retention of moisture in these sediments is thus restricted. Furthermore, these sediment particles have a low resistance to dust propagation and would be transported or drift to adjacent lands due to the lack of water through irrigation; thus, these soils are considered at high risk for fugitive dust.



~~**Figure 1. Project Location**~~

Fugitive dust can arise from a variety of construction and operational activities associated with solar development. The sources can be grouped into three general categories: dust created from ground-disturbing activities such as clearing and grading, dust created from wind action on bare soils and stockpiles such as those not fully stabilized post-construction with either vegetation or a tackifier, and dust created from traffic on unpaved roads. Sediment is the basis for fugitive dust, meaning that sediment particles can become fugitive dust if they are windborne. Therefore, the thresholds for treating sediment and erosion on the site will be similar if not the same as the thresholds for treating fugitive dust. Maintaining existing vegetation and root systems is the single most effective method for avoiding fugitive dust and sediment. Where existing vegetation and root systems are disturbed, quickly reestablishing vegetation is critical.

1.2 Regulatory Compliance

Fugitive dust is a source of particulate matter with a mean diameter less than 10 microns (PM_{10}) which is one of the seven air pollutants the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). To a lesser extent, fugitive dust is a source of particulate matter with a mean diameter less than 2.5 microns ($PM_{2.5}$), which has proposed regulations pending under NAAQS. These soil particles are very small, can remain suspended in the air for long periods of time, and are easily inhaled into the lungs. Increased risks of death and disease have been linked to periods of high outdoor PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations. These fine particles can potentially be lifted thousands of feet into the atmosphere and transported across continents and oceans creating global health, ecological, and climate change impacts.

The EPA shares responsibility with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) for the implementation of Clean Air Act (CAA) criteria in Oregon. ODEQ implements the CAA rules under the EPA-approved Oregon Administrative Rules (Chapter 340, Division 21 General Emission Standards for Particulate Matter). Fugitive dust is the primary concern related to the CAA at the Project. Fugitive dust is defined by ODEQ as dust that visibly leaves the project site for a period of more than **18 seconds in a 6-minute period,** determined by the attached EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019) at the downwind property boundary (Oregon Administrative Rules [OAR] 340-208-0210 (2)-a and -b).

The ODEQ Rule 340-208-0210 contains the following requirements for fugitive dust:

- Reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of water or other chemicals to control dust during construction, on unpaved roads, and during the transport of materials; enclosure of materials stockpiles and covering of open-body trucks; and prompt removal from paved streets of earth or other material.
- If fugitive dust is discovered, ODEQ may require the Facility to cease work until the fugitive dust emissions are controlled. Emissions are considered controlled when fugitive dust is no longer leaving the Facility site for more than 18 seconds in a 6-minute period.

Further, ODEQ Rule 340-208-0300 specifies that it is prohibited to cause or allow any air contaminants (e.g., fugitive dust) to create a nuisance. If ODEQ determines that a nuisance has been created, the agency may pursue informal or formal enforcement actions to abate the nuisance.

A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction Stormwater Discharge Permit (Oregon 1200-C Construction Stormwater Permit), pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 468.050 and Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act, will be obtained from ODEQ. This permit requires the permit holder to "Prevent wind-blown soil and dust from areas with exposed soil through the appropriate application of water or other dust suppression techniques to control the generation of pollutants that could be discharged in stormwater from the site" (Section 2.2.9) and requires permit holders to implement measures including monitoring, record keeping, reporting of exceedances, and installation, maintenance, and adaptive management of best management practices (BMPs) to control both stormwater and fugitive dust discharges. Implementation of these measures is intended to reduce fugitive dust to a negligible impact and ensure compliance with applicable air quality regulations.

The Morrow County Code regulates nuisances through the Oregon State Statute Chapter 203. Controlling fugitive dust emissions is required to avoid creating a public nuisance, which is defined as "any thing, substance, or act that is a threat to the public health, safety or welfare" (Morrow County Code Enforcement Ordinance ORD-2021-4).

2.0 Fugitive Dust Control Plan

2.1 Responsibility

The expectation is that the Contractor will implement and adaptively manage this Plan, controlling fugitive dust emissions and meeting all regulatory and public safety performance criteria throughout construction. As described in Section 1.2 above, the holder of the Oregon 1200-C permit is required to control fugitive dust emissions, including ensuring compliance by all subcontractors and outside service providers.

If the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ identifies that the regulatory and public safety performance criteria are not being met, the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ will implement enforcement measures, including but not limited to:

- Issuance of a Non-Conformance and/or Non-Compliance Report.
- Contractor to prepare and submit a corrective action plan.
- Contractor to document corrective actions taken and performance criteria met.
- Partial or full stoppage of work on site through activation of shut-down clause in contract.
- At ~~Sunstone Solar's~~the Certificate Holder's sole discretion, an outside contractor may be contracted to implement corrective actions, to be reimbursed by the Contractor.

Additionally, the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ may establish a Community Action Council to create an open and ongoing pathway for communication with stakeholders for the Project, including controlling fugitive dust emissions and avoiding the creation of nuisances. The Community Action Council could include representatives from the Morrow County Commissioners' Office, Morrow County Planning Department, Oregon Department of Transportation, and neighboring landowners. The Contractor will work with the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ to determine whether this Community Action Council will be established, and if so, the details of its establishment.

2.2 Monitoring

As required by the 1200-C permit, the permit holder will perform visual monitoring and recordkeeping by a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control or Storm Water Quality Inspector (inspector). The Contractor's construction site manager and inspector will be responsible for ensuring that the measures in this Plan are implemented, monitored, and adaptively managed, and that any exceedances are immediately reported to the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~.

The visual monitoring required by the 1200-C permit must occur at least once every 14 calendar days. However, because OAR 340-208-0210 restricts visible fugitive emissions on a continuous standard to a maximum of 18 seconds in a given 6-minute period, and because fugitive dust emissions may provide an immediate public safety concern in this location, this Plan requires that fugitive dust be monitored and controlled on an ongoing basis.

Monitoring for fugitive dust emissions shall include:

- Use of EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019; see Attachment 2) as specified in OAR 340-208-0210, at least once a day.
- The observation shall be performed during times of peak construction activity at the downwind property boundary.
- Recording of observations in a fugitive dust inspection log that is kept on site and shall be available digitally to the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~. This log shall include all information required in EPA Method 22 and shall also include photos and/or video taken during the observation period to document conditions.
- Installation and operation of a weather station, recording (at a minimum) wind speed and direction.

Triggers for additional, more frequent monitoring will include:

- Observation of visible fugitive dust emissions by Contractor, agency, or the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~ staff.
- Request by a member of the Community Action Council established by the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~.
- Wind speeds greater than 15 miles per hour.

- Receipt of complaints or concerns through the Project Dust Control Hotline.

2.3 Training

EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019) does not require a specific certification, but it is necessary that the person responsible for observations completed for this method be knowledgeable with respect to the general procedures for determining the presence of visible emissions. At a minimum, the observer must be trained and knowledgeable regarding the effects of background contrast, ambient lighting, observer position relative to lighting, wind, and the presence of uncombined water (condensing water vapor) on the visibility of emissions. This training is to be obtained from written materials found in the references cited in Method 22 (EPA 2019) or from the lecture portion of the EPA Method 9 certification course. The Contractor shall document in the inspection log how the person responsible for observations meets this requirement.

Construction workers will attend a Worker Environmental Awareness Program training prior to conducting construction activities. This training will include a summary of fugitive dust control measures included in this Plan and the responsibilities of personnel working on the Facility related to fugitive dust control.

2.4 Fugitive Dust Prevention and Management

This document and the attached table are intended to provide guidance to construction personnel on measures intended to minimize impacts and control fugitive dust emissions during construction. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to monitor and adaptively manage the site to maintain compliance with all local, state, and federal requirements. Additionally, this Plan is supplemental to the Contractor's Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and does not substitute for any requirements of ODEQ or other agencies.

This Plan is performance-based. As shown in the flow chart in Figure 1~~2~~, if fugitive dust emissions in excess of the ODEQ criteria of **18 seconds in a 6-minute period** occur, the Contractor shall:

- Implement adaptive management actions, including altering work operations and/or pause work until the fugitive dust emissions are controlled.
- Document that fugitive dust emissions have been controlled, including monitoring with EPA Method 22.
- In addition to any reporting requirements required in the 1200-C permit, report noncompliance incidents and adaptive management actions taken by the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ within 24 hours of occurrence.

The Contractor shall maintain and implement this Plan during all phases of construction. The table in Attachment 1 provides suggested Reasonable Available Control Measures (RACMs) for anticipated fugitive dust sources based on industry-standard BMPs and reasonable precautions specified in the Oregon 1200-C permit, ODEQ's Construction Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual (Manual) (ODEQ 2021), and OAR 340-208-0210. Supplemental RACMs are

identified in the table in case initial RACMs are not effective in controlling fugitive dust or are not feasible to implement (Attachment 1).

The Contractor shall identify and implement additional RACMs as needed to control fugitive dust emissions. Additionally, the Contractor may propose alternative approaches and RACMs for controlling fugitive dust. This proposal shall be made in writing and is subject to the approval of the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~.

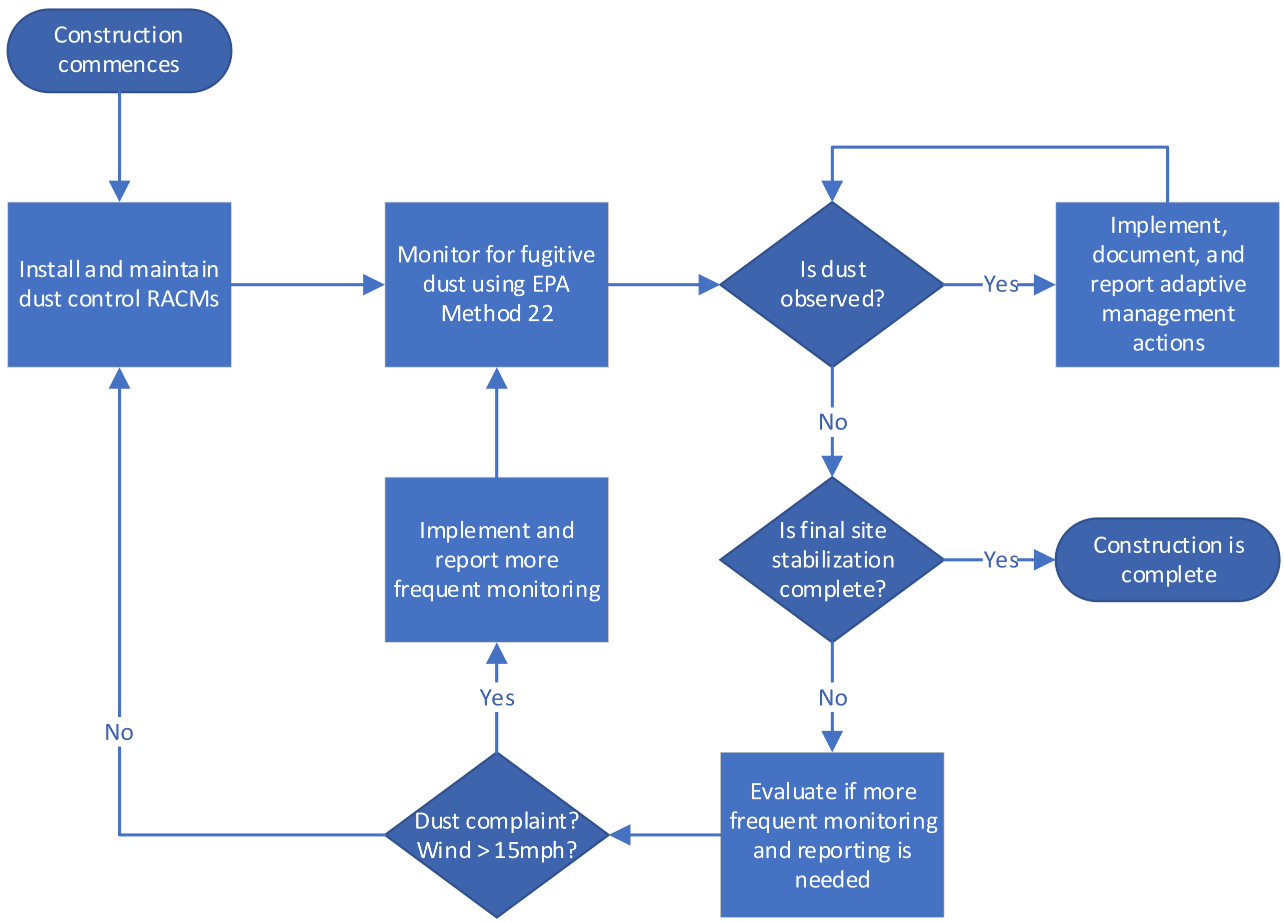


Figure 1. Dust Control Plan Flow Chart

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Attachment 1: Fugitive Dust Sources and Reasonable Available Control Measures

~~Sunstone Solar:~~ Fugitive Dust Sources and Reasonable Available Control Measures

Construction Phase	RACM(s)	Supplemental RACM(s)
All Phases of Construction	Daily fugitive dust monitoring and record keeping.	Increase frequency of monitoring.
	Prominent display of Dust Control Hotline signs, providing direct access to the Contractor's site manager or inspector.	If established, proactive engagement with Community Action Council.
	If established, Worker Environmental Awareness Program training for all construction employees.	Additional trainings and refreshers for employees.
	Maintain stockpile of BMPs on site, including sufficient palliatives for a single treatment of all site access roads and sufficient palliatives, mulch, and/or hydromulch for a minimum of 25 percent of the total disturbed area, and machinery for application.	Increase stockpile of palliatives, mulch, and/or hydromulch and add additional BMPs.
	Documentation and reporting of adaptive management actions.	Development and submittal of revised Fugitive Dust Control Plan.
Site Access	Install and maintain stabilized construction entrances at ingress/egress locations and restrict traffic to these locations.	Add additional construction entrance BMPs (e.g., wheel wash).
	Daily sweeping up of sediment from paved surfaces utilizing vacuum sweeper with HEPA filtration.	Increase sweeper frequency.
	Access roads shall be graveled.	Road maintenance and reapplication of gravel.
	Access roads will be stabilized with water or palliative sufficient to eliminate visible and sustained dust from vehicular travel and wind erosion. Reapply stabilization as necessary to maintain dust-free condition.	If water is unavailable or ineffective, or if water use is limited by any agency or regulation, access roads will be stabilized with longer-lasting palliatives.
	Restrict construction traffic to established and stabilized access routes.	Install fencing or barricades to prevent traffic outside of established routes.
	Limit traffic speeds to 15 miles per hour on stabilized unpaved roads within the site as long as such speeds do not create significant visible dust emissions. Traffic speed signs shall be displayed prominently at all site entrances and exits.	Limit traffic speeds within the site to 5 or 10 miles per hour.

Construction Phase	RACM(s)	Supplemental RACM(s)
Clearing, Grading, and Unstable Surfaces	Maintain the natural topography and vegetation of the site to the extent possible, including by limited grading and limited establishment of temporary access roads.	Reduce area being actively worked and stabilize unworked areas.
	Phase construction to expose the minimum amount of soil necessary.	Increase construction phasing to further minimize exposed soil.
	Leave existing vegetation intact to the extent possible.	Utilize mowing and rolling techniques to maintain plant root systems for soil stabilization.
	Minimize disturbance areas and soil exposure to the maximum extent feasible.	Limit work to a portion of the disturbed area until all disturbed areas receive temporary or final stabilization.
	When wind speeds exceed 15 miles per hour, minimize new disturbances to the extent possible and/or mobilize additional water trucks or palliatives to minimize fugitive dust from exposed surfaces.	Stop all ground disturbing activities and apply additional dust control measures until measures are effective or wind speeds slow and fugitive emissions stop.
	Separate and cover topsoil.	Increase maintenance frequency for topsoil cover. Combine methods, such as mulch plus tackifier.
	Stabilize exposed soils within the timeframes established in the 1200-C permit. Stabilize exposed soils in stages based on site conditions and weather.	Stabilize exposed soils more frequently, even if additional work is anticipated within the timeframe established in the 1200-C permit. Reapply stabilization measures following any additional disturbances.
	Temporarily stabilize exposed surfaces to prohibit significant and sustained visible fugitive dust from wind erosion. Utilize BMPs such as mulch, hydromulch with or without seeds, tackifier, spreading stone or gravel, and trackwalking.	Combine stabilization methods, such as mulch plus tackifier, or trackwalking plus hydromulch. Increase frequency of maintenance of stabilization.
	Seed exposed surfaces during the appropriate season with approved temporary or permanent seed mixes.	Reapply seed to newly disturbed areas or areas with poor germination. Use temporary seeding even if additional work is anticipated before final stabilization. Use irrigation to enhance seeding success.
	Gate seals should be tight on dump trucks. Soil load shall be kept below 6 inches of the freeboard of the truck. Drop heights shall be minimized when loaders dump soil into trucks.	Cover haul trucks with a tarp or other suitable cover.

Attachment 2: EPA Method 22

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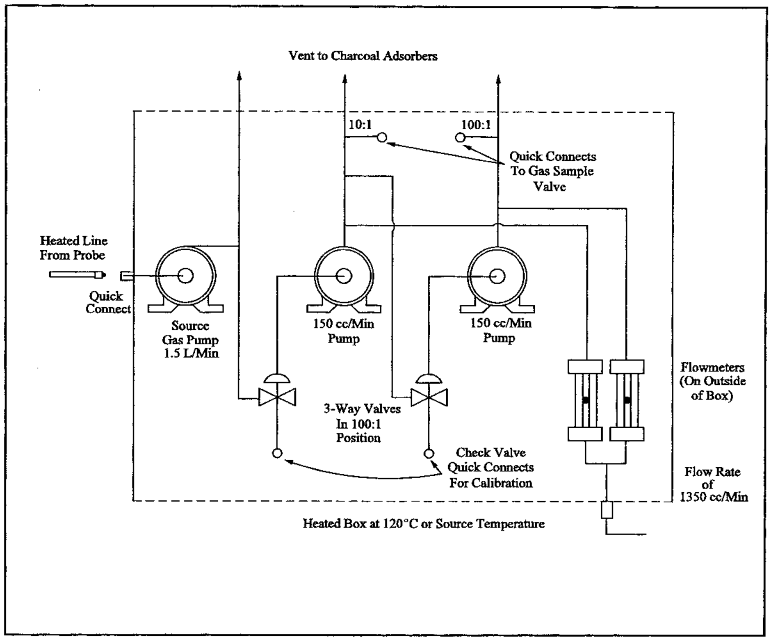

Figure 18-13. Schematic Diagram of the Heated Box Required for Dilution of Sample Gas.

GASEOUS ORGANIC SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS CHECK LIST

[Respond with initials or number as appropriate]

1. Presurvey data:		
A. Grab sample collected	☐	______
B. Grab sample analyzed for composition	☐	______
Method GC	☐	______
GC/MS	☐	______
Other	☐	______
C. GC-FID analysis performed	☐	______
2. Laboratory calibration data:		
A. Calibration curves prepared	☐	______
Number of components	☐	______
Number of concentrations/component (3 required).	☐	______
B. Audit samples (optional):		
Analysis completed	☐	______
Verified for concentration	☐	______
OK obtained for field work	☐	______
3. Sampling procedures:		
A. Method:		
Bag sample	☐	______
Direct interface	☐	______
Dilution interface	☐	______
B. Number of samples collected	☐	______
4. Field Analysis:		
A. Total hydrocarbon analysis performed	☐	______
B. Calibration curve prepared	☐	______
Number of components	☐	______
Number of concentrations per component (3 required).	☐	______

Gaseous Organic Sampling and Analysis Data

Date ______________________

Location ______________________

Plant ______________________

GASEOUS ORGANIC SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS CHECK LIST (RESPOND WITH INITIALS OR NUMBER AS APPROPRIATE)

	Date
1. Pre-survey data	
A. Grab sample collected	________
B. Grab sample analyzed for composition	________
Method GC	________
GC/MS	________
Other______________________	________
C. GC–FID analysis performed	________
2. Laboratory calibration curves prepared	________
A. Number of components	________
B. Number of concentrations per component (3 required)	________
C. OK obtained for field work	________
3. Sampling procedures.	
A. Method.	
Bag sample	________
Direct interface	________
Dilution interface	________
B. Number of samples collected	________
4. Field Analysis.	
A. Total hydrocarbon analysis performed	________
B. Calibration curve prepared	________
Number of components	________
Number of concentrations per component (3 required)	________

Figure 18–14. Sampling and Analysis Sheet

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APPENDIX A–7 TO PART 60—TEST METHODS 19 THROUGH 25E

Method 19—Determination of sulfur dioxide removal efficiency and particulate, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emission rates

Method 20—Determination of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and diluent emissions from stationary gas turbines

Method 21—Determination of volatile organic compound leaks

Method 22—Visual determination of fugitive emissions from material sources and smoke emissions from flares

Method 23—Determination of Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p-Dioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans From Stationary Sources

Method 24—Determination of volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of surface coatings

Method 24A—Determination of volatile matter content and density of printing inks and related coatings

Method 25—Determination of total gaseous nonmethane organic emissions as carbon

Method 25A—Determination of total gaseous organic concentration using a flame ionization analyzer

Method 25B—Determination of total gaseous organic concentration using a nondispersive infrared analyzer

Method 25C—Determination of nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC) in MSW landfill gases

Method 25D—Determination of the Volatile Organic Concentration of Waste Samples

Method 25E—Determination of Vapor Phase Organic Concentration in Waste Samples

The test methods in this appendix are referred to in §60.8 (Performance Tests) and §60.11 (Compliance With Standards and Maintenance Requirements) of 40 CFR part 60, subpart A (General Provisions). Specific uses of these test methods are described in the standards of performance contained in the subparts, beginning with Subpart D.

Within each standard of performance, a section title ''Test Methods and Procedures'' is provided to: (1) Identify the test methods to be used as reference methods to the facility subject to the respective standard and (2) identify any special instructions or conditions to be followed when applying a method to the respective facility. Such instructions (for example, establish sampling rates, volumes, or temperatures) are to be used either in addition to, or as a substitute for procedures in a test method. Similarly, for sources subject to emission monitoring requirements, specific instructions pertaining to any use of a test method as a reference method are provided in the subpart or in Appendix B.

Inclusion of methods in this appendix is not intended as an endorsement or denial of their applicability to sources that are not subject to standards of performance. The methods are potentially applicable to other sources; however, applicability should be confirmed by careful and appropriate evaluation of the conditions prevalent at such sources.

The approach followed in the formulation of the test methods involves specifications for equipment, procedures, and performance. In concept, a performance specification approach would be preferable in all methods because this allows the greatest flexibility to the user. In practice, however, this approach is impractical in most cases because performance specifications cannot be established. Most of the methods described herein, therefore, involve specific equipment specifications and procedures, and only a few methods in this appendix rely on performance criteria.

Minor changes in the test methods should not necessarily affect the validity of the results and it is recognized that alternative and equivalent methods exist. section 60.8 provides authority for the Administrator to specify or approve (1) equivalent methods, (2) alternative methods, and (3) minor changes in the methodology of the test methods. It should be clearly understood that unless otherwise identified all such methods and changes must have prior approval of the Administrator. An owner employing such methods or deviations from the test methods without obtaining prior approval does so at the risk of subsequent disapproval and retesting with approved methods.

Within the test methods, certain specific equipment or procedures are recognized as being acceptable or potentially acceptable and are specifically identified in the methods. The items identified as acceptable options may be used without approval but must be identified in the test report. The potentially approvable options are cited as ''subject to the approval of the Administrator'' or as ''or equivalent.'' Such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives may be used at the discretion of the owner without prior approval. However, detailed descriptions for applying these potentially approvable techniques or alternatives are not provided in the test methods. Also, the potentially approvable options are not necessarily acceptable in all applications. Therefore, an owner electing to use such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives is responsible for: (1) assuring that the techniques or alternatives are in fact applicable and are properly executed; (2) including a written description of the alternative method in the test report (the written method must be clear and must be capable of being performed without additional instruction, and the degree of detail should be similar to the detail contained in the test methods); and (3) providing any rationale or supporting data necessary to show the validity of the alternative in the particular application. Failure to meet these requirements can result in the Administrator's disapproval of the alternative.

METHOD 19—DETERMINATION OF SULFUR DIOXIDE REMOVAL EFFICIENCY AND PARTICULATE MATTER, SULFUR DIOXIDE, AND NITROGEN OXIDE EMISSION RATES

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes. This method provides data reduction procedures relating to the following pollutants, but does not include any sample collection or analysis procedures.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Nitrogen oxides (NO_X), including:		
Nitric oxide (NO)	10102–43–9	N/A
Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2)	10102–44–0.	
Particulate matter (PM)	None assigned	N/A
Sulfur dioxide (SO_2)	7499–09–05	N/A

1.2 Applicability. Where specified by an applicable subpart of the regulations, this method is applicable for the determination of (a) PM, SO_2, and NO_X emission rates; (b) sulfur removal efficiencies of fuel pretreatment and SO_2 control devices; and (c) overall reduction of potential SO_2 emissions.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Emission Rates. Oxygen (O_2) or carbon dioxide (CO_2) concentrations and appropriate F factors (ratios of combustion gas volumes to heat inputs) are used to calculate pollutant emission rates from pollutant concentrations.

2.2 Sulfur Reduction Efficiency and SO_2 Removal Efficiency. An overall SO_2 emission reduction efficiency is computed from the efficiency of fuel pretreatment systems, where applicable, and the efficiency of SO_2 control devices.

2.2.1 The sulfur removal efficiency of a fuel pretreatment system is determined by fuel sampling and analysis of the sulfur and heat contents of the fuel before and after the pretreatment system.

2.2.2 The SO_2 removal efficiency of a control device is determined by measuring the SO_2 rates before and after the control device.

2.2.2.1 The inlet rates to SO_2 control systems (or, when SO_2 control systems are not used, SO_2 emission rates to the atmosphere) are determined by fuel sampling and analysis.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety [Reserved]

6.0 Equipment and Supplies [Reserved]

7.0 Reagents and Standards [Reserved]

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport [Reserved]

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedures [Reserved]

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature

B_{wa} = Moisture fraction of ambient air, percent.

B_{ws} = Moisture fraction of effluent gas, percent.

%C = Concentration of carbon from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

C_d = Pollutant concentration, dry basis, ng/scm (lb/scf)

$\%CO_{2d}$,$\%CO_{2w}$ = Concentration of carbon dioxide on a dry and wet basis, respectively, percent.

C_w = Pollutant concentration, wet basis, ng/scm (lb/scf).

D = Number of sampling periods during the performance test period.

E = Pollutant emission rate, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_a = Average pollutant rate for the specified performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ao}, E_{ai} = Average pollutant rate of the control device, outlet and inlet, respectively, for the performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{bi} = Pollutant rate from the steam generating unit, ng/J (lb/million Btu)

E_{bo} = Pollutant emission rate from the steam generating unit, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ci} = Pollutant rate in combined effluent, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{co} = Pollutant emission rate in combined effluent, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_d = Average pollutant rate for each sampling period (*e.g.*, 24-hr Method 6B sample or 24-hr fuel sample) or for each fuel lot (*e.g.*, amount of fuel bunkered), ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{di} = Average inlet SO_2 rate for each sampling period d, ng/J (lb/million Btu)

E_g = Pollutant rate from gas turbine, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ga} = Daily geometric average pollutant rate, ng/J (lbs/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

E_{jo},E_{ji} = Matched pair hourly arithmetic average pollutant rate, outlet and inlet, respectively, ng/J (lb/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

E_h = Hourly average pollutant, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{hj} = Hourly arithmetic average pollutant rate for hour ''j,'' ng/J (lb/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

EXP = Natural logarithmic base (2.718) raised to the value enclosed by brackets.

F_d, F_w, F_c = Volumes of combustion components per unit of heat content, scm/J (scf/million Btu).

GCV = Gross calorific value of the fuel consistent with the ultimate analysis, kJ/kg (Btu/lb).

GCV_p, GCV_r = Gross calorific value for the product and raw fuel lots, respectively, dry basis, kJ/kg (Btu/lb).

%H = Concentration of hydrogen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

H = Total number of operating hours for which pollutant rates are determined in the performance test period.

H_b = Heat input rate to the steam generating unit from fuels fired in the steam generating unit, J/hr (million Btu/hr).

H_g = Heat input rate to gas turbine from all fuels fired in the gas turbine, J/hr (million Btu/hr).

$\%H_2O$ = Concentration of water from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
H_r = Total numbers of hours in the performance test period (*e.g.*, 720 hours for 30-day performance test period).
K = Conversion factor, 10^{-5} (kJ/J)/(%) [10^6 Btu/million Btu].
K_c = (9.57 scm/kg)/% [(1.53 scf/lb)/%].
K_{cc} = (2.0 scm/kg)/% [(0.321 scf/lb)/%].
K_{hd} = (22.7 scm/kg)/% [(3.64 scf/lb)/%].
K_{hw} = (34.74 scm/kg)/% [(5.57 scf/lb)/%].
K_n = (0.86 scm/kg)/% [(0.14 scf/lb)/%].
K_o = (2.85 scm/kg)/% [(0.46 scf/lb)/%].
K_s = (3.54 scm/kg)/% [(0.57 scf/lb)/%].
K_w = (1.30 scm/kg)/% [(0.21 scf/lb)/%].
ln = Natural log of indicated value.
L_p,L_r = Weight of the product and raw fuel lots, respectively, metric ton (ton).
%N = Concentration of nitrogen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
N = Number of fuel lots during the averaging period.
n = Number of fuels being burned in combination.
n_d = Number of operating hours of the affected facility within the performance test period for each E_d determined.
n_t = Total number of hourly averages for which paired inlet and outlet pollutant rates are available within the 24-hr midnight to midnight daily period.
%O = Concentration of oxygen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
$\%O_{2d}$, $\%O_{2w}$ = Concentration of oxygen on a dry and wet basis, respectively, percent.
P_s = Potential SO_2 emissions, percent.
$\%R_f$ = SO_2 removal efficiency from fuel pretreatment, percent.
$\%R_g$ = SO_2 removal efficiency of the control device, percent.
$\%R_{ga}$ = Daily geometric average percent reduction.
$\%R_o$ = Overall SO_2 reduction, percent.
%S = Sulfur content of as-fired fuel lot, dry basis, weight percent.
S_e = Standard deviation of the hourly average pollutant rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).
$\%S_f$ = Concentration of sulfur from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
S_i = Standard deviation of the hourly average inlet pollutant rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).
S_o = Standard deviation of the hourly average emission rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).
$\%S_p$, $\%S_r$ = Sulfur content of the product and raw fuel lots respectively, dry basis, weight percent.
$t_{0.95}$ = Values shown in Table 19–3 for the indicated number of data points n.
X_k = Fraction of total heat input from each type of fuel k.

12.2 Emission Rates of PM, SO_2, and NO_X. Select from the following sections the applicable procedure to compute the PM, S_{O2}, or NO_X emission rate (E) in ng/J (lb/million Btu). The pollutant concentration must be in ng/scm (lb/scf) and the F factor must be in scm/J (scf/million Btu). If the pollutant concentration (C) is not in the appropriate units, use Table 19–1 in section 17.0 to make the proper conversion. An F factor is the ratio of the gas volume of the products of combustion to the heat content of the fuel. The dry F factor (F_d) includes all components of combustion less water, the wet F factor (F_w) includes all components of combustion, and the carbon F factor (F_c) includes only carbon dioxide.

NOTE: Since F_w factors include water resulting only from the combustion of hydrogen in the fuel, the procedures using F_w factors are not applicable for computing E from steam generating units with wet scrubbers or with other processes that add water (*e.g.*, steam injection).

12.2.1 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Dry Basis. When measurements are on a dry basis for both O ($\%O_{2d}$) and pollutant (C_d) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_d \frac{20.9}{(20.9 - \%O_{2d})} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-1}$$

12.2.2 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Wet Basis. When measurements are on a wet basis for both O_2 ($\%O_{2w}$) and pollutant (C_w) concentrations, use either of the following:

12.2.2.1 If the moisture fraction of ambient air (B_{wa}) is measured:

$$E = C_w F_w \frac{20.9}{\left[20.9(1 - B_{wa}) - \%O_{2w}\right]} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-2}$$

Instead of actual measurement, B_{wa} may be estimated according to the procedure below.

NOTE: The estimates are selected to ensure that negative errors will not be larger than −1.5 percent. However, positive errors, or over-estimation of emissions by as much as 5 percent may be introduced depending upon the geographic location of the facility and the associated range of ambient moisture.

12.2.2.1.1 B_{wa} = 0.027. This value may be used at any location at all times.

12.2.2.1.2 B_{wa} = Highest monthly average of B_{wa} that occurred within the previous calendar year at the nearest Weather Service Station. This value shall be determined annually and may be used as an estimate for the entire current calendar year.

12.2.2.1.3 B_{wa} = Highest daily average of Bwa that occurred within a calendar month at the nearest Weather Service Station, calculated from the data from the past 3 years. This value shall be computed for each month and may be used as an estimate for the current respective calendar month.

12.2.2.2 If the moisture fraction (B_{ws}) of the effluent gas is measured:

$$E = C_w F_d \frac{20.9}{\left[20.9\left(1 - B_{ws}\right) - \%O_{2w}\right]} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-3}$$

12.2.3 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Dry/Wet Basis.

12.2.3.1 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a wet basis (C_w) and O_2 concentration is measured on a dry basis ($\%O_{2d}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{\left(C_w F_d\right)\left(20.9\right)}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)\left(20.9 - \%O_{2d}\right)} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-4}$$

12.2.3.2 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a dry basis (C_d) and the O_2 concentration is measured on a wet basis ($\%O_{2w}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{C_d F_d\, 20.9}{\dfrac{\left(20.9 - \%O_{2w}\right)}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-5}$$

12.2.4 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Dry Basis. When measurements are on a dry basis for both CO_2 ($\%CO_{2d}$) and pollutant (C_d) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_c \frac{100}{\%CO_{2d}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-6}$$

12.2.5 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Wet Basis. When measurements are on a wet basis for both CO_2 ($\%CO_{2w}$) and pollutant (C_w) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_w F_c \frac{100}{\%CO_{2w}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-7}$$

12.2.6 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Dry/Wet Basis.

12.2.6.1 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a wet basis (C_w) and CO_2 concentration is measured on a dry basis ($\%CO_{2d}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{C_w F_c}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)} \frac{100}{\%CO_{2d}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-8}$$

12.2.6.2 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a dry basis (C_d) and CO_2 concentration is measured on a wet basis ($\%CO_{2w}$), use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_c \left(1 - B_{ws}\right) \frac{100}{\%CO_{2w}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-9}$$

12.2.7 Direct-Fired Reheat Fuel Burning. The effect of direct-fired reheat fuel burning (for the purpose of raising the temperature of the exhaust effluent from wet scrubbers to above the moisture dew-point) on emission rates will be less than 1.0 percent and, therefore, may be ignored.

12.2.8 Combined Cycle-Gas Turbine Systems. For gas turbine-steam generator combined cycle systems, determine the emissions from the steam generating unit or the percent reduction in potential SO_2 emissions as follows:

12.2.8.1 Compute the emission rate from the steam generating unit using the following equation:

$$E_{bo} = E_{co} + \frac{H_g}{H_b}\left(E_{co} - E_g\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-10}$$

12.2.8.1.1 Use the test methods and procedures section of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart GG to obtain E_{co} and E_g. Do not use F_w factors for determining E_g or E_{co}. If an SO_2 control device is used, measure E_{co} after the control device.

12.2.8.1.2 Suitable methods shall be used to determine the heat input rates to the steam generating units (H_b) and the gas turbine (H_g).

12.2.8.2 If a control device is used, compute the percent of potential SO_2 emissions (P_s) using the following equations:

$$E_{bi} = E_{ci} - \frac{H_g}{H_b}\left(E_{ci} - E_g\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-11}$$

$$P_s = 100\left(1 - \frac{E_{bo}}{E_{bi}}\right) \quad \text{Eq. 19-12}$$

NOTE: Use the test methods and procedures section of Subpart GG to obtain E_{ci} and E_g. Do not use F_w factors for determining E_g or E_{ci}.

12.3 F Factors. Use an average F factor according to section 12.3.1 or determine an applicable F factor according to section 12.3.2. If combined fuels are fired, prorate the applicable F factors using the procedure in section 12.3.3.

12.3.1 Average F Factors. Average F factors (F_d, F_w, or F_c) from Table 19–2 in section 17.0 may be used.

12.3.2 Determined F Factors. If the fuel burned is not listed in Table 19–2 or if the owner or operator chooses to determine an F factor rather than use the values in Table 19–2, use the procedure below:

12.3.2.1 Equations. Use the equations below, as appropriate, to compute the F factors:

$$F_d = \frac{K\left(K_{hd}\%H + K_c\%C + K_s\%S + K_n\%N - K_o\%O\right)}{GCV} \quad \text{Eq. 19-13}$$

$$F_w = \frac{K\left[K_{hw}\%H + K_c\%C + K_s\%S + K_n\%N - K_o\%O + K_w\%H_2O\right]}{GCV_w} \quad \text{Eq. 19-14}$$

$$F_c = \frac{K\left(K_{cc}\%C\right)}{GCV} \quad \text{Eq. 19-15}$$

NOTE: Omit the $\%H_2O$ term in the equations for F_w if %H and %O include the unavailable hydrogen and oxygen in the form of H_2O.)

12.3.2.2 Use applicable sampling procedures in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to obtain samples for analyses.

12.3.2.3 Use ASTM D 3176–74 or 89 (all cited ASTM standards are incorporated by reference—see § 60.17) for ultimate analysis of the fuel.

12.3.2.4 Use applicable methods in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to determine the heat content of solid or liquid fuels. For gaseous fuels, use ASTM D 1826–77 or 94 (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17) to determine the heat content.

12.3.3 F Factors for Combination of Fuels. If combinations of fuels are burned, use the following equations, as applicable unless otherwise specified in an applicable subpart:

$$F_d = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{dk}\right) \quad \text{Eq. 19-16}$$

$$F_w = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{wk}\right) \quad \text{Eq. 19-17}$$

$$F_c = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{ck}\right) \quad \text{Eq. 19-18}$$

12.4 Determination of Average Pollutant Rates.

12.4.1 Average Pollutant Rates from Hourly Values. When hourly average pollutant rates (E_h), inlet or outlet, are obtained (*e.g.*, CEMS values), compute the average pollutant rate (E_a) for the performance test period (*e.g.*, 30 days) specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$E_a = \frac{1}{H}\sum_{j=1}^{n} E_{hj} \quad \text{Eq. 19-19}$$

12.4.2 Average Pollutant Rates from Other than Hourly Averages. When pollutant rates are determined from measured values representing longer than 1-hour periods (*e.g.*, daily fuel sampling and analyses or Method 6B values), or when pollutant rates are determined from combinations of 1-hour and longer than 1-hour periods (*e.g.*, CEMS and Method 6B values), compute the average pollutant rate (E_a) for the performance test period (*e.g.*, 30 days) specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$E_a = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{D}\left(n_d E_d\right)_j}{\sum_{j=1}^{D} n_{dj}} \quad \text{Eq. 19-20}$$

12.4.3 Daily Geometric Average Pollutant Rates from Hourly Values. The geometric average pollutant rate (E_{ga}) is computed using the following equation:

$$E_{ga} = \exp\left[\frac{1}{n_t}\sum_{j=1}^{n_t}\left[\ln\left(E_{hj}\right)\right]\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-21}$$

12.5 Determination of Overall Reduction in Potential Sulfur Dioxide Emission.

12.5.1 Overall Percent Reduction. Compute the overall percent SO_2 reduction (%R_o) using the following equation:

$$\%R_o = 100\left[1.0 - \left(1.0 - \frac{\%R_f}{100}\right)\left(1.0 - \frac{\%R_g}{100}\right)\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-22}$$

12.5.2 Pretreatment Removal Efficiency (Optional). Compute the SO_2 removal efficiency from fuel pretreatment (%R_f) for the averaging period (*e.g.*, 90 days) as specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$\%R_f = 100\left[1.0 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left(\frac{\%S_{pj}}{GCV_{pj}}\right)L_{pj}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left(\frac{\%S_{rj}}{GCV_{rj}}\right)L_{rj}}\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-23}$$

NOTE: In calculating %R_f, include %S and GCV values for all fuel lots that are not pretreated and are used during the averaging period.

12.5.2.1 Solid Fossil (Including Waste) Fuel/Sampling and Analysis.

NOTE: For the purposes of this method, raw fuel (coal or oil) is the fuel delivered to the desulfurization (pretreatment) facility. For oil, the input oil to the oil desulfurization process (*e.g.*, hydrotreatment) is considered to be the raw fuel.

12.5.2.1.1 Sample Increment Collection. Use ASTM D 2234–76, 96, 97a, or 98 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17), Type I, Conditions A, B, or C, and systematic spacing. As used in this method, systematic spacing is intended to include evenly spaced increments in time or increments based on equal weights of coal passing the collection area. As a minimum, determine the number and weight of increments required per gross sample representing each coal lot according to Table 2 or Paragraph 7.1.5.2 of ASTM D 2234. Collect one gross sample for each lot of raw coal and one gross sample for each lot of product coal.

12.5.2.1.2 ASTM Lot Size. For the purpose of section 12.5.2 (fuel pretreatment), the lot size of product coal is the weight of product coal from one type of raw coal. The lot size of raw coal is the weight of raw coal used to produce one lot of product coal. Typically, the lot size is the weight of coal processed in a 1-day (24-hour) period. If more than one type of coal is treated and produced in 1 day, then gross samples must be collected and analyzed for each type of coal. A coal lot size equaling the 90-day quarterly fuel quantity for a steam generating unit may be used if representative sampling can be conducted for each raw coal and product coal.

NOTE: Alternative definitions of lot sizes may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.2.1.3 Gross Sample Analysis. Use ASTM D 2013–72 or 86 to prepare the sample, ASTM D 3177–75 or 89 or ASTM D 4239–85, 94, or 97 to determine sulfur content (%S), ASTM D 3173–73 or 87 to determine moisture content, and ASTM D 2015–77 (Reapproved 1978) or 96, D 3286–85 or 96, or D 5865–98 or 10 to determine gross calorific value (GCV) (all standards cited are incorporated by reference—see §60.17 for acceptable versions of the standards) on a dry basis for each gross sample.

12.5.2.2 Liquid Fossil Fuel-Sampling and Analysis. See Note under section 12.5.2.1.

12.5.2.2.1 Sample Collection. Follow the procedures for continuous sampling in ASTM D 270 or D 4177–95 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17) for each gross sample from each fuel lot.

12.5.2.2.2 Lot Size. For the purpose of section 12.5.2 (fuel pretreatment), the lot size of a product oil is the weight of product oil from one pretreatment facility and intended as one shipment (ship load, barge load, etc.). The lot size of raw oil is the weight of each crude liquid fuel type used to produce a lot of product oil.

NOTE: Alternative definitions of lot sizes may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.2.2.3 Sample Analysis. Use ASTM D 129–64, 78, or 95, ASTM D 1552–83 or 95, or ASTM D 4057–81 or 95 to determine the sulfur content (%S) and ASTM D 240–76 or 92 (all standards cited are incorporated by reference—see §60.17) to determine the GCV of each gross sample. These values may be assumed to be on a dry basis. The owner or operator of an affected facility may elect to determine the GCV by sampling the oil combusted on the first steam generating unit operating day of each calendar month and then using the lowest GCV value of the three GCV values per quarter for the GCV of all oil combusted in that calendar quarter.

12.5.2.3 Use appropriate procedures, subject to the approval of the Administrator, to determine the fraction of total mass input derived from each type of fuel.

12.5.3 Control Device Removal Efficiency. Compute the percent removal efficiency ($\%R_g$) of the control device using the following equation:

$$\%R_g = 100\left(1.0 - \frac{E_{ao}}{E_{ai}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-24}$$

12.5.3.1 Use continuous emission monitoring systems or test methods, as appropriate, to determine the outlet SO_2 rates and, if appropriate, the inlet SO_2 rates. The rates may be determined as hourly (E_h) or other sampling period averages (E_d). Then, compute the average pollutant rates for the performance test period (E_{ao} and E_{ai}) using the procedures in section 12.4.

12.5.3.2 As an alternative, as-fired fuel sampling and analysis may be used to determine inlet SO_2 rates as follows:

12.5.3.2.1 Compute the average inlet SO_2 rate (E_{di}) for each sampling period using the following equation:

$$E_{di} = K\frac{\%S}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-25}$$

Where:

$$K = 2\times10^7\left(\frac{\text{ng } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{(\text{kJ})}{\text{J}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{kg coal}}\right)\left[2\times10^4\left(\frac{\text{lb } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{million Btu}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{lb coal}}\right)\right]$$

After calculating E_{di}, use the procedures in section 12.4 to determine the average inlet SO_2 rate for the performance test period (E_{ai}).

12.5.3.2.2 Collect the fuel samples from a location in the fuel handling system that provides a sample representative of the fuel bunkered or consumed during a steam generating unit operating day. For the purpose of as-fired fuel sampling under section 12.5.3.2 or section 12.6, the lot size for coal is the weight of coal bunkered or consumed during each steam generating unit operating day. The lot size for oil is the weight of oil supplied to the ‘‘day’’ tank or consumed during each steam generating unit operating day. For reporting and calculation purposes, the gross sample shall be identified with the calendar day on which sampling began. For steam generating unit operating days when a coal-fired steam generating unit is operated without coal being added to the bunkers, the coal analysis from the previous ‘‘as bunkered’’ coal sample shall be used until coal is bunkered again. For steam generating unit operating days when an oil-fired steam generating unit is operated without oil being added to the oil ‘‘day’’ tank, the oil analysis from the previous day shall be used until the ‘‘day’’ tank is filled again. Alternative definitions of fuel lot size may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.3.2.3 Use ASTM procedures specified in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to determine %S and GCV.

12.5.4 Daily Geometric Average Percent Reduction from Hourly Values. The geometric average percent reduction ($\%R_{ga}$) is computed using the following equation:

$$\%R_{ga} = 100\left[1 - \text{EXP}\left(\frac{1}{n_t}\sum_{j=1}^{n_t}\ln\frac{E_{jo}}{E_{ji}}\right)\right] \qquad \text{Eq. 19-26}$$

NOTE: The calculation includes only paired data sets (hourly average) for the inlet and outlet pollutant measurements.

12.6 Sulfur Retention Credit for Compliance Fuel. If fuel sampling and analysis procedures in section 12.5.2.1 are being used to determine average SO_2 emission rates (E_{as}) to the atmosphere from a coal-fired steam generating unit when there is no SO_2 control device, the following equation may be used to adjust the emission rate for sulfur retention credits (no credits are allowed for oil-fired systems) (E_{di}) for each sampling period using the following equation:

$$E_{di} = 0.97K \frac{\%S}{GDV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-27}$$

Where:

$$K = 2\times10^{7}\left(\frac{\text{ng } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{kJ}{J}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{kg coal}}\right)\left[2\times10^{4}\left(\frac{\text{lb } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{Btu}{\text{million Btu}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{lb coal}}\right)\right]$$

After calculating E_{di}, use the procedures in section 12.4.2 to determine the average SO_2 emission rate to the atmosphere for the performance test period (E_{ao}).

12.7 Determination of Compliance When Minimum Data Requirement Is Not Met.

12.7.1 Adjusted Emission Rates and Control Device Removal Efficiency. When the minimum data requirement is not met, the Administrator may use the following adjusted emission rates or control device removal efficiencies to determine compliance with the applicable standards.

12.7.1.1 Emission Rate. Compliance with the emission rate standard may be determined by using the lower confidence limit of the emission rate (E_{ao}*) as follows:

$$E_{ao}^{*} = E_{ao} - t_{0.95} S_o \qquad \text{Eq. 19-28}$$

12.7.1.2 Control Device Removal Efficiency. Compliance with the overall emission reduction ($\%R_o$) may be determined by using the lower confidence limit of the emission rate (E_{ao}*) and the upper confidence limit of the inlet pollutant rate (E_{ai}*) in calculating the control device removal efficiency ($\%R_g$) as follows:

$$\%R_g = 100\left(1.0 - \frac{E_{ao}^{*}}{E_{ai}^{*}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-29}$$

$$E_{ai}^{*} = E_{ai} + t_{0.95} S_i \qquad \text{Eq. 19-30}$$

12.7.2 Standard Deviation of Hourly Average Pollutant Rates. Compute the standard deviation (S_e) of the hourly average pollutant rates using the following equation:

$$S_e = \sqrt{\frac{1}{H} - \frac{1}{H_r}}\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{H}\left(E_{hj} - E_a\right)^2}{H-1}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-31}$$

Equation 19–19 through 19–31 may be used to compute the standard deviation for both the outlet (S_o) and, if applicable, inlet (S_i) pollutant rates.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References [Reserved]

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

TABLE 19–1—CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CONCENTRATION

From	To	Multiply by
g/scm	ng/scm	10^9
mg/scm	ng/scm	10^6
lb/scf	ng/scm	1.602×10^{13}

TABLE 19–1—CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CONCENTRATION—Continued

From	To	Multiply by
ppm SO_2	ng/scm	2.66×10^{6}
ppm NO_X	ng/scm	1.912×10^{6}
ppm SO_2	lb/scf	1.660×10^{-7}
ppm NO_X	lb/scf	1.194×10^{-7}

TABLE 19–2—F FACTORS FOR VARIOUS FUELS[1]

Fuel Type	F_d		F_w		F_c	
	dscm/J	dscf/10^6 Btu	wscm/J	wscf/10^6 Btu	scm/J	scf/10^6 Btu
Coal:						
Anthracite[2]	2.71×10^{-7}	10,100	2.83×10^{-7}	10,540	0.530×10^{-7}	1,970
Bituminus[2]	2.63×10^{-7}	9,780	2.86×10^{-7}	10,640	0.484×10^{-7}	1,800
Lignite	2.65×10^{-7}	9,860	3.21×10^{-7}	11,950	0.513×10^{-7}	1,910
Oil[3]	2.47×10^{-7}	9,190	2.77×10^{-7}	10,320	0.383×10^{-7}	1,420
Gas:.						
Natural	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.85×10^{-7}	10,610	0.287×10^{-7}	1,040
Propane	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.74×10^{-7}	10,200	0.321×10^{-7}	1,190
Butane	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.79×10^{-7}	10,390	0.337×10^{-7}	1,250
Wood	2.48×10^{-7}	9,240			0.492×10^{-7}	1,830
Wood Bark	2.58×10^{-7}	9,600			0.516×10^{-7}	1,920
Municipal	2.57×10^{-7}	9,570			0.488×10^{-7}	1,820
Solid Waste						

[1] Determined at standard conditions: 20 °C (68 °F) and 760 mm Hg (29.92 in Hg)
[2] As classified according to ASTM D 388.
[3] Crude, residual, or distillate.

TABLE 19–3—VALUES FOR $T_{0.95*}$

n[1]	$t_{0.95}$	n[1]	$t_{0.95}$	n[1]	$t_{0.95}$
2	6.31	8	1.89	22–26	1.71
3	2.42	9	1.86	27–31	1.70
4	2.35	10	1.83	32–51	1.68
5	2.13	11	1.81	52–91	1.67
6	2.02	12–16	1.77	92–151	1.66
7	1.94	17–21	1.73	152 or more	1.65

[1]The values of this table are corrected for n-1 degrees of freedom. Use n equal to the number (H) of hourly average data points.

METHOD 20—DETERMINATION OF NITROGEN OXIDES, SULFUR DIOXIDE, AND DILUENT EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY GAS TURBINES

1.0 Scope and Application

What is Method 20?

Method 20 contains the details you must follow when using an instrumental analyzer to determine concentrations of nitrogen oxides, oxygen, carbon dioxide, and sulfur dioxide in the emissions from stationary gas turbines. This method follows the specific instructions for equipment and performance requirements, supplies, sample collection and analysis, calculations, and data analysis in the methods listed in section 2.0.

1.1 Analytes. What does this method determine?

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Nitrogen oxides (NO_X) as nitrogen dioxide:	10102–43–9	Typically <2% of Calibration Span.
Nitric oxide (NO)	10102–44–0	
Nitrogen dioxide NO_2.		
Diluent oxygen (O_2) or carbon dioxide (CO_2)		Typically <2% of Calibration Span.
Sulfur dioxide (SO_X)	7446–09–5	Typically <2% of Calibration Span.

1.2 Applicability. When is this method required? The use of Method 20 may be required by specific New Source Performance Standards, Clean Air Marketing rules, and State Implementation Plans and permits where

measuring SO_2, NO_X, CO_2, and/or O_2 concentrations in stationary gas turbines emissions are required. Other regulations may also require its use.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. How good must my collected data be? Refer to section 1.3 of Method 7E.

2.0 Summary of Method

In this method, NO_X, O_2 (or CO_2), and SO_X are measured using the following methods found in appendix A to this part:

(a) Method 1—Sample and Velocity Traverses for Stationary Sources.

(b) Method 3A—Determination of Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(c) Method 6C—Determination of Sulfur Dioxide Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(d) Method 7E—Determination of Nitrogen Oxides Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(e) Method 19—Determination of Sulfur Dioxide Removal Efficiency and Particulate Matter, Sulfur Dioxide, and Nitrogen Oxide Emission Rates.

3.0 Definitions

Refer to section 3.0 of Method 7E for the applicable definitions.

4.0 Interferences

Refer to section 4.0 of Methods 3A, 6C, and 7E as applicable.

5.0 Safety

Refer to section 5.0 of Method 7E.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The measurement system design is shown in Figure 7E–1 of Method 7E. Refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for equipment and supplies.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for reagents and standards.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sampling Site and Sampling Points. Follow the procedures of section 8.1 of Method 7E. For the stratification test in section 8.1.2, determine the diluent-corrected pollutant concentration at each traverse point.

8.2 Initial Measurement System Performance Tests. You must refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for the measurement system performance tests as applicable.

8.3 Interference Check. You must follow the procedures in section 8.3 of Method 3A or 6C, or section 8.2.7 of Method 7E (as appropriate).

8.4 Sample Collection. You must follow the procedures of section 8.4 of the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0. A test run must have a duration of at least 21 minutes.

8.5 Post-Run System Bias Check, Drift Assessment, and Alternative Dynamic Spike Procedure. You must follow the procedures of sections 8.5 and 8.6 of the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0. A test run must have a duration of at least 21 minutes.

9.0 Quality Control

Follow quality control procedures in section 9.0 of Method 7E.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

Follow the procedures for calibration and standardization in section 10.0 of Method 7E.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

Because sample collection and analysis are performed together (see section 8), additional discussion of the analytical procedure is not necessary.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

You must follow the procedures for calculations and data analysis in section 12.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0. Follow the procedures in section 12.0 of Method 19 for calculating fuel-specific F factors, diluent-corrected pollutant concentrations, and emission rates.

13.0 Method Performance

The specifications for the applicable performance checks are the same as in section 13.0 of Method 7E.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 Alternative Procedures

Refer to section 16.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for alternative procedures.

17.0 References

Refer to section 17.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for references.

18.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

Refer to section 18.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for tables, diagrams, flowcharts, and validation data.

METHOD 21—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND LEAKS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Scope. This method is applicable for the determination of VOC leaks from process equipment. These sources include, but are not limited to, valves, flanges and other connections, pumps and compressors, pressure relief devices, process drains, open-ended valves, pump and compressor seal system degassing vents, accumulator vessel vents, agitator seals, and access door seals.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A portable instrument is used to detect VOC leaks from individual sources. The instrument detector type is not specified, but it must meet the specifications and performance criteria contained in section 6.0. A leak definition concentration based on a reference compound is specified in each applicable regulation. This method is intended to locate and classify leaks only, and is not to be used as a direct measure of mass emission rate from individual sources.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Calibration gas* means the VOC compound used to adjust the instrument meter reading to a known value. The calibration gas is usually the reference compound at a known concentration approximately equal to the leak definition concentration.

3.2 *Calibration precision* means the degree of agreement between measurements of the same known value, expressed as the relative percentage of the average difference between the meter readings and the known concentration to the known concentration.

3.3 *Leak definition concentration* means the local VOC concentration at the surface of a leak source that indicates that a VOC emission (leak) is present. The leak definition is an instrument meter reading based on a reference compound.

3.4 *No detectable emission* means a local VOC concentration at the surface of a leak source, adjusted for local VOC ambient concentration, that is less than 2.5 percent of the specified leak definition concentration. that indicates that a VOC emission (leak) is not present.

3.5 *Reference compound* means the VOC species selected as the instrument calibration basis for specification of the leak definition concentration. (For example, if a leak definition concentration is 10,000 ppm as methane, then any source emission that results in a local concentration that yields a meter reading of 10,000 on an instrument meter calibrated with methane would be classified as a leak. In this example, the leak definition concentration is 10,000 ppm and the reference compound is methane.)

3.6 *Response factor* means the ratio of the known concentration of a VOC compound to the observed meter reading when measured using an instrument calibrated with the reference compound specified in the applicable regulation.

3.7 *Response time* means the time interval from a step change in VOC concentration at the input of the sampling system to the time at which 90 percent of the corresponding final value is reached as displayed on the instrument readout meter.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Pollutants. Several of the compounds, leaks of which may be determined by this method, may be irritating or corrosive to tissues (*e.g.*, heptane) or may be toxic (*e.g.*, benzene, methyl alcohol). Nearly all are fire hazards. Compounds in emissions should be determined through familiarity with the source. Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as reference No. 4 in section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

A VOC monitoring instrument meeting the following specifications is required:

6.1 The VOC instrument detector shall respond to the compounds being processed. Detector types that may meet this requirement include, but are not limited to, catalytic oxidation, flame ionization, infrared absorption, and photoionization.

6.2 The instrument shall be capable of measuring the leak definition concentration specified in the regulation.

6.3 The scale of the instrument meter shall be readable to ±2.5 percent of the specified leak definition concentration.

6.4 The instrument shall be equipped with an electrically driven pump to ensure that a sample is provided to the detector at a constant flow rate. The nominal sample flow rate, as measured at the sample probe tip, shall be 0.10 to 3.0 l/min (0.004 to 0.1 ft^3/min) when the probe is fitted with a glass wool plug or filter that may be used to prevent plugging of the instrument.

6.5 The instrument shall be equipped with a probe or probe extension or sampling not to exceed 6.4 mm (¼ in) in outside diameter,

with a single end opening for admission of sample.

6.6 The instrument shall be intrinsically safe for operation in explosive atmospheres as defined by the National Electrical Code by the National Fire Prevention Association or other applicable regulatory code for operation in any explosive atmospheres that may be encountered in its use. The instrument shall, at a minimum, be intrinsically safe for Class 1, Division 1 conditions, and/or Class 2, Division 1 conditions, as appropriate, as defined by the example code. The instrument shall not be operated with any safety device, such as an exhaust flame arrestor, removed.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Two gas mixtures are required for instrument calibration and performance evaluation:

7.1.1 Zero Gas. Air, less than 10 parts per million by volume (ppmv) VOC.

7.1.2 Calibration Gas. For each organic species that is to be measured during individual source surveys, obtain or prepare a known standard in air at a concentration approximately equal to the applicable leak definition specified in the regulation.

7.2 Cylinder Gases. If cylinder calibration gas mixtures are used, they must be analyzed and certified by the manufacturer to be within 2 percent accuracy, and a shelf life must be specified. Cylinder standards must be either reanalyzed or replaced at the end of the specified shelf life.

7.3 Prepared Gases. Calibration gases may be prepared by the user according to any accepted gaseous preparation procedure that will yield a mixture accurate to within 2 percent. Prepared standards must be replaced each day of use unless it is demonstrated that degradation does not occur during storage.

7.4 Mixtures with non-Reference Compound Gases. Calibrations may be performed using a compound other than the reference compound. In this case, a conversion factor must be determined for the alternative compound such that the resulting meter readings during source surveys can be converted to reference compound results.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Instrument Performance Evaluation. Assemble and start up the instrument according to the manufacturer's instructions for recommended warmup period and preliminary adjustments.

8.1.1 Response Factor. A response factor must be determined for each compound that is to be measured, either by testing or from reference sources. The response factor tests are required before placing the analyzer into service, but do not have to be repeated at subsequent intervals.

8.1.1.1 Calibrate the instrument with the reference compound as specified in the applicable regulation. Introduce the calibration gas mixture to the analyzer and record the observed meter reading. Introduce zero gas until a stable reading is obtained. Make a total of three measurements by alternating between the calibration gas and zero gas. Calculate the response factor for each repetition and the average response factor.

8.1.1.2 The instrument response factors for each of the individual VOC to be measured shall be less than 10 unless otherwise specified in the applicable regulation. When no instrument is available that meets this specification when calibrated with the reference VOC specified in the applicable regulation, the available instrument may be calibrated with one of the VOC to be measured, or any other VOC, so long as the instrument then has a response factor of less than 10 for each of the individual VOC to be measured.

8.1.1.3 Alternatively, if response factors have been published for the compounds of interest for the instrument or detector type, the response factor determination is not required, and existing results may be referenced. Examples of published response factors for flame ionization and catalytic oxidation detectors are included in References 1–3 of section 17.0.

8.1.2 Calibration Precision. The calibration precision test must be completed prior to placing the analyzer into service and at subsequent 3-month intervals or at the next use, whichever is later.

8.1.2.1 Make a total of three measurements by alternately using zero gas and the specified calibration gas. Record the meter readings. Calculate the average algebraic difference between the meter readings and the known value. Divide this average difference by the known calibration value and multiply by 100 to express the resulting calibration precision as a percentage.

8.1.2.2 The calibration precision shall be equal to or less than 10 percent of the calibration gas value.

8.1.3 Response Time. The response time test is required before placing the instrument into service. If a modification to the sample pumping system or flow configuration is made that would change the response time, a new test is required before further use.

8.1.3.1 Introduce zero gas into the instrument sample probe. When the meter reading has stabilized, switch quickly to the specified calibration gas. After switching, measure the time required to attain 90 percent of the final stable reading. Perform this test sequence three times and record the results. Calculate the average response time.

8.1.3.2 The instrument response time shall be equal to or less than 30 seconds. The instrument pump, dilution probe (if any), sample probe, and probe filter that will be used

during testing shall all be in place during the response time determination.

8.2 Instrument Calibration. Calibrate the VOC monitoring instrument according to section 10.0.

8.3 Individual Source Surveys.

8.3.1 Type I—Leak Definition Based on Concentration. Place the probe inlet at the surface of the component interface where leakage could occur. Move the probe along the interface periphery while observing the instrument readout. If an increased meter reading is observed, slowly sample the interface where leakage is indicated until the maximum meter reading is obtained. Leave the probe inlet at this maximum reading location for approximately two times the instrument response time. If the maximum observed meter reading is greater than the leak definition in the applicable regulation, record and report the results as specified in the regulation reporting requirements. Examples of the application of this general technique to specific equipment types are:

8.3.1.1 Valves. The most common source of leaks from valves is the seal between the stem and housing. Place the probe at the interface where the stem exits the packing gland and sample the stem circumference. Also, place the probe at the interface of the packing gland take-up flange seat and sample the periphery. In addition, survey valve housings of multipart assembly at the surface of all interfaces where a leak could occur.

8.3.1.2 Flanges and Other Connections. For welded flanges, place the probe at the outer edge of the flange-gasket interface and sample the circumference of the flange. Sample other types of nonpermanent joints (such as threaded connections) with a similar traverse.

8.3.1.3 Pumps and Compressors. Conduct a circumferential traverse at the outer surface of the pump or compressor shaft and seal interface. If the source is a rotating shaft, position the probe inlet within 1 cm of the shaft-seal interface for the survey. If the housing configuration prevents a complete traverse of the shaft periphery, sample all accessible portions. Sample all other joints on the pump or compressor housing where leakage could occur.

8.3.1.4 Pressure Relief Devices. The configuration of most pressure relief devices prevents sampling at the sealing seat interface. For those devices equipped with an enclosed extension, or horn, place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the exhaust area to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.5 Process Drains. For open drains, place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the area open to the atmosphere. For covered drains, place the probe at the surface of the cover interface and conduct a peripheral traverse.

8.3.1.6 Open-ended Lines or Valves. Place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the opening to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.7 Seal System Degassing Vents and Accumulator Vents. Place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the opening to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.8 Access door seals. Place the probe inlet at the surface of the door seal interface and conduct a peripheral traverse.

8.3.2 Type II—''No Detectable Emission''. Determine the local ambient VOC concentration around the source by moving the probe randomly upwind and downwind at a distance of one to two meters from the source. If an interference exists with this determination due to a nearby emission or leak, the local ambient concentration may be determined at distances closer to the source, but in no case shall the distance be less than 25 centimeters. Then move the probe inlet to the surface of the source and determine the concentration as outlined in section 8.3.1. The difference between these concentrations determines whether there are no detectable emissions. Record and report the results as specified by the regulation. For those cases where the regulation requires a specific device installation, or that specified vents be ducted or piped to a control device, the existence of these conditions shall be visually confirmed. When the regulation also requires that no detectable emissions exist, visual observations and sampling surveys are required. Examples of this technique are:

8.3.2.1 Pump or Compressor Seals. If applicable, determine the type of shaft seal. Perform a survey of the local area ambient VOC concentration and determine if detectable emissions exist as described in section 8.3.2.

8.3.2.2 Seal System Degassing Vents, Accumulator Vessel Vents, Pressure Relief Devices. If applicable, observe whether or not the applicable ducting or piping exists. Also, determine if any sources exist in the ducting or piping where emissions could occur upstream of the control device. If the required ducting or piping exists and there are no sources where the emissions could be vented to the atmosphere upstream of the control device, then it is presumed that no detectable emissions are present. If there are sources in the ducting or piping where emissions could be vented or sources where leaks could occur, the sampling surveys described in section 8.3.2 shall be used to determine if detectable emissions exist.

8.3.3 Alternative Screening Procedure.

8.3.3.1 A screening procedure based on the formation of bubbles in a soap solution that is sprayed on a potential leak source may be used for those sources that do not have continuously moving parts, that do not have surface temperatures greater than the boiling point or less than the freezing point of the soap solution, that do not have open

areas to the atmosphere that the soap solution cannot bridge, or that do not exhibit evidence of liquid leakage. Sources that have these conditions present must be surveyed using the instrument technique of section 8.3.1 or 8.3.2.

8.3.3.2 Spray a soap solution over all potential leak sources. The soap solution may be a commercially available leak detection solution or may be prepared using concentrated detergent and water. A pressure sprayer or squeeze bottle may be used to dispense the solution. Observe the potential leak sites to determine if any bubbles are formed. If no bubbles are observed, the source is presumed to have no detectable emissions or leaks as applicable. If any bubbles are observed, the instrument techniques of section 8.3.1 or 8.3.2 shall be used to determine if a leak exists, or if the source has detectable emissions, as applicable.

9.0 Quality Control

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.1.2	Instrument calibration precision check	Ensure precision and accuracy, respectively, of instrument response to standard.
10.0	Instrument calibration.	

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Calibrate the VOC monitoring instrument as follows. After the appropriate warmup period and zero internal calibration procedure, introduce the calibration gas into the instrument sample probe. Adjust the instrument meter readout to correspond to the calibration gas value.

NOTE: If the meter readout cannot be adjusted to the proper value, a malfunction of the analyzer is indicated and corrective actions are necessary before use.

11.0 Analytical Procedures [Reserved]

12.0 Data Analyses and Calculations [Reserved]

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 22—VISUAL DETERMINATION OF FUGITIVE EMISSIONS FROM MATERIAL SOURCES AND SMOKE EMISSIONS FROM FLARES

NOTE: This method is not inclusive with respect to observer certification. Some material is incorporated by reference from Method 9.

1.0 Scope and Application

This method is applicable for the determination of the frequency of fugitive emissions from stationary sources, only as specified in an applicable subpart of the regulations. This method also is applicable for the determination of the frequency of visible smoke emissions from flares.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Fugitive emissions produced during material processing, handling, and transfer operations or smoke emissions from flares are visually determined by an observer without the aid of instruments.

2.2 This method is used also to determine visible smoke emissions from flares used for combustion of waste process materials.

2.3 This method determines the amount of time that visible emissions occur during the observation period (*i.e.*, the accumulated emission time). This method does not require that the opacity of emissions be determined. Since this procedure requires only the determination of whether visible emissions occur and does not require the determination of opacity levels, observer certification according to the procedures of Method 9 is not required. However, it is necessary that the observer is knowledgeable with respect to the general procedures for determining the presence of visible emissions. At a minimum, the observer must be trained and knowledgeable regarding the effects of background contrast, ambient lighting, observer position relative

to lighting, wind, and the presence of uncombined water (condensing water vapor) on the visibility of emissions. This training is to be obtained from written materials found in References 1 and 2 or from the lecture portion of the Method 9 certification course.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Emission frequency* means the percentage of time that emissions are visible during the observation period.

3.2 *Emission time* means the accumulated amount of time that emissions are visible during the observation period.

3.3 *Fugitive emissions* means emissions generated by an affected facility which is not collected by a capture system and is released to the atmosphere. This includes emissions that (1) escape capture by process equipment exhaust hoods; (2) are emitted during material transfer; (3) are emitted from buildings housing material processing or handling equipment; or (4) are emitted directly from process equipment.

3.4 *Observation period* means the accumulated time period during which observations are conducted, not to be less than the period specified in the applicable regulation.

3.5 *Smoke emissions* means a pollutant generated by combustion in a flare and occurring immediately downstream of the flame. Smoke occurring within the flame, but not downstream of the flame, is not considered a smoke emission.

4.0 Interferences

4.1 Occasionally, fugitive emissions from sources other than the affected facility (*e.g.*, road dust) may prevent a clear view of the affected facility. This may particularly be a problem during periods of high wind. If the view of the potential emission points is obscured to such a degree that the observer questions the validity of continuing observations, then the observations shall be terminated, and the observer shall clearly note this fact on the data form.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment

6.1 Stopwatches (two). Accumulative type with unit divisions of at least 0.5 seconds.

6.2 Light Meter. Light meter capable of measuring illuminance in the 50 to 200 lux range, required for indoor observations only.

7.0 Reagents and Supplies [Reserved]

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transfer [Reserved]

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedure

11.1 Selection of Observation Location. Survey the affected facility, or the building or structure housing the process to be observed, and determine the locations of potential emissions. If the affected facility is located inside a building, determine an observation location that is consistent with the requirements of the applicable regulation (*i.e.*, outside observation of emissions escaping the building/structure or inside observation of emissions directly emitted from the affected facility process unit). Then select a position that enables a clear view of the potential emission point(s) of the affected facility or of the building or structure housing the affected facility, as appropriate for the applicable subpart. A position at least 4.6 m (15 feet), but not more than 400 m (0.25 miles), from the emission source is recommended. For outdoor locations, select a position where the sunlight is not shining directly in the observer's eyes.

11.2 Field Records.

11.2.1 Outdoor Location. Record the following information on the field data sheet (Figure 22–1): Company name, industry, process unit, observer's name, observer's affiliation, and date. Record also the estimated wind speed, wind direction, and sky condition. Sketch the process unit being observed, and note the observer location relative to the source and the sun. Indicate the potential and actual emission points on the sketch.

11.2.2 Indoor Location. Record the following information on the field data sheet (Figure 22–2): Company name, industry, process unit, observer's name, observer's affiliation, and date. Record as appropriate the type, location, and intensity of lighting on the data sheet. Sketch the process unit being observed, and note the observer location relative to the source. Indicate the potential and actual fugitive emission points on the sketch.

11.3 Indoor Lighting Requirements. For indoor locations, use a light meter to measure the level of illumination at a location as close to the emission source(s) as is feasible. An illumination of greater than 100 lux (10 foot candles) is considered necessary for proper application of this method.

11.4 Observations.

11.4.1 Procedure. Record the clock time when observations begin. Use one stopwatch to monitor the duration of the observation

period. Start this stopwatch when the observation period begins. If the observation period is divided into two or more segments by process shutdowns or observer rest breaks (see section 11.4.3), stop the stopwatch when a break begins and restart the stopwatch without resetting it when the break ends. Stop the stopwatch at the end of the observation period. The accumulated time indicated by this stopwatch is the duration of observation period. When the observation period is completed, record the clock time. During the observation period, continuously watch the emission source. Upon observing an emission (condensed water vapor is not considered an emission), start the second accumulative stopwatch; stop the watch when the emission stops. Continue this procedure for the entire observation period. The accumulated elapsed time on this stopwatch is the total time emissions were visible during the observation period (*i.e.*, the emission time.)

11.4.2 Observation Period. Choose an observation period of sufficient length to meet the requirements for determining compliance with the emission standard in the applicable subpart of the regulations. When the length of the observation period is specifically stated in the applicable subpart, it may not be necessary to observe the source for this entire period if the emission time required to indicate noncompliance (based on the specified observation period) is observed in a shorter time period. In other words, if the regulation prohibits emissions for more than 6 minutes in any hour, then observations may (optional) be stopped after an emission time of 6 minutes is exceeded. Similarly, when the regulation is expressed as an emission frequency and the regulation prohibits emissions for greater than 10 percent of the time in any hour, then observations may (optional) be terminated after 6 minutes of emission are observed since 6 minutes is 10 percent of an hour. In any case, the observation period shall not be less than 6 minutes in duration. In some cases, the process operation may be intermittent or cyclic. In such cases, it may be convenient for the observation period to coincide with the length of the process cycle.

11.4.3 Observer Rest Breaks. Do not observe emissions continuously for a period of more than 15 to 20 minutes without taking a rest break. For sources requiring observation periods of greater than 20 minutes, the observer shall take a break of not less than 5 minutes and not more than 10 minutes after every 15 to 20 minutes of observation. If continuous observations are desired for extended time periods, two observers can alternate between making observations and taking breaks.

11.5 Recording Observations. Record the accumulated time of the observation period on the data sheet as the observation period duration. Record the accumulated time emissions were observed on the data sheet as the emission time. Record the clock time the observation period began and ended, as well as the clock time any observer breaks began and ended.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

If the applicable subpart requires that the emission rate be expressed as an emission frequency (in percent), determine this value as follows: Divide the accumulated emission time (in seconds) by the duration of the observation period (in seconds) or by any minimum observation period required in the applicable subpart, if the actual observation period is less than the required period, and multiply this quotient by 100.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION
OUTDOOR LOCATION

Company Location Company Rep.	Observer Affiliation Date
Sky Conditions Precipitation	Wind Direction Wind Speed
Industry	Process Unit

Sketch process unit: indicate observer position relative to source; indicate potential emission points and/or actual emission points.

OBSERVATIONS	Clock Time	Observation period duration, min:sec	Accumulated emission time, min:sec
Begin Observation	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______		
End Observation	______	______	______

Figure 22-1

FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION
INDOOR LOCATION

Company Location Company Rep.	Observer Affiliation Date
Industry	Process Unit

Light type (fluorescent, incandescent, natural)
Light location (overhead, behind observer, etc.)
Illuminance (lux or footcandles)
Sketch process unit: indicate observer position relative to source; indicate potential emission points and/or actual emission points.

OBSERVATIONS	Clock Time	Observation period duration, min:sec	Accumulated emission time, min:sec
Begin	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
End Observation	______		

Figure 22-2

METHOD 23—DETERMINATION OF POLYCHLORINATED DIBENZO-P-DIOXINS AND POLYCHLORINATED DIBENZOFURANS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES

1. Applicability and Principle

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable to the determination of polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDD's) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDF's) from stationary sources.

1.2 Principle. A sample is withdrawn from the gas stream isokinetically and collected in the sample probe, on a glass fiber filter, and on a packed column of adsorbent material. The sample cannot be separated into a particle vapor fraction. The PCDD's and

PCDF's are extracted from the sample, separated by high resolution gas chromatography, and measured by high resolution mass spectrometry.

2. Apparatus

2.1 Sampling. A schematic of the sampling train used in this method is shown in Figure 23–1. Sealing greases may not be used in assembling the train. The train is identical to that described in section 2.1 of Method 5 of this appendix with the following additions:

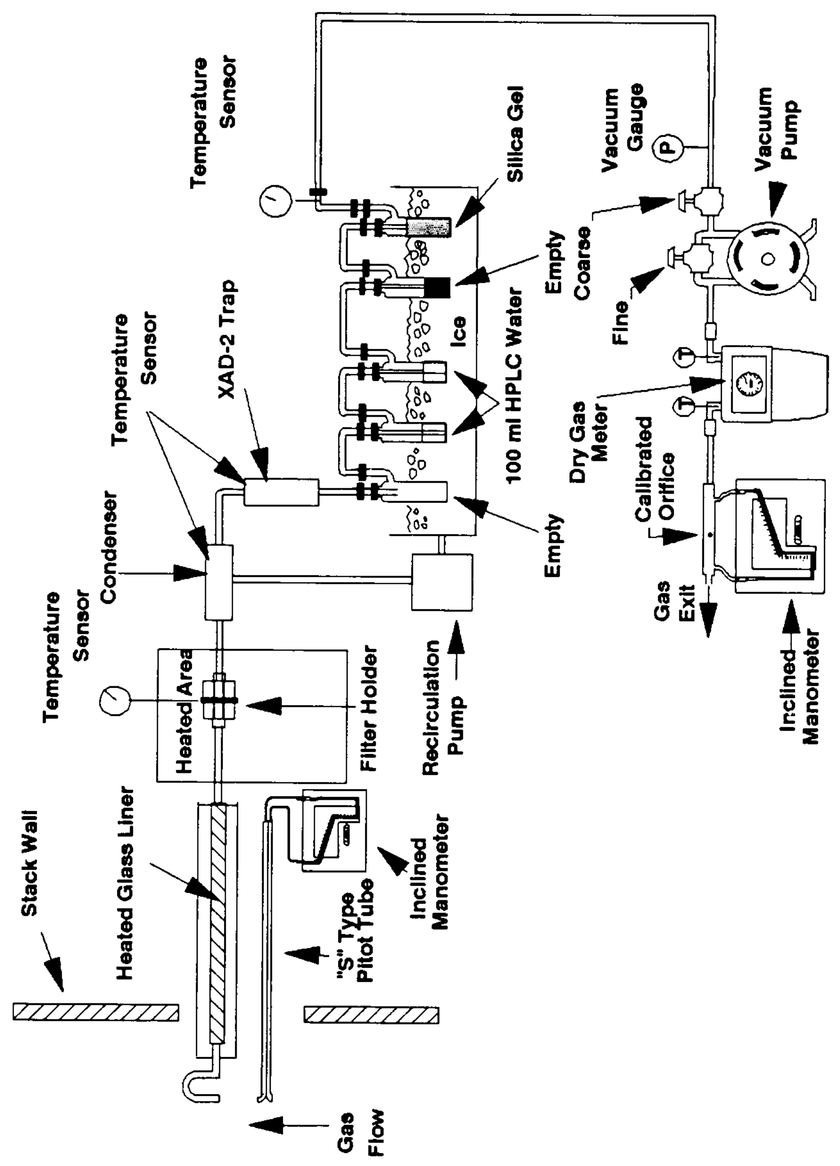

Figure 23.1 Sampling train

2.1.1 Nozzle. The nozzle shall be made of nickel, nickel-plated stainless steel, quartz, or borosilicate glass.

2.1.2 Sample Transfer Lines. The sample transfer lines, if needed, shall be heat traced, heavy walled TFE (½ in. OD with ⅛ in. wall) with connecting fittings that are capable of forming leak-free, vacuum-tight connections without using sealing greases. The line shall be as short as possible and must be maintained at 120 °C.

2.1.1 Filter Support. Teflon or Teflon-coated wire.

2.1.2 Condenser. Glass, coil type with compatible fittings. A schematic diagram is shown in Figure 23–2.

2.1.3 Water Bath. Thermostatically controlled to maintain the gas temperature exiting the condenser at <20 °C (68 °F).

2.1.4 Adsorbent Module. Glass container to hold the solid adsorbent. A shematic diagram is shown in Figure 23–2. Other physical configurations of the resin trap/condenser assembly are acceptable. The connecting fittings shall form leak-free, vacuum tight seals. No sealant greases shall be used in the sampling train. A coarse glass frit is included to retain the adsorbent.

2.2 Sample Recovery.

2.2.1 Fitting Caps. Ground glass, Teflon tape, or aluminum foil (Section 2.2.6) to cap off the sample exposed sections of the train.

2.2.2 Wash Bottles. Teflon, 500-ml.

2.2.3 Probe-Liner Probe-Nozzle, and Filter-Holder Brushes. Inert bristle brushes with precleaned stainless steel or Teflon handles. The probe brush shall have extensions of stainless steel or Teflon, at least as long as the probe. The brushes shall be properly sized and shaped to brush out the nozzle, probe liner, and transfer line, if used.

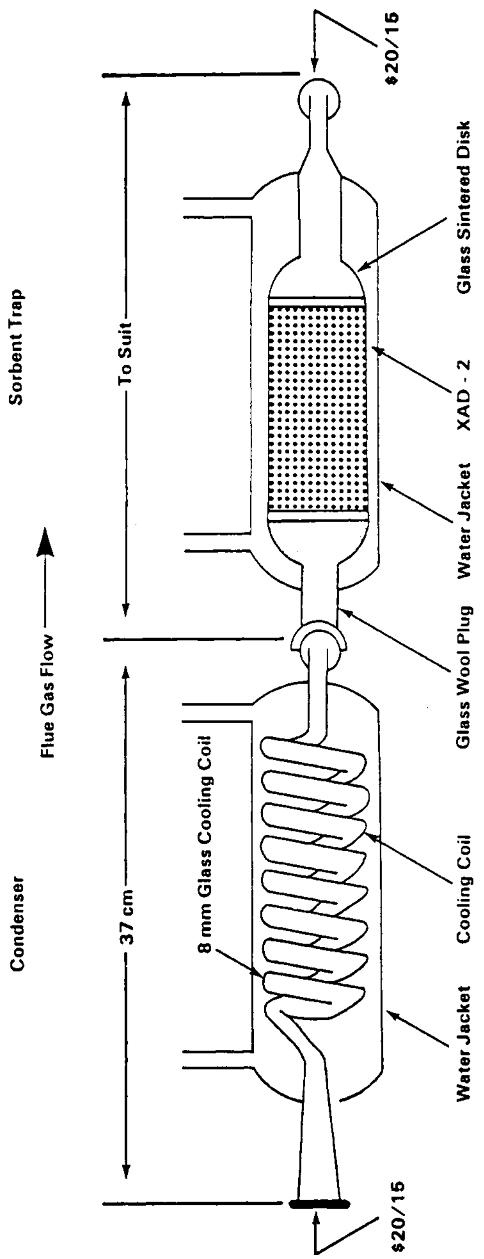

Figure 23.2. Condenser and adsorbent trap

2.2.4 Filter Storage Container. Sealed filter holder, wide-mouth amber glass jar with Teflon-lined cap, or glass petri dish.

2.2.5 Balance. Triple beam.

2.2.6 Aluminum Foil. Heavy duty, hexane-rinsed.

2.2.7 Storage Container. Air-tight container to store silica gel.

2.2.8 Graduated Cylinder. Glass, 250-ml with 2-ml graduation.

2.2.9 Glass Sample Storage Container. Amber glass bottle for sample glassware washes, 500- or 1000-ml, with leak free Teflon-lined caps.

2.3 Analysis.

2.3.1 Sample Container. 125- and 250-ml flint glass bottles with Teflon-lined caps.

2.3.2 Test Tube. Glass.

2.3.3 Soxhlet Extraction Apparatus. Capable of holding 43 × 123 mm extraction thimbles.

2.3.4 Extraction Thimble. Glass, precleaned cellulosic, or glass fiber.

2.3.5 Pasteur Pipettes. For preparing liquid chromatographic columns.

2.3.6 Reacti-vials. Amber glass, 2-ml, silanized prior to use.

2.3.7 Rotary Evaporator. Buchi/Brinkman RF–121 or equivalent.

2.3.8 Nitrogen Evaporative Concentrator. N-Evap Analytical Evaporator Model III or equivalent.

2.3.9 Separatory Funnels. Glass, 2-liter.

2.3.10 Gas Chromatograph. Consisting of the following components:

2.3.10.1 Oven. Capable of maintaining the separation column at the proper operating temperature ±°C and performing programmed increases in temperature at rates of at least 40 °C/min.

2.3.10.2 Temperature Gauge. To monitor column oven, detector, and exhaust temperatures ±1 °C.

2.3.10.3 Flow System. Gas metering system to measure sample, fuel, combustion gas, and carrier gas flows.

2.3.10.4 Capillary Columns. A fused silica column, 60 × 0.25 mm inside diameter (ID), coated with DB–5 and a fused silica column, 30 m × 0.25 mm ID coated with DB–225. Other column systems may be used provided that the user is able to demonstrate using calibration and performance checks that the column system is able to meet the specifications of section 6.1.2.2.

2.3.11 Mass Spectrometer. Capable of routine operation at a resolution of 1:10000 with a stability of ±5 ppm.

2.3.12 Data System. Compatible with the mass spectrometer and capable of monitoring at least five groups of 25 ions.

2.3.13 Analytical Balance. To measure within 0.1 mg.

3. Reagents

3.1 Sampling.

3.1.1 Filters. Glass fiber filters, without organic binder, exhibiting at least 99.95 percent efficiency (<0.05 percent penetration) on 0.3-micron dioctyl phthalate smoke particles. The filter efficiency test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM Standard Method D 2986–71 (Reapproved 1978) (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17).

3.1.1.1 Precleaning. All filters shall be cleaned before their initial use. Place a glass extraction thimble and 1 g of silica gel and a plug of glass wool into a Soxhlet apparatus, charge the apparatus with toluene, and reflux for a minimum of 3 hours. Remove the toluene and discard it, but retain the silica gel. Place no more than 50 filters in the thimble onto the silica gel bed and top with the cleaned glass wool. Charge the Soxhlet with toluene and reflux for 16 hours. After extraction, allow the Soxhlet to cool, remove the filters, and dry them under a clean N_2 stream. Store the filters in a glass petri dish sealed with Teflon tape.

3.1.2 Adsorbent Resin. Amberlite XAD–2 resin. Thoroughly cleaned before initial use.

3.1.2.1 Cleaning Procedure. This procedure may be carried out in a giant Soxhlet extractor. An all-glass filter thimble containing an extra-course frit is used for extraction of XAD–2. The frit is recessed 10–15 mm above a crenelated ring at the bottom of the thimble to facilitate drainage. The resin must be carefully retained in the extractor cup with a glass wool plug and a stainless steel ring because it floats on methylene chloride. This process involves sequential extraction in the following order.

Solvent	Procedure
Water	Initial rinse: Place resin in a beaker, rinse once with water, and discard. Fill with water a second time, let stand overnight, and discard.
Water	Extract with water for 8 hours.
Methanol	Extract for 22 hours.
Methylene Chloride	Extract for 22 hours.
Toluene	Extract for 22 hours.

3.1.2.2 Drying.

3.1.2.2.1 Drying Column. Pyrex pipe, 10.2 cm ID by 0.6 m long, with suitable retainers.

3.1.2.2.2 Procedure. The adsorbent must be dried with clean inert gas. Liquid nitrogen from a standard commercial liquid nitrogen cylinder has proven to be a reliable source of large volumes of gas free from organic contaminants. Connect the liquid nitrogen cylinder to the column by a length of cleaned copper tubing, 0.95 cm ID, coiled to pass through a heat source. A convenient heat source is a water-bath heated from a steam line. The final nitrogen temperature should only be warm to the touch and not over 40 °C. Continue flowing nitrogen through the adsorbent until all the residual solvent is removed. The flow rate should be sufficient to gently agitate the particles but not so excessive as the cause the particles to fracture.

3.1.2.3 Quality Control Check. The adsorbent must be checked for residual toluene.

3.1.2.3.1 Extraction. Weigh 1.0 g sample of dried resin into a small vial, add 3 ml of toluene, cap the vial, and shake it well.

3.1.2.3.2 Analysis. Inject a 2 µl sample of the extract into a gas chromatograph operated under the following conditions:

Column: 6 ft × 1/8 in stainless steel containing 10 percent OV–101 on 100/120 Supelcoport.
Carrier Gas: Helium at a rate of 30 ml/min.
Detector: Flame ionization detector operated at a sensitivity of 4×10^{-11} A/mV.
Injection Port Temperature: 250 °C.
Detector Temperature: 305 °C.
Oven Temperature: 30 °C for 4 min; programmed to rise at 40 °C/min until it reaches 250 °C; return to 30 °C after 17 minutes.

Compare the results of the analysis to the results from the reference solution. Prepare the reference solution by injection 2.5 µl of methylene chloride into 100 ml of toluene. This corresponds to 100 µg of methylene chloride per g of adsorbent. The maximum acceptable concentration is 1000 µg/g of adsorbent. If the adsorbent exceeds this level, drying must be continued until the excess methylene chloride is removed.

3.1.2.4 Storage. The adsorbent must be used within 4 weeks of cleaning. After cleaning, it may be stored in a wide mouth amber glass container with a Teflon-lined cap or placed in one of the glass adsorbent modules tightly sealed with glass stoppers. If precleaned adsorbent is purchased in sealed containers, it must be used within 4 weeks after the seal is broken.

3.1.3 Glass Wool. Cleaned by sequential immersion in three aliquots of methylene chloride, dried in a 110 °C oven, and stored in a methylene chloride-washed glass jar with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.1.4 Water. Deionized distilled and stored in a methylene chloride-rinsed glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.1.5 Silica Gel. Indicating type, 6 to 16 mesh. If previously used, dry at 175 °C (350 °F) for two hours. New silica gel may be used as received. Alternately other types of desiccants (equivalent or better) may be used, subject to the approval of the Administrator.

3.1.6 Chromic Acid Cleaning Solution. Dissolve 20 g of sodium dichromate in 15 ml of water, and then carefully add 400 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid.

3.2 Sample Recovery.

3.2.2 Acetone. Pesticide quality.

3.2.2 Methylene Chloride. Pesticide qualtity.

3.2.3 Toluene. Pesticide quality.

3.3 Analysis.

3.3.1 Potassium Hydroxide. ACS grade, 2-percent (weight/volume) in water.

3.3.2 Sodium Sulfate. Granulated, reagent grade. Purify prior to use by rinsing with methylene chloride and oven drying. Store the cleaned material in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.3 Sulfuric Acid. Reagent grade.

3.3.4 Sodium Hydroxide. 1.0 N. Weigh 40 g of sodium hydroxide into a 1-liter volumetric flask. Dilute to 1 liter with water.

3.3.5 Hexane. Pesticide grade.

3.3.6 Methylene Chloride. Pesticide grade.

3.3.7 Benzene. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.8 Ethyl Acetate.

3.3.9 Methanol. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.10 Toluene. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.11 Nonane. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.12 Cyclohexane. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.13 Basic Alumina. Activity grade 1, 100–200 mesh. Prior to use, activate the alumina by heating for 16 hours at 130 °C before use. Store in a desiccator. Pre-activated alumina may be purchased from a supplier and may be used as received.

3.3.14 Silica Gel. Bio-Sil A, 100–200 mesh. Prior to use, activate the silica gel by heating for at least 30 minutes at 180 °C. After cooling, rinse the silica gel sequentially with methanol and methylene chloride. Heat the rinsed silica gel at 50 °C for 10 minutes, then increase the temperature gradually to 180 °C over 25 minutes and maintain it at this temperature for 90 minutes. Cool at room temperature and store in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.15 Silica Gel Impregnated with Sulfuric Acid. Combine 100 g of silica gel with 44 g of concentrated sulfuric acid in a screw capped glass bottle and agitate thoroughly. Disperse the solids with a stirring rod until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store the mixture in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.16 Silica Gel Impregnated with Sodium Hydroxide. Combine 39 g of 1 N sodium hydroxide with 100 g of silica gel in a screw capped glass bottle and agitate thoroughly. Disperse solids with a stirring rod until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store the mixture in glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.17 Carbon/Celite. Combine 10.7 g of AX–21 carbon with 124 g of Celite 545 in a 250-ml glass bottle with a Teflon-lined screw cap. Agitate the mixture thoroughly until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store in the glass container.

3.3.18 Nitrogen. Ultra high purity.

3.3.19 Hydrogen. Ultra high purity.

3.3.20 Internal Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Internal Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

3.3.21 Surrogate Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Surrogate Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

3.3.22 Recovery Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the

isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Recovery Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

4. Procedure

4.1 Sampling. The complexity of this method is such that, in order to obtain reliable results, testers should be trained and experienced with the test procedures.

4.1.1 Pretest Preparation.

4.1.1.1 Cleaning Glassware. All glass components of the train upstream of and including the adsorbent module, shall be cleaned as described in section 3A of the ''Manual of Analytical Methods for the Analysis of Pesticides in Human and Environmental Samples.'' Special care shall be devoted to the removal of residual silicone grease sealants on ground glass connections of used glassware. Any residue shall be removed by soaking the glassware for several hours in a chromic acid cleaning solution prior to cleaning as described above.

4.1.1.2 Adsorbent Trap. The traps must be loaded in a clean area to avoid contamination. They may not be loaded in the field. Fill a trap with 20 to 40 g of XAD–2. Follow the XAD–2 with glass wool and tightly cap both ends of the trap. Add 100 µl of the surrogate standard solution (section 3.3.21) to each trap.

4.1.1.3 Sample Train. It is suggested that all components be maintained according to the procedure described in APTD–0576. Alternative mercury-free thermometers may be used if the thermometers are, at a minimum, equivalent in terms of performance or suitably effective for the specific temperature measurement application.

4.1.1.4 Silica Gel. Weigh several 200 to 300 g portions of silica gel in an air tight container to the nearest 0.5 g. Record the total weight of the silica gel plus container, on each container. As an alternative, the silica gel may be weighed directly in its impinger or sampling holder just prior to sampling.

4.1.1.5 Filter. Check each filter against light for irregularities and flaws or pinhole leaks. Pack the filters flat in a clean glass container.

4.1.2 Preliminary Determinations. Same as section 4.1.2 of Method 5.

4.1.3 Preparation of Collection Train.

4.1.3.1 During preparation and assembly of the sampling train, keep all train openings where contamination can enter, sealed until just prior to assembly or until sampling is about to begin.

NOTE: Do not use sealant grease in assembling the train.

4.1.3.2 Place approximately 100 ml of water in the second and third impingers, leave the first and fourth impingers empty, and transfer approximately 200 to 300 g of preweighed silica gel from its container to the fifth impinger.

4.1.3.3 Place the silica gel container in a clean place for later use in the sample recovery. Alternatively, the weight of the silica gel plus impinger may be determined to the nearest 0.5 g and recorded.

4.1.3.4 Assemble the train as shown in Figure 23–1.

4.1.3.5 Turn on the adsorbent module and condenser coil recirculating pump and begin monitoring the adsorbent module gas entry temperature. Ensure proper sorbent temperature gas entry temperature before proceeding and before sampling is initiated. It is extremely important that the XAD–2 adsorbent resin temperature never exceed 50 °C because thermal decomposition will occur. During testing, the XAD–2 temperature must not exceed 20 °C for efficient capture of the PCDD's and PCDF's.

4.1.4 Leak-Check Procedure. Same as Method 5, section 4.1.4.

4.1.5 Sample Train Operation. Same as Method 5, section 4.1.5.

4.2 Sample Recovery. Proper cleanup procedure begins as soon as the probe is removed from the stack at the end of the sampling period. Seal the nozzle end of the sampling probe with Teflon tape or aluminum foil.

When the probe can be safely handled, wipe off all external particulate matter near the tip of the probe. Remove the probe from the train and close off both ends with aluminum foil. Seal off the inlet to the train with Teflon tape, a ground glass cap, or aluminum foil.

Transfer the probe and impinger assembly to the cleanup area. This area shall be clean and enclosed so that the chances of losing or contaminating the sample are minimized. Smoking, which could contaminate the sample, shall not be allowed in the cleanup area.

Inspect the train prior to and during disassembly and note any abnormal conditions, e.g., broken filters, colored impinger liquid, etc. Treat the samples as follows:

4.2.1 Container No. 1. Either seal the filter holder or carefully remove the filter from the filter holder and place it in its identified container. Use a pair of cleaned tweezers to handle the filter. If it is necessary to fold the filter, do so such that the particulate cake is inside the fold. Carefully transfer to the container any particulate matter and filter fibers which adhere to the filter holder gasket, by using a dry inert bristle brush and a sharp-edged blade. Seal the container.

4.2.2 Adsorbent Module. Remove the module from the train, tightly cap both ends, label it, cover with aluminum foil, and store it on ice for transport to the laboratory.

4.2.3 Container No. 2. Quantitatively recover material deposited in the nozzle, probe transfer lines, the front half of the filter holder, and the cyclone, if used, first, by

brushing while rinsing three times each with acetone and then, by rinsing the probe three times with methylene chloride. Collect all the rinses in Container No. 2.

Rinse the back half of the filter holder three times with acetone. Rinse the connecting line between the filter and the condenser three times with acetone. Soak the connecting line with three separate portions of methylene chloride for 5 minutes each. If using a separate condenser and adsorbent trap, rinse the condenser in the same manner as the connecting line. Collect all the rinses in Container No. 2 and mark the level of the liquid on the container.

4.2.4 Container No. 3. Repeat the methylene chloride-rinsing described in section 4.2.3 using toluene as the rinse solvent. Collect the rinses in Container No. 3 and mark the level of the liquid on the container.

4.2.5 Impinger Water. Measure the liquid in the first three impingers to within ±1 ml by using a graduated cylinder or by weighing it to within ±0.5 g by using a balance. Record the volume or weight of liquid present. This information is required to calculate the moisture content of the effluent gas.

Discard the liquid after measuring and recording the volume or weight.

4.2.7 Silica Gel. Note the color of the indicating silica gel to determine if it has been completely spent and make a mention of its condition. Transfer the silica gel from the fifth impinger to its original container and seal. If a moisture determination is made, follow the applicable procedures in sections 8.7.6.3 and 11.2.3 of Method 5 to handle and weigh the silica gel. If moisture is not measured, the silica gel may be disposed.

5. Analysis

All glassware shall be cleaned as described in section 3A of the "Manual of Analytical Methods for the Analysis of Pesticides in Human and Environmental Samples." All samples must be extracted within 30 days of collection and analyzed within 45 days of extraction.

5.1 Sample Extraction.

5.1.1 Extraction System. Place an extraction thimble (section 2.3.4), 1 g of silica gel, and a plug of glass wool into the Soxhlet apparatus, charge the apparatus with toluene, and reflux for a minimum of 3 hours. Remove the toluene and discard it, but retain the silica gel. Remove the extraction thimble from the extraction system and place it in a glass beaker to catch the solvent rinses.

5.1.2 Container No. 1 (Filter). Transfer the contents directly to the glass thimble of the extraction system and extract them simultaneously with the XAD–2 resin.

5.1.3 Adsorbent Cartridge. Suspend the adsorbent module directly over the extraction thimble in the beaker (See section 5.1.1). The glass frit of the module should be in the up position. Using a Teflon squeeze bottle containing toluene, flush the XAD–2 into the thimble onto the bed of cleaned silica gel. Thoroughly rinse the glass module catching the rinsings in the beaker containing the thimble. If the resin is wet, effective extraction can be accomplished by loosely packing the resin in the thimble. Add the XAD–2 glass wool plug into the thimble.

5.1.4 Container No. 2 (Acetone and Methylene Chloride). Concentrate the sample to a volume of about 1–5 ml using the rotary evaporator apparatus, at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container three times with small portions of methylene chloride and add these to the concentrated solution and concentrate further to near dryness. This residue contains particulate matter removed in the rinse of the train probe and nozzle. Add the concentrate to the filter and the XAD–2 resin in the Soxhlet apparatus described in section 5.1.1.

5.1.5 Extraction. Add 100 µl of the internal standard solution (Section 3.3.20) to the extraction thimble containing the contents of the adsorbent cartridge, the contents of Container No. 1, and the concentrate from section 5.1.4. Cover the contents of the extraction thimble with the cleaned glass wool plug to prevent the XAD–2 resin from floating into the solvent reservoir of the extractor. Place the thimble in the extractor, and add the toluene contained in the beaker to the solvent reservoir. Pour additional toluene to fill the reservoir approximately ⅔ full. Add Teflon boiling chips and assemble the apparatus. Adjust the heat source to cause the extractor to cycle three times per hour. Extract the sample for 16 hours. After extraction, allow the Soxhlet to cool. Transfer the toluene extract and three 10-ml rinses to the rotary evaporator. Concentrate the extract to approximately 10 ml. At this point the analyst may choose to split the sample in half. If so, split the sample, store one half for future use, and analyze the other according to the procedures in sections 5.2 and 5.3. In either case, use a nitrogen evaporative concentrator to reduce the volume of the sample being analyzed to near dryness. Dissolve the residue in 5 ml of hexane.

5.1.6 Container No. 3 (Toluene Rinse). Add 100 µl of the Internal Standard solution (section 3.3.2) to the contents of the container. Concentrate the sample to a volume of about 1–5 ml using the rotary evaporator apparatus at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container apparatus at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container three times with small portions of toluene and add these to the concentrated solution and concentrate further to near dryness. Analyze the extract separately according to the procedures in sections 5.2 and 5.3, but concentrate the solution in a rotary evaporator apparatus rather than a nitrogen evaporative concentrator.

5.2 Sample Cleanup and Fractionation.

5.2.1 Silica Gel Column. Pack one end of a glass column, 20 mm × 230 mm, with glass wool. Add in sequence, 1 g silica gel, 2 g of sodium hydroxide impregnated silica gel, 1 g silica gel, 4 g of acid-modified silica gel, and 1 g of silica gel. Wash the column with 30 ml of hexane and discard it. Add the sample extract, dissolved in 5 ml of hexane to the column with two additional 5-ml rinses. Elute the column with an additional 90 ml of hexane and retain the entire eluate. Concentrate this solution to a volume of about 1 ml using the nitrogen evaporative concentrator (section 2.3.7).

5.2.2 Basic Alumina Column. Shorten a 25-ml disposable Pasteur pipette to about 16 ml. Pack the lower section with glass wool and 12 g of basic alumina. Transfer the concentrated extract from the silica gel column to the top of the basic alumina column and elute the column sequentially with 120 ml of 0.5 percent methylene chloride in hexane followed by 120 ml of 35 percent methylene chloride in hexane. Discard the first 120 ml of eluate. Collect the second 120 ml of eluate and concentrate it to about 0.5 ml using the nitrogen evaporative concentrator.

5.2.3 AX–21 Carbon/Celite 545 Column. Remove the botton 0.5 in. from the tip of a 9-ml disposable Pasteur pipette. Insert a glass fiber filter disk in the top of the pipette 2.5 cm from the constriction. Add sufficient carbon/celite mixture to form a 2 cm column. Top with a glass wool plug. In some cases AX–21 carbon fines may wash through the glass wool plug and enter the sample. This may be prevented by adding a celite plug to the exit end of the column. Rinse the column in sequence with 2 ml of 50 percent benzene in ethyl acetate, 1 ml of 50 percent methylene chloride in cyclohexane, and 2 ml of hexane. Discard these rinses. Transfer the concentrate in 1 ml of hexane from the basic alumina column to the carbon/celite column along with 1 ml of hexane rinse. Elute the column sequentially with 2 ml of 50 percent methylene chloride in hexane and 2 ml of 50 percent benzene in ethyl acetate and discard these eluates. Invert the column and elute in the reverse direction with 13 ml of toluene. Collect this eluate. Concentrate the eluate in a rotary evaporator at 50 °C to about 1 ml. Transfer the concentrate to a Reacti-vial using a toluene rinse and concentrate to a volume of 200 μl using a stream of N_2. Store extracts at room temperature, shielded from light, until the analysis is performed.

5.3 Analysis. Analyze the sample with a gas chromatograph coupled to a mass spectrometer (GC/MS) using the instrumental parameters in sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2. Immediately prior to analysis, add a 20 μl aliquot of the Recovery Standard solution from Table 1 to each sample. A 2 μl aliquot of the extract is injected into the GC. Sample extracts are first analyzed using the DB–5 capillary column to determine the concentration of each isomer of PCDD's and PCDF's (tetra-through octa-). If tetra-chlorinated dibenzofurans are detected in this analysis, then analyze another aliquot of the sample in a separate run, using the DB–225 column to measure the 2,3,7,8 tetra-chloro dibenzofuran isomer. Other column systems may be used, provided that the user is able to demonstrate using calibration and performance checks that the column system is able to meet the specifications of section 6.1.2.2.

5.3.1 Gas Chromatograph Operating Conditions.

5.3.1.1 Injector. Configured for capillary column, splitless, 250 °C.

5.3.1.2 Carrier Gas. Helium, 1–2 ml/min.

5.3.1.3 Oven. Initially at 150 °C. Raise by at least 40 °C/min to 190 °C and then at 3 °C/min up to 300 °C.

5.3.2 High Resolution Mass Spectrometer.

5.3.2.1 Resolution. 10000 m/e.

5.3.2.2 Ionization Mode. Electron impact.

5.3.2.3 Source Temperature 250 °C.

5.3.2.4 Monitoring Mode. Selected ion monitoring. A list of the various ions to be monitored is summarized in Table 3.

5.3.2.5 Identification Criteria. The following identification criteria shall be used for the characterization of polychlorinated dibenzodioxins and dibenzofurans.

1. The integrated ion-abundance ratio (M/M + 2 or M + 2/M + 4) shall be within 15 percent of the theoretical value. The acceptable ion-abundance ratio ranges for the identification of chlorine-containing compounds are given in Table 4.

2. The retention time for the analytes must be within 3 seconds of the corresponding ^{13}C-labeled internal standard, surrogate or alternate standard.

3. The monitored ions, shown in Table 3 for a given analyte, shall reach their maximum within 2 seconds of each other.

4. The identification of specific isomers that do not have corresponding ^{13}C-labeled standards is done by comparison of the relative retention time (RRT) of the analyte to the nearest internal standard retention time with reference (i.e., within 0.005 RRT units) to the comparable RRT's found in the continuing calibration.

5. The signal to noise ratio for all monitored ions must be greater than 2.5.

6. The confirmation of 2, 3, 7, 8–TCDD and 2, 3, 7, 8–TCDF shall satisfy all of the above identification criteria.

7. For the identification of PCDF's, no signal may be found in the corresponding PCDPE channels.

5.3.2.6 Quantification. The peak areas for the two ions monitored for each analyte are summed to yield the total response for each analyte. Each internal standard is used to quantify the indigenous PCDD's or PCDF's in its homologous series. For example, the $^{13}C_{12}$–2,3,7,8-tetra chlorinated dibenzodioxin is used to calculate the concentrations of all

other tetra chlorinated isomers. Recoveries of the tetra- and penta- internal standards are calculated using the $^{13}C_{12}$–1,2,3,4–TCDD. Recoveries of the hexa- through octa- internal standards are calculated using $^{13}C_{12}$–1,2,3,7,8,9–HxCDD. Recoveries of the surrogate standards are calculated using the corresponding homolog from the internal standard.

6. Calibration

Same as Method 5 with the following additions.

6.1 GC/MS System.

6.1.1 Initial Calibration. Calibrate the GC/MS system using the set of five standards shown in Table 2. The relative standard deviation for the mean response factor from each of the unlabeled analytes (Table 2) and of the internal, surrogate, and alternate standards shall be less than or equal to the values in Table 5. The signal to noise ratio for the GC signal present in every selected ion current profile shall be greater than or equal to 2.5. The ion abundance ratios shall be within the control limits in Table 4.

6.1.2 Daily Performance Check.

6.1.2.1 Calibration Check. Inject on µl of solution Number 3 from Table 2. Calculate the relative response factor (RRF) for each compound and compare each RRF to the corresponding mean RRF obtained during the initial calibration. The analyzer performance is acceptable if the measured RRF's for the labeled and unlabeled compounds for the daily run are within the limits of the mean values shown in Table 5. In addition, the ion-abundance ratios shall be within the allowable control limits shown in Table 4.

6.1.2.2 Column Separation Check. Inject a solution of a mixture of PCDD's and PCDF's that documents resolution between 2,3,7,8–TCDD and other TCDD isomers. Resolution is defined as a valley between peaks that is less than 25 percent of the lower of the two peaks. Identify and record the retention time windows for each homologous series.

Perform a similar resolution check on the confirmation column to document the resolution between 2,3,7,8 TCDF and other TCDF isomers.

6.2 Lock Channels. Set mass spectrometer lock channels as specified in Table 3. Monitor the quality control check channels specified in Table 3 to verify instrument stability during the analysis.

7. Quality Control

7.1 Sampling Train Collection Efficiency Check. Add 100 µl of the surrogate standards in Table 1 to the absorbent cartridge of each train before collecting the field samples.

7.2 Internal Standard Percent Recoveries. A group of nine carbon labeled PCDD's and PCDF's representing, the tetra-through octachlorinated homologues, is added to every sample prior to extraction. The role of the internal standards is to quantify the native PCDD's and PCDF's present in the sample as well as to determine the overall method efficiency. Recoveries of the internal standards must be between 40 to 130 percent for the tetra-through hexachlorinated compounds while the range is 25 to 130 percent for the higher hepta- and octachlorinated homologues.

7.3 Surrogate Recoveries. The five surrogate compounds in Table 2 are added to the resin in the adsorbent sampling cartridge before the sample is collected. The surrogate recoveries are measured relative to the internal standards and are a measure of collection efficiency. They are not used to measure native PCDD's and PCDF's. All recoveries shall be between 70 and 130 percent. Poor recoveries for all the surrogates may be an indication of breakthrough in the sampling train. If the recovery of all standards is below 70 percent, the sampling runs must be repeated. As an alternative, the sampling runs do not have to be repeated if the final results are divided by the fraction of surrogate recovery. Poor recoveries of isolated surrogate compounds should not be grounds for rejecting an entire set of the samples.

7.4 Toluene QA Rinse. Report the results of the toluene QA rinse separately from the total sample catch. Do not add it to the total sample.

8.0 [Reserved]

9. Calculations

Same as Method 5, section 6 with the following additions.

9.1 Nomenclature.

A_{ai} = Integrated ion current of the noise at the retention time of the analyte.

A^*_{ci} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the internal standard i in the calibration standard.

A_{cij} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of compound i in the jth calibration standard.

A^*_{cij} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the internal standard i in the jth calibration standard.

A_{csi} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of surrogate compound i in the calibration standard.

A_i = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of compound i in the sample.

A^*_i = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of internal standard i in the sample.

A_{rs} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the recovery standard.

A_{si} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of surrogate compound i in the sample.

C_i = Concentration of PCDD or PCDF i in the sample, pg/M^3.

C_T = Total concentration of PCDD's or PCDF's in the sample, pg/M[3].
m_{ci} = Mass of compound i in the calibration standard injected into the analyzer, pg.
m_{rs} = Mass of recovery standard in the calibration standard injected into the analyzer, pg.
m_{si} = Mass of surrogate compound in the calibration standard, pg.
RRF_i = Relative response factor.
RRF_{rs} = Recovery standard response factor.
RRF_s = Surrogate compound response factor.

9.2 Average Relative Response Factor.

$$RRF_i = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\frac{A_{cij}\, m*_{ci}}{A*_{cij}\, m_{ci}} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-1}$$

9.3 Concentration of the PCDD's and PCDF's.

$$C_i = \frac{m_i * A_i}{A_i * RRF_i V_{mstd}} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-2}$$

9.4 Recovery Standard Response Factor.

$$RRF_{rs} = \frac{A_{ci} * m_{rs}}{A_{rs} m_{ci} *} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-3}$$

9.5 Recovery of Internal Standards (R*).

$$R* = \frac{A_i * m_{rs}}{A_{rs} RF_{rs} m_i *} \times 100\% \qquad \text{Eq. 23-4}$$

9.6 Surrogate Compound Response Factor.

$$RRF_s = \frac{A_{ci} * m_s}{A_{cis} m_{ci} *} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-5}$$

9.7 Recovery of Surrogate Compounds (R_s).

$$R_s = \frac{A_s m_i *}{A_i * RRF_s m_s} \times 100\% \qquad \text{Eq. 23-6}$$

9.8 Minimum Detectable Limit (MDL).

$$MDL = \frac{2.5\ A_{ai} m_i *}{A_{ci} * RRF_i} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-7}$$

9.9 Total Concentration of PCDD's and PCDF's in the Sample.

$$C_{Tr} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i \qquad \text{Eq. 23-8}$$

Any PCDD's or PCDF's that are reported as nondetected (below the MDL) shall be counted as zero for the purpose of calculating the total concentration of PCDD's and PCDF's in the sample.

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TABLE 1—COMPOSITION OF THE SAMPLE FORTIFICATION AND RECOVERY STANDARDS SOLUTIONS

Analyte	Concentration (pg/μl)
Internal Standards:	
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-OCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	100
Surrogate Standards:	
$^{37}Cl_4$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	100
Recovery Standards:	
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4-TCDD	500
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	500

TABLE 2—COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS

Compound	Concentrations (pg/μL)				
	Solution No.				
	1	2	3	4	5
Alternate Standard:					
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	2.5	5	25	250	500

TABLE 2—COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS—Continued

Compound	Concentrations (pg/μL)				
	Solution No.				
	1	2	3	4	5
Recovery Standards:					
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4-TCDD ..	100	100	100	100	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	100	100	100	100	100

TABLE 3—ELEMENTAL COMPOSITIONS AND EXACT MASSES OF THE IONS MONITORED BY HIGH RESOLUTION MASS SPECTROMETRY FOR PCDD'S AND PCDF'S

Descriptor No.	Accurate mass	Ion type	Elemental composition	Analyte
2	292.9825	LOCK	C_7F_{11}	PFK
	303.9016	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O$	TCDF
	305.8987	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl^{37}O$	TCDF
	315.9419	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O$	TCDF (S)
	317.9389	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}ClO$	TCDF (S)
	319.8965	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}ClO_2$	TCDD
	321.8936	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}ClO_2$	TCDD
	327.8847	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{37}Cl_4O_2$	TCDD (S)
	330.9792	QC	C_7F_{13}	PFK
	331.9368	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O_2$	TCDD (S)
	333.9339	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl^{37}ClO_2$	TCDD (S)
	339.8597	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO$	PECDF
	341.8567	M + 4	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}Cl_2O$	PeCDF
	351.9000	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO$	PeCDF (S)
	353.8970	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl^{3537}Cl_2O$	PeCDF (S)
	355.8546	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3 37ClO_2$	PeCDD
	357.8516	M + 4	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	PeCDD
	367.8949	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO_2$	PeCDD (S)
	369.8919	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}\ Cl_2O_2$	PeCDD (S)
	375.8364	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDPE
	409.7974	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCPDE
3	373.8208	M + 2	$C_{12}H_2 35Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDF
	375.8178	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HxCDF
	383.8639	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_6O$	HxCDF (S)
	385.8610	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDF (S)
	389.8157	M + 2	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO_2$	HxCDD
	391.8127	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HxCDD
	392.9760	LOCK	C_9F_{15}	PFK
	401.8559	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO_2$	HxCDD (S)
	403.8529	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HxCDD (S)
	445.7555	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O$	OCDPE
	430.9729	QC	C_9F_{17}	PFK
4	407.7818	M + 2	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCDF
	409.7789	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HpCDF
	417.8253	M	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_7O$	HpCDF (S)
	419.8220	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCDF (S)
	423.7766	M + 2	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO_2$	HpCDD
	425.7737	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HpCDD
	435.8169	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO_2$	HpCDD (S)
	437.8140	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HpCDD (S)
	479.7165	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}Cl_2O$	NCPDE
	430.9729	LOCK	C_9F_{17}	PFK
	441.7428	M + 2	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO$	OCDF
	443.7399	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O$	OCDF
	457.7377	M + 2	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO_2$	OCDD
	459.7348	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	OCDD
	469.7779	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO_2$	OCDD (S)
	471.7750	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	OCDD (S)
	513.6775	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_8{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	DCDPE
	442.9728	QC	$C_{10}F_{17}$	PFK

(a) The following nuclidic masses were used:
H = 1.007825
C = 12.000000
^{13}C = 13.003355
F = 18.9984
O = 15.994915
^{35}Cl = 34.968853
^{37}Cl = 36.965903

S = Labeled Standard
QC = Ion selected for monitoring instrument stability during the GC/MS analysis.

TABLE 4—ACCEPTABLE RANGES FOR ION-ABUNDANCE RATIOS OF PCDD'S AND PCDF'S

No. of chlorine atoms	Ion type	Theoretical ratio	Control limits	
			Lower	Upper
4	M/M + 2	0.77	0.65	0.89
5	M + 2/M + 4	1.55	1.32	1.78
6	M + 2/M + 4	1.24	1.05	1.43
6[a]	M/M + 2	0.51	0.43	0.59
7[b]	M/M + 2	0.44	0.37	0.51
7	M + 2/M + 4	1.04	0.88	1.20
8	M + 2/M + 4	0.89	0.76	1.02

[a] Used only for ^{13}C-HxCDF.
[b] Used only for ^{13}C-HpCDF.

TABLE 5—MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL AND DAILY CALIBRATION RESPONSE FACTORS

Compound	Relative response factors	
	Initial calibration RSD	Daily calibration % difference
Unlabeled Analytes:		
2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
2,3,7,8-TCDF	25	25
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	25	25
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
1,2,4,5,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	25	25
2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	25	25
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	25	25
OCDD	25	25
OCDF	30	30
Internal Standards:		
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-OCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	30	30
Surrogate Standards:		
$^{37}Cl_4$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	25	25
Alternate Standard:		
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	25	25

METHOD 24—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER CONTENT, WATER CONTENT, DENSITY, VOLUME SOLIDS, AND WEIGHT SOLIDS OF SURFACE COATINGS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile organic compounds	No CAS Number assigned
Water.	7732–18–5

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of paint, varnish, lacquer, or other related surface coatings.

1.3 Precision and Bias. Intra-and inter-laboratory analytical precision statements are presented in section 13.1. No bias has been identified.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Standard methods are used to determine the volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of paint, varnish, lacquer, or other related surface coatings.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Waterborne coating* means any coating which contains more than 5 percent water by weight in its volatile fraction.

3.2 *Multicomponent coatings* are coatings that are packaged in two or more parts, which are combined before application. Upon combination a coreactant from one part of the coating chemically reacts, at ambient conditions, with a coreactant from another part of the coating.

3.3 *Ultraviolet (UV) radiation-cured coatings* are coatings which contain unreacted monomers that are polymerized by exposure to ultraviolet light.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Components. Several of the compounds that may be contained in the coatings analyzed by this method may be irritating or corrosive to tissues (e.g., heptane) or may be toxic (e.g., benzene, methyl alcohol). Nearly all are fire hazards.

Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as Reference 3 of section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The equipment and supplies specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6 (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17 for acceptable versions of the methods) are required:

6.1 ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90, Standard Test Method for Density of Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products.

6.2 ASTM D 2369–81, 87, 90, 92, 93, or 95, Standard Test Method for Volatile Content of Coatings.

6.3 ASTM D 3792–79 or 91, Standard Test Method for Water Content of Water Reducible Paints by Direct Injection into a Gas Chromatograph.

6.4 ASTM D 4017–81, 90, or 96a, Standard Test Method for Water in Paints and Paint Materials by the Karl Fischer Titration Method.

6.5 ASTM 4457–85 91, Standard Test Method for Determination of Dichloromethane and 1,1,1-Trichloroethane in Paints and Coatings by Direct Injection into a Gas Chromatograph.

6.6 ASTM D 5403–93, Standard Test Methods for Volatile Content of Radiation Curable Materials.

6.7 ASTM D 6419–00, Test Method for Volatile Content of Sheet-Fed and Coldset Web Offset Printing Inks.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 The reagents and standards specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6 are required.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Follow the sample collection, preservation, storage, and transport procedures described in Reference 1 of section 16.0.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Reproducibility

NOTE: Not applicable to UV radiation-cured coatings). The variety of coatings that may be subject to analysis makes it necessary to verify the ability of the analyst and the analytical procedures to obtain reproducible results for the coatings tested. Verification is accomplished by running duplicate analyses on each sample tested (Sections 11.2 through 11.4) and comparing the results with the intra-laboratory precision statements (Section 13.1) for each parameter.

9.2 Confidence Limits for Waterborne Coatings. Because of the inherent increased imprecision in the determination of the VOC content of waterborne coatings as the weight percent of water increases, measured parameters for waterborne coatings are replaced with appropriate confidence limits (Section 12.6). These confidence limits are based on measured parameters and inter-laboratory precision statements.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Perform the calibration and standardization procedures specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

Additional guidance can be found in Reference 2 of section 16.0.

11.1 Non Thin-film Ultraviolet Radiation-cured (UV radiation-cured) Coatings.

11.1.1 Volatile Content. Use the procedure in ASTM D 5403 to determine the volatile matter content of the coating except the curing test described in NOTE 2 of ASTM D 5403 is required.

11.1.2 Water Content. To determine water content, follow section 11.3.2.

11.1.3 Coating Density. To determine coating density, follow section 11.3.3.

11.1.4 Solids Content. To determine solids content, follow section 11.3.4.

11.1.5 To determine if a coating or ink can be classified as a thin-film UV cured coating or ink, use the equation in section 12.2. If C is less than 0.2 g and A is greater than or equal to 225 cm^2 (35 in^2) then the coating or ink is considered a thin-film UV radiation-cured coating and ASTM D 5403 is not applicable.

NOTE: As noted in section 1.4 of ASTM D 5403, this method may not be applicable to radiation curable materials wherein the volatile material is water.

11.2 Multi-component Coatings.

11.2.1 Sample Preparation.

11.2.1.1 Prepare about 100 ml of sample by mixing the components in a storage container, such as a glass jar with a screw top or a metal can with a cap. The storage container should be just large enough to hold the mixture. Combine the components (by weight or volume) in the ratio recommended by the manufacturer. Tightly close the container between additions and during mixing to prevent loss of volatile materials. However, most manufacturers mixing instructions are by volume. Because of possible error caused by expansion of the liquid when measuring the volume, it is recommended that the components be combined by weight. When weight is used to combine the components and the manufacturer's recommended ratio is by volume, the density must be determined by section 11.3.3.

11.2.1.2 Immediately after mixing, take aliquots from this 100 ml sample for determination of the total volatile content, water content, and density.

11.2.2 Volatile Content. To determine total volatile content, use the apparatus and

reagents described in ASTM D2369 (incorporated by reference; see §60.17 for the approved versions of the standard), respectively, and use the following procedures:

11.2.2.1 Weigh and record the weight of an aluminum foil weighing dish. Add 3 ±1 ml of suitable solvent as specified in ASTM D2369 to the weighing dish. Using a syringe as specified in ASTM D2369, weigh to 1 mg, by difference, a sample of coating into the weighing dish. For coatings believed to have a volatile content less than 40 weight percent, a suitable size is 0.3 + 0.10 g, but for coatings believed to have a volatile content greater than 40 weight percent, a suitable size is 0.5 ±0.1 g.

NOTE: If the volatile content determined pursuant to section 12.4 is not in the range corresponding to the sample size chosen repeat the test with the appropriate sample size. Add the specimen dropwise, shaking (swirling) the dish to disperse the specimen completely in the solvent. If the material forms a lump that cannot be dispersed, discard the specimen and prepare a new one. Similarly, prepare a duplicate. The sample shall stand for a minimum of 1 hour, but no more than 24 hours prior to being oven cured at 110 ±5 °C (230 ±9 °F) for 1 hour.

11.2.2.2 Heat the aluminum foil dishes containing the dispersed specimens in the forced draft oven for 60 min at 110 ±5 °C (230 ±9 °F). Caution—provide adequate ventilation, consistent with accepted laboratory practice, to prevent solvent vapors from accumulating to a dangerous level.

11.2.2.3 Remove the dishes from the oven, place immediately in a desiccator, cool to ambient temperature, and weigh to within 1 mg.

11.2.2.4 Run analyses in pairs (duplicate sets) for each coating mixture until the criterion in section 11.4 is met. Calculate W_V following Equation 24–2 and record the arithmetic average.

11.2.3 Water Content. To determine water content, follow section 11.3.2.

11.2.4 Coating Density. To determine coating density, follow section 11.3.3.

11.2.5 Solids Content. To determine solids content, follow section 11.3.4.

11.2.6 Exempt Solvent Content. To determine the exempt solvent content, follow section 11.3.5.

NOTE: For all other coatings (*i.e.*, water-or solvent-borne coatings) not covered by multicomponent or UV radiation-cured coatings, analyze as shown below:

11.3 Water-or Solvent-borne coatings.

11.3.1 Volatile Content. Use the procedure in ASTM D 2369 to determine the volatile matter content (may include water) of the coating.

11.3.1.1 Record the following information:

W_1 = weight of dish and sample before heating, g

W_2 = weight of dish and sample after heating, g

W_3 = sample weight, g.

11.3.1.2 Calculate the weight fraction of the volatile matter (W_v) for each analysis as shown in section 12.3.

11.3.1.3 Run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.1.4 Record the arithmetic average (W_v).

11.3.2 Water Content. For waterborne coatings only, determine the weight fraction of water (W_w) using either ASTM D 3792 or ASTM D 4017.

11.3.2.1 Run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.2.2 Record the arithmetic average (w_w).

11.3.3 Coating Density. Determine the density (Dc, kg/l) of the surface coating using the procedure in ASTM D 1475.

11.3.3.1 Run duplicate analyses until each value in a set deviates from the mean of the set by no more than the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.3.2 Record the arithmetic average (D_c).

11.3.4 Solids Content. Determine the volume fraction (V_s) solids of the coating by calculation using the manufacturer's formulation.

11.3.5 Exempt Solvent Content. Determine the weight fraction of exempt solvents (W_E) by using ASTM Method D4457. Run a duplicate set of determinations and record the arithmetic average (W_E).

11.4 Sample Analysis Criteria. For W_v and W_w, run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement for that parameter. For D_c, run duplicate analyses until each value in a set deviates from the mean of the set by no more than the intra-laboratory precision statement. If, after several attempts, it is concluded that the ASTM procedures cannot be used for the specific coating with the established intra-laboratory precision (excluding UV radiation-cured coatings), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will assume responsibility for providing the necessary procedures for revising the method or precision statements upon written request to: Director, Emissions, Monitoring, and Analysis Division, MD–14, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 Nomenclature.

A = Area of substrate, cm^2, (in^2).

C = Amount of coating or ink added to the substrate, g.

D_c = Density of coating or ink, g/cm^3 (g/in^3).

F = Manufacturer's recommended film thickness, cm (in).
W_o = Weight fraction of nonaqueous volatile matter, g/g.
W_s = Weight fraction of solids, g/g.
W_v = Weight fraction of the volatile matter, g/g.
W_w = Weight fraction of the water, g/g.

12.2 To determine if a coating or ink can be classified as a thin-film UV cured coating or ink, use the following equation:

$$C = F\,A\,D_c \qquad \text{Eq. 24-1}$$

12.3 Calculate W_v for each analysis as shown below:

$$W_v = \frac{W_1 - W_2}{W_3} \qquad \text{Eq. 24-2}$$

12.4 Nonaqueous Volatile Matter.

12.4.1 Solvent-borne Coatings.

$$W_o = W_v \qquad \text{Eq. 24-3}$$

12.4.2 Waterborne Coatings.

$$W_o = W_v - W_w \qquad \text{Eq. 24-4}$$

12.4.3 Coatings Containing Exempt Solvents.

$$W_o = W_v - W_E - W_w \qquad \text{Eq. 24-5}$$

12.5 Weight Fraction Solids.

$$W_s = 1 - W_v \qquad \text{Eq. 24-6}$$

12.6 Confidence Limit Calculations for Waterborne Coatings. To calculate the lower confidence limit, subtract the appropriate inter-laboratory precision value from the measured mean value for that parameter. To calculate the upper confidence limit, add the appropriate inter-laboratory precision value to the measured mean value for that parameter. For W_v and D_c, use the lower confidence limits; for W_w, use the upper confidence limit. Because W_s is calculated, there is no adjustment for this parameter.

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Analytical Precision Statements. The intra-and inter-laboratory precision statements are given in Table 24–1 in section 17.0.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as specified in section 6.0, with the addition of the following:

1. Standard Procedure for Collection of Coating and Ink Samples for Analysis by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–010. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.

2. Standard Operating Procedure for Analysis of Coating and Ink Samples by Reference Methods 24 and 24A.

EPA–340/1–91–011. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.

3. Handbook of Hazardous Materials: Fire, Safety, Health. Alliance of American Insurers. Schaumberg, IL. 1983.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

TABLE 24–1—ANALYTICAL PRECISION STATEMENTS

	Intra-laboratory	Inter-laboratory
Volatile matter content, W_v	$\pm 0.015\ \overline{W}_v$	$\pm 0.047\ \overline{W}_v$
Water content, W_w	$\pm 0.029\ \overline{W}_w$	$\pm 0.075\ \overline{W}_w$
Density, D_c	±0.001 kg/l	±0.002 kg/l

METHOD 24A—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER CONTENT AND DENSITY OF PUBLICATION ROTOGRAVURE INKS AND RELATED PUBLICATION ROTOGRAVURE COATINGS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile organic compounds (VOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of the VOC content and density of solvent-borne (solvent-reducible) publication rotogravure inks and related publication rotogravure coatings.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Separate procedures are used to determine the VOC weight fraction and density of the ink or related coating and the density of the solvent in the ink or related coating. The VOC weight fraction is determined by measuring the weight loss of a known sample quantity which has been heated for a specified length of time at a specified temperature. The density of both the ink or related coating and solvent are measured by a standard procedure. From this information, the VOC volume fraction is calculated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Components. Some of the compounds that may be contained in the inks or related coatings analyzed by this method may be irritating or corrosive to tissues or may be toxic. Nearly all are fire hazards. Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as Reference 6 of section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The following equipment and supplies are required for sample analysis:

6.1 Weighing Dishes. Aluminum foil, 58 mm (2.3 in.) in diameter by 18 mm (0.7 in.) high, with a flat bottom. There must be at least three weighing dishes per sample.

6.2 Disposable Syringe. 5 ml.

6.3 Analytical Balance. To measure to within 0.1 mg.

6.4 Oven. Vacuum oven capable of maintaining a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) and an absolute pressure of 510 ±51 mm Hg (20 ±2 in. Hg) for 4 hours. Alternatively, a forced draft oven capable of maintaining a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) for 24 hours.

6.5 The equipment and supplies specified in ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90 (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17).

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 The reagents and standards specified in ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90 are required.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Follow the sample collection, preservation, storage, and transport procedures described in Reference 4 of section 16.0.

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedure

Additional guidance can be found in Reference 5 of section 16.0.

11.1 VOC Weight Fraction. Shake or mix the ink or related coating sample thoroughly to assure that all the solids are completely suspended. Label and weigh to the nearest 0.1 mg a weighing dish and record this weight (M_{x1}). Using a 5 ml syringe, without a needle, extract an aliquot from the ink or related coating sample. Weigh the syringe and aliquot to the nearest 0.1 mg and record this weight (M_{cy1}). Transfer 1 to 3 g of the aliquot to the tared weighing dish. Reweigh the syringe and remaining aliquot to the nearest 0.1 mg and record this weight (M_{cy2}). Heat the weighing dish with the transferred aliquot in a vacuum oven at an absolute pressure of 510 ±51 mm Hg (20 ±2 in. Hg) and a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) for 4 hours. Alternatively, heat the weighing dish with the transferred aliquot in a forced draft oven at a temperature of 120 ±2 °C for 24 hours. After the weighing dish has cooled, reweigh it to the nearest 0.1 mg and record the weight (M_{x2}). Repeat this procedure two times for each ink or related coating sample, for a total of three samples.

11.2 Ink or Related Coating Density. Determine the density of the ink or related coating (D_c) according to the procedure outlined in ASTM D 1475. Make a total of three determinations for each ink or related coating sample. Report the ink or related coating density as the arithmetic average ($\bar{D}_c$) of the three determinations.

11.3 Solvent Density. Determine the density of the solvent (D_o) according to the procedure outlined in ASTM D 1475. Make a total of three determinations for each ink or related coating sample. Report the solvent density as the arithmetic average ($\bar{D}_o$) of the three determinations.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 VOC Weight Fraction. For each determination, calculate the volatile organic content weight fraction (W_o) using the following equation:

$$W_o = \frac{M_{x1} + M_{cy1} - M_{cy2} - M_{x2}}{M_{cy1} - M_{cy2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 24A-1}$$

Make a total of three determinations. Report the VOC weight fraction as the arithmetic average ($\bar{W}_o$) of the three determinations.

12.2 VOC Volume Fraction. Calculate the volume fraction volatile organic content (V_o) using the following equation:

$$V_o = \frac{\overline{W}_o \overline{D}_c}{\overline{D}_o} \qquad \text{Eq. 24A-2}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

1. Standard Test Method for Density of Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products. ASTM Designation D 1475.

2. Teleconversation. Wright, Chuck, Inmont Corporation with Reich, R., A., Radian Corporation. September 25, 1979, Gravure Ink Analysis.

3. Teleconversation. Oppenheimer, Robert, Gravure Research Institute with Burt, Rick, Radian Corporation, November 5, 1979, Gravure Ink Analysis.

4. Standard Procedure for Collection of Coating and Ink Samples for Analysis by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–010. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.

5. Standard Operating Procedure for Analysis of Coating and Ink Samples by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–011. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.

6. Handbook of Hazardous Materials: Fire, Safety, Health. Alliance of American Insurers. Schaumberg, IL. 1983.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 25—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS NONMETHANE ORGANIC EMISSIONS AS CARBON

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total gaseous nonmethane organic compounds (TGNMO)	N/A	Dependent upon analytical equipment.

1.2 Applicability.

1.2.1 This method is applicable for the determination of volatile organic compounds (VOC) (measured as total gaseous nonmethane organics (TGNMO) and reported as carbon) in stationary source emissions. This method is not applicable for the determination of organic particulate matter.

1.2.2 This method is not the only method that applies to the measurement of VOC. Costs, logistics, and other practicalities of source testing may make other test methods more desirable for measuring VOC contents of certain effluent streams. Proper judgment is required in determining the most applicable VOC test method. For example, depending upon the molecular composition of the organics in the effluent stream, a totally automated semicontinuous nonmethane organics (NMO) analyzer interfaced directly to the source may yield accurate results. This approach has the advantage of providing emission data semicontinuously over an extended time period.

1.2.3 Direct measurement of an effluent with a flame ionization detector (FID) analyzer may be appropriate with prior characterization of the gas stream and knowledge that the detector responds predictably to the organic compounds in the stream. If present, methane (CH_4) will, of course, also be measured. The FID can be used under any of the following limited conditions: (1) Where only one compound is known to exist; (2) when the organic compounds consist of only hydrogen and carbon; (3) where the relative percentages of the compounds are known or can be determined, and the FID responses to the compounds are known; (4) where a consistent mixture of the compounds exists before and after emission control and only the relative concentrations are to be assessed; or (5) where the FID can be calibrated against mass standards of the compounds emitted (solvent emissions, for example).

1.2.4 Another example of the use of a direct FID is as a screening method. If there is enough information available to provide a rough estimate of the analyzer accuracy, the FID analyzer can be used to determine the VOC content of an uncharacterized gas stream. With a sufficient buffer to account for possible inaccuracies, the direct FID can be a useful tool to obtain the desired results without costly exact determination.

1.2.5 In situations where a qualitative/quantitative analysis of an effluent stream is desired or required, a gas chromatographic FID system may apply. However, for sources emitting numerous organics, the time and expense of this approach will be formidable.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 An emission sample is withdrawn from the stack at a constant rate through a heated filter and a chilled condensate trap by means of an evacuated sample tank. After sampling is completed, the TGNMO are determined by independently analyzing the condensate trap and sample tank fractions and combining the analytical results. The organic content of the condensate trap fraction is determined by oxidizing the NMO to carbon dioxide (CO_2) and quantitatively collecting in the effluent in an evacuated vessel; then a portion of the CO_2 is reduced to CH_4 and measured by an FID. The organic content of the sample tank fraction is measured by injecting a portion of the sample into a gas chromatographic column to separate the NMO from carbon monoxide (CO), CO_2, and CH_4; the NMO are oxidized to CO_2, reduced to CH_4, and measured by an FID. In this manner, the variable response of the FID associated with different types of organics is eliminated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

4.1 Carbon Dioxide and Water Vapor. When carbon dioxide (CO_2) and water vapor are present together in the stack, they can produce a positive bias in the sample. The magnitude of the bias depends on the concentrations of CO_2 and water vapor. As a guideline, multiply the CO_2 concentration, expressed as volume percent, times the water vapor concentration. If this product does not exceed 100, the bias can be considered insignificant. For example, the bias is not significant for a source having 10 percent CO_2 and 10 percent water vapor, but it might be significant for a source having 10 percent CO_2 and 20 percent water vapor.

4.2. Particulate Matter. Collection of organic particulate matter in the condensate trap would produce a positive bias. A filter is included in the sampling equipment to minimize this bias.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sample Collection. The sampling system consists of a heated probe, heated filter, condensate trap, flow control system, and sample tank (see Figure 25–1). The TGNMO sampling equipment can be constructed from commercially available components and components fabricated in a machine shop. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Heated Probe. 6.4-mm (¼-in.) OD stainless steel tubing with a heating system capable of maintaining a gas temperature at the exit end of at least 129 °C (265 °F). The probe shall be equipped with a temperature sensor at the exit end to monitor the gas temperature. A suitable probe is shown in Figure 25–1. The nozzle is an elbow fitting attached to the front end of the probe while the temperature sensor is inserted in the side arm of a tee fitting attached to the rear of the probe. The probe is wrapped with a suitable length of high temperature heating tape, and then covered with two layers of glass cloth insulation and one layer of aluminum foil or an equivalent wrapping.

NOTE: If it is not possible to use a heating system for safety reasons, an unheated system with an in-stack filter is a suitable alternative.

6.1.2 Filter Holder. 25-mm (15⁄16-in.) ID Gelman filter holder with 303 stainless steel body and 316 stainless steel support screen with the Viton O-ring replaced by a Teflon O-ring.

6.1.3 Filter Heating System.

6.1.3.1 A metal box consisting of an inner and an outer shell separated by insulating material with a heating element in the inner shell capable of maintaining a gas temperature at the filter of 121 ±3 °C (250 ±5 °F). The heating box shall include temperature sensors to monitor the gas temperature immediately upstream and immediately downstream of the filter.

6.1.3.2 A suitable heating box is shown in Figure 25–2. The outer shell is a metal box that measures 102 mm × 280 mm × 292 mm (4 in. × 11 in. × 11½ in.), while the inner shell is a metal box measuring 76 mm × 229 mm × 241 mm (3 in. × 9 in. × 9½ in.). The inner box is supported by 13-mm (½-in.) phenolic rods. The void space between the boxes is filled with ceramic fiber insulation which is sealed in place by means of a silicon rubber bead around the upper sides of the box. A removable lid made in a similar manner, with a 25-mm (1-in.) gap between the parts is used to cover the heating chamber. The inner box is heated with a 250-watt cartridge heater, shielded by a stainless steel shroud. The heater is regulated by a thermostatic temperature controller which is set to maintain a gas temperature of 121 °C (250 °F) as measured by the temperature sensor upstream of the filter.

NOTE: If it is not possible to use a heating system for safety reasons, an unheated system with an in-stack filter is a suitable alternative.

6.1.4 Condensate Trap. 9.5-mm (⅜-in.) OD 316 stainless steel tubing bent into a U-shape. Exact dimensions are shown in Figure

25–3. The tubing shall be packed with coarse quartz wool, to a density of approximately 0.11 g/cm^3 before bending. While the condensate trap is packed with dry ice in the Dewar, an ice bridge may form between the arms of the condensate trap making it difficult to remove the condensate trap. This problem can be prevented by attaching a steel plate between the arms of the condensate trap in the same plane as the arms to completely fill the intervening space.

6.1.5 Valve. Stainless steel control valve for starting and stopping sample flow.

6.1.6 Metering Valve. Stainless steel valve for regulating the sample flow rate through the sample train.

6.1.7 Rate Meter. Rotameter, or equivalent, capable of measuring sample flow in the range of 60 to 100 cm^3/min (0.13 to 0.21 ft^3/hr).

6.1.8 Sample Tank. Stainless steel or aluminum tank with a minimum volume of 4 liters (0.14 ft^3).

NOTE: Sample volumes greater than 4 liters may be required for sources with low organic concentrations.

6.1.9 Mercury Manometer. U-tube manometer or absolute pressure gauge capable of measuring pressure to within 1 mm Hg in the range of 0 to 900 mm.

6.1.10 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg.

6.2 Condensate Recovery. The system for the recovery of the organics captured in the condensate trap consists of a heat source, an oxidation catalyst, a nondispersive infrared (NDIR) analyzer, and an intermediate collection vessel (ICV). Figure 25–4 is a schematic of a typical system. The system shall be capable of proper oxidation and recovery, as specified in section 10.1.1. The following major components are required:

6.2.1 Heat Source. Sufficient to heat the condensate trap (including probe) to a temperature of 200 °C (390 °F). A system using both a heat gun and an electric tube furnace is recommended.

6.2.2 Heat Tape. Sufficient to heat the connecting tubing between the water trap and the oxidation catalyst to 100 °C (212 °F).

6.2.3 Oxidation Catalyst. A suitable length of 9.5 mm (3⁄8-in.) OD Inconel 600 tubing packed with 15 cm (6 in.) of 3.2 mm (3⁄8-in.) diameter 19 percent chromia on alumina pellets. The catalyst material is packed in the center of the catalyst tube with quartz wool packed on either end to hold it in place.

6.2.4 Water Trap. Leak-proof, capable of removing moisture from the gas stream.

6.2.5 Syringe Port. A 6.4-mm (1⁄4-in.) OD stainless steel tee fitting with a rubber septum placed in the side arm.

6.2.6 NDIR Detector. Capable of indicating CO_2 concentration in the range of zero to 5 percent, to monitor the progress of combustion of the organic compounds from the condensate trap.

6.2.7 Flow-Control Valve. Stainless steel, to maintain the trap conditioning system near atmospheric pressure.

6.2.8 Intermediate Collection Vessel. Stainless steel or aluminum, equipped with a female quick connect. Tanks with nominal volumes of at least 6 liters (0.2 ft^3) are recommended.

6.2.9 Mercury Manometer. Same as described in section 6.1.9.

6.2.10 Syringe. 10-ml gas-tight glass syringe equipped with an appropriate needle.

6.2.11 Syringes. 10-μl and 50-μl liquid injection syringes.

6.2.12 Liquid Sample Injection Unit. 316 Stainless steel U-tube fitted with an injection septum (see Figure 25–7).

6.3 Analysis.

6.3.1 NMO Analyzer. The NMO analyzer is a gas chromatograph (GC) with backflush capability for NMO analysis and is equipped with an oxidation catalyst, reduction catalyst, and FID. Figures 25–5 and 25–6 are schematics of a typical NMO analyzer. This semicontinuous GC/FID analyzer shall be capable of: (1) Separating CO, CO_2, and CH_4 from NMO, (2) reducing the CO_2 to CH_4 and quantifying as CH_4, and (3) oxidizing the NMO to CO_2, reducing the CO_2 to CH_4 and quantifying as CH_4, according to section 10.1.2. The analyzer consists of the following major components:

6.3.1.1 Oxidation Catalyst. A suitable length of 9.5-mm (3⁄8-in.) OD Inconel 600 tubing packed with 5.1 cm (2 in.) of 19 percent chromia on 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) alumina pellets. The catalyst material is packed in the center of the tube supported on either side by quartz wool. The catalyst tube must be mounted vertically in a 650 °C (1200 °F) furnace. Longer catalysts mounted horizontally may be used, provided they can meet the specifications of section 10.1.2.1.

6.3.1.2 Reduction Catalyst. A 7.6-cm (3-in.) length of 6.4-mm (1⁄4-in.) OD Inconel tubing fully packed with 100-mesh pure nickel powder. The catalyst tube must be mounted vertically in a 400 °C (750 °F) furnace.

6.3.1.3 Separation Column(s). A 30-cm (1-ft) length of 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) OD stainless steel tubing packed with 60/80 mesh Unibeads 1S followed by a 61-cm (2-ft) length of 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) OD stainless steel tubing packed with 60/80 mesh Carbosieve G. The Carbosieve and Unibeads columns must be baked separately at 200 °C (390 °F) with carrier gas flowing through them for 24 hours before initial use.

6.3.1.4 Sample Injection System. A single 10-port GC sample injection valve or a group of valves with sufficient ports fitted with a sample loop properly sized to interface with the NMO analyzer (1-cc loop recommended).

6.3.1.5 FID. An FID meeting the following specifications is required:

6.3.1.5.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.1.2.3.

6.3.1.5.2 Range. A full scale range of 10 to 50,000 ppm CH_4. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.3.1.6 Data Recording System. Analog strip chart recorder or digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the analytical results.

6.3.2 Barometer. Mercury, aneroid, or other barometer capable of measuring atmospheric pressure to within 1 mm Hg.

6.3.3 Temperature Sensor. Capable of measuring the laboratory temperature within 1 °C (2 °F).

6.3.4 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Sample Collection. The following reagents are required for sample collection:

7.1.1 Dry Ice. Solid CO2, crushed.

7.1.2 Coarse Quartz Wool. 8 to 15 um.

7.1.3 Filters. Glass fiber filters, without organic binder, exhibiting at least 99.95 percent efficiency (<0.05 percent penetration) on 0.3 micron dioctyl phthalate smoke particles. The filter efficiency test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM Method D2986–71, 78, or 95a (incorporated by reference—see §60.17). Test data from the supplier's quality control program are sufficient for this purpose.

7.2 NMO Analysis. The following gases are required for NMO analysis:

7.2.1 Carrier Gases. Helium (He) and oxygen (O_2) containing less than 1 ppm CO_2 and less than 0.1 ppm hydrocarbon.

7.2.2 Fuel Gas. Hydrogen (H_2), at least 99.999 percent pure.

7.2.3 Combustion Gas. Either air (less than 0.1 ppm total hydrocarbon content) or O_2 (purity 99.99 percent or greater), as required by the detector.

7.3 Condensate Analysis. The following are required for condensate analysis:

7.3.1 Gases. Containing less than 1 ppm carbon.

7.3.1.1 Air.

7.3.1.2 Oxygen.

7.3.2 Liquids. To conform to the specifications established by the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society.

7.3.2.1 Hexane.

7.3.2.2 Decane.

7.4 Calibration. For all calibration gases, the manufacturer must recommend a maximum shelf life for each cylinder (i.e., the length of time the gas concentration is not expected to change more than ±5 percent from its certified value). The date of gas cylinder preparation, certified organic concentration, and recommended maximum shelf life must be affixed to each cylinder before shipment from the gas manufacturer to the buyer. The following calibration gases are required:

7.4.1 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check Calibration Gas. Gas mixture standard with nominal concentration of 1 percent methane in air.

7.4.2 FID Linearity and NMO Calibration Gases. Three gas mixture standards with nominal propane concentrations of 20 ppm, 200 ppm, and 3000 ppm, in air.

7.4.3 CO_2 Calibration Gases. Three gas mixture standards with nominal CO_2 concentrations of 50 ppm, 500 ppm, and 1 percent, in air.

NOTE: Total NMO less than 1 ppm required for 1 percent mixture.

7.4.4 NMO Analyzer System Check Calibration Gases. Four calibration gases are needed as follows:

7.4.4.1 Propane Mixture. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 50 ppm CO, 50 ppm CH_4, 1 percent CO_2, and 20 ppm C_3H_8, prepared in air.

7.4.4.2 Hexane. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 50 ppm hexane in air.

7.4.4.3 Toluene. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 20 ppm toluene in air.

7.4.4.4 Methanol. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 100 ppm methanol in air.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Transport, and Storage

8.1 Sampling Equipment Preparation.

8.1.1 Condensate Trap Cleaning. Before its initial use and after each use, a condensate trap should be thoroughly cleaned and checked to ensure that it is not contaminated. Both cleaning and checking can be accomplished by installing the trap in the condensate recovery system and treating it as if it were a sample. The trap should be heated as described in section 11.1.3. A trap may be considered clean when the CO_2 concentration in its effluent gas drops below 10 ppm. This check is optional for traps that most recently have been used to collect samples which were then recovered according to the procedure in section 11.1.3.

8.1.2 Sample Tank Evacuation and Leak-Check. Evacuate the sample tank to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure or less. Then close the sample tank valve, and allow the tank to sit for 60 minutes. The tank is acceptable if a change in tank vacuum of less than 1 mm Hg is noted. The evacuation and leak-check may be conducted either in the laboratory or the field.

8.1.3 Sampling Train Assembly. Just before assembly, measure the tank vacuum using a mercury manometer. Record this vacuum, the ambient temperature, and the barometric pressure at this time. Close the sample tank valve and assemble the sampling

system as shown in Figure 25–1. Immerse the condensate trap body in dry ice at least 30 minutes before commencing sampling to improve collection efficiency. The point where the inlet tube joins the trap body should be 2.5 to 5 cm (1 to 2 in.) above the top of the dry ice.

8.1.4 Pretest Leak-Check. A pretest leak-check is required. Calculate or measure the approximate volume of the sampling train from the probe tip to the sample tank valve. After assembling the sampling train, plug the probe tip, and make certain that the sample tank valve is closed. Turn on the vacuum pump, and evacuate the sampling system from the probe tip to the sample tank valve to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg or less. Close the purge valve, turn off the pump, wait a minimum period of 10 minutes, and recheck the indicated vacuum. Calculate the maximum allowable pressure change based on a leak rate of 1 percent of the sampling rate using Equation 25–1, section 12.2. If the measured pressure change exceeds the allowable, correct the problem and repeat the leak-check before beginning sampling.

8.2 Sample Collection.

8.2.1 Unplug the probe tip, and place the probe into the stack such that the probe is perpendicular to the duct or stack axis; locate the probe tip at a single preselected point of average velocity facing away from the direction of gas flow. For stacks having a negative static pressure, seal the sample port sufficiently to prevent air in-leakage around the probe. Set the probe temperature controller to 129 °C (265 °F) and the filter temperature controller to 121 °C (250 °F). Allow the probe and filter to heat for about 30 minutes before purging the sample train.

8.2.2 Close the sample valve, open the purge valve, and start the vacuum pump. Set the flow rate between 60 and 100 cm^3/min (0.13 and 0.21 ft^3/hr), and purge the train with stack gas for at least 10 minutes.

8.2.3 When the temperatures at the exit ends of the probe and filter are within the corresponding specified ranges, check the dry ice level around the condensate trap, and add dry ice if necessary. Record the clock time. To begin sampling, close the purge valve and stop the pump. Open the sample valve and the sample tank valve. Using the flow control valve, set the flow through the sample train to the proper rate. Adjust the flow rate as necessary to maintain a constant rate (±10 percent) throughout the duration of the sampling period. Record the sample tank vacuum and flowmeter setting at 5-minute intervals. (See Figure 25–8.) Select a total sample time greater than or equal to the minimum sampling time specified in the applicable subpart of the regulations; end the sampling when this time period is reached or when a constant flow rate can no longer be maintained because of reduced sample tank vacuum.

NOTE: If sampling had to be stopped before obtaining the minimum sampling time (specified in the applicable subpart) because a constant flow rate could not be maintained, proceed as follows: After closing the sample tank valve, remove the used sample tank from the sampling train (without disconnecting other portions of the sampling train). Take another evacuated and leak-checked sample tank, measure and record the tank vacuum, and attach the new tank to the sampling train. After the new tank is attached to the sample train, proceed with the sampling until the required minimum sampling time has been exceeded.

8.3 Sample Recovery. After sampling is completed, close the flow control valve, and record the final tank vacuum; then record the tank temperature and barometric pressure. Close the sample tank valve, and disconnect the sample tank from the sample system. Disconnect the condensate trap at the inlet to the rate meter, and tightly seal both ends of the condensate trap. Do not include the probe from the stack to the filter as part of the condensate sample.

8.4 Sample Storage and Transport. Keep the trap packed in dry ice until the samples are returned to the laboratory for analysis. Ensure that run numbers are identified on the condensate trap and the sample tank(s).

9.0 Quality Control

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
10.1.1	Initial performance check of condensate recovery apparatus.	Ensure acceptable condensate recovery efficiency.
10.1.2, 10.2	NMO analyzer initial and daily performance checks.	Ensure precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Initial Performance Checks.

10.1.1 Condensate Recovery Apparatus. Perform these tests before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown of 6 months or more, and after any major modification of the system, or at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer.

10.1.1.1 Carrier Gas and Auxiliary O_2 Blank Check. Analyze each new tank of carrier gas or auxiliary O_2 with the NMO analyzer to

check for contamination. Treat the gas cylinders as noncondensible gas samples, and analyze according to the procedure in section 11.2.3. Add together any measured CH_4, CO, CO_2, or NMO. The total concentration must be less than 5 ppm.

10.1.1.2 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check.

10.1.1.2.1 With a clean condensate trap installed in the recovery system or a ⅛″ stainless steel connector tube, replace the carrier gas cylinder with the high level methane standard gas cylinder (Section 7.4.1). Set the four-port valve to the recovery position, and attach an ICV to the recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in vent position and the flow-control and ICV valves fully open, evacuate the manometer or gauge, the connecting tubing, and the ICV to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure. Close the flow-control and vacuum pump valves.

10.1.1.2.2 After the NDIR response has stabilized, switch the sample recovery valve from vent to collect. When the manometer or pressure gauge begins to register a slight positive pressure, open the flow-control valve. Keep the flow adjusted such that the pressure in the system is maintained within 10 percent of atmospheric pressure. Continue collecting the sample in a normal manner until the ICV is filled to a nominal gauge pressure of 300 mm Hg. Close the ICV valve, and remove the ICV from the system. Place the sample recovery valve in the vent position, and return the recovery system to its normal carrier gas and normal operating conditions. Analyze the ICV for CO_2 using the NMO analyzer; the catalyst efficiency is acceptable if the CO_2 concentration is within 2 percent of the methane standard concentration.

10.1.1.3 System Performance Check. Construct a liquid sample injection unit similar in design to the unit shown in Figure 25–7. Insert this unit into the condensate recovery and conditioning system in place of a condensate trap, and set the carrier gas and auxiliary O_2 flow rates to normal operating levels. Attach an evacuated ICV to the system, and switch from system vent to collect. With the carrier gas routed through the injection unit and the oxidation catalyst, inject a liquid sample (see sections 10.1.1.3.1 to 10.1.1.3.4) into the injection port. Operate the trap recovery system as described in section 11.1.3. Measure the final ICV pressure, and then analyze the vessel to determine the CO_2 concentration. For each injection, calculate the percent recovery according to section 12.7. Calculate the relative standard deviation for each set of triplicate injections according to section 12.8. The performance test is acceptable if the average percent recovery is 100 ±5 percent and the relative standard deviation is less than 2 percent for each set of triplicate injections.

10.1.1.3.1 50 µl hexane.

10.1.1.3.2 10 µl hexane.

10.1.1.3.3 50 µl decane.

10.1.1.3.4 10 µl decane.

10.1.2 NMO Analyzer. Perform these tests before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown longer than 6 months, and after any major modification of the system.

10.1.2.1 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check. Turn off or bypass the NMO analyzer reduction catalyst. Make triplicate injections of the high level methane standard (Section 7.4.1). The oxidation catalyst operation is acceptable if the FID response is less than 1 percent of the injected methane concentration.

10.1.2.2 Reduction Catalyst Efficiency Check. With the oxidation catalyst unheated or bypassed and the heated reduction catalyst bypassed, make triplicate injections of the high level methane standard (Section 7.4.1). Repeat this procedure with both catalysts operative. The reduction catalyst operation is acceptable if the responses under both conditions agree within 5 percent of their average.

10.1.2.3 NMO Analyzer Linearity Check Calibration. While operating both the oxidation and reduction catalysts, conduct a linearity check of the analyzer using the propane standards specified in section 7.4.2. Make triplicate injections of each calibration gas. For each gas (*i.e.*, each set of triplicate injections), calculate the average response factor (area/ppm C) for each gas, as well as and the relative standard deviation (according to section 12.8). Then calculate the overall mean of the response factor values. The instrument linearity is acceptable if the average response factor of each calibration gas is within 2.5 percent of the overall mean value and if the relative standard deviation gas is less than 2 percent of the overall mean value. Record the overall mean of the propane response factor values as the NMO calibration response factor (RF_{NMO}). Repeat the linearity check using the CO_2 standards specified in section 7.4.3. Make triplicate injections of each gas, and then calculate the average response factor (area/ppm C) for each gas, as well as the overall mean of the response factor values. Record the overall mean of the response factor values as the CO_2 calibration response factor (RF_{CO2}). The RF_{CO2} must be within 10 percent of the RF_{NMO}.

10.1.2.4 System Performance Check. Check the column separation and overall performance of the analyzer by making triplicate injections of the calibration gases listed in section 7.4.4. The analyzer performance is acceptable if the measured NMO value for each gas (average of triplicate injections) is within 5 percent of the expected value.

10.2 NMO Analyzer Daily Calibration. The following calibration procedures shall be performed before and immediately after the

analysis of each set of samples, or on a daily basis, whichever is more stringent:

10.2.1 CO_2 Response Factor. Inject triplicate samples of the high level CO_2 calibration gas (Section 7.4.3), and calculate the average response factor. The system operation is adequate if the calculated response factor is within 5 percent of the RF_{CO2} calculated during the initial performance test (Section 10.1.2.3). Use the daily response factor (DRF_{CO2}) for analyzer calibration and the calculation of measured CO_2 concentrations in the ICV samples.

10.2.2 NMO Response Factors. Inject triplicate samples of the mixed propane calibration cylinder gas (Section 7.4.4.1), and calculate the average NMO response factor. The system operation is adequate if the calculated response factor is within 10 percent of the RF_{NMO} calculated during the initial performance test (Section 10.1.2.4). Use the daily response factor (DRF_{NMO}) for analyzer calibration and calculation of NMO concentrations in the sample tanks.

10.3 Sample Tank and ICV Volume. The volume of the gas sampling tanks used must be determined. Determine the tank and ICV volumes by weighing them empty and then filled with deionized distilled water; weigh to the nearest 5 g, and record the results. Alternatively, measure the volume of water used to fill them to the nearest 5 ml.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

11.1 Condensate Recovery. See Figure 25–9. Set the carrier gas flow rate, and heat the catalyst to its operating temperature to condition the apparatus.

11.1.1 Daily Performance Checks. Each day before analyzing any samples, perform the following tests:

11.1.1.1 Leak-Check. With the carrier gas inlets and the sample recovery valve closed, install a clean condensate trap in the system, and evacuate the system to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure or less. Monitor the system pressure for 10 minutes. The system is acceptable if the pressure change is less than 2 mm Hg.

11.1.1.2 System Background Test. Adjust the carrier gas and auxiliary oxygen flow rate to their normal values of 100 cc/min and 150 cc/min, respectively, with the sample recovery valve in vent position. Using a 10-ml syringe, withdraw a sample from the system effluent through the syringe port. Inject this sample into the NMO analyzer, and measure the CO_2 content. The system background is acceptable if the CO_2 concentration is less than 10 ppm.

11.1.1.3 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check. Conduct a catalyst efficiency test as specified in section 10.1.1.2. If the criterion of this test cannot be met, make the necessary repairs to the system before proceeding.

11.1.2 Condensate Trap CO_2 Purge and Sample Tank Pressurization.

11.1.2.1 After sampling is completed, the condensate trap will contain condensed water and organics and a small volume of sampled gas. This gas from the stack may contain a significant amount of CO_2 which must be removed from the condensate trap before the sample is recovered. This is accomplished by purging the condensate trap with zero air and collecting the purged gas in the original sample tank.

11.1.2.2 Begin with the sample tank and condensate trap from the test run to be analyzed. Set the four-port valve of the condensate recovery system in the CO_2 purge position as shown in Figure 25–9. With the sample tank valve closed, attach the sample tank to the sample recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in the vent position and the flow control valve fully open, evacuate the manometer or pressure gauge to the vacuum of the sample tank. Next, close the vacuum pump valve, open the sample tank valve, and record the tank pressure.

11.1.2.3 Attach the dry ice-cooled condensate trap to the recovery system, and initiate the purge by switching the sample recovery valve from vent to collect position. Adjust the flow control valve to maintain atmospheric pressure in the recovery system. Continue the purge until the CO_2 concentration of the trap effluent is less than 5 ppm. CO_2 concentration in the trap effluent should be measured by extracting syringe samples from the recovery system and analyzing the samples with the NMO analyzer. This procedure should be used only after the NDIR response has reached a minimum level. Using a 10-ml syringe, extract a sample from the syringe port prior to the NDIR, and inject this sample into the NMO analyzer.

11.1.2.4 After the completion of the CO_2 purge, use the carrier gas bypass valve to pressurize the sample tank to approximately 1,060 mm Hg absolute pressure with zero air.

11.1.3 Recovery of the Condensate Trap Sample (See Figure 25–10).

11.1.3.1 Attach the ICV to the sample recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in a closed position, between vent and collect, and the flow control and ICV valves fully open, evacuate the manometer or gauge, the connecting tubing, and the ICV to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure. Close the flow-control and vacuum pump valves.

11.1.3.2 Begin auxiliary oxygen flow to the oxidation catalyst at a rate of 150 cc/min, then switch the four-way valve to the trap recovery position and the sample recovery valve to collect position. The system should now be set up to operate as indicated in Figure 25–10. After the manometer or pressure gauge begins to register a slight positive pressure, open the flow control valve. Adjust the flow-control valve to maintain atmospheric pressure in the system within 10 percent.

11.1.3.3 Remove the condensate trap from the dry ice, and allow it to warm to ambient temperature while monitoring the NDIR response. If, after 5 minutes, the CO_2 concentration of the catalyst effluent is below 10,000 ppm, discontinue the auxiliary oxygen flow to the oxidation catalyst. Begin heating the trap by placing it in a furnace preheated to 200 °C (390 °F). Once heating has begun, carefully monitor the NDIR response to ensure that the catalyst effluent concentration does not exceed 50,000 ppm. Whenever the CO_2 concentration exceeds 50,000 ppm, supply auxiliary oxygen to the catalyst at the rate of 150 cc/min. Begin heating the tubing that connected the heated sample box to the condensate trap only after the CO_2 concentration falls below 10,000 ppm. This tubing may be heated in the same oven as the condensate trap or with an auxiliary heat source such as a heat gun. Heating temperature must not exceed 200 °C (390 °F). If a heat gun is used, heat the tubing slowly along its entire length from the upstream end to the downstream end, and repeat the pattern for a total of three times. Continue the recovery until the CO_2 concentration drops to less than 10 ppm as determined by syringe injection as described under the condensate trap CO_2 purge procedure (Section 11.1.2).

11.1.3.4 After the sample recovery is completed, use the carrier gas bypass valve to pressurize the ICV to approximately 1060 mm Hg absolute pressure with zero air.

11.2 Analysis. Once the initial performance test of the NMO analyzer has been successfully completed (see section 10.1.2) and the daily CO_2 and NMO response factors have been determined (see section 10.2), proceed with sample analysis as follows:

11.2.1 Operating Conditions. The carrier gas flow rate is 29.5 cc/min He and 2.2 cc/min O_2. The column oven is heated to 85 °C (185 °F). The order of elution for the sample from the column is CO, CH_4, CO_2, and NMO.

11.2.2 Analysis of Recovered Condensate Sample. Purge the sample loop with sample, and then inject the sample. Under the specified operating conditions, the CO_2 in the sample will elute in approximately 100 seconds. As soon as the detector response returns to baseline following the CO_2 peak, switch the carrier gas flow to backflush, and raise the column oven temperature to 195 °C (380 °F) as rapidly as possible. A rate of 30 °C/min (90 °F) has been shown to be adequate. Record the value obtained for the condensible organic material (C_{cm}) measured as CO_2 and any measured NMO. Return the column oven temperature to 85 °C (185 °F) in preparation for the next analysis. Analyze each sample in triplicate, and report the average C_{cm}.

11.2.3 Analysis of Sample Tank. Perform the analysis as described in section 11.2.2, but record only the value measured for NMO (C_{tm}).

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

Carry out the calculations, retaining at least one extra significant figure beyond that of the acquired data. Round off figures after final calculations. All equations are written using absolute pressure; absolute pressures are determined by adding the measured barometric pressure to the measured gauge or manometer pressure.

12.1 Nomenclature.

C = TGNMO concentration of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.
C_c = Calculated condensible organic (condensate trap) concentration of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.
C_{cm} = Measured concentration (NMO analyzer) for the condensate trap ICV, ppm CO_2.
C_t = Calculated noncondensible organic concentration (sample tank) of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.
C_{tm} = Measured concentration (NMO analyzer) for the sample tank, ppm NMO.
F = Sampling flow rate, cc/min.
L = Volume of liquid injected, μl.
M = Molecular weight of the liquid injected, g/g-mole.
M_c = TGNMO mass concentration of the effluent, mg C/dsm³.
N = Carbon number of the liquid compound injected (N = 12 for decane, N = 6 for hexane).
n = Number of data points.
P_f = Final pressure of the intermediate collection vessel, mm Hg absolute.
P_b = Barometric pressure, cm Hg.
P_{ti} = Gas sample tank pressure before sampling, mm Hg absolute.
P_t = Gas sample tank pressure after sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.
P_{tf} = Final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.
q = Total number of analyzer injections of intermediate collection vessel during analysis (where k = injection number, 1 * * * q).
r = Total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j = injection number, 1 * * * r).
r = Density of liquid injected, g/cc.
T_f = Final temperature of intermediate collection vessel, °K.
T_{ti} = Sample tank temperature before sampling, °K.
T_t = Sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, °K.
T_{tf} = Sample tank temperature after pressurizing, °K.
V = Sample tank volume, m³.
V_t = Sample train volume, cc.
V_v = Intermediate collection vessel volume, m³.
V_s = Gas volume sampled, dsm³.
x_i = Individual measurements.
$\bar{x}$ = Mean value.

ΔP = Allowable pressure change, cm Hg.
Θ = Leak-check period, min.

12.2 Allowable Pressure Change. For the pretest leak-check, calculate the allowable pressure change using Equation 25–1:

$$\Delta P = 0.01\ \frac{FP_b\Theta}{V_t} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-1}$$

12.3 Sample Volume. For each test run, calculate the gas volume sampled using Equation 25–2:

$$V_s = 0.3857\ V\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-2}$$

12.4 Noncondensible Organics. For each sample tank, determine the concentration of nonmethane organics (ppm C) using Equation 25–3:

$$C_t = \left(\frac{\dfrac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\dfrac{P_t}{T_t} - \dfrac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm_j}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-3}$$

12.5 Condensible Organics. For each condensate trap determine the concentration of organics (ppm C) using Equation 25–4:

$$C_c = 0.3857\frac{V_v P_f}{V_s T_f}\left(\frac{1}{q}\sum_{k=1}^{q} C_{cm_k}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-4}$$

12.6 TGNMO Mass Concentration. Determine the TGNMO mass concentration as carbon for each test run, using Equation 25–5:

$$M_c = 0.4993\left(C_t + C_c\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-5}$$

12.7 Percent Recovery. Calculate the percent recovery for the liquid injections to the condensate recovery and conditioning system using Equation 25–6:

$$\text{Percent Recovery} = K\ \frac{M\,V_v P_t C_{cm}}{L\,P\,T_f N} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-6}$$

where K = 1.604 (°K)(g-mole)(%)/(mm Hg)(ml)(m^3)(ppm).

12.8 Relative Standard Deviation. Use Equation 25–7 to calculate the relative standard deviation (RSD) of percent recovery and analyzer linearity.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{\bar{x}}\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_i - \bar{x}\right)^2}{n-1}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-7}$$

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Range. The minimum detectable limit of the method has been determined to be 50 parts per million by volume (ppm). No upper limit has been established.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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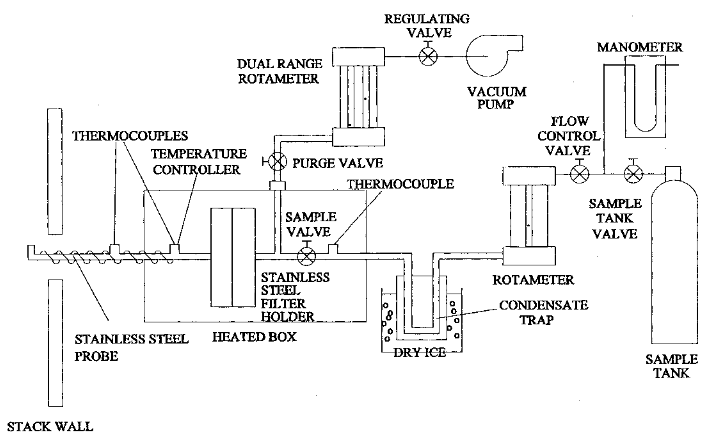

Figure 25-1. Sampling Train

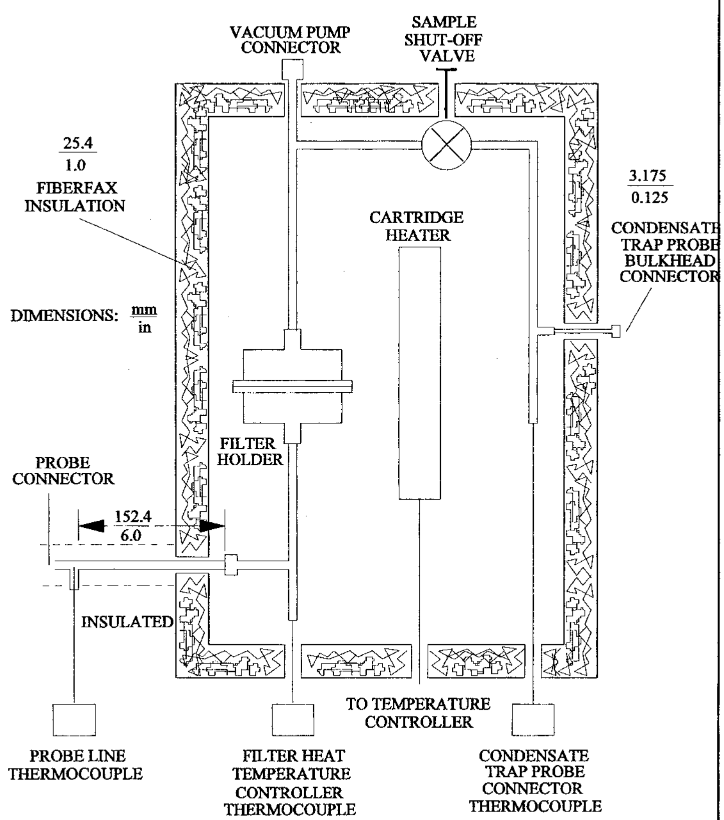

Figure 25-2. Out-of-stack Filter Box

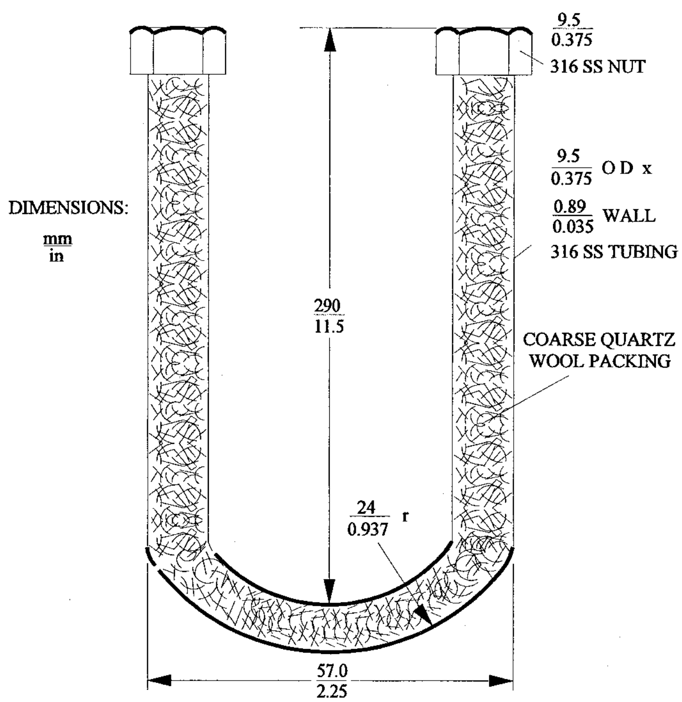

Figure 25-3. Condensate Trap

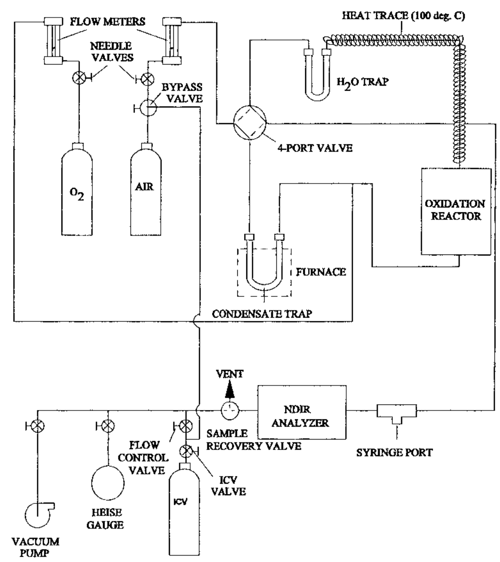

Figure 25-4. Condensate Recovery System

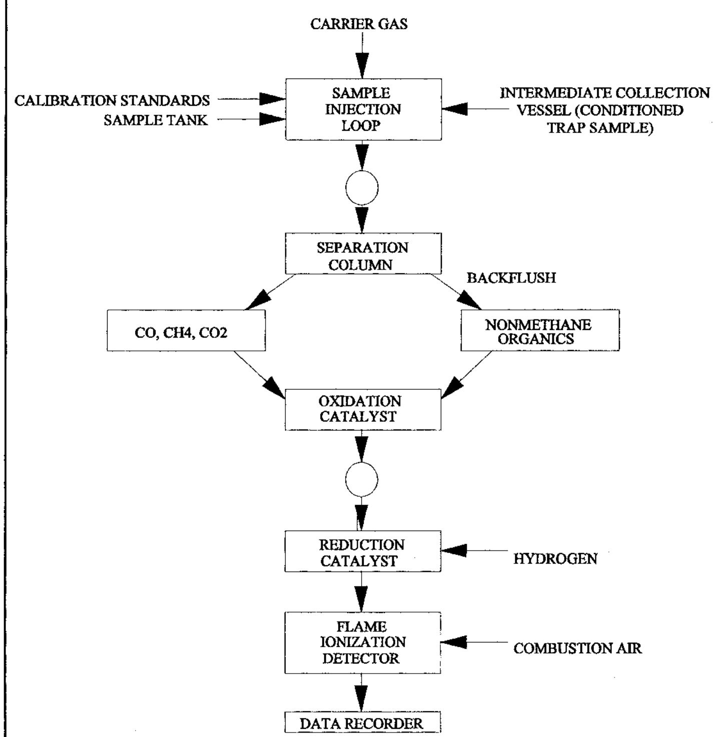

Figure 25-5. Simplified Schematic of Nonmethane Organic (NMO) Analyzer

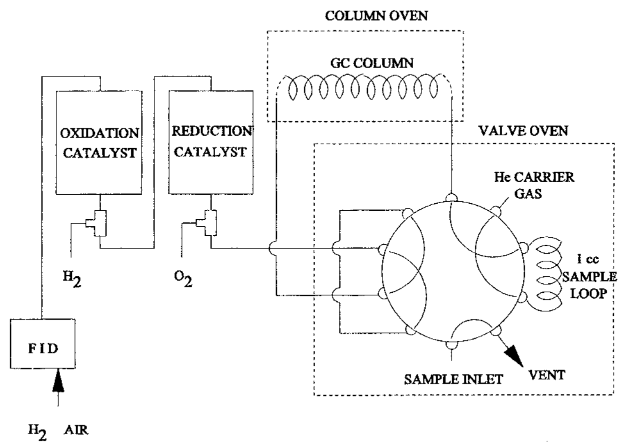

Figure 25-6. Nonmethane Organic Analyzer (NMO)

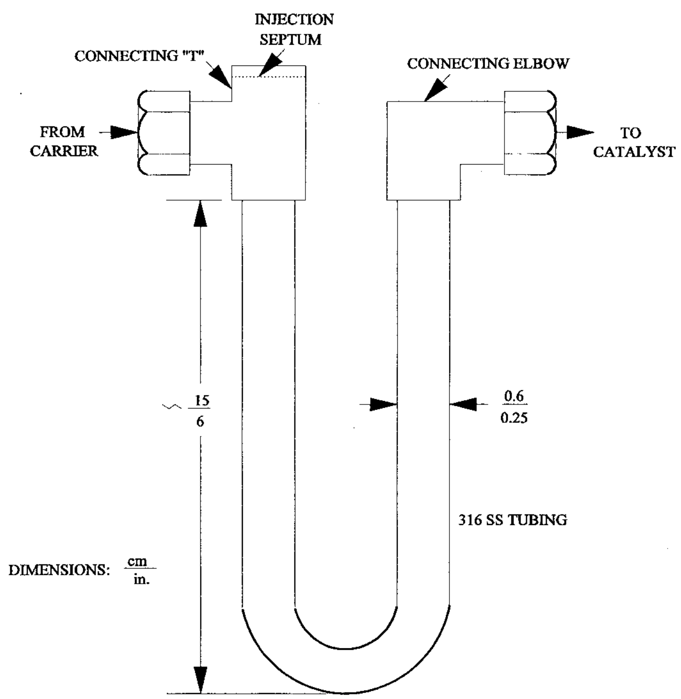

Figure 25-7. Liquid Sample Injection Unit

VOLATILE ORGANIC CARBON

FACILITY ____________ SAMPLE LOCATION ____________

LOCATION ____________ OPERATOR ____________

DATE ____________ RUN NUMBER ____________

TANK NUMBER ________ TRAP NUMBER ________ SAMPLE ID NUMBER ________

TANK VACUUM mm HG	cm Hg	BAROMETRIC PRESSURE mm Hg	AMBIENT TEMPERATURE °C
PRETEST (MANOMETER) ________	(GAUGE) ________		
POST-TEST (MANOMETER) ________	(GAUGE) ________		

LEAK RATE ________ cm Hg / 1.0 min. ________

PRETEST ________

TIME CLOCK/SAMPLE	VACUUM cm Hg	FLOWMETER SETTINGS	COMMENTS

Figure 25-8. Example Field Data Form

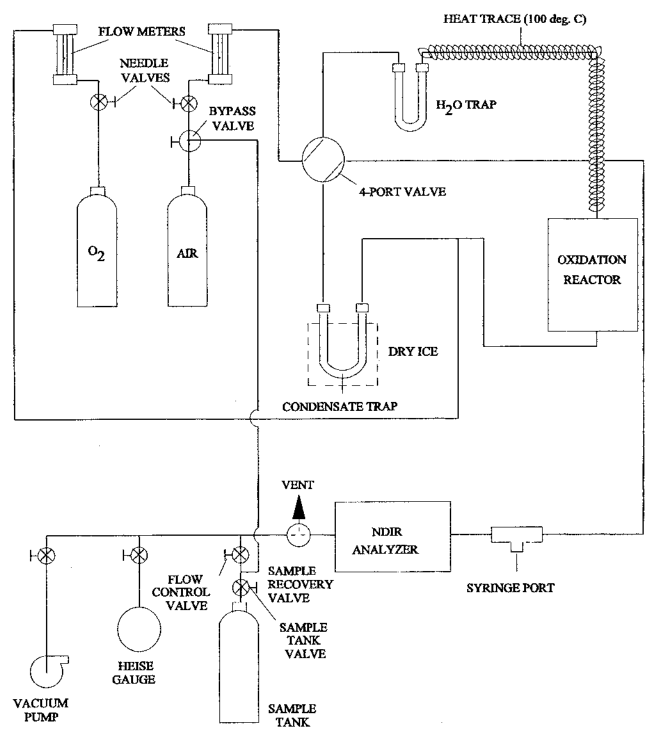

Figure 25-9. Condensate Recovery System, CO2 Purge

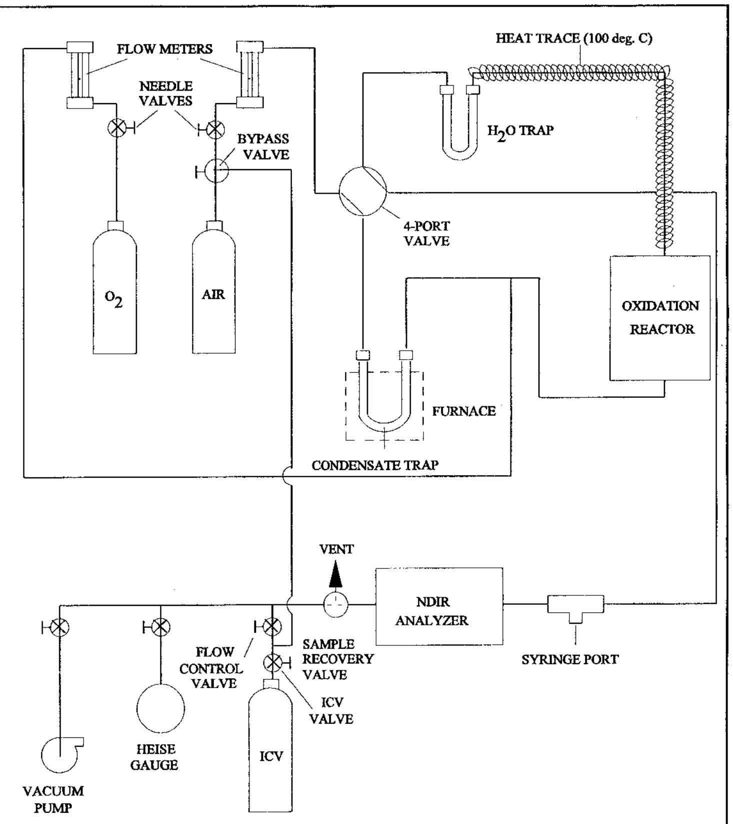

Figure 25-10. Condensate Recovery System, Collection of Trap Organics

METHOD 25A—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS ORGANIC CONCENTRATION USING A FLAME IONIZATION ANALYZER

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total Organic Compounds	N/A	<2% of span.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of total gaseous organic concentration of vapors consisting primarily of alkanes, alkenes, and/or arenes (aromatic hydrocarbons). The concentration is expressed in terms of propane (or other appropriate organic calibration gas) or in terms of carbon.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line and glass fiber filter to a flame ionization analyzer (FIA). Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of the calibration gas or as carbon equivalents.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Calibration drift* means the difference in the measurement system response to a mid-level calibration gas before and after a stated period of operation during which no unscheduled maintenance, repair, or adjustment took place.

3.2 *Calibration error* means the difference between the gas concentration indicated by the measurement system and the know concentration of the calibration gas.

3.3 *Calibration gas* means a known concentration of a gas in an appropriate diluent gas.

3.4 *Measurement system* means the total equipment required for the determination of the gas concentration. The system consists of the following major subsystems:

3.4.1 *Sample interface* means that portion of a system used for one or more of the following: sample acquisition, sample transportation, sample conditioning, or protection of the analyzer(s) from the effects of the stack effluent.

3.4.2 *Organic analyzer* means that portion of the measurement system that senses the gas to be measured and generates an output proportional to its concentration.

3.5 *Response time* means the time interval from a step change in pollutant concentration at the inlet to the emission measurement system to the time at which 95 percent of the corresponding final value is reached as displayed on the recorder.

3.6 *Span Value* means the upper limit of a gas concentration measurement range that is specified for affected source categories in the applicable part of the regulations. The span value is established in the applicable regulation and is usually 1.5 to 2.5 times the applicable emission limit. If no span value is provided, use a span value equivalent to 1.5 to 2.5 times the expected concentration. For convenience, the span value should correspond to 100 percent of the recorder scale.

3.7 *Zero drift* means the difference in the measurement system response to a zero level calibration gas before or after a stated period of operation during which no unscheduled maintenance, repair, or adjustment took place.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method. The analyzer users manual should be consulted for specific precautions to be taken with regard to the analytical procedure.

5.2 Explosive Atmosphere. This method is often applied in highly explosive areas. Caution and care should be exercised in choice of equipment and installation.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Measurement System. Any measurement system for total organic concentration that meets the specifications of this method. A schematic of an acceptable measurement system is shown in Figure 25A–1. All sampling components leading to the analyzer shall be heated ≥110 °C (220 °F) throughout the sampling period, unless safety reasons are cited (Section 5.2) The essential components of the measurement system are described below:

6.1.1 Organic Concentration Analyzer. A flame ionization analyzer (FIA) capable of meeting or exceeding the specifications of this method. The flame ionization detector block shall be heated >120 °C (250 °F).

6.1.2 Sample Probe. Stainless steel, or equivalent, three-hole rake type. Sample holes shall be 4 mm (0.16-in.) in diameter or smaller and located at 16.7, 50, and 83.3 percent of the equivalent stack diameter. Alternatively, a single opening probe may be used so that a gas sample is collected from the centrally located 10 percent area of the stack cross-section.

6.1.3 Heated Sample Line. Stainless steel or Teflon'' tubing to transport the sample gas

to the analyzer. The sample line should be heated (≥110 °C) to prevent any condensation.

6.1.4 Calibration Valve Assembly. A three-way valve assembly to direct the zero and calibration gases to the analyzers is recommended. Other methods, such as quick-connect lines, to route calibration gas to the analyzers are applicable.

6.1.5 Particulate Filter. An in-stack or an out-of-stack glass fiber filter is recommended if exhaust gas particulate loading is significant. An out-of-stack filter should be heated to prevent any condensation.

6.1.6 Recorder. A strip-chart recorder, analog computer, or digital recorder for recording measurement data. The minimum data recording requirement is one measurement value per minute.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Calibration Gases. The calibration gases for the gas analyzer shall be propane in air or propane in nitrogen. Alternatively, organic compounds other than propane can be used; the appropriate corrections for response factor must be made. Calibration gases shall be prepared in accordance with the procedure listed in Citation 2 of section 16. Additionally, the manufacturer of the cylinder should provide a recommended shelf life for each calibration gas cylinder over which the concentration does not change more than ±2 percent from the certified value. For calibration gas values not generally available (*i.e.*, organics between 1 and 10 percent by volume), alternative methods for preparing calibration gas mixtures, such as dilution systems (Test Method 205, 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix M), may be used with prior approval of the Administrator.

7.1.1 Fuel. A 40 percent H_2/60 percent N_2 gas mixture is recommended to avoid an oxygen synergism effect that reportedly occurs when oxygen concentration varies significantly from a mean value.

7.1.2 Zero Gas. High purity air with less than 0.1 part per million by volume (ppmv) of organic material (propane or carbon equivalent) or less than 0.1 percent of the span value, whichever is greater.

7.1.3 Low-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 25 to 35 percent of the applicable span value.

7.1.4 Mid-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 45 to 55 percent of the applicable span value.

7.1.5 High-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 80 to 90 percent of the applicable span value.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Selection of Sampling Site. The location of the sampling site is generally specified by the applicable regulation or purpose of the test (*i.e.*, exhaust stack, inlet line, etc.). The sample port shall be located to meet the testing requirements of Method 1.

8.2 Location of Sample Probe. Install the sample probe so that the probe is centrally located in the stack, pipe, or duct and is sealed tightly at the stack port connection.

8.3 Measurement System Preparation. Prior to the emission test, assemble the measurement system by following the manufacturer's written instructions for preparing sample interface and the organic analyzer. Make the system operable (Section 10.1).

8.4 Calibration Error Test. Immediately prior to the test series (within 2 hours of the start of the test), introduce zero gas and high-level calibration gas at the calibration valve assembly. Adjust the analyzer output to the appropriate levels, if necessary. Calculate the predicted response for the low-level and mid-level gases based on a linear response line between the zero and high-level response. Then introduce low-level and mid-level calibration gases successively to the measurement system. Record the analyzer responses for low-level and mid-level calibration gases and determine the differences between the measurement system responses and the predicted responses. These differences must be less than 5 percent of the respective calibration gas value. If not, the measurement system is not acceptable and must be replaced or repaired prior to testing. No adjustments to the measurement system shall be conducted after the calibration and before the drift check (Section 8.6.2). If adjustments are necessary before the completion of the test series, perform the drift checks prior to the required adjustments and repeat the calibration following the adjustments. If multiple electronic ranges are to be used, each additional range must be checked with a mid-level calibration gas to verify the multiplication factor.

8.5 Response Time Test. Introduce zero gas into the measurement system at the calibration valve assembly. When the system output has stabilized, switch quickly to the high-level calibration gas. Record the time from the concentration change to the measurement system response equivalent to 95 percent of the step change. Repeat the test three times and average the results.

8.6 Emission Measurement Test Procedure.

8.6.1 Organic Measurement. Begin sampling at the start of the test period, recording time and any required process information as appropriate. In particulate, note on the recording chart, periods of process interruption or cyclic operation.

8.6.2 Drift Determination. Immediately following the completion of the test period and hourly during the test period, reintroduce the zero and mid-level calibration gases, one at a time, to the measurement system at the calibration valve assembly. (Make no adjustments to the measurement system until both the zero and calibration drift checks are made.) Record the analyzer response. If the drift values exceed the specified limits, invalidate the test results preceding the check and repeat the test following corrections to the measurement system. Alternatively, recalibrate the test measurement system as in section 8.4 and report the results using both sets of calibration data (i.e., data determined prior to the test period and data determined following the test period).

NOTE: Note on the recording chart periods of process interruption or cyclic operation.

9.0 Quality Control

Method section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.4	Zero and calibration drift tests	Ensures that bias introduced by drift in the measurement system output during the run is no greater than 3 percent of span.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 FIA equipment can be calibrated for almost any range of total organic concentrations. For high concentrations of organics (>1.0 percent by volume as propane), modifications to most commonly available analyzers are necessary. One accepted method of equipment modification is to decrease the size of the sample to the analyzer through the use of a smaller diameter sample capillary. Direct and continuous measurement of organic concentration is a necessary consideration when determining any modification design.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

The sample collection and analysis are concurrent for this method (see section 8.0).

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 Determine the average organic concentration in terms of ppmv as propane or other calibration gas. The average shall be determined by integration of the output recording over the period specified in the applicable regulation. If results are required in terms of ppmv as carbon, adjust measured concentrations using Equation 25A–1.

$$C_c = K C_{meas} \qquad \text{Eq. 25A-1}$$

Where:

C_c = Organic concentration as carbon, ppmv.
C_{meas} = Organic concentration as measured, ppmv.
K = Carbon equivalent correction factor.
= 2 for ethane.
= 3 for propane.
= 4 for butane.
= Appropriate response factor for other organic calibration gases.

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Measurement System Performance Specifications.

13.1.1 Zero Drift. Less than ±3 percent of the span value.

13.1.2 Calibration Drift. Less than ±3 percent of span value.

13.1.3 Calibration Error. Less than ±5 percent of the calibration gas value.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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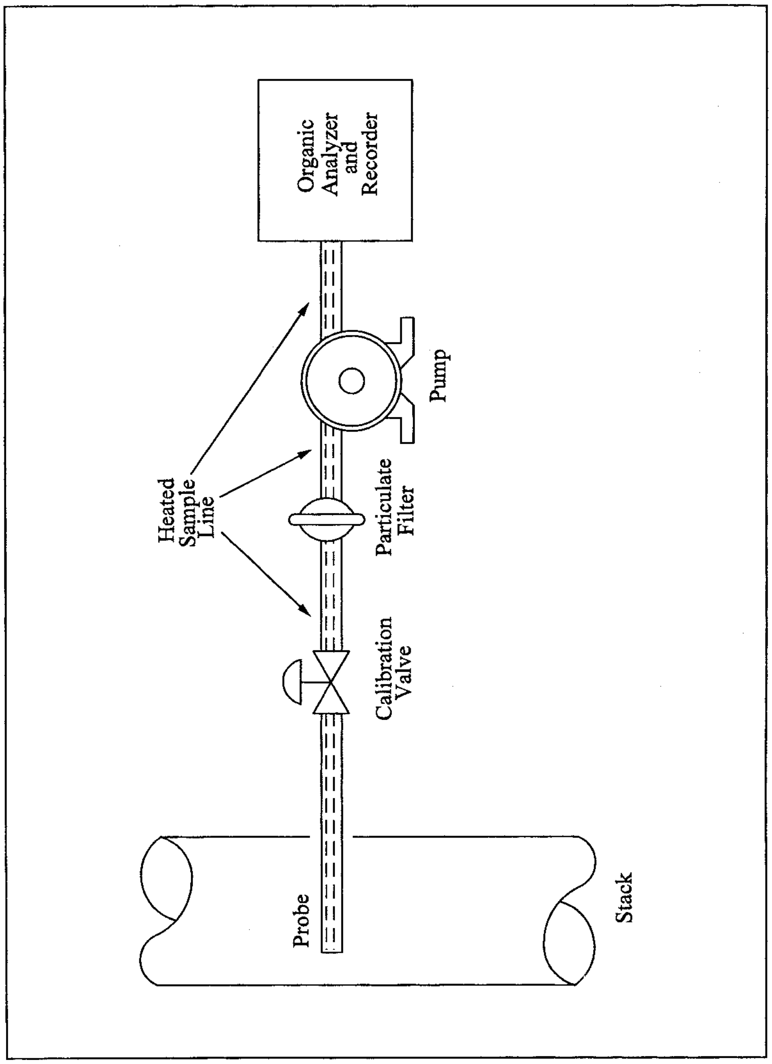

Figure 25A-1. Organic Concentration Measurement System.

METHOD 25B—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS ORGANIC CONCENTRATION USING A NONDISPERSIVE INFRARED ANALYZER

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 1, Method 6C, and Method 25A.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total Organic Compounds	N/A	<2% of span.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of total gaseous organic concentration of vapors consisting primarily of alkanes. Other organic materials may be measured using the general procedure in this method, the appropriate calibration gas, and an analyzer set to the appropriate absorption band.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line, if necessary, and glass fiber filter to a nondispersive infrared analyzer (NDIR). Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of the calibration gas or as carbon equivalents.

3.0 Definitions

Same as Method 25A, section 3.0.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method. The analyzer users manual should be consulted for specific precautions to be taken with regard to the analytical procedure.

5.2 Explosive Atmosphere. This method is often applied in highly explosive areas. Caution and care should be exercised in choice of equipment and installation.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

Same as Method 25A, section 6.0, with the exception of the following:

6.1 Organic Concentration Analyzer. A nondispersive infrared analyzer designed to measure alkane organics and capable of meeting or exceeding the specifications in this method.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Same as Method 25A, section 7.1. No fuel gas is required for an NDIR.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

Same as Method 25A, section 8.0.

9.0 Quality Control

Same as Method 25A, section 9.0.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

Same as Method 25A, section 10.0.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

The sample collection and analysis are concurrent for this method (see section 8.0).

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

Same as Method 25A, section 12.0.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as Method 25A, section 16.0.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 25C—DETERMINATION OF NONMETHANE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (NMOC) IN LANDFILL GASES

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling and analytical) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should also have a thorough knowledge of EPA Method 25.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable to the sampling and measurement of NMOC as carbon in landfill gases (LFG).

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A sample probe that has been perforated at one end is driven or augured to a depth of 0.9 m (3 ft) below the bottom of the landfill cover. A sample of the landfill gas is extracted with an evacuated cylinder. The NMOC content of the gas is determined by

injecting a portion of the gas into a gas chromatographic column to separate the NMOC from carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO_2), and methane (CH_4); the NMOC are oxidized to CO_2, reduced to CH_4, and measured by a flame ionization detector (FID). In this manner, the variable response of the FID associated with different types of organics is eliminated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Since this method is complex, only experienced personnel should perform this test. LFG contains methane, therefore explosive mixtures may exist on or near the landfill. It is advisable to take appropriate safety precautions when testing landfills, such as refraining from smoking and installing explosion-proof equipment.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sample Probe. Stainless steel, with the bottom third perforated. Teflon probe liners and sampling lines are also allowed. Non-perforated probes are allowed as long as they are withdrawn to create a gap equivalent to having the bottom third perforated. The sample probe must be capped at the bottom and must have a threaded cap with a sampling attachment at the top. The sample probe must be long enough to go through and extend no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. If the sample probe is to be driven into the landfill, the bottom cap should be designed to facilitate driving the probe into the landfill.

6.2 Sampling Train.

6.2.1 Rotameter with Flow Control Valve. Capable of measuring a sample flow rate of 100 ±10 ml/min. The control valve must be made of stainless steel.

6.2.2 Sampling Valve. Stainless steel.

6.2.3 Pressure Gauge. U-tube mercury manometer, or equivalent, capable of measuring pressure to within 1 mm Hg (0.5 in H_2O) in the range of 0 to 1,100 mm Hg (0 to 590 in H_2O).

6.2.4 Sample Tank. Stainless steel or aluminum cylinder, equipped with a stainless steel sample tank valve.

6.3 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg (5.4 in H_2O).

6.4 Purging Pump. Portable, explosion proof, and suitable for sampling NMOC.

6.5 Pilot Probe Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 8.2.1.

6.5.1 Pilot Probe. Tubing of sufficient strength to withstand being driven into the landfill by a post driver and an outside diameter of at least 6 mm (0.25 in.) smaller than the sample probe. The pilot probe shall be capped on both ends and long enough to go through the landfill cover and extend no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) into the landfill.

6.5.2 Post Driver and Compressor. Capable of driving the pilot probe and the sampling probe into the landfill. The Kitty Hawk portable post driver has been found to be acceptable.

6.6 Auger Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 8.2.2.

6.6.1 Auger. Capable of drilling through the landfill cover and to a depth of no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) into the landfill.

6.6.2 Pea Gravel.

6.6.3 Bentonite.

6.7 NMOC Analyzer, Barometer, Thermometer, and Syringes. Same as in sections 6.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.33, and 6.2.10, respectively, of Method 25.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 NMOC Analysis. Same as in Method 25, section 7.2.

7.2 Calibration. Same as in Method 25, section 7.4, except omit section 7.4.3.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sample Tank Evacuation and Leak-Check. Conduct the sample tank evacuation and leak-check either in the laboratory or the field. Connect the pressure gauge and sampling valve to the sample tank. Evacuate the sample tank to 10 mm Hg (5.4 in H_2O) absolute pressure or less. Close the sampling valve, and allow the tank to sit for 30 minutes. The tank is acceptable if no change more than ±2 mm is noted. Include the results of the leak-check in the test report.

8.2 Sample Probe Installation. The tester may use the procedure in section 8.2.1 or 8.2.2.

8.2.1 Pilot Probe Procedure. Use the post driver to drive the pilot probe at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. Alternative procedures to drive the probe into the landfill may be used subject to the approval of the Administrator's designated representative.

8.2.1.1 Remove the pilot probe and drive the sample probe into the hole left by the pilot probe. The sample probe shall extend at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover and shall protrude about 0.3 m (1 ft) above the landfill cover. Seal around the sampling probe with bentonite and cap the sampling probe with the sampling probe cap.

8.2.2 Auger Procedure. Use an auger to drill a hole to at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. Place the sample probe in the hole and backfill with pea gravel to a level 0.6 m (2 ft) from the surface. The sample probe shall protrude at least 0.3 m (1 ft) above the landfill cover. Seal the remaining area around the probe with bentonite. Allow 24

hours for the landfill gases to equilibrate inside the augured probe before sampling.

8.2.3 Driven Probes. Closed-point probes may be driven directly into the landfill in a single step. This method may not require backfilling if the probe is adequately sealed by its insertion. Unperforated probes that are inserted in this manner and withdrawn at a distance from a detachable tip to create an open space are also acceptable.

8.3 Sample Train Assembly. Just before assembling the sample train, measure the sample tank vacuum using the pressure gauge. Record the vacuum, the ambient temperature, and the barometric pressure at this time. Assemble the sampling probe purging system as shown in Figure 25C–1.

8.4 Sampling Procedure. Open the sampling valve and use the purge pump and the flow control valve to evacuate at least two sample probe volumes from the system at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less. Close the sampling valve and replace the purge pump with the sample tank apparatus as shown in Figure 25C–2. Open the sampling valve and the sample tank valve and, using the flow control valve, sample at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less until either a constant flow rate can no longer be maintained because of reduced sample tank vacuum or the appropriate composite volume is attained. Disconnect the sampling tank apparatus and pressurize the sample cylinder to approximately 1,060 mm Hg (567 in. H_2O) absolute pressure with helium, and record the final pressure. Alternatively, the sample tank may be pressurized in the lab.

8.4.1 The following restrictions apply to compositing samples from different probe sites into a single cylinder: (1) Individual composite samples per cylinder must be of equal volume; this must be verified by recording the flow rate, sampling time, vacuum readings, or other appropriate volume measuring data, (2) individual composite samples must have a minimum volume of 1 liter unless data is provided showing smaller volumes can be accurately measured, and (3) composite samples must not be collected using the final cylinder vacuum as it diminishes to ambient pressure.

8.4.2 Use Method 3C to determine the percent N_2 in each cylinder. The presence of N_2 indicates either infiltration of ambient air into the landfill gas sample or an inappropriate testing site has been chosen where anaerobic decomposition has not begun. The landfill gas sample is acceptable if the concentration of N_2 is less than 20 percent. Alternatively, Method 3C may be used to determine the oxygen content of each cylinder as an air infiltration test. With this option, the oxygen content of each cylinder must be less than 5 percent.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.4.2	Verify that landfill gas sample contains less than 20 percent N_2 or 5 percent O_2.	Ensures that ambient air was not drawn into the landfill gas sample and gas was sampled from an appropriate location.
10.1, 10.2	NMOC analyzer initial and daily performance checks.	Ensures precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Initial NMOC Analyzer Performance Test. Same as in Method 25, section 10.1, except omit the linearity checks for CO_2 standards.

10.2 NMOC Analyzer Daily Calibration.

10.2.1 NMOC Response Factors. Same as in Method 25, section 10.2.2.

10.3 Sample Tank Volume. The volume of the gas sampling tanks must be determined. Determine the tank volumes by weighing them empty and then filled with deionized water; weigh to the nearest 5 g, and record the results. Alternatively, measure the volume of water used to fill them to the nearest 5 ml.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 The oxidation, reduction, and measurement of NMOC's is similar to Method 25. Before putting the NMOC analyzer into routine operation, conduct an initial performance test. Start the analyzer, and perform all the necessary functions in order to put the analyzer into proper working order. Conduct the performance test according to the procedures established in section 10.1. Once the performance test has been successfully completed and the NMOC calibration response factor has been determined, proceed with sample analysis as follows:

11.1.1 Daily Operations and Calibration Checks. Before and immediately after the analysis of each set of samples or on a daily basis (whichever occurs first), conduct a calibration test according to the procedures established in section 10.2. If the criteria of the daily calibration test cannot be met, repeat

the NMOC analyzer performance test (Section 10.1) before proceeding.

11.1.2 Operating Conditions. Same as in Method 25, section 11.2.1.

11.1.3 Analysis of Sample Tank. Purge the sample loop with sample, and then inject the sample. Under the specified operating conditions, the CO_2 in the sample will elute in approximately 100 seconds. As soon as the detector response returns to baseline following the CO_2 peak, switch the carrier gas flow to backflush, and raise the column oven temperature to 195 °C (383 °F) as rapidly as possible. A rate of 30 °C/min (54 °F/min) has been shown to be adequate. Record the value obtained for any measured NMOC. Return the column oven temperature to 85 °C (185 °F) in preparation for the next analysis. Analyze each sample in triplicate, and report the average as C_{tm}.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

NOTE: All equations are written using absolute pressure; absolute pressures are determined by adding the measured barometric pressure to the measured gauge or manometer pressure.

12.1 Nomenclature

B_w = Moisture content in the sample, fraction.

C_{N2} = N_2 concentration in the diluted sample gas.

C_{mN2} = Measured N_2 concentration, fraction in landfill gas.

C_{mOx} = Measured Oxygen concentration, fraction in landfill gas.

C_{Ox} = Oxygen concentration in the diluted sample gas.

C_t = Calculated NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent.

C_{tm} = Measured NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent.

P_b = Barometric pressure, mm Hg.

P_t = Gas sample tank pressure after sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{tf} = Final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{ti} = Gas sample tank pressure after evacuation, mm Hg absolute.

P_w = Vapor pressure of H_2O (from Table 25C–1), mm Hg.

r = Total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j = injection number, 1 . . . r).

T_t = Sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, °K.

T_{ti} = Sample tank temperature before sampling, °K.

T_{tf} = Sample tank temperature after pressuring, °K.

12.2 Water Correction. Use Table 25C–1 (Section 17.0), the LFG temperature, and barometric pressure at the sampling site to calculate B_w.

$$B_w = \frac{P_w}{P_b} \qquad \text{Eq. 25C-1}$$

12.3 Nitrogen Concentration in the landfill gas. Use equation 25C–2 to calculate the measured concentration of nitrogen in the original landfill gas.

$$C_{N2} = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}\right)}{\left(\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}\right)-\left(\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\right)}\right] C_{mN2} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-2}$$

12.4 Oxygen Concentration in the landfill gas. Use equation 25C–3 to calculate the measured concentration of oxygen in the original landfill gas.

$$C_{Ox} = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}\right)}{\left(\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}\right)-\left(\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\right)}\right] C_{mOx} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-3}$$

12.5 You must correct the NMOC Concentration for the concentration of nitrogen or oxygen based on which gas or gases passes the requirements in section 9.1.

12.5.1 NMOC Concentration with nitrogen correction. Use Equation 25C–4 to calculate the concentration of NMOC for each sample tank when the nitrogen concentration is less than 20 percent.

$$C_t = \frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\left(1 - \frac{99}{78}C_{N2}\right) - B_w} \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm^{(j)}} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-4}$$

12.5.2 NMOC Concentration with oxygen correction. Use Equation 25C–5 to calculate the concentration of NMOC for each sample tank if the landfill gas oxygen is less than 5 percent and the landfill gas nitrogen concentration is greater than 20 percent.

$$C_t = \frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\left(1 - \frac{99}{21}C_{Ox}\right) - B_w} \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm^{(j)}} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-5}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

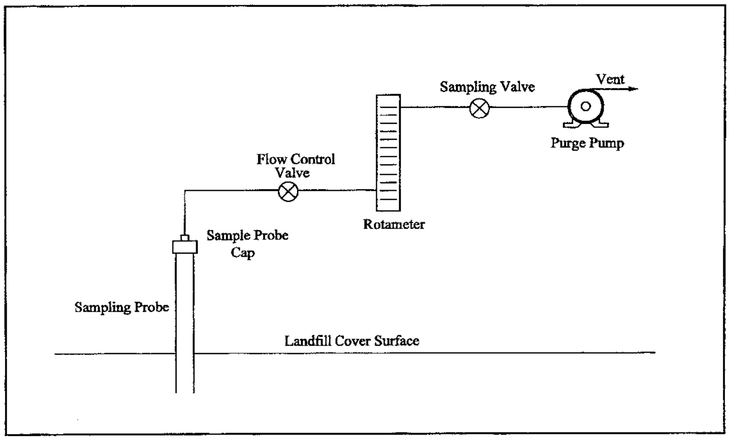

Figure 25C-1. Schematic of Sampling Probe Purging System

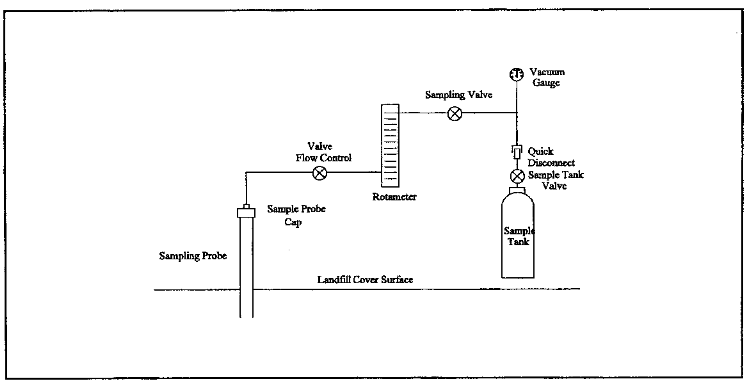

Figure 25C-2. Schematic of Sampling Train.

TABLE 25C–1—MOISTURE CORRECTION

Temperature, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg	Tempera- ture, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg
4	6.1	18	15.5
6	7.0	20	17.5
8	8.0	22	19.8
10	9.2	24	22.4
12	10.5	26	25.2
14	12.0	28	28.3
16	13.6	30	31.8

METHOD 25D—DETERMINATION OF THE VOLATILE ORGANIC CONCENTRATION OF WASTE SAMPLES

NOTE: Performance of this method should not be attempted by persons unfamiliar with the operation of a flame ionization detector (FID) or an electrolytic conductivity detector (ELCD) because knowledge beyond the scope of this presentation is required.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analyte. Volatile Organic Compounds. No CAS No. assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for determining the volatile organic (VO) concentration of a waste sample.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Principle. A sample of waste is obtained at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to the atmosphere). The sample is suspended in an organic/aqueous matrix, then heated and purged with nitrogen for 30 min. in order to separate certain organic compounds. Part of the sample is analyzed for carbon concentration, as methane, with an FID, and part of the sample is analyzed for chlorine concentration, as chloride, with an ELCD. The VO concentration is the sum of the carbon and chlorine content of the sample.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Well-mixed* in the context of this method refers to turbulent flow which results in multiple-phase waste in effect behaving as single-phase waste due to good mixing.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1 Sampling. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Sampling Tube. Flexible Teflon, 0.25 in. ID (6.35 mm).

6.1.2 Sample Container. Borosilicate glass, 40-mL, and a Teflon-lined screw cap capable of forming an air tight seal.

6.1.3 Cooling Coil. Fabricated from 0.25 in (6.35 mm). ID 304 stainless steel tubing with a thermocouple at the coil outlet.

6.2 Analysis. The following equipment is required.

6.2.1 Purging Apparatus. For separating the VO from the waste sample. A schematic of the system is shown in Figure 25D–1. The purging apparatus consists of the following major components.

6.2.1.1 Purging Flask. A glass container to hold the sample while it is heated and purged with dry nitrogen. The cap of the purging flask is equipped with three fittings: one for a purging lance (fitting with the #7 Ace-thread), one for the Teflon exit tubing (side fitting, also a #7 Ace-thread), and a third (a 50-mm Ace-thread) to attach the base of the purging flask as shown in Figure 25D–2. The base of the purging flask is a 50-mm ID (2 in) cylindrical glass tube. One end of the tube is open while the other end is sealed. Exact dimensions are shown in Figure 25D–2.

6.2.1.2 Purging Lance. Glass tube, 6-mm OD (0.2 in) by 30 cm (12 in) long. The purging end of the tube is fitted with a four-arm bubbler with each tip drawn to an opening 1 mm (0.04 in) in diameter. Details and exact dimensions are shown in Figure 25D–2.

6.2.1.3 Coalescing Filter. Porous fritted disc incorporated into a container with the same dimensions as the purging flask. The details of the design are shown in Figure 25D–3.

6.2.1.4 Constant Temperature Chamber. A forced draft oven capable of maintaining a uniform temperature around the purging flask and coalescing filter of 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F).

6.2.1.5 Three-way Valve. Manually operated, stainless steel. To introduce calibration gas into system.

6.2.1.6 Flow Controllers. Two, adjustable. One capable of maintaining a purge gas flow rate of 6 ±0.06 L/min (0.2 ±0.002 ft^3/min) The other capable of maintaining a calibration gas flow rate of 1–100 mL/min (0.00004–0.004 ft^3/min).

6.2.1.7 Rotameter. For monitoring the air flow through the purging system (0–10 L/min)(0–0.4 ft^3/min).

6.2.1.8 Sample Splitters. Two heated flow restrictors (placed inside oven or heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F)). At a purge rate of 6 L/min (0.2 ft^3/min), one will supply a constant flow to the first detector (the rest of the flow will be directed to the second sample splitter). The second splitter will split the analytical flow between the second detector and the flow restrictor. The approximate flow to the FID will be 40 mL/min (0.0014 ft^3/min) and to the ELCD will be 15 mL/min (0.0005 ft^3/min), but the exact flow must be adjusted to be compatible with the individual detector and to meet its linearity requirement. The two sample splitters will be connected to each other by 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm) stainless steel tubing.

6.2.1.9 Flow Restrictor. Stainless steel tubing, 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm), connecting the second sample splitter to the ice bath. Length is determined by the resulting pressure in the purging flask (as measured by the pressure gauge). The resulting pressure from the use of the flow restrictor shall be 6–7 psig.

6.2.1.10 Filter Flask. With one-hole stopper. Used to hold ice bath. Excess purge gas is vented through the flask to prevent condensation in the flowmeter and to trap volatile organic compounds.

6.2.1.11 Four-way Valve. Manually operated, stainless steel. Placed inside oven, used to bypass purging flask.

6.2.1.12 On/Off Valves. Two, stainless steel. One heat resistant up to 130 °C (266 °F) and placed between oven and ELCD. The other a toggle valve used to control purge gas flow.

6.2.1.13 Pressure Gauge. Range 0–40 psi. To monitor pressure in purging flask and coalescing filter.

6.2.1.14 Sample Lines. Teflon, 1/4′ OD (6.35 mm), used inside the oven to carry purge gas to and from purging chamber and to and from coalescing filter to four-way valve. Also used to carry sample from four-way valve to first sample splitter.

6.2.1.15 Detector Tubing. Stainless steel, 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm), heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F) . Used to carry sample gas from each sample splitter to a detector. Each piece of tubing must be wrapped with heat tape and insulating tape in order to insure that no cold spots exist. The tubing leading to the ELCD will also contain a heat-resistant on-off valve (Section 6.2.1.12) which shall also be wrapped with heat-tape and insulation.

6.2.2 Volatile Organic Measurement System. Consisting of an FID to measure the carbon concentration of the sample and an ELCD to measure the chlorine concentration.

6.2.2.1 FID. A heated FID meeting the following specifications is required.

6.2.2.1.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.1.1.

6.2.2.1.2 Range. A full scale range of 50 pg carbon/sec to 50 µg carbon/sec. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.2.1.3 Data Recording System. A digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the output of the detector. The recorder shall have the capability to start and stop integration at points selected by the operator or it shall be capable of the ‘‘integration by slices’’ technique (this technique involves breaking down the chromatogram into smaller increments, integrating the area under the curve for each portion, subtracting the background for each portion, and then adding all of the areas together for the final area count).

6.2.2.2 ELCD. An ELCD meeting the following specifications is required. 1-propanol must be used as the electrolyte. The electrolyte flow through the conductivity cell shall be 1 to 2 mL/min (0.00004 to 0.00007 ft^3/min).

NOTE: A ¼-in. ID (6.35 mm) quartz reactor tube is strongly recommended to reduce carbon buildup and the resulting detector maintenance.

6.2.2.2.1 Linearity. A linear response (±10 percent) over the response range as demonstrated by the procedures in section 10.1.2.

6.2.2.2.2 Range. A full scale range of 5.0 pg/sec to 500 ng/sec chloride. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.2.2.3 Data Recording System. A digital integration system compatible with the output voltage range of the ELCD. The recorder must have the capability to start and stop integration at points selected by the operator or it shall be capable of performing the ‘‘integration by slices’’ technique.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Sampling.

7.1.1 Polyethylene Glycol (PEG). Ninety-eight percent pure with an average molecular weight of 400. Before using the PEG, remove any organic compounds that might be detected as volatile organics by heating it to 120 °C (248 °F) and purging it with nitrogen at a flow rate of 1 to 2 L/min (0.04 to 0.07 ft^3/min) for 2 hours. The cleaned PEG must be stored under a 1 to 2 L/min (0.04 to 0.07 ft^3/min) nitrogen purge until use. The purge apparatus is shown in Figure 25D–4.

7.2 Analysis.

7.2.1 Sample Separation. The following are required for the sample purging step.

7.2.1.1 PEG. Same as section 7.1.1.

7.2.1.2 Purge Gas. Zero grade nitrogen (N_2), containing less than 1 ppm carbon.

7.2.2 Volatile Organics Measurement. The following are required for measuring the VO concentration.

7.2.2.1 Hydrogen (H_2). Zero grade H_2, 99.999 percent pure.

7.2.2.2 Combustion Gas. Zero grade air or oxygen as required by the FID.

7.2.2.3 Calibration Gas. Pressurized gas cylinder containing 10 percent propane and 1 percent 1,1-dichloroethylene by volume in nitrogen.

7.2.2.4 Water. Deionized distilled water that conforms to American Society for Testing and Materials Specification D 1193–74, Type 3, is required for analysis. At the option of the analyst, the $KMnO_4$ test for oxidizable organic matter may be omitted when high concentrations are not expected to be present.

7.2.2.5 1-Propanol. ACS grade or better. Electrolyte Solution. For use in the ELCD.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sampling.

8.1.1 Sampling Plan Design and Development. Use the procedures in chapter nine of Reference 1 in section 16 as guidance in developing a sampling plan.

8.1.2 Single Phase or Well-mixed Waste.

8.1.2.1 Install a sampling tap to obtain the sample at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to the atmosphere). Assemble the sampling apparatus as shown in Figure 25D–5.

8.1.2.2 Prepare the sampling containers as follows: Pour 30 mL of clean PEG into the container. PEG will reduce but not eliminate the loss of organics during sample collection. Weigh the sample container with the screw cap, the PEG, and any labels to the nearest 0.01 g and record the weight (m_{st}). Store the containers in an ice bath until 1 hour before sampling (PEG will solidify at ice bath temperatures; allow the containers to reach room temperature before sampling).

8.1.2.3 Begin sampling by purging the sample lines and cooling coil with at least four volumes of waste. Collect the purged material in a separate container and dispose of it properly.

8.1.2.4 After purging, stop the sample flow and direct the sampling tube to a preweighed sample container, prepared as described in section 8.1.2.2. Keep the tip of the tube below the surface of the PEG during sampling to minimize contact with the atmosphere. Sample at a flow rate such that the temperature of the waste is less than 10 °C (50 °F). Fill the sample container and immediately cap it (within 5 seconds) so that a minimum headspace exists in the container. Store immediately in a cooler and cover with ice.

8.1.3 Multiple-phase Waste. Collect a 10 g sample of each phase of waste generated using the procedures described in section 8.1.2 or 8.1.5. Each phase of the waste shall be analyzed as a separate sample. Calculate the weighted average VO concentration of the waste using Equation 25D–13 (Section 12.14).

8.1.4 Solid waste. Add approximately 10 g of the solid waste to a container prepared in the manner described in section 8.1.2.2, minimizing headspace. Cap and chill immediately.

8.1.5 Alternative to Tap Installation. If tap installation is impractical or impossible, fill a large, clean, empty container by submerging the container into the waste below the surface of the waste. Immediately fill a container prepared in the manner described in section 8.1.2.2 with approximately 10 g of the waste collected in the large container. Minimize headspace, cap and chill immediately.

8.1.6 Alternative sampling techniques may be used upon the approval of the Administrator.

8.2 Sample Recovery.

8.2.1 Assemble the purging apparatus as shown in Figures 25D–1 and 25D–2. The oven shall be heated to 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F). The sampling lines leading from the oven to the detectors shall be heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F) with no cold spots. The flame ionization detector shall be operated with a heated block. Adjust the purging lance so that it reaches the bottom of the chamber.

8.2.2 Remove the sample container from the cooler, and wipe the exterior of the container to remove any extraneous ice, water, or other debris. Reweigh the sample container to the nearest 0.01 g, and record the weight (m_{sf}). Pour the contents of the sample container into the purging flask, rinse the sample container three times with a total of 20 mL of PEG (since the sample container originally held 30 mL of PEG, the total volume of PEG added to the purging flask will be 50 mL), transferring the rinsings to the purging flask after each rinse. Cap purging flask between rinses. The total volume of PEG in the purging flask shall be 50 mL. Add 50 mL of water to the purging flask.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Quality Control Samples. If audit samples are not available, prepare and analyze the two types of quality control samples (QCS) listed in Sections 9.1.1 and 9.1.2. Before placing the system in operation, after a shutdown of greater than six months, and after any major modifications, analyze each QCS in triplicate. For each detector, calculate the percent recovery by dividing measured concentration by theoretical concentration and multiplying by 100. Determine the mean percent recovery for each detector for each QCS triplicate analysis. The RSD for any triplicate analysis shall be ≤10 percent. For QCS 1 (methylene chloride), the percent recovery shall be ≥90 percent for carbon as methane, and ≥55 percent for chlorine as chloride. For QCS 2 (1,3-dichloro-2-propanol), the percent recovery shall be ≤15 percent for carbon as methane, and ≤6 percent for chlorine as chloride. If the analytical system does not meet the above-mentioned criteria for both detectors, check the system parameters (temperature, system pressure, purge rate, etc.), correct the problem, and repeat the triplicate analysis of each QCS.

9.1.1 QCS 1, Methylene Chloride. Prepare a stock solution by weighing, to the nearest 0.1 mg, 55 μL of HPLC grade methylene chloride in a tared 5 mL volumetric flask. Record the weight in milligrams, dilute to 5 mL with cleaned PEG, and inject 100 μL of the stock solution into a sample prepared as a water blank (50 mL of cleaned PEG and 60 mL of water in the purging flask). Analyze

the QCS according to the procedures described in sections 10.2 and 10.3, excluding section 10.2.2. To calculate the theoretical carbon concentration (in mg) in QCS 1, multiply mg of methylene chloride in the stock solution by 3.777×10^{-3}. To calculate the theoretical chlorine concentration (in mg) in QCS 1, multiply mg of methylene chloride in the stock solution by 1.670×10^{-2}.

9.1.2 QCS 2, 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol. Prepare a stock solution by weighing, to the nearest 0.1 mg, 60 μL of high purity grade 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in a tared 5 mL volumetric flask. Record the weight in milligrams, dilute to 5 mL with cleaned PEG, and inject 100 μL of the stock solution into a sample prepared as a water blank (50 mL of cleaned PEG and 60 mL of water in the purging flask). Analyze the QCS according to the procedures described in sections 10.2 and 10.3, excluding section 10.2.2. To calculate the theoretical carbon concentration (in mg) in QCS 2, multiply mg of 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in the stock solution by 7.461×10^{-3}. To calculate the theoretical chlorine concentration (in mg) in QCS 2, multiply mg of 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in the stock solution by 1.099×10^{-2}.

9.1.3 Routine QCS Analysis. For each set of compliance samples (in this context, set is per facility, per compliance test), analyze one QCS 1 and one QCS 2 sample. The percent recovery for each sample for each detector shall be ±13 percent of the mean recovery established for the most recent set of QCS triplicate analysis (Section 9.4). If the sample does not meet this criteria, check the system components and analyze another QCS 1 and 2 until a single set of QCS meet the ±13 percent criteria.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Initial Performance Check of Purging System. Before placing the system in operation, after a shutdown of greater than six months, after any major modifications, and at least once per month during continuous operation, conduct the linearity checks described in sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2. Install calibration gas at the three-way calibration gas valve. See Figure 25D–1.

10.1.1 Linearity Check Procedure. Using the calibration standard described in section 7.2.2.3 and by varying the injection time, it is possible to calibrate at multiple concentration levels. Use Equation 25D–3 to calculate three sets of calibration gas flow rates and run times needed to introduce a total mass of carbon, as methane, (m_c) of 1, 5, and 10 mg into the system (low, medium and high FID calibration, respectively). Use Equation 25D–4 to calculate three sets of calibration gas flow rates and run times needed to introduce a total chloride mass (m_{ch}) of 1, 5, and 10 mg into the system (low, medium and high ELCD calibration, respectively). With the system operating in standby mode, allow the FID and the ELCD to establish a stable baseline. Set the secondary pressure regulator of the calibration gas cylinder to the same pressure as the purge gas cylinder and set the proper flow rate with the calibration flow controller (see Figure 25D–1). The calibration gas flow rate can be measured with a flowmeter attached to the vent position of the calibration gas valve. Set the four-way bypass valve to standby position so that the calibration gas flows through the coalescing filter only. Inject the calibration gas by turning the calibration gas valve from vent position to inject position. Continue the calibration gas flow for the appropriate period of time before switching the calibration valve to vent position. Continue recording the response of the FID and the ELCD for 5 min after switching off calibration gas flow. Make triplicate injections of all six levels of calibration.

10.1.2 Linearity Criteria. Calculate the average response factor (Equations 25D–5 and 25D–6) and the relative standard deviation (RSD) (Equation 25D–10) at each level of the calibration curve for both detectors. Calculate the overall mean of the three response factor averages for each detector. The FID linearity is acceptable if each response factor is within 5 percent of the overall mean and if the RSD for each set of triplicate injections is less than 5 percent. The ELCD linearity is acceptable if each response factor is within 10 percent of the overall mean and if the RSD for each set of triplicate injections is less than 10 percent. Record the overall mean value of the response factors for the FID and the ELCD. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.2 Daily Calibrations.

10.2.1 Daily Linearity Check. Follow the procedures outlined in section 10.1.1 to analyze the medium level calibration for both the FID and the ELCD in duplicate at the start of the day. Calculate the response factors and the RSDs for each detector. For the FID, the calibration is acceptable if the average response factor is within 5 percent of the overall mean response factor (Section 10.1.2) and if the RSD for the duplicate injection is less than 5 percent. For the ELCD, the calibration is acceptable if the average response factor is within 10 percent of the overall mean response factor (Section 10.1.2) and if the RSD for the duplicate injection is less than 10 percent. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.2.2 Calibration Range Check.

10.2.2.1 If the waste concentration for either detector falls below the range of calibration for that detector, use the procedure outlined in section 10.1.1 to choose two calibration points that bracket the new target

concentration. Analyze each of these points in triplicate (as outlined in section 10.1.1) and use the criteria in section 10.1.2 to determine the linearity of the detector in this ''mini-calibration'' range.

10.2.2.2 After the initial linearity check of the mini-calibration curve, it is only necessary to test one of the points in duplicate for the daily calibration check (in addition to the points specified in section 10.2.1). The average daily mini-calibration point should fit the linearity criteria specified in section 10.2.1. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat the calibration procedure mentioned in the first paragraph of section 10.2.2. A mini-calibration curve for waste concentrations above the calibration curve for either detector is optional.

10.3 Analytical Balance. Calibrate against standard weights.

11.0 Analysis

11.1 Sample Analysis.

11.1.1 Turn on the constant temperature chamber and allow the temperature to equilibrate at 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F). Turn the four-way valve so that the purge gas bypasses the purging flask, the purge gas flowing through the coalescing filter and to the detectors (standby mode). Turn on the purge gas. Allow both the FID and the ELCD to warm up until a stable baseline is achieved on each detector. Pack the filter flask with ice. Replace ice after each run and dispose of the waste water properly. When the temperature of the oven reaches 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F), start both integrators and record baseline. After 1 min, turn the four-way valve so that the purge gas flows through the purging flask, to the coalescing filter and to the sample splitters (purge mode). Continue recording the response of the FID and the ELCD. Monitor the readings of the pressure gauge and the rotameter. If the readings fall below established setpoints, stop the purging, determine the source of the leak, and resolve the problem before resuming. Leaks detected during a sampling period invalidate that sample.

11.1.2 As the purging continues, monitor the output of the detectors to make certain that the analysis is proceeding correctly and that the results are being properly recorded. Every 10 minutes read and record the purge flow rate, the pressure and the chamber temperature. Continue the purging for 30 minutes.

11.1.3 For each detector output, integrate over the entire area of the peak starting at 1 minute and continuing until the end of the run. Subtract the established baseline area from the peak area. Record the corrected area of the peak. See Figure 25D–6 for an example integration.

11.2 Water Blank. A water blank shall be analyzed for each batch of cleaned PEG prepared. Transfer about 60 mL of water into the purging flask. Add 50 mL of the cleaned PEG to the purging flask. Treat the blank as described in sections 8.2 and 8.3, excluding section 8.2.2. Calculate the concentration of carbon and chlorine in the blank sample (assume 10 g of waste as the mass). A VO concentration equivalent to ≤10 percent of the applicable standard may be subtracted from the measured VO concentration of the waste samples. Include all blank results and documentation in the test report.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature.

A_b = Area under the water blank response curve, counts.

A_c = Area under the calibration response curve, counts.

A_s = Area under the sample response curve, counts.

C = Concentration of volatile organics in the sample, ppmw.

C_c = Concentration of carbon, as methane, in the calibration gas, mg/L.

C_{ch} = Concentration of chloride in the calibration gas, mg/L.

C_j = VO concentration of phase j, ppmw.

DR_t = Average daily response factor of the FID, mg CH_4/counts.

Dr_{th} = Average daily response factor of the ELCD, mg Cl^-/counts.

F_j = Weight fraction of phase j present in the waste.

m_c = Mass of carbon, as methane, in a calibration run, mg.

m_{ch} = Mass of chloride in a calibration run, mg.

m_s = Mass of the waste sample, g.

m_{sc} = Mass of carbon, as methane, in the sample, mg.

m_{sf} = Mass of sample container and waste sample, g.

m_{sh} = Mass of chloride in the sample, mg.

m_{st} = Mass of sample container prior to sampling, g.

m_{VO} = Mass of volatile organics in the sample, mg.

n = Total number of phases present in the waste.

P_p = Percent propane in calibration gas (L/L).

P_{vc} = Percent 1,1-dichloroethylene in calibration gas (L/L).

Q_c = Flow rate of calibration gas, L/min.

t_c = Length of time standard gas is delivered to the analyzer, min.

W = Weighted average VO concentration, ppmw.

12.2 Concentration of Carbon, as Methane, in the Calibration Gas.

$$C_c = (19.681 \times P_p) + (13.121 \times P_{vc}) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-1}$$

12.3 Concentration of Chloride in the Calibration Gas.

$$C_{ch} = 28.998 \times P_{vc} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-2}$$

12.4 Mass of Carbon, as Methane, in a Calibration Run.

$$M_c = C_c \times Q_c \times t_c \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-3}$$

12.5 Mass of Chloride in a Calibration Run.

$$m_{ch} = C_{ch} \times Q_c \times t_c \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-4}$$

12.6 FID Response Factor, mg/counts.

$$DR_t = \frac{m_c}{A_c} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-5}$$

12.7 ELCD Response Factor, mg/counts.

$$DR_{th} = \frac{m_{ch}}{A_c} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-6}$$

12.8 Mass of Carbon in the Sample.

$$m_{sc} = DR_t (A_s - A_b) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-7}$$

12.9 Mass of Chloride in the Sample.

$$m_{sh} = DR_{th} (A_s - A_b) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-8}$$

12.10 Mass of Volatile Organics in the Sample.

$$m_{vo} = m_{sc} + m_{sh} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-9}$$

12.11 Relative Standard Deviation.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{\bar{x}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-10}$$

12.12 Mass of Sample.

$$m_s = m_{sf} - m_{st} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-11}$$

12.13 Concentration of Volatile Organics in Waste.

$$C = \frac{(m_{vo} \times 1000)}{m_s} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-12}$$

12.14 Weighted Average VO Concentration of Multi-phase Waste.

$$W = \sum_{j=1}^{n} F_j \, x \, \overline{C}_j \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-13}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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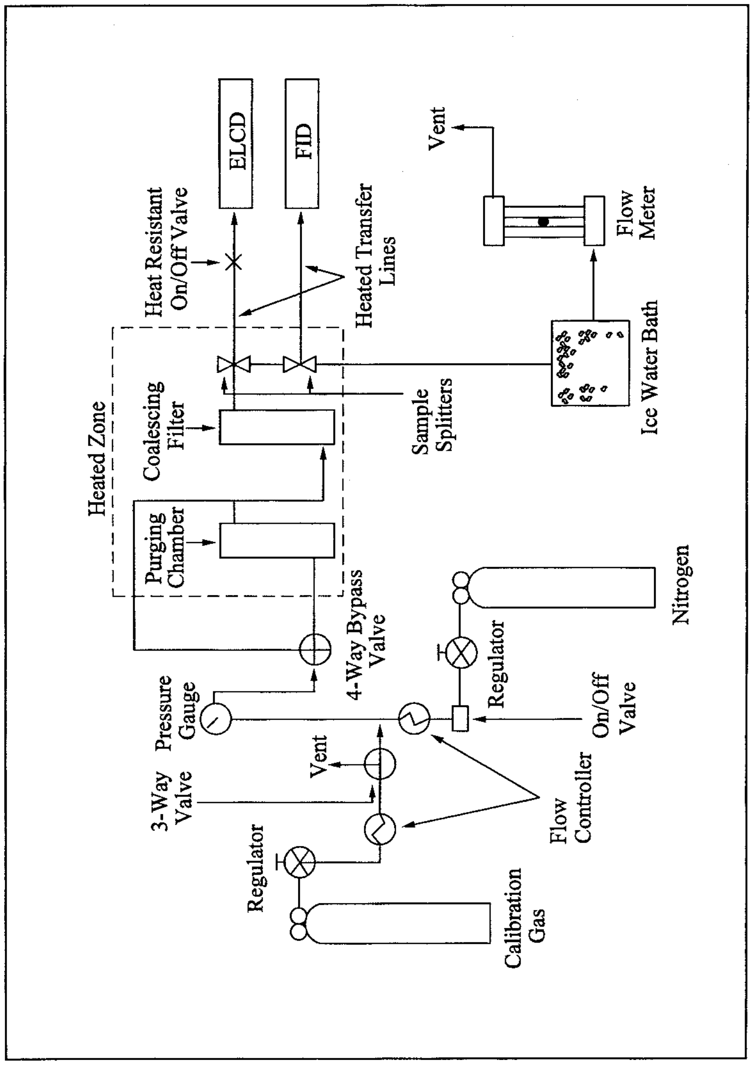
17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data



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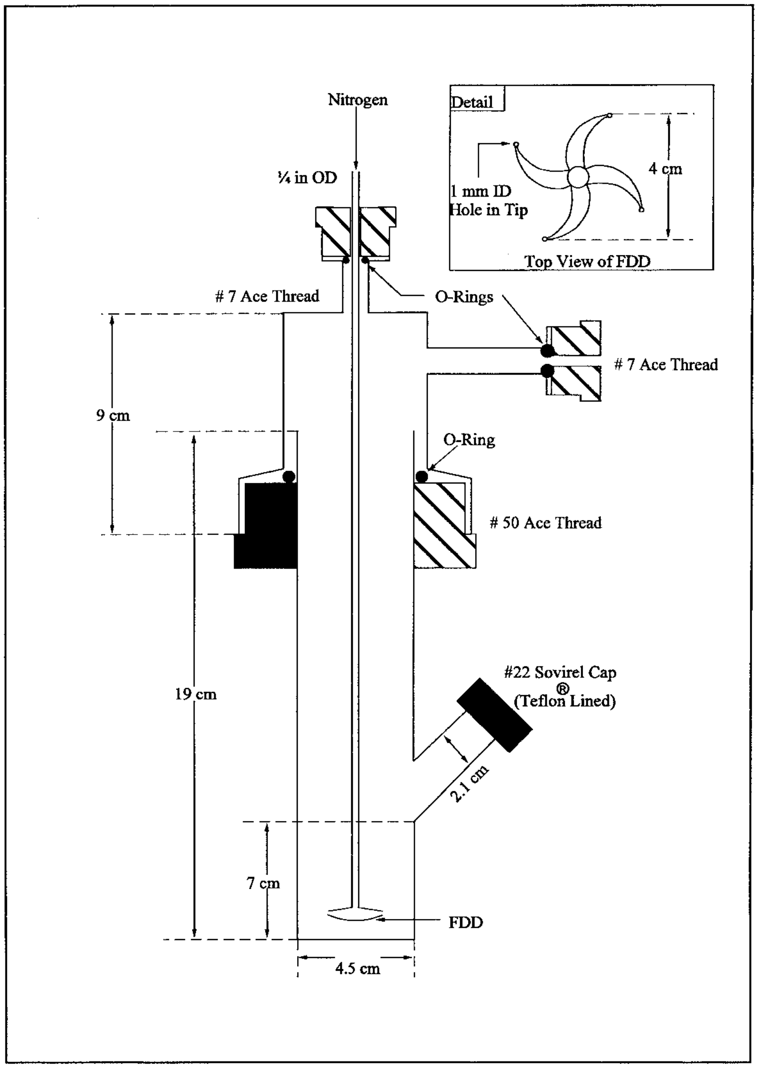

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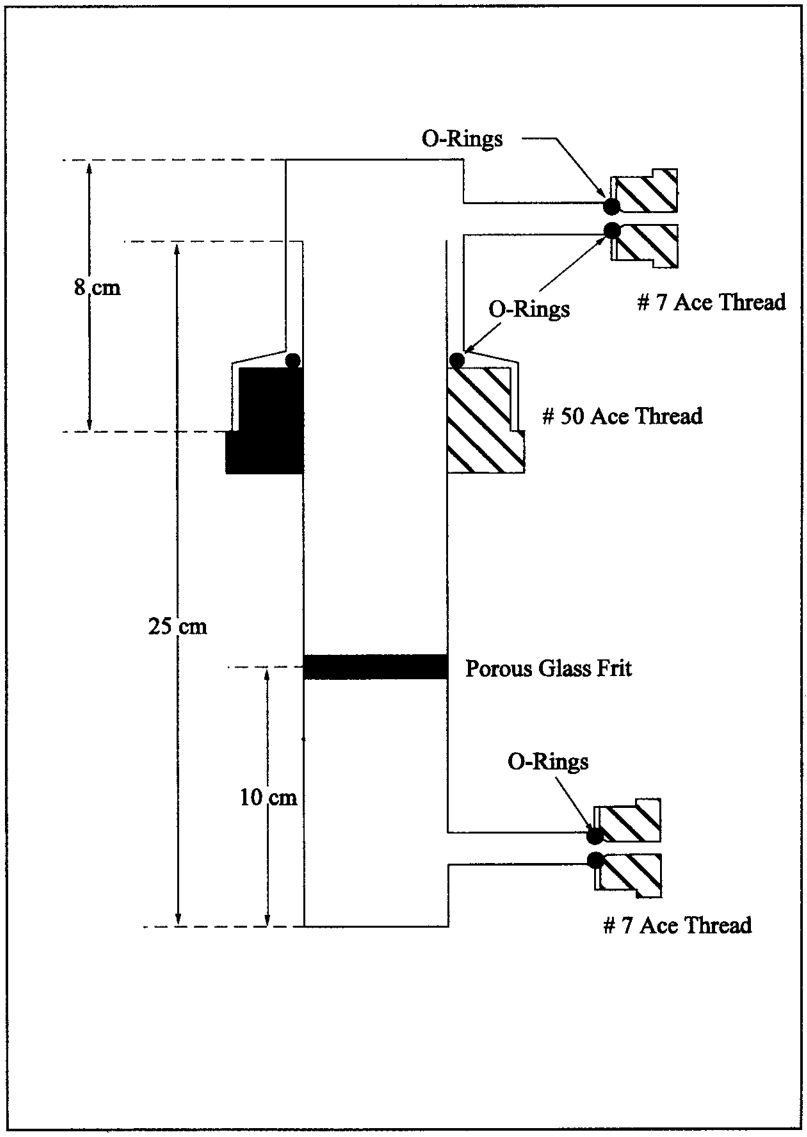
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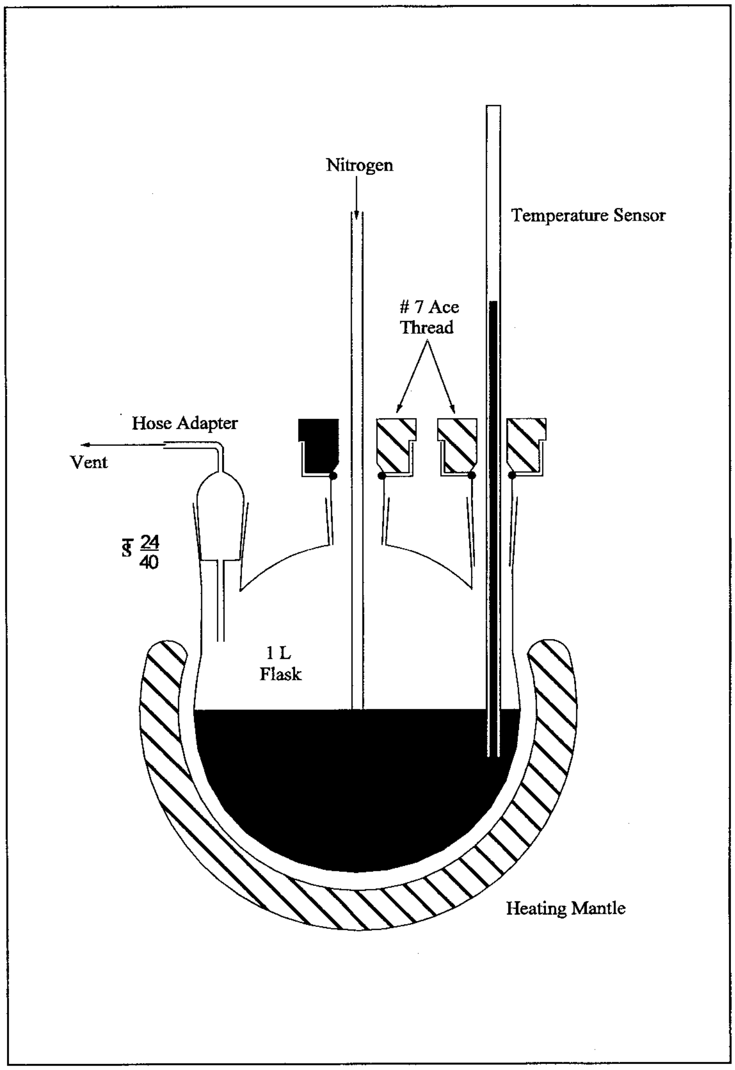

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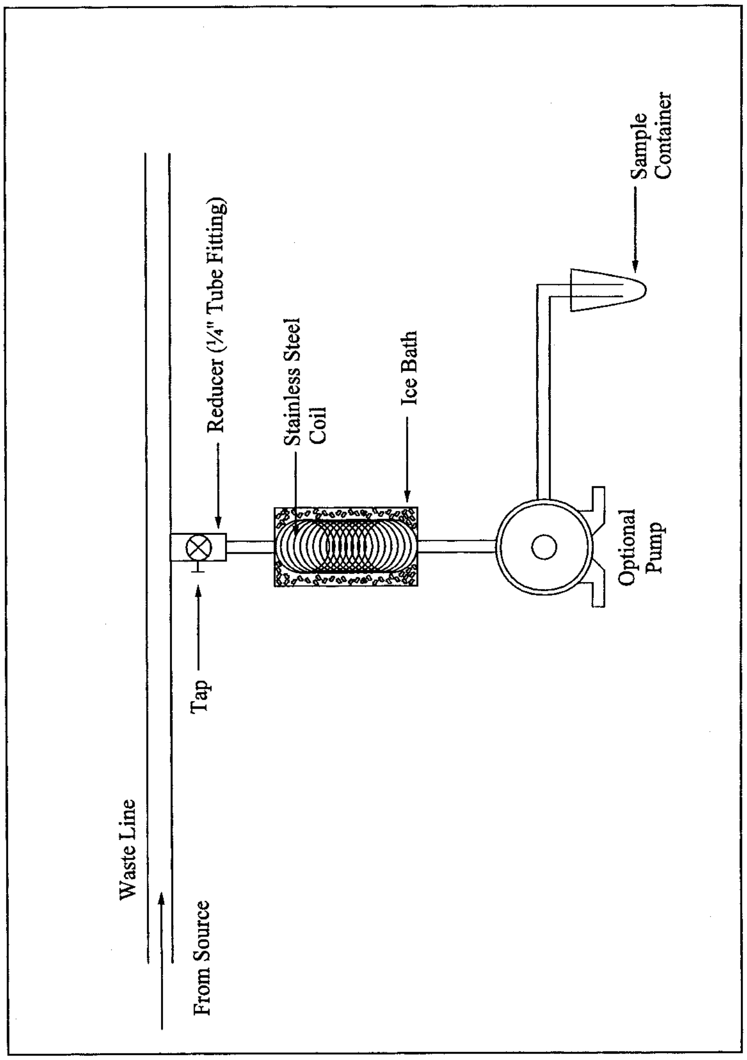

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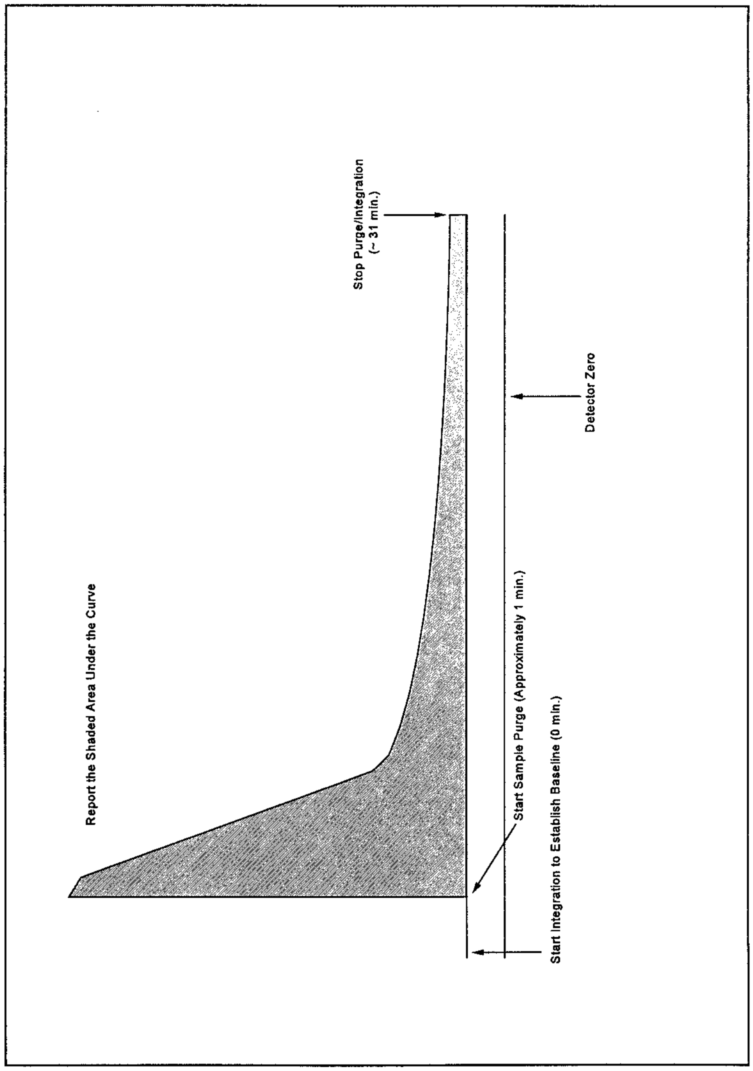

Figure 25D-6. Example Integration of Either Detector.

METHOD 25E—DETERMINATION OF VAPOR PHASE ORGANIC CONCENTRATION IN WASTE SAMPLES

NOTE: Performance of this method should not be attempted by persons unfamiliar with the operation of a flame ionization detector (FID) nor by those who are unfamiliar with source sampling because knowledge beyond the scope of this presentation is required. This method is not inclusive with respect to specifications (*e.g.*, reagents and standards) and calibration procedures. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 106, part 61, Appendix B, and Method 18, part 60, Appendix A.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable for determining the vapor pressure of waste cited by an applicable regulation.

1.2 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 The headspace vapor of the sample is analyzed for carbon content by a headspace analyzer, which uses an FID.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

4.1 The analyst shall select the operating parameters best suited to the requirements for a particular analysis. The analyst shall produce confirming data through an adequate supplemental analytical technique and have the data available for review by the Administrator.

5.0 Safety [Reserved]

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sampling. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Sample Containers. Vials, glass, with butyl rubber septa, Perkin-Elmer Corporation Numbers 0105–0129 (glass vials), B001–0728 (gray butyl rubber septum, plug style), 0105–0131 (butyl rubber septa), or equivalent. The seal must be made from butyl rubber. Silicone rubber seals are not acceptable.

6.1.2 Vial Sealer. Perkin-Elmer Number 105–0106, or equivalent.

6.1.3 Gas-Tight Syringe. Perkin-Elmer Number 00230117, or equivalent.

6.1.4 The following equipment is required for sampling.

6.1.4.1 Tap.

6.1.4.2 Tubing. Teflon, 0.25-in. ID.

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1.4.3 Cooling Coil. Stainless steel (304), 0.25 in.-ID, equipped with a thermocouple at the coil outlet.

6.2 Analysis. The following equipment is required.

6.2.1 Balanced Pressure Headspace Sampler. Perkin-Elmer HS–6, HS–100, or equivalent, equipped with a glass bead column instead of a chromatographic column.

6.2.2 FID. An FID meeting the following specifications is required.

6.2.2.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.2.

6.2.2.2 Range. A full scale range of 1 to 10,000 parts per million (ppm) propane (C_3H_8). Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.3 Data Recording System. Analog strip chart recorder or digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the output of the detector.

6.2.4 Temperature Sensor. Capable of reading temperatures in the range of 30 to 60 °C (86 to 140 °F) with an accuracy of ±0.1 °C (±0.2 °F).

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Analysis. The following items are required for analysis.

7.1.1 Hydrogen (H_2). Zero grade hydrogen, as required by the FID.

7.1.2 Carrier Gas. Zero grade nitrogen, containing less than 1 ppm carbon (C) and less than 1 ppm carbon dioxide.

7.1.3 Combustion Gas. Zero grade air or oxygen as required by the FID.

7.2 Calibration and Linearity Check.

7.2.1 Stock Cylinder Gas Standard. 100 percent propane. The manufacturer shall: (a) Certify the gas composition to be accurate to ±3 percent or better (see section 7.2.1.1); (b) recommend a maximum shelf life over which the gas concentration does not change by greater than ±5 percent from the certified value; and (c) affix the date of gas cylinder preparation, certified propane concentration, and recommended maximum shelf life to the cylinder before shipment to the buyer.

7.2.1.1 Cylinder Standards Certification. The manufacturer shall certify the concentration of the calibration gas in the cylinder by (a) directly analyzing the cylinder and (b) calibrating his analytical procedure on the day of cylinder analysis. To calibrate his analytical procedure, the manufacturer shall use, as a minimum, a three-point calibration curve.

7.2.1.2 Verification of Manufacturer's Calibration Standards. Before using, the manufacturer shall verify each calibration standard by (a) comparing it to gas mixtures prepared in accordance with the procedure described in section 7.1 of Method 106 of Part 61, Appendix B, or by (b) calibrating it against Standard Reference Materials (SRM's) prepared by the National Bureau of Standards, if such SRM's are available. The agreement between the initially determined concentration value and the verification concentration value must be within ±5 percent. The manufacturer must reverify all calibration standards on a time interval consistent with the shelf life of the cylinder standards sold.

8.0 Sampling Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Install a sampling tap to obtain a sample at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to

the atmosphere). Assemble the sampling apparatus as shown in Figure 25E–1.

8.2 Begin sampling by purging the sample lines and cooling coil with at least four volumes of waste. Collect the purged material in a separate container and dispose of it properly.

8.3 After purging, stop the sample flow and transfer the Teflon sampling tube to a sample container. Sample at a flow rate such that the temperature of the waste is <10 °C (<50 °F). Fill the sample container halfway (±5 percent) and cap it within 5 seconds. Store immediately in a cooler and cover with ice.

8.4 Alternative sampling techniques may be used upon the approval of the Administrator.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
10.2, 10.3	FID calibration and response check	Ensure precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Use the procedures in sections 10.2 to calibrate the headspace analyzer and FID and check for linearity before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown longer than 6 months, and after any modification of the system.

10.2 Calibration and Linearity. Use the procedures in section 10 of Method 18 of Part 60, Appendix A, to prepare the standards and calibrate the flowmeters, using propane as the standard gas. Fill the calibration standard vials halfway (±5 percent) with deionized water. Purge and fill the airspace with calibration standard. Prepare a minimum of three concentrations of calibration standards in triplicate at concentrations that will bracket the applicable cutoff. For a cutoff of 5.2 kPa (0.75 psi), prepare nominal concentrations of 30,000, 50,000, and 70,000 ppm as propane. For a cutoff of 27.6 kPa (4.0 psi), prepare nominal concentrations of 200,000, 300,000, and 400,000 ppm as propane.

10.2.1 Use the procedures in section 11.3 to measure the FID response of each standard. Use a linear regression analysis to calculate the values for the slope (k) and the y-intercept (b). Use the procedures in sections 12.3 and 12.2 to test the calibration and the linearity.

10.3 Daily FID Calibration Check. Check the calibration at the beginning and at the end of the daily runs by using the following procedures. Prepare 2 calibration standards at the nominal cutoff concentration using the procedures in section 10.2. Place one at the beginning and one at the end of the daily run. Measure the FID response of the daily calibration standard and use the values for k and b from the most recent calibration to calculate the concentration of the daily standard. Use an equation similar to 25E–2 to calculate the percent difference between the daily standard and C_s. If the difference is within 5 percent, then the previous values for k and b can be used. Otherwise, use the procedures in section 10.2 to recalibrate the FID.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 Allow one hour for the headspace vials to equilibrate at the temperature specified in the regulation. Allow the FID to warm up until a stable baseline is achieved on the detector.

11.2 Check the calibration of the FID daily using the procedures in section 10.3.

11.3 Follow the manufacturer's recommended procedures for the normal operation of the headspace sampler and FID.

11.4 Use the procedures in sections 12.4 and 12.5 to calculate the vapor phase organic vapor pressure in the samples.

11.5 Monitor the output of the detector to make certain that the results are being properly recorded.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature.

A = Measurement of the area under the response curve, counts.

b = y-intercept of the linear regression line.

C_a = Measured vapor phase organic concentration of sample, ppm as propane.

C_{ma} = Average measured vapor phase organic concentration of standard, ppm as propane.

C_m = Measured vapor phase organic concentration of standard, ppm as propane.

C_s = Calculated standard concentration, ppm as propane.

k = Slope of the linear regression line.

P_{bar} = Atmospheric pressure at analysis conditions, mm Hg (in. Hg).

P* = Organic vapor pressure in the sample, kPa (psi).

PD = Percent difference between the average measured vapor phase organic concentration (C_m) and the calculated standard concentration (C_s).

RSD = Relative standard deviation.

β = 1.333×10^{-7} kPa/[(mm Hg)(ppm)], (4.91×10^{-7} psi/[(in. Hg)(ppm)])

12.2 Linearity. Use the following equation to calculate the measured standard concentration for each standard vial.

$$C_m = kA + b \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-1}$$

12.2.1 Calculate the average measured standard concentration (C_{ma}) for each set of triplicate standards and use the following equation to calculate PD between C_{ma} and C_s. The instrument linearity is acceptable if the PD is within five for each standard.

$$PD = \frac{C_s - C_{ma}}{C_s} \times 100 \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-2}$$

12.3. Relative Standard Deviation (RSD). Use the following equation to calculate the RSD for each triplicate set of standards.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{C_{ma}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum (C_m - C_{ma})^2}{2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-3}$$

The calibration is acceptable if the RSD is within five for each standard concentration.

12.4 Concentration of organics in the headspace. Use the following equation to calculate the concentration of vapor phase organics in each sample.

$$C_a = kA + b \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-4}$$

12.5 Vapor Pressure of Organics in the Headspace Sample. Use the following equation to calculate the vapor pressure of organics in the sample.

$$P^* = \beta P_{bar} C_a \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-5}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

Attachment E: Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 2, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 2 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The ~~proposed~~ approved Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan has been prepared to comply with Oregon Administrative Rule 660-033-0130 (38)(h)(D), which states, in regard to photovoltaic solar power generation facilities, that:

> "C*onstruction or maintenance activities will not result in the unabated introduction or spread of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species. This provision may be satisfied by the submittal and county approval of a weed control plan prepared by an adequately qualified individual that includes a long-term maintenance agreement. The approved plan shall be attached to the decision as a condition of approval*."

Noxious weeds are non-native, aggressive plants with the potential to cause significant damage to native ecosystems and/or cause significant economic losses. Noxious weeds are opportunistic plant species that readily flourish in disturbed areas, are difficult to control, and thereby can compete with and/or prevent native plant species from re-establishing. Notably, the likelihood of introduction or explosion of noxious weeds is correlated with new disturbances in a region, such as large-scale construction projects. In addition, noxious weed species can adversely affect the structure, composition, and success of revegetation efforts associated with construction-related temporary disturbances.

The intent of this Plan is to provide clear methods to prevent the introduction and spread of designated noxious weeds from the construction and operation of the Facility, control existing populations of noxious weeds within construction areas, and monitor the success of efforts to prevent and control noxious weeds. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and its contractors will be responsible for implementing the methods detailed in this Plan.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall finalize this plan by completing the following:

- Conduct an additional pre-construction noxious weed survey to identify the noxious weeds present at the Facility to inform pre-construction weed treatment.
- Develop final noxious weed monitoring methods in consultation with ODOE and incorporate as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.
- Update Table 2 in consultation with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department.
- Provide records demonstrating all personnel have been trained on noxious weed control.
- Provide evidence that existing noxious weed infestations have been identified and treated in a manner consistent with Morrow County recommendations.
- Consult with the Morrow County Weed Department on timing, method, and application rates for each identified weed species of concern.

2.0 Regulatory Framework

2.1 State of Oregon

In Oregon, a noxious weed is defined under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 569.175 as "a terrestrial, aquatic, or marine plant designated by the State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.". Noxious weeds have been declared by ORS 569.350 as a menace to public welfare, and control of these plants is the responsibility of private landowners and operators, as well as county, state, and federal governments.

The Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) was created by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) under ORS 569.600. OSWB provides recommendations for noxious weed control at the state-level and is responsible for updating the State Noxious Weed List. The OSWB and the ODA classify noxious weeds in Oregon in accordance with the ODA Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System (ODA ~~2022~~2024). There are three designations under the State's system:

- **A Listed Weed:** A weed of known economic importance that occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent.
    - **Recommended Action:** Focus on prevention of new infestations through vector control, certification programs, education, outreach and surveys. New and existing infestations are prioritized for eradication or intensive control when and where found. Regionally focused, species-specific Statewide Management Strategies for A-listed weeds may be developed as necessary.~~Infestations are subject to eradication or intensive control when found.~~

- **B Listed Weed:** A weed of economic importance that is regionally abundant~~,~~ but may have limited distribution in some counties.
  - **Recommended Action:** Limited to intensive control at the state, county, or regional level as determined on a site-specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.
- **T-Designated Weed:** A designated group of weed species selected from the B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and management actions are prioritized and informed by species-specific T-List Statewide Management Strategies created and maintained by the ODA. Action against these weeds will receive priority in accordance with the recommendations of the Statewide Management Strategy. ~~A designated group of weed species selected from either the A or B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. Action against these weeds will receive priority. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the OSWB, which directs ODA to develop and implement a statewide management plan.~~

2.2 Morrow County

The Morrow County Code Enforcement Ordinance establishes procedures for enforcing Morrow County Code through the authority granted to general law counties by ORS Chapter 203. Section 11 of the county Code Enforcement Ordinance, updated on July 5, 2021, establishes Morrow County as a weed control district, defines what is considered a noxious weed or weed of economic importance, identifies the responsibility of private landowners to control weeds, and outlines the authority of the weed control district and Morrow County Weed Program Manager/Inspector to administer and enforce weed control in the ordinance (Morrow County 2021).

Morrow County has its own weed classification system that differs from the state. Morrow County defines two classifications of weeds (Morrow County ~~2022~~2025):

- **Noxious Weeds - "A List":** Any plant that is determined by the weed advisory board and so declared by the County Board of Commissioners to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land, or property under provisions of Oregon State Statute and thus mandated for control.
- **Weeds of Economic Importance - "B List":** Weeds of limited distribution in the county and subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible.

2.3 State and County Weed Lists

The ODA lists 46 Class A species and ~~98~~ 88 Class B species for the state of Oregon, ~~47~~ 19 of which are T-designated (ODA ~~2022~~2024; Appendix A). Morrow County specifically recognizes 36 species of noxious weeds (Appendix B; Morrow County ~~2021~~2025). Although not all ~~of~~ the Morrow County listed noxious weeds noted in Appendix B occur in the vicinity of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and its contractors should be aware of the entire list while monitoring

and controlling weeds. Noxious weeds known to occur in the vicinity of the site boundary are discussed in Section 3.0.

3.0 Noxious Weeds Identified at the Facility

In June, 2022 Tetra Tech completed rare plant and habitat categorization surveys within and adjacent to the original Sunstone Solar Project~~Facility~~ site boundary[2]. During those surveys, four listed noxious weed species were documented, including three ODA-listed noxious weed species and four Morrow County listed species noxious weed species. Table 1 lists the noxious weed species observed, their noxious weed designation (i.e., status), and the frequency of observations. Locations of these noxious weeds documented during surveys are included in Exhibit P, Attachment P-1 of the ASC[3]. Three of the four noxious weed species observed were state and/or County "B" listed weeds (Table 1; Morrow County ~~2021~~2025, ODA ~~2022~~2024). One species, rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*), is an "A" List Weed in Morrow County and a state "T"-designated weed, meaning that ODA has targeted this species for prevention and control (Morrow County ~~2021~~2025; ODA ~~2022~~2024). Note that none of these noxious weed species observations are located within the Sunstone Solar Project 2/Facility site boundary, however, due to the likelihood that these species could be found at the Facility in the future, they are retained for awareness and noxious weed prevention purposes.

Cereal rye (*Secale cereale*) was abundant in the previously disturbed areas outside of active crop fields and was generally found in previously disturbed ground. Rush skeletonweed was found in isolated small populations or single individuals on the hillside between active cropland and a gravel county road. Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*) and jointed goatgrass (*Aegilops cylindrica*) were found in the highly disturbed border in between active cropland and roads. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct an additional pre-construction noxious weed survey to identify the noxious weeds present at the Facility ~~at the time of construction~~ to inform management actions. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may coordinate with landowners regarding noxious weed presence. Identified noxious weed infestations will be treated prior to construction.

Table 1. Noxious Weeds Observed during Surveys in 2022

Scientific Name	Common Name	Oregon State Status[1]	Morrow County Status[1]	Frequency
Aegilops cylindrica	Jointed goatgrass	B	B	Few small patches.
Chondrilla juncea	Rush skeletonweed	B*, T	A	Occasional single plants.
Secale cereale	Cereal rye	Not listed	B	Scattered large-sized patches.
Tribulus terrestris	Puncturevine	B*	B	Few small to large-sized patches.

1. Definitions for state and county noxious weed status are provided in Sections 2.1 and 2.2, respectively. Species marked with a (*) are targeted for biocontrol (ODA ~~2022~~2024).

[2] Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project, November 18, 2024.
[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

In addition to noxious weeds, cheatgrass, an invasive annual grass, was identified in grassland habitats within the site boundary. While this species is not listed as a noxious weed by the state or county, it and other invasive annual grasses can adversely impact habitat and can increase fire risk. To address these issues and maintain compliance with the requirements of the Revegetation Plan required under Condition PRE-FW-01, the certificate holder will monitor the spread of these species as explained in Section 4.3 and 4.4.

4.0 Noxious Weed Management

This section of this Plan describes the steps the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will take to prevent and control the establishment and spread of noxious weed species during both construction and operation of the Facility. Noxious weed control methods for the Facility described in this Plan have been developed utilizing information from the ODA Noxious Weed Control Program and the Morrow County Weed Department.

The management of noxious weeds will be considered throughout all stages of construction and operation of the Facility and will include:

- **Prevention:** Implementing measures to prevent the spread of noxious weeds during construction, operation, and maintenance activities.
- **Treatment:** Treating noxious weed populations with their appropriate control methods, at appropriate time intervals.
- **Monitoring:** Assessing noxious weed changes within the Facility site boundary over time and ensuring that legacy as well as new weed populations are not increasing their distributions.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's objective is to prevent the introduction of new noxious weed populations and the spread of existing noxious weed populations. The methods described below will be implemented to minimize the spread of noxious weeds during construction activities. New noxious weeds detected during post-construction revegetation will be considered a result of construction activities and will be controlled accordingly.

4.1 Prevention

Prior to the start of construction, all personnel will be trained on the importance of noxious weed control. As part of start-up activities, and to help facilitate the avoidance of existing infestations and identification of new infestations, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their construction contractor will provide information and training to all construction personnel regarding noxious weed identification and prevention strategies. Operations and maintenance personnel will be similarly informed. The importance of preventing the spread of noxious weeds in areas not currently infested and controlling the proliferation of noxious weeds already present within or near the Facility will be emphasized.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following best management practices to minimize the spread of noxious weeds during construction activities, revegetation efforts, and operation and maintenance activities. The following practices center around ensuring that noxious weed seeds or reproductive plant fragments are not unintentionally dispersed within or outside of the Facility boundaries by personnel or their vehicles. These practices allow for responsible movement around sites with noxious weeds already present, and ensure that new populations or species are not accidentally introduced into the Facility boundaries.

- Flagging and treating areas of noxious weed infestations prior to construction to alert construction personnel;
- Limiting vehicle access to designated routes, whether existing roads or newly constructed roads, and the outer limits of construction disturbances per the final design for the Facility;
- Limiting vehicle traffic in noxious weed-infested areas;
- Cleaning construction vehicles each time they enter or exit the Facility at a wash station located inside the Facility at vehicle ingress/egress points;
- Cleaning vehicles and equipment associated with ground disturbance and movement of topsoil utilizing a mobile wash station after performing work in noxious weed-infested areas and prior to performing work in non-infested areas;
- Where feasible, not moving topsoil and other soils from noxious weed infested areas outside of the infested areas and returning them to their previous location during reclamation activities;
- Treating soils from infested areas with a pre-emergent herbicide prior to initiation of revegetation efforts;
- Providing information regarding target noxious weed species at the operations and maintenance buildings;
- Treating noxious weeds via biological, mechanical or chemical control (see Section 4.2);
- Preventing conditions favorable for noxious weed germination and spread by revegetating temporarily disturbed areas as soon as practicable;
- Monitoring areas of disturbance for noxious weeds after construction (see Section 4.3), during the normal course of revegetation maintenance of temporary workspaces, and implementing control measures as appropriate;
- Revegetating the site with appropriate, local native seed or native plants; when these are not available, non-invasive, and non-persistent non-native species may be used; and
- Ensuring that seed and straw mulch used for site rehabilitation and revegetation are certified free of noxious weed seed and propagules.

4.2 Treatment

Control of noxious weeds and other invasive weed species will be implemented through biological, mechanical, chemical, or biological control measures. The control method used will depend on the

weed species and size of infestation, time of year, proximity to intact native habitats, and resources available (Tu et al. 2003). Generally, mechanical control is best suited for small infestations of tap-rooted weeds that can be hand pulled or large occurrences in areas where mowing or soil disturbance is acceptable. Chemical control is used for most occurrences of perennial weeds with rhizomes or stolons and large occurrences of any weed in areas where mowing or soil disturbance are not recommended. Successful noxious weed control programs typically combine mechanical and chemical treatment strategies (USEPA 2008).

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will be responsible for hiring a qualified contractor to implement the treatment of noxious weeds. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ensure that noxious weed management actions will be conducted by specialists with the following qualifications:

- Experience in native plant, non-native and invasive plants, and noxious weed identification;
- Experience in noxious weed mapping;
- If chemical control is used, specialists must possess a Commercial or Public Pesticide Applicator License from the ODA or possess an Immediately Supervised Pesticide Trainee License and be supervised by a licensed applicator;
- Training in noxious weed management or Integrated Pest Management with an emphasis in noxious weeds;~~ and~~
- Experience in coordination with agencies and private landowners; and~~.~~
- No recent (within one year) violations on the contractor's record.

Existing noxious weed populations will be prevented from expanding in size and density and will not be spread to new sites. Existing populations of A listed noxious weeds will be eliminated. If it is determined that noxious weeds have invaded areas immediately adjacent to the Facility (e.g., areas visible just beyond the outer limits of construction disturbances associated with the Facility or along access roads) as a result of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will contact the landowner and seek approval to treat those noxious weed populations.

Long-term weed control methods will be described in a long-term monitoring plan as described in Section 4.3. The main factor in long-term weed control is successful revegetation with non-weedy species as described in the Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). If feasible, long-term management of vegetation within the Facility solar array fence line may include prescriptive sheep and goat grazing by an authorized contractor, if approved by Morrow County, ODFW and ODOE. As noted above, short-term noxious weed control will be done through mechanical or chemical treatment. However, it will be important to ensure that the short-term treatment does not affect the establishment of the native perennial cover that will help provide the long-term control. Additionally, early detection and control of small noxious weed populations before they can expand into larger populations is extremely important for successful weed control efforts.

Noxious weed control will continue for the life of the Facility to meet the identified success criteria described in Section 4.3. Supplemental seeding of desirable species may be needed to meet and/or

maintain compliance with success criteria. Fertilizer application will be limited in areas treated for noxious weeds, as fertilizer can stimulate the growth of noxious weeds, and the timing of revegetation activities will need to be coordinated with noxious weed treatments.

4.2.1 Biological

Biological control involves the use of prescribed insects, fungi and livestock to control noxious weeds to achieve management objectives. Biological control methods are typically targeted to a specific species or plant to control its persistence. They are also used for maintenance in targeted areas for vegetation management control in height and density that includes mitigating fire risk and erosion. Biological control is environmentally friendly and should be the first consideration when applicable.

4.2.2 Mechanical Treatment

Mechanical treatment will be the ~~primary~~ preferred method of treatment for existing noxious weed populations where appropriate within the boundaries of the Facility. Mechanical control methods rely on removal of plants, seed heads, and/or cutting roots with a shovel or other hand tools or equipment that can be used to remove, mow, or disc noxious weed populations. Hand removal of plants is also included under this treatment method. Mechanical methods are useful for smaller, isolated populations of noxious weeds in areas of sensitive habitats. Additionally, hand removal of small infestations can minimize soil disturbance, allowing desirable species to remain and limiting conditions favorable for noxious weeds.

For some large noxious weed occurrences, mowing, tilling, discing, or other mechanical techniques may be used to reduce thatch prior to chemical application so that herbicide can more effectively make contact with the target species. However, ~~S~~some rhizomatous plants can spread by discing or tillage. In addition, rush skeletonweed, which ~~has been~~was identified ~~within~~ near the Facility ~~site boundary~~ (Section 3.0), can reproduce vegetatively from small segments of root, and discing or tilling can facilitate the spread of this species. As such, implementation of discing will be species-specific and avoided in areas where rush skeletonweed individuals have been found.

If tilling or discing is employed in areas that will be revegetated following construction, subsequent seeding will be conducted to re-establish desirable vegetative cover that will stabilize the soils and slow the potential re-invasion of noxious weeds. Discing, tilling, or other mechanical treatments that disturb the soil surface within native habitats will also be avoided in favor of herbicide application, which is an effective means of reducing the size of noxious weed populations as well as preventing the establishment of new infestations. Previously unbroken ground or fallow areas should not be tilled or rod-weeded to maintain native biocrusts and prevent exposing weed seeds.

4.2.3 Chemical Treatment

Chemical control can effectively remove noxious weeds through use of selective herbicide when mechanical control is not feasible~~s~~. The specific herbicide used and the timing of application will be

chosen based on the specific noxious weed being treated, as appropriate herbicides differ between species and types of plants (i.e., dicots such as rush skeletonweed versus monocots such as jointed goatgrass). Example treatment methods, as well as the recommended timing of treatments for the four target noxious weeds identified within the Facility, are summarized in Table 2. The status of herbicide approval (e.g., confirming herbicides are approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] and ODA) will be checked annually.

Prior to construction and every fall season during facility operation, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or its contractor will consult with the Morrow County Weed Department on timing, method, and application rates for each identified weed species of concern, to allow for adaptive weed management given changes in weed control effectiveness from noxious weed species tolerance to herbicide treatment over time. Results of the consultation shall be reported in the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's annual monitoring report. Any alternative control methods can be proposed by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or its contractors after consulting with the Morrow County Weed Department and included in the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's annual monitoring report.

Herbicides will be applied on identified, treatable, noxious weed infestations. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder~~-~~ or their contractors will coordinate with the Morrow County Weed Department to determine which populations are treatable and will notify landowners of proposed herbicide use on their lands prior to application. If a noxious weed population is deemed to be untreatable (e.g., too widespread and established in an area to successfully control), the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the applicable prevention measures discussed in Section 4.1, except for treatment with herbicides.

Table 2. ~~Recommended~~ Example Treatment for Target Noxious Weed Species

Scientific Name	Common Name	Treatment Method and Timing
Aegilops cylindrica	Jointed goatgrass	**Glyphosate** – Apply to actively growing plants emerged before bolt stage (i.e., stage of growth where growth is focused on seed development versus leaf development). • Rate: 0.38 to 0.75 lb ae/a[1] **Imazapic –** Apply pre-emergence in fall. Due to the residual effect of this herbicide, it will not be used in areas to be revegetated. • Rate: 0.063 to 0.188 lb/a[1] **Sulfometuron** – Apply in fall or in late winter before jointed goatgrass is 3 inches tall. • Rate: 1 to 1.5 oz ai/a (1.33 to 2 oz/a)[1]
Chondrilla juncea	Rush skeletonweed	**2,4-D or MCPA –** Apply to rosettes in the spring immediately before or during bolting. • Rate: 2 lb ae/a[1] **Aminopyralid (Milestone) –** Spring or fall when rosettes are present. • Rate: 1.75 oz ae/a (7 fluid oz/a Milestone)[1] **Clopyralid –** Apply to rosettes in fall or up to early bolting in spring.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Treatment Method and Timing
		• Rate: 0.25 to 0.375 lb ae/a (0.66 to 1 pint/a)[1] **Picloram –** Apply from late fall to early spring. For best results, apply just before or during bolting. • Rate: 1 lb ae/a[1]
Secale cereale	Cereal rye	Postemergence, non-selective herbicides such as glyphosate can control cereal rye. Glyphosate does not provide residual weed control, so any plants that emerge after treatment will not be controlled. Other herbicides that have found to provide control include Clethodim, Hexazinone, Rimsulfuron, Sethoxydim, and Sulfometuron.
Tribulus terrestris	Puncturevine	**2,4-D amine or 2,4-D LV ester–** Apply every 3 weeks during growing season or when new seedlings appear. • Rate: 1 to 2 lb ae in 10 to 20 gal water for spot treatments **Bentazon (Basagran) + imazamox (Raptor)–** Apply to small, actively growing puncture vine • Rate: 0.75 to 1 lb ai/A bentazon + 0.031 lb ai/a imazamox (4 oz/A Raptor) **Bromacil + diuron–** Apply before weeds emerge. • Rate: 8 lb ai/A (10 lb/a)[1] **Chlorsulfuron–** Apply late fall or late winter preemergence to growth. Needs moisture to activate. • Rate: 1 oz ai/a (1.5 oz/a)[1] **Fomesafen –** Apply pre- and postemergence, depending on crop. • Rate: 1 to 2 pints/A (0.25 to 0.5 lb ai/a)[1] **Imazapic –** Apply early postemergence when plants are cracking. • Rate: 0.125 to 0.188 lb ai/a[1] **Indaziflam –** Apply at least several weeks prior to expected germination of puncture vine. Apply to dry soils when rain is not expected for at least 48 hours. Can be successfully applied several months in advance of weed germination. • Rate: Grazed areas 0.046 to 0.065 lb ai/a (3.5 to 5 oz/a Rejuvra); areas not grazed or cut for hay 0.046 to 0.09 lb ai/A (3.5 to 7 oz/a Rejuvra). Use lower rates only where weed pressure is light and shorter period of residual activity is desired. **Norflurazon –** Apply in fall to spring, before puncture vine emerges. • Rate: Refer to label. Adjust rates depending on soil texture and organic matter **Paraquat –** Apply as a postemergence spray to puncture vine foliage • Rate: 0.38 to 0.49 lb ai/a[1] •
Sources: DiTomaso e al. 2013; LCNWCB 2022; Prather and Peachey 2022. [1] a = acre; ae = acid equivalent; ai = active ingredient; lb= pound; oz = ounces		

4.2.3.1 Herbicide Application and Handling

Herbicide application will occur within the appropriate season and during the appropriate timeframe to achieve desired results, as approved by ODOE and the county weed departments. Herbicide application will adhere to EPA and ODA standards. Only those herbicides that are approved by the EPA and ODA will be used. In general, application of herbicides will not occur when the following conditions exists:

- Wind velocity exceeds 15 miles per hour for granular application, or exceeds 10 miles per hour for liquid applications;
- Snow or ice covers the foliage of target species; or
- Adverse weather conditions are forecasted within the next few days.

Hand application methods (e.g., backpack spraying) may be used in roadless areas or in rough terrain. Vehicle-mounted sprayers (e.g., handgun, boom, and injector) will be used mainly in open areas that are readily accessible by vehicle. Calibration checks of equipment will be conducted prior to spraying activities, as well as periodically throughout use, to ensure that appropriate application rates are achieved.

Herbicides will be transported to the Facility daily with the following stipulations:

- Only the quantity needed for that day's work will be transported.
- Concentrate will be transported in approved containers only, and in a manner that will prevent spilling, stored separately from food, clothing, and safety equipment.
- Mixing will be done off-site and at a distance greater than 200 feet from open or flowing water, wetlands, or other sensitive species' habitat. No herbicides will be applied at these areas unless authorized by the appropriate regulatory agencies.
- All herbicide equipment and containers will be inspected daily for leaks.
- Herbicides use will be in accordance with all manufacture's label recommendations and warnings.

4.2.3.2 Herbicide Spills and Cleanups

All appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid herbicide spills. In the event of a spill, cleanup will be immediate. Contractors will keep spill kits in their vehicles and in an appropriate storage shed to allow for quick and effective response to spills. Items included in the spill kit will be:

- Protective clothing and gloves;
- Adsorptive clay, "kitty litter," or other commercial adsorbent;
- Plastic bags and a bucket;
- A shovel;
- A fiber brush and screw-in handle;
- A dustpan;

- Caution tape;
- Highway flares (use on existing hard-top roads only); and
- Detergent.

Response to an herbicide spill will vary with the size and location of the spill, but general procedures include:

- Stopping the leak;
- Containing the spilled material;
- Traffic control;
- Dressing the clean-up team in protective clothing;
- Cleaning up and removing the spilled herbicide, as well as the contaminated adsorptive material and soil; and
- Transporting the spilled herbicide and contaminated material to an authorized disposal site.

4.2.3.3 Herbicide Spill Reporting

All herbicide contractors will have readily available copies of the appropriate material safety data sheets for the herbicides used at their disposal and will keep copies of the material safety data sheets in the application vehicle. ~~All herbicide spills will be reported in accordance with applicable laws and requirements.~~ If an herbicide spill of any size ~~If a spill~~ occurs, the appropriate agency and spill coordinators will be notified promptly. In case of a spill into wetlands and waterbodies, the appropriate federal, state, and county agencies will be notified immediately. All herbicide spills equal to or greater than 200 pounds or 25 gallons of pesticide residue will be reported to the Oregon Emergency Response System in accordance with applicable laws and requirements (OAR 340-142-0050; ODEQ 2024). The Certificate Holder will report all herbicide spills to ODOE by phone or email within 24 hours with follow up reporting as appropriate.

4.3 Monitoring

Weed inspections will occur across the entire Facility through visual inspection of the site while driving and/or walking. Final monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval. Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or weed specialist and will begin in the first growing season after seeding. Monitoring for noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species will occur at least five times per year including in the spring, June, July, and August for summer annuals and in the fall during the first two years following construction to capture the different life cycles of noxious weed species. This will allow real-time assessment of weed growth and inform proactive weed control measures to prevent large scale infestations. Frequent checks during early revegetation efforts will enable the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder to respond to new weed infestations in a timely manner and ensure the success of the site's revegetation. These inspections will be used to inform ongoing weed control efforts.

The initial monitoring survey will be scheduled slightly before herbicide application, as applicable, to identify any noxious weed species within the areas to be treated, with a focus on target noxious weed species observed prior to construction (Table 1), or other populations of target noxious weeds not previously observed.

Monitoring will assess the success of noxious weed treatments and will document any new noxious weed infestations observed. During the first two years following construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department at least once per season to provide updates on weed infestations and control measures at the Facility. These results will also be summarized in annual monitoring reports that describe the treatments performed, treatment success, make recommendations to improve treatment success (if necessary), and note any new target noxious weed species or emergence. Reports will be submitted to the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and Morrow County annually.

Based on the success of control efforts after the second year of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE and ODFW to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced for years three to five. After five years of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will design a long-term weed control plan in consultation with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will maintain ongoing communication with individual landowners, the Morrow County Weed Department, and ODOE regarding noxious weeds within the Facility. Landowners may also contact the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder directly to report the presence of noxious weeds related to Facility activity. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will control the noxious weeds on a case-by-case basis and prepare a summary of measures taken for that landowner. During the operational period of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will control noxious weeds as described in the long-term weed control plan. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report the investigator's findings and recommendations regarding weed control in the Facility's annual report required per OAR 345-026-0080.

The following contact information for the Morrow County Weed Program Manager will be used and updated as needed:

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4.4 Success Criteria

Success criteria outlined below are designed to demonstrate compliance with OAR 660-033-0130(38)(D) to prevent the introduction and spread of noxious weed species. In each annual monitoring report, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include an assessment of whether the Facility is meeting or trending toward meeting the noxious weed control success criteria.

Compliance with the Facility Site Certificate will be demonstrated through documentation of meeting these success criteria for the life of the Facility.

- Class A and Class B noxious weed presence within the solar array fence line will not exceed 15 total populations (i.e., contiguous patches of individuals), and each respective population will not exceed 20 individuals or 20 square feet.
- Class T noxious weed presence within the solar array fence line will not exceed 5 total populations (i.e., contiguous patches of individuals), and each respective population will not exceed 20 individuals or 20 square feet.
- Invasive Annual Grasses and other Undesirable Species will not exceed more then 50 percent cover within any 1 acre area or more than 30 percent cover within the solar array fence line.
- During revegetation of temporary disturbance areas outside of the solar array fence line presence and cover of noxious weeds is 75 percent or less than that of the reference site.

5.0 Roles and Responsibilities

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is the overall responsible party for construction and operation of the Facility and implementation of the noxious weed management activities described in this Plan. However, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may use contractors to complete tasks associated with noxious weed management and monitoring. Example responsible parties and their roles may include:

Monitoring Contractor

- Perform site visits to document noxious weed occurrences.
- Provide summary memo after each visit to ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's operations manager outlining findings and treatment recommendations.
- Communicate directly with Weed Management Contractor and provide maps, and photos of noxious weed species locations to Weed Management Contractor.
- Communicate with Morrow County Weed Program Manager, and ODA about noxious weed survey findings and treatment plans.
- Prepare annual report for the Facility describing noxious weed monitoring findings and treatments.
- Organize and attend quarterly calls with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and Weed Management Contractor.
- Attend calls with ODOE, ODA, and Morrow County as needed.

~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder Site Manager

- Communicate findings and recommendations from Monitoring Contractor to the Weed Management Contractor.
- Document the work performed by the Weed Management Contractor and provide documentation to Monitoring Contractor. Documentation should include type and quantity of herbicides applied, dates applied, and any associated EPA/U.S. Department of Environmental Quality licensing/documentation of chemicals used.
- Reviews annual reports to ensure all treatments performed by the Weed Management Contractor are documented.
- Maintain landowner communications, providing guidance to the Monitoring Contractor and Weed Management Contractor regarding landowner restrictions/requests for performing noxious weed monitoring/treatment on their properties.
- Attend quarterly calls with Monitoring Contractor and the Weed Management Contractor.
- Attend calls with ODOE, ODA, and Morrow County as needed.

Weed Management Contractor

- Review Monitoring Contractor memos describing noxious weed occurrences and recommendations and plan appropriate treatment to address those issues.
- Communicate treatment plan to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder.
- Maintain records of when, where, and what type of noxious weed treatments are being performed.
- Maintain all appropriate documentation of chemicals applied. Shares documentation during the quarterly calls with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and Monitoring Contractor, and prior to Annual Report preparation.
- Attend quarterly calls with Monitoring Contractor and ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder.

Morrow County

- Review Monitoring Contractor memos describing weed occurrences and recommendations.
- Attend quarterly calls and provide recommendations.

6.0 Plan Amendment

This Plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE. This Plan may also be amended periodically

as the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder continues to evaluate and modify, as needed, agricultural dual use activities at the Facility.

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Appendix A: Oregon State Noxious Weed List

Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System 2024

Noxious Weed Control Program

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Mission Statement

To protect Oregon's natural resources and agricultural economy from the invasion and proliferation of invasive noxious weeds.

Program Overview

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Noxious Weed Control Program provides statewide leadership for coordination and management of state listed noxious weeds. The state program focuses on noxious weed control efforts by implementing early detection and rapid response projects for new invasive noxious weeds, implementing biological control, implementing statewide inventory and survey, assisting the public and cooperators through technology transfer and noxious weed education, maintaining noxious weed data and maps for priority listed noxious weeds, and assisting land managers and cooperators with integrated weed management projects. The Noxious Weed Control Program also supports the Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) with administration of the OSWB Grant Program, developing statewide management objectives, developing weed risk assessments, and maintaining the state noxious weed list.

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Noxious Weed Control Policy and Classification System

Definition

"Noxious weed" means a terrestrial, aquatic or marine plant designated by the Oregon State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.

Noxious weeds have become so thoroughly established and are spreading so rapidly on private, state, county, and federally owned lands, that they have been declared by ORS 569.350 to be a menace to public welfare. Steps leading to eradication, where possible, and intensive control are necessary. It is further recognized that the responsibility for eradication and intensive control rests not only on the private landowner and operator, but also on the county, state, and federal governments.

Weed Control Policy

Therefore, it shall be the policy of ODA to:

1. Assess non-native plants through risk assessment processes and make recommendations to the Oregon State Weed Board for potential listing.
2. Rate and classify weeds at the state level.
3. Prevent the establishment and spread of listed noxious weeds.
4. Encourage and implement the control or containment of infestations of listed noxious weed species and, if possible, eradicate them.
5. Develop and manage a biological weed control program.
6. Increase awareness of potential economic losses and other undesirable effects of existing and newly invading noxious weeds, and to act as a resource center for the dissemination of information.
7. Encourage and assist in the organization and operation of noxious weed control programs with government agencies and other weed management entities.
8. Develop partnerships with county weed control districts, universities, and other cooperators in the development of control methods.
9. Conduct statewide noxious weed surveys and weed control efficacy studies.

Weed Classification System

The purpose of this Classification System is to:

1. Act as the ODA's official guideline for prioritizing and implementing noxious weed control projects.
2. Assist the ODA in the distribution of available funds through the Oregon State Weed Board to assist county weed programs, cooperative weed management groups, private landowners, and other weed management entities.
3. Serve as a model for private and public sectors in developing noxious weed classification systems that aid in setting effective noxious weed control strategies.

Criteria for Determining Economic and Environmental Significance

Detrimental Effects

1. A plant species that causes or has the potential to cause severe negative impacts to Oregon's agricultural economy and natural resources.
2. A plant species that has the potential to or does endanger native flora and fauna by its encroachment into forest, range, aquatic and conservation areas.
3. A plant species that has the potential or does hamper the full utilization and enjoyment of recreational areas.
4. A plant species that is poisonous, injurious, or otherwise harmful to humans and/or animals.

Plant Reproduction

1. A plant that reproduces by seed capable of being dispersed over wide areas or that is long-lived, or produced in large numbers.
2. A plant species that reproduces and spreads by tubers, creeping roots, stolons, rhizomes, or other natural vegetative means.

Distribution

1. A weed of known economic importance which occurs in Oregon in small enough infestations to make eradication/containment possible; or not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states makes future occurrence seem imminent.
2. A weed of economic or ecological importance and of limited distribution in Oregon.
3. A weed that has not infested the full extent of its potential habitat in Oregon.

Difficulty of Control

A plant species that is not easily controlled with current management practices such as chemical, cultural, biological, and physical methods.

Noxious Weed Control Classification Definitions

Noxious weeds, for the purpose of this system, shall be listed as either A or B, and may also be designated as T, which are priority targets for control, as directed by the Oregon State Weed Board.

- **A Listed Weed**:
  A weed of known economic importance which occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent (Table I).
  Recommended action: Focus on prevention of new infestations through vector control, certification programs, education, outreach and surveys. New and existing infestations are prioritized for eradication or intensive control when and where found. Regionally focused, species-specific Statewide Management Strategies for A-listed weeds may be developed as necessary.

- **B Listed Weed**:
  A weed of economic importance which is regionally abundant, but which may have limited distribution in some counties (Table II).
  Recommended action: Limited to intensive control at the state, county or regional level as determined on a site specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.

- **T-Designated Weed (T)**:
  A designated group of weed species selected from the B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and management actions are prioritized and informed by species-specific T-List Statewide Management Strategies created and maintained by the ODA. Action against these weeds will receive priority in accordance with the recommendations of the Statewide Management Strategy.

Weed Biological Control

Oregon implements biological control, or "biocontrol" as part of its integrated pest management approach to managing noxious weeds. This is the practice of using host-specific natural enemies such as insects or pathogens to control noxious weeds. The Oregon Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program has adopted the International Code of Best Practices for biological control of weeds. Only safe, effective, and federally-approved natural enemies will be used for biocontrol.

Table I: A Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
African rue	*Peganum harmala*
Camelthorn	*Alhagi pseudalhagi*
Cape-ivy	*Delairea odorata*
Coltsfoot	*Tussilago farfara*
Common frogbit	*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*
Cordgrass	
Common	*Spartina anglica*
Dense-flowered	*Spartina densiflora*
Saltmeadow	*Spartina patens*
Smooth	*Spartina alterniflora*
Delta arrowhead	*Sagittaria platyphyla*
European water chestnut	*Trapa natans*
Flowering rush	*Butomus umbellatus*
Garden yellow loosestrife	*Lysimachia vulgaris*
Giant hogweed	*Heracleum mantegazzianum*
Goatgrass	
Barbed	*Aegilops triuncialis*
Ovate	*Aegilops ovata*
Goatsrue	*Galega officinalis*
Hawkweed	
King-devil	*Hieracium piloselloides*
Mouse-ear	*Hieracium pilosella*
Orange	*Hieracium aurantiacum*
Yellow	*Hieracium floribundum*
Hoary alyssum	*Berteroa incana*
Hydrilla	*Hydrilla verticillata*
Japanese dodder	*Cuscuta japonica*
Kudzu	*Pueraria lobata*
Matgrass	*Nardus stricta*
Oblong spurge	*Euphorbia oblongata*
Palmer amaranth	*Amaranthus palmeri*
Paterson's curse	*Echium plantagineum*
Purple nutsedge	*Cyperus rotundus*
Ravennagrass	*Saccharum ravennae*
Squarrose knapweed	*Centaurea virgata*

(Continued) **Table I: A Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Starthistle	
Iberian	*Centaurea iberica*
Purple	*Centaurea calcitrapa*
Thistle	
Plumeless	*Carduus acanthoides*
Smooth distaff	*Carthamus baeticus*
Taurian	*Onopordum tauricum*
Turkish	*Carduus cinereus*
Welted (curly plumeless)	*Carduus crispus*
Woolly distaff	*Carthamus lanatus*
Water soldiers	*Stratiotes aloides*
West Indian spongeplant	*Limnobium laevigatum*
White bryonia	*Bryonia alba*
Yellow floating heart	*Nymphoides peltata*
Yellowtuft	*Alyssum murale, A. corsicum*

Table II: B Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
Armenian (Himalayan) blackberry	*Rubus armeniacus (R. procerus, R. discolor)*
Biddy-biddy	*Acaena novae-zelandiae*
Broom	
French*	*Genista monspessulana*
Portuguese (T)	*Cytisus striatus*
Scotch*	*Cytisus scoparius*
Spanish	*Spartium junceum*
Butterfly bush	*Buddleja davidii (B. variabilis)*
Common bugloss (T)	*Anchusa officinalis*
Common crupina **(T)**	*Crupina vulgaris*
Common reed	*Phragmities australis ssp. australis*
Common viper's bugloss (T)	*Echium vulgare*
Cutleaf teasel	*Dipsacus laciniatus*
Dyer's woad (T)	*Isatis tinctoria*
English hawthorn	*Crataegus monogyna*
Eurasian watermilfoil	*Myriophyllum spicatum*
False brome	*Brachypodium sylvaticum*
Field bindweed	*Convolvulus arvensis*
Garlic mustard (T)	*Alliaria petiolata*
Geranium	
Herb Robert	*Geranium robertianum*
Shiny leaf	*Geranium lucidum*
Giant reed (T)	*Arundo donax*
Gorse* (T)	*Ulex europaeus*
Halogeton	*Halogeton glomeratus*
Houndstongue	*Cynoglossum officinale*

* Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) Table II: B Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
Indigo bush	*Amorpha fruticosa*
Ivy Atlantic English	 *Hedera hibernica* *Hedera helix*
Jointed goatgrass	*Aegilops cylindrica*
Jubata grass	*Cortaderia jubata*
Knapweed Diffuse***** Meadow***** Russian***** Spotted*****	 *Centaurea diffusa* *Centaurea pratensis* *Acroptilon repens* *Centaurea stoebe (C. maculosa)*
Knotweed Bohemian***** Giant***** Himalayan Japanese*****	 *Fallopia x bohemica* *Fallopia sachalinensis (Polygonum)* *Polygonum polystachyum* *Fallopia japonica (Polygonum)*
Kochia	*Kochia scoparia*
Lesser celandine	*Ranunculus ficaria*
Meadow hawkweed (T)	*Pilosella caespitosum (Hieracium)*
Mediterranean sage*	*Salvia aethiopis*
Medusahead rye	*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*
Old man's beard	*Clematis vitalba*
Parrot feather	*Myriophyllum aquaticum*
Perennial peavine	*Lathyrus latifolius*
Perennial pepperweed (T)	*Lepidium latifolium*
Pheasant's eye	*Adonis aestivalis*
Pine echium (T)	*Echium pininana*
Poison hemlock*****	*Conium maculatum*
Policeman's helmet	*Impatiens glandulifera*
Primrose-willow Large-flower (T) Water primrose (T) Floating (T)	 *Ludwigia grandiflora* *Ludwigia hexapetala* *Ludwigia peploides*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) **Table II: B Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Puncturevine*	*Tribulus terrestris*
Purple loosestrife*	*Lythrum salicaria*
Ribbongrass (T)	*Phalaris arundinacea var. Picta*
Rose Dog Sweetbriar	 *Rosa canina* *Rosa rubiginosa*
Rush skeletonweed* (T)	*Chondrilla juncea*
Saltcedar* (T)	*Tamarix ramosissima*
Small broomrape	*Orabanche minor*
South American waterweed	*Egeria densa (Elodea)*
Spanish heath	*Erica lusitanica*
Spurge laurel	*Daphne laureola*
Spurge Leafy* (T) Myrtle	 *Euphorbia esula* *Euphorbia myrsinites*
St. Johnswort	*Hypericum perforatum*
Sulfur cinquefoil	*Potentilla recta*
Swainsonpea	*Sphaerophysa salsula*
Tansy ragwort* (T)	*Senecio jacobaea (Jacobaea vulgaris)*
Thistle Bull Canada* Italian Milk Musk Scotch Slender-flowered	 *Cirsium vulgare* *Cirsium arvense* *Carduus pycnocephalus* *Silybum marianum* *Carduus nutans* *Onopordum acanthium* *Carduus tenuiflorus*
Toadflax Dalmatian* Yellow*	 *Linaria dalmatica* *Linaria vulgaris*
Tree of heaven	*Ailanthus altissima*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) **Table II: B Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Ventenata grass	*Ventenata dubia*
Whitetop	
Hairy	*Lepidium pubescens*
Lens-podded	*Lepidium chalepensis*
Whitetop (hoary cress)*	*Lepidium draba*
Yellow archangel	*Lamiastrum galeobdolon*
Yellow flag iris	*Iris pseudacorus*
Yellow nutsedge	*Cyperus esculentus*
Yellow starthistle*	*Centaurea solstitialis*

*Biocontrol (See page 4)   (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

Appendix B: Morrow County Noxious Weed List

Morrow County Weed List:

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Noxious Weeds – "A" List" – Any plant that is determined by the weed advisory board, and so declared by the County Board of Commissioners to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land or property under provisions of Oregon State Statute and thus mandated for control.

Rush Skeletonweed

Yellow Starthistle

Tansy Ragwort

Yellow Toadflax

Dalmatian Toadflax

Mediterranean Sage

Leafy Spurge

Spikeweed

Musk Thistle

Scotch Thistle

Purple Loosestrife

Common Crupina

Whitetop (Hoary Cress)

Houndstongue

Flowering Rush

Yellow Flag Iris

Plumeless Thistle

WEEDS OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

Weeds of Economic Importance – "B" List – Weeds of limited distribution in the county and subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible.

Poison Hemlock

Canada Thistle

Jointed Goatgrass

St. Johnswort

Perennial Sowthistle

Field Bindweed

Cereal Rye

Johnsongrass

Russian Knapweed

Diffuse Knapweed

Spotted Knapweed

Field Dodder

Water Hemlock

Medusahead Rye

Puncturevine

Kochia

Perennial Pepperweed

Myrtle Spurge

Ventenata

Morrow County Weed Advisory Board

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Board also serves as the Weed Advisory Board

Attachment F: Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund/Agricultural Mitigation Plan

Attachment G: Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 2
Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 2, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 2 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar ~~photovoltaic solar~~ energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon (Figure 1). The proposed Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a ~~1,~~200 ~~-~~MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (Plan) has been prepared to guide ~~restoration~~revegetation of areas temporarily disturbed during construction of the Facility, as well as revegetation ~~of areas~~ within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ in compliance with Site Certificate Conditions PRE-FW-01 and PRE-SP-01. This Plan will be updated, as necessary, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and Morrow County Weed Department ~~and will be updated as needed~~ to reflect the final layout of the Facility.

Prior to construction, this ~~plan~~ Plan shall be finalized based on the following:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall finalize the ~~plan~~ Plan based on ~~impact~~disturbances associated with the final design/layout by disturbance level and habitat type and category.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall develop and incorporate maps showing anticipated construction disturbance levels along with the total acreage and major activities associated with each level.
3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall update Table 1 prior to construction to reflect the ~~final impact~~disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout.
4. ~~Applicant shall provide the number and location of reference sites to be utilized during short- and long-term monitoring of temporary impact areas for review and approval by ODOE in consultation with ODFW.~~
5. ~~5.~~4. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall develop and incorporate revegetation methods for each disturbance level in consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, and the Morrow County Weed Department.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

~~6. Applicant shall develop and incorporate monitoring methods for both temporary and permanent impact areas in consultation with ODOE.~~

Prior to construction, the following shall be completed:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall provide shapefiles showing anticipated construction disturbance levels at the site as a submittal to ODOE.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall provide the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor's qualifications and scope of work as a submittal to ODOE.
3. ~~Applicant shall conduct pre-construction habitat surveys at the approved reference sites for the purpose of collecting baseline quantitative data (vascular plant species present, native/non-native species present, percent cover of dominant species, percent cover of state and county listed noxious weed, and evidence of disturbance).~~
4. ~~4.~~3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall submit baseline soil compaction sample locations and baseline compaction results to ODOE.
5. ~~5.~~4. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall hold a kick-off meeting with their environmental contractor, construction contractor, and ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities.
6. ~~6.~~5. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall prepare a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan for use by the construction contractor. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to all participating parties prior to the kick-off meeting date.

Prior to initiation of revegetation, the following shall be completed:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall hold a kick-off meeting with their environmental contractor, ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, and ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall prepare a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan for use by the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to all participating parties prior to the kick-off meeting date.
3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall complete post-construction soil compaction testing and submit results for review and approval to ODOE.

Throughout construction, revegetation, and operation activities, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will take appropriate actions to prevent the spread of state and county listed noxious weeds. A stand-alone Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan has also been prepared (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-3[2]; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6), which contains information on state and Morrow County listed noxious weeds, noxious weeds observed during surveys, and treatment and monitoring of noxious weeds.

[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

2.0 Site Description

The Facility includes a 1,234~~10,960~~-acre site boundary within which all Facility components will be located. The Facility lies within the Columbia Plateau Ecoregion at elevations from~~approximately 879~~ 1,000 to 1,~~440~~100 feet. The Facility is sited entirely on private land, which primarily consists of agriculture land used for growing dryland wheat. Native vegetation within the site boundary has been modified primarily through agricultural conversion, but also through the introduction of exotic grasses and other non-native vegetation.

Habitat mapping and categorization of the site boundary were conducted for the Facility in 2022. Habitat types within the site boundary include Agriculture, Pasture, and Mixed Environs (habitat subtype: Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops~~); Urban and Mixed Environs;~~ and ~~Upland Grassland, Shrub-steppe, and Shrubland (habitat subtypes: Eastside Grasslands, Sagebrush Shrub-steppe~~)~~; Wetlands (habitat subtype: Emergent Wetlands); and Open Water-Lakes, Rivers, Streams (habitat subtype: Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams)~~. Details on habitat types, subtypes, and categories can be found in Exhibit P of the Facility's ASC, especially Attachment P-1 which contains the biological survey reports. Details on potential ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to habitat from construction and operation of the Facility, as well as avoidance and minimization measures, can be found in the ASC Exhibits P and Q[3].

3.0 Description of ~~Impact~~Disturbance~~s~~

Construction of the Facility will result in ~~up to about 58 acres of~~ temporary and ~~9,442 acres of~~ permanent ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ (see Exhibits C[4] and P). ~~Although actual impacts may change depending on the final layout, solar modules, and other associated facilities, this value represents the estimated maximum acreage of impact. Exhibit P~~ Section 3.1.1 (below) details the acres of each habitat subtype that will be temporarily and permanently disturbed during construction and operation of the Facility.

All areas within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ are considered a permanent ~~impact~~disturbance and will be revegetated for the purposes of site stabilization to reduce erosion, dust pollution, and topsoil depletion, and to reduce potential for invasion by noxious and invasive plants. The entire solar array fence ~~line area~~ will occupy approximately ~~9,441~~1,231 acres~~ within 20 fenced areas~~. As noted above, this area is considered permanently ~~impacted~~disturbed; however, vegetation within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ will be retained and/or revegetated and this area would be reclaimed upon retirement.

Temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ will occur in areas outside the solar array fence ~~line area~~ that will be disturbed during construction activities, but which will not be occupied by permanent facilities.

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit Q, May 16, 2024.
[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit C, May 16, 2024.

Temporary disturbance will occur in association with the construction of aboveground and underground collector and transmission lines, new roads, and perimeter fence ~~line~~.

Prior to construction, a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan will be prepared for use by the construction contractor ~~prior to construction~~ to facilitate Plan implementation and ensure ground disturbance is minimized to the extent practicable. A kick-off meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder, their environmental contractor, construction contractor, and ODOE will be held at least 14 days prior to construction. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to ODOE staff prior to the kick-off meeting date. Staff from either the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their environmental contractor will field-verify that anticipated disturbance levels are followed to the extent possible~~,~~ and will document any variances and ~~the~~ justifications for those variances for ODOE review.

3.1 Disturbance Levels

Revegetation needs will be determined by a combination of disturbance level and existing vegetative cover. Disturbance levels will primarily be determined by site conditions such as slope, gradient, and existing vegetation. Disturbance levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 - Mowing: Mowing is used to conserve vegetative resources within a ~~large project area~~facility while mitigating risk of fire and facilitating construction activities. Vegetation ~~is mowed~~will be limited to a height of ~~generally~~ 12 inches~~, but~~ and mowed to no less than 6 inches during construction. Mowing to no less than 6 inches protects perennial grass crowns and allows grasses to regenerate. Depending on ~~site~~ facility objectives, vegetation can be allowed to reach a normal height or kept trimmed to a height between 6 -inches and the plant's full height potential. Crushing of vegetation will be minimal and this disturbance level is designed to have a minimal impact on existing vegetation. This method is least likely to result in invasions of undesirable plant species.

Level 2 – Overland Drive and Crush: Disturbance caused by accessing a ~~site~~ facility without significantly modifying the landscape. Vegetation is crushed to the ground, but no surface soil is removed so root structures are left intact~~but not cropped~~. ~~No surface soil is removed.~~ Even though vegetation may be damaged or~~and even~~ destroyed, the surface soil and seed bank remain~~s~~ in place. Some crushed vegetation will likely sprout after disturbance ceases. These activities would result in minimal to moderate disturbance. This type of disturbance will result in ~~the fastest~~a faster recovery time for vegetation compared to Levels 3 and 4. Soil seed banks remain largely in place, perennial vegetation can grow back, and minimal external efforts are necessary. This method is less likely to result in invasions of undesirable plant species compared to Levels 3 and 4. ~~This would involve crushing or mowing vegetation typically to the ground surface.~~

Level 3 – Clear and Cut: Disturbance caused by accessing the ~~project site but~~facility including having to remove all vegetation in order to improve or provide suitable access for other equipment. All vegetation is removed, soils are compacted, and the root zone or soil A-horizon may be disturbed, but no sub-surface soil is removed. Clear and cut activities would result in moderate disturbance. This type of disturbance will result in moderate recovery times for vegetation. This method has a moderate risk for invasion of undesirable plant species. An example is imprinting to crush vegetation down into the soil or incidental grading and smoothing of surface soils.

Level 4 – Clear and Cut with Soil Removal: Disturbance is caused by removing all vegetation in the impact zone, ~~the~~ soils are compacted, and ~~the~~ surface soil ~~is~~ and subsoil are displaced~~, and for Facility components requiring underground installation, the subsurface soils are displaced as well~~. These activities result in heavy disturbance. This type of disturbance results in an extensive recovery time for vegetation, and is most likely to lead to invasions of undesirable plant species, which can result in lengthy and expensive control efforts. Includes disc-and-roll construction, and other traditional construction methods where soils are disturbed and no vegetation is left intact. This category includes all work requiring the segregation and replacement of topsoils.

3.1.1 Facility Disturbance

To the maximum extent practicable, Level 1 and Level 2 disturbance will be used during Facility construction. Existing vegetation root systems (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) will be left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable, although construction vehicles driving across the site may affect ~~these~~ existing root systems by compacting soils. Grading within solar arrays will be limited to areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances (typically, but not exclusively, 10 percent maximum on North slopes and 15 percent maximum in other directions). Areas where the slope and gradient are within ~~the solar~~ panel and racking tolerances will only ~~will receive minimal grading, with grading in those areas limited to the~~ be graded in road~~s~~, inverter, and energy storage footprints ~~only~~where possible. ~~This p~~Preservation of existing root systems will minimize soil erosion, providing both improved compliance with stormwater and dust management requirements, facilitate revegetation success, and preserve soil productivity for future agricultural use. Construction will be coordinated and sequenced to the extent practicable with landowners to maintain land in current production and weed control until just prior to construction. This will avoid land being left unmanaged and minimize weed issues that can complicate revegetation.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide maps and shapefiles showing anticipated construction disturbance levels at the Facility, along with ~~the~~ total acreage and major activities associated with each level. This will serve to demonstrate the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's avoidance and minimization of ground disturbing activities to the extent practicable.

Table 1 presents the estimated maximum acreage of temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to habitat subtypes associated with Facility construction and operation based on the permitted layout. Table 1 will be updated prior to construction to reflect the final ~~impact~~disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout. Figures depicting the location of Facility infrastructure are included in Exhibit C, and a figure depicting habitat subtypes within the site boundary is available in Exhibit P.

Table 1. Maximum Temporary and Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance~~s~~ by Habitat Subtype

ODFW Habitat Category	Habitat Subtype	Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance (Acres)[1, 2]	Temporary Disturbance (Acres) [1]
~~2~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~<0.1~~	~~0.4~~
~~4~~	~~Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams~~	~~-~~	~~<0.1~~
~~4~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~17.9~~	~~2.7~~
~~5~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~18.5~~4.7	~~2.2~~<0.1
	~~Category 2, 4, and 5 Habitat TSubtotal~~	~~36.4~~4.7	~~5.3~~<0.1
6	Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops	~~9,397.4~~1,231	~~51.3~~0.5
	~~Urban and Mixed Environs~~	~~7.7~~0.2	~~1.2~~0.1
	~~Category 6 Habitat Subtotal~~	~~9,405.1~~1,474	~~52.6~~13.5
	Grand Total[1]	~~9,441.5~~1,231	~~57.8~~0.5

~~Note: Totals in this table may not appear to sum correctly due to rounding. "-" means no impact while <0.1 means greater than zero but less than 0.05 acre impact.~~

1. Additional details associated with temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ are provided in Exhibit C of the ASC. Disturbances were calculated based on the layout permitted in the ASC and will be updated prior to construction based on an updated layout.
2. Acres of permanent ~~impact~~disturbance includes the entire area within the solar array area fence ~~line~~ including the footprints of all solar components and supporting facilities, as well as the areas outside of the footprint of permanent components and facilities (e.g., areas underneath and between rows of solar panels).

4.0 Reclamation and Revegetation Methods

This plan addresses revegetation methods for temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to agricultural lands ~~non-agriculture (i.e., Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops habitat subtype) and non-developed (i.e., Urban and Mixed Environs habitat subtype) habitat types~~, as well as revegetation and vegetation management of lands within the solar array fence ~~line area~~. ~~Restoration~~ Revegetation of temporarily disturbed developed habitat (i.e., Urban and Mixed Environs habitat subtype) will be determined on a case-by-case basis and is not covered further in this plan. Temporary disturbances to agricultural habitat (i.e., Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops habitat subtype) will be restored as described in Section 4.5.1. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will restore temporarily disturbed areas by re-establishing slope, surface stability, and drainage features, as needed, followed by soil preparation and seeding. Soil preparation and seeding techniques are described below.

Revegetation will begin as soon as feasible after completion of each construction phase. Seeding and planting will be done in a timely manner and in the appropriate season to facilitate germination and establishment of seeded species.

Prior to construction, final revegetation methods will be developed for each disturbance level in consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, and the Morrow County Weed Department and will be incorporated as an amendment to this Plan upon ODOE approval.

4.1 Roles and Responsibilities

A construction contractor qualified to perform ~~restoration and~~ revegetation and seeding will be responsible for implementing ~~the~~ measures in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 1200-C permit, as well as ~~the~~ revegetation activities discussed herein during and immediately after construction. A qualified botanist or revegetation specialist will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on revegetation success. Remedial revegetation actions, if needed during the operation phase, will be performed by a qualified contractor. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will be responsible for ensuring that all contractors perform work in accordance with permit requirements and all agreed upon methods for revegetation.

The goal of this ~~plan~~ Plan is to increase the probability of revegetation success, reduce early weed establishment, reduce erosion and dust pollution, ~~and~~ protect topsoil for future agricultural use in permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas, and ensure no loss of habitat quality for temporary disturbance~~s~~ to wildlife habitat. To ensure this goal is met, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ensure that the contractor selected for revegetation will be a qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor with demonstrated experience in the Columbia Plateau. Options for contracting and managing this work include:

- Having the construction contractor subcontract ~~the~~ revegetation work out to a qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor. The contract will stipulate the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's right to dictate the timing, methods, and management of seeding.
- Contracting directly with the qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, with the power to contractually enforce seed timing and methods.
- Having the environmental contractor contract with the qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, with the power to contractually enforce seed timing and methods.

The ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor's qualifications and scope of work will be provided as a submittal to ODOE prior to construction. Additionally, a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan will be prepared for use by the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor prior to initiation of revegetation to facilitate Plan implementation. A kick-off meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder, their environmental contractor, ~~restoration~~ revegetation and seeding contractor, and ODOE will be held at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to ODOE staff prior to the kick-off meeting date. Staff from either the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their environmental contractor will field-verify seeding methods and timing requirements are followed appropriately~~,~~ and will document any variances and the justifications for those variances. Monitoring and follow-up will be provided as described in Section 6.0 to ensure oversight and increase the probability of revegetation success.

4.2 Soil Reclamation

Soil scientists use a soil penetrometer to field measure subsurface compaction in soil. This tool measures resistance (pressure) to the advance of a cone-tipped rod with a T-handle, vertically through the soil column. The metric intends to measure soil compaction that can inhibit the ability

of plants to penetrate the soil. An operator pushes the penetrometer rod with a cone base into the ground with consistent force. A pressure gauge records pressure in pounds per square inch (psi), equaling levels of resistance at differing soil layers. Resistance is measured at 3-inch intervals until the meter goes above 300 psi, which is a level of soil compaction most roots cannot penetrate. For this test compaction would be measured at 3, 6, 9, and 12 inches if the soils allow~~ed~~. Soil compaction testing must be completed in spring or late fall when soils are at field capacity (approximately 24 hours after a soaking rain). Baseline soil compaction measurements will be taken prior to construction. Baseline soil compaction sample locations and baseline compaction results will be submitted to ODOE prior to construction.

1. Baseline and post-construction soil compaction measurements and testing must be done in conditions favorable to soil testing (e.g. non-saturated or frozen soils).
2. Baseline soil compaction measurements will be documented and established by using the above protocol, or other protocol as approved by ODOE, to establish baseline soil conditions within temporary ~~impact~~disturbance areas.
3. Recordation of the baseline soil plots must be represented on a map based on final Facility design.
4. Post-construction soil compaction testing following the above protocols must be completed in spring or late fall when soil conditions are favorable to soil testing (non-saturated or frozen soils). Compaction testing will occur after soil stockpiles are replaced and grading is complete but prior to initiation of revegetation activities.~~Prior to construction completion at the Facility site and prior to the initiation of revegetation activities, soil compaction testing following the above protocols must be completed.~~
5. If soil ~~measurements~~ monitoring demonstrates that ~~the~~ soils are compacted more than 300- psi~~within the work areas are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~, then remediation activities must be completed prior to initiation of revegetation activities. See Section ~~6.4~~ 4.3 below, the Facility NPDES 1200-C permit, and applicable ~~s~~Site C~~c~~ertificate ~~conditions~~Conditions.

In addition, in areas where soil is removed during construction, the following measures will be taken where appropriate:

- During construction, excavated topsoil will be stockpiled separately from subsoil and replaced in proper order with topsoil on the surface to maintain soil productivity. Stockpiled soil will be put back in place prior to revegetation activities.~~During construction, excavated soils will be stockpiled by soil horizon, so that they can be replaced in proper order with the topsoil on the surface, preventing mixing of topsoil and subsoils and maintaining soil productivity. The conserved soil will be put back in place as topsoil prior to revegetation activities. The conserved soil will be put back in place as topsoil prior to revegetation activities.~~

- Soils will be stabilized during construction using the appropriate best management practices as determined by the onsite stormwater pollution prevention plan implementor.
- Soil preparation will involve standard, commonly used methods (i.e. tracking, decompaction, and tilling), and will consider all relevant site-specific factors, including slope, size of area, and erosion potential. Soils will be de-compacted if necessary to create a uniform seedbed using an agricultural disc, soil ripper, or similar equipment. Additional details regarding soil preparation are in Section 4.3.
- Topsoil and other soils from noxious weed infested areas will not be moved outside of the infested areas and will be returned to their previous location during reclamation activities to eliminate the transport of weed seeds, roots, or rhizomes.
- Soils from weed-infested areas will be treated with a non-persistent, pre-emergent herbicide prior to initiation of revegetation efforts, depending on site-specific conditions.
- Prior to final regrade and revegetation efforts, any weeds that have grown during periods of construction dormancy should be treated as described in the Noxious Weed Control Plan~~removed mechanically or treated with an herbicide in consultation with the Morrow County Weed Department~~.
- The construction contractor will use appropriate erosion and sediment control practices (i.e., seeded or unseeded hydromulch, tackifier, weed-free erosion control blankets, weed-free or locally sourced straw mulch) to maintain topsoil during construction in both temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas.

4.3 Site Preparation

~~As noted above, e~~Existing vegetation root systems (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) will be left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable. Areas where the slope and gradient are within the solar panel and racking tolerances will receive minimal grading, with grading in those areas limited to the roads, inverter, and energy storage footprints~~ only~~. In areas where soil is removed during construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will demonstrate adequate soil stabilization to prevent erosion and dust pollution. The following measures will be taken where appropriate:

- Site preparation ~~will involve standard, commonly used methods, and~~ will take into account all relevant site-specific factors, including slope, size of area, and erosion potential.
- Areas of severe machine or vehicle tracking that would hinder seeding success and are unnecessary for soil stabilization will be regraded.
- In the spring, fall or winter of the year prior to when construction would occur, areas of high erosion risk (e.g., slopes, areas with low vegetative cover) should be seeded with a non-invasive, non-persistent cover crop such as triticale to ~~demonstrate~~ stabilize soils ~~stabilization~~.

- ~~Prior to seeding and/or planting of revegetation areas, soils will be prepared to facilitate revegetation success.~~
- If soils are not suitable for revegetation, soil amendments may be required. Any imported topsoil, if required, will be demonstrated to be suitable for vegetative success.
- Where soil compaction testing demonstrates that soils are compacted greater than 300 psi~~Where applicable~~, soils will be mechanically scarified (e.g., tilling or ripping the soil) to an appropriate depth to reduce the potential effects of compaction, to maintain soil productivity, and reduce the potential for erosion on compacted soils. Dry soils should be de-compacted using an agricultural disc, soil ripper, or similar equipment.
- Prior to seeding and/or planting of revegetation areas, ~~In general, the~~ soils ~~needs to~~will be prepared into a firm, fine-textured seedbed that is relatively free of debris ~~before seeding or planting~~. Shallow tilling with a disc, followed by a harrow or drag if necessary, can typically achieve this. If replaced soil is too soft, then seeds may be buried too deep to properly germinate; a roller or culti-packer should be used to pack down the soil.
- In non-cropland temporary disturbance areas, site complexity will be considered during soil preparation. For instance, it may be desirable to purposely create an uneven, patchy site that allows for depressions and other microsites that result in small variations in aspect and moisture holding to promote complexity.
- Seeded areas will be temporarily stabilized to facilitate establishment. This can be accomplished by application of seedless, certified weed-free hydromulch containing a tackifier or straw mulch crimping. Alternate methods ~~such~~ may be proposed by the revegetation and seeding contractor but will require prior written approval by ODOE and must provide demonstrated success in sites with similar wind and soil conditions.
- The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or a designated construction contractor will use mulching and other appropriate practices, as required by the anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit, to control erosion and sediment during construction and revegetation work.

4.4 Revegetation of Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance Areas

During construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement site stabilization measures, including seeding of all disturbed areas according to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit. Approximately 6 months prior to commercial operation of each phase of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODFW, ODOE, and Morrow County Weed Department personnel to review the actual extent and conditions of ~~impacted~~disturbed areas and confirm the revegetation methods to be implemented.

As portions of the Facility are ~~After the site has been~~ prepared for installation of ~~facility~~ Facility components (i.e., grading is complete), but prior to installation, all areas with less than 70 percent vegetative cover should be seeded with a non-invasive, non-persistent cover crop ~~(e.g., triticale)~~. The cover crop will be selected based on the time of year and site conditions; for example, winter wheat or sterile triticale can be seeded from fall to early spring, while peas should be seeded in

spring. Tillage radish and sunflowers can be seeded in spring to break up compaction but are not suitable options for soil stability. ~~Establishment of a~~A cover crop ~~at this stage of construction~~ will stabilize soils and suppress noxious weed infestations to reduce erosion and facilitate revegetation of desired plant species.

Following the completion of each construction phase, permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas will be reseeded with a mix of native or non-invasive, non-native grasses and forbs as appropriate based on disturbance level and actual site conditions (see Section 4.4). All seeds will be obtained from a reputable supplier in compliance with the Oregon Seed Law (OAR 603-056). The final seed mix for permanent disturbance areas ~~within the solar array fence line area~~ will include low~~er~~ growing grasses and pollinator-friendly forbs compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). Table 3~~Table 3Table 3~~ in Section 4.7 includes an example of low-growing seed mix for permanent disturbance areas.

4.5 ~~Restoration~~ Revegetation of Temporary Disturbance Areas

4.5.1 Agricultural Lands

Temporarily disturbed agricultural lands will be reseeded with the appropriate crop or maintained as fallow in consultation with the landowner or farm operator. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ~~also~~ consult with the landowner or farm operator to determine the seed mix, application methods, and rates for seed and fertilizer. Success of cropland revegetation will have been achieved when production of the revegetated area is comparable to that of adjacent, non-disturbed croplands of the same type.

~~Dryland crop~~Agricultural lands will be reseeded to match the timing of the crop rotation on adjacent cropland ~~in order~~ to facilitate easy harvest and re-establish the appropriate crop rotation ~~on that land~~. ~~Dryland crop~~Agricultural lands that will be seeded in the year that construction is complete can be temporarily hydromulched or otherwise stabilized until seeding can occur in the fall; agricultural lands ~~dryland cropland~~ that will be fallow for a year (i.e., fallow rather than reseeded the year construction is complete) will be planted with a cover crop (dependent on timing of construction closeout) or have continued stabilization with hydromulch, straw mulch crimping, or other best management practices ~~(BMPs)~~ through the fallow year.

Soil compaction as a result of construction activity is a concern for restoring agricultural soils to their pre-construction productivity. Within temporary disturbance areas, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will excavate and store ~~soils~~ topsoil separately from subsoil~~by soil horizon~~, so that topsoil~~s~~ ~~are~~ is replaced and restored appropriately~~, including replacing topsoil~~. During post-construction ~~restoration~~revegetation of temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to agricultural ~~areas~~lands, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will loosen agricultural soil by mechanical scarification (tilling or ripping the soil) to an appropriate depth to reduce the potential effects of compaction. Soil amendment, by addition of organic matter (e.g., compost), may also be necessary to alleviate compaction.

Success determination will involve consultation with the landowner or farm operator, and the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report to ODOE on the success of ~~cropland~~ agricultural land ~~restoration~~revegetation efforts. Noxious weed control is necessary for successful revegetation of agricultural ~~crop~~lands and will be implemented per the methods described in the Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan (Exhibit P, Attachment P-3; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6).

4.5.2 Wildlife Habitat

There is no temporary disturbance to wildlife habitat because no wildlife habitat will be disturbed by Facility construction. Revegetation of wildlife habitat is not discussed in this Plan.~~During construction, the ApplicantCertificate Holder will implement site stabilization measures, including seeding of temporarily disturbed areas according to the ApplicantCertificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit. Approximately 6 months prior to commercial operation of each phase of construction, the ApplicantCertificate Holder will meet with ODFW, ODOE, and Morrow County Weed Department personnel to review the actual extent and conditions of temporarily impacted areas, confirm the revegetation methods to be implemented, and to revisit reference sites as necessary.~~

~~Following each construction phase, all areas, with the exception of temporarily disturbed agricultural lands, will be reseeded with a mix of native or non-invasive, non-native grasses and forbs (see Section 4.6). All seeds will be obtained from a reputable supplier in compliance with the Oregon Seed Law (OAR 603-056). The methods used and timing of planting will be appropriate to the seed mixes, weather conditions, and site conditions (including area size, slope, and erosion potential) based upon consultation with ODOE, ODFW, ODA, and the Morrow County Weed Department.~~

~~The seed mixes may include species selected to enhance soil health, such as nitrogen-fixing species, if determined to be appropriate based on coordination with ODOE, ODA, and ODFW. Including these species in the seed mix would help the other plant species thrive and increase long-term survival of desired species. Additionally, the seed mixes include species intended to provide broader ecosystem benefits, such as pollinator species, that will benefit the surrounding landscape. The seed mix for temporarily disturbed areas outside of the solar array fence line area will include taller native species of grasses and pollinator-friendly forbs to increase overall site biodiversity and increase benefits to wildlife and pollinators. Using native, or non-invasive non-native pollinator-friendly, plants as ground cover under solar panels can also help recharge groundwater, reduce erosion, and improve soil carbon sequestration (Neale and Atre 2020).~~

4.6 Seeding Methods

The seeding method~~s~~ and timing of planting will be appropriate to the seed mixes (see Section 4.7~~4.6~~), weather conditions (e.g., precipitation, wind speed, temperature, etc.), and site conditions (including area size, slope, and erosion potential) based upon consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, the Morrow County Weed Department, and the seed supplier. Seeding ~~between late-fall and late-~~

~~winter/early-spring~~from late September to March is typically recommended; however, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE, ODFW, ODA, Morrow County Weed Department, and/or the seed supplier to determine the optimal timing for seed application based on climatic conditions of the particular year when construction and revegetation efforts are implemented.

~~The three c~~Common seed application methods that may be used for revegetation are broadcast seeding, drill seeding, imprint seeding, and hydroseeding; each of these are discussed further below. Other seeding methods may be proposed for review and approval prior to revegetation efforts.

4.6.1 Broadcast Seeding

Broadcast seeding is the application of seed directly to the ground surface. This method may be chosen for areas with shallow and rocky soils, and the type of broadcast spreader would depend on the size of the area to be seeded and the terrain. Broadcast seeding may be completed before or after panel and fence installation.

In this method, the seed mix is typically broadcast at a rate of 20 to 24 pounds pure live seed per acre, or twice the recommended rate for drill seeding; this rate may be adjusted depending on the recommendation of the actual seed supplier and agencies~~would be broadcast using at least the application rates specified by the seed supplier for broadcast seeding~~. When feasible, due to the seasonality of when planting can occur, the entire area will be seeded after grading is complete but before placement of Facility components, providing more flexibility in seed application. In those instances where seeding occurs prior to installation of components, follow-up seeding will occur in areas temporarily disturbed by installation and any areas that are deficient in vegetation from the first round of seeding. Immediately following seed application, hydromulch or certified weed-free straw would be applied. Broadcast seeding will not be employed if winds exceed 5 miles per hour. If certified weed-free straw is unavailable, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or a designated construction contractor will identify a local source of straw. The local source of the straw will be approved by the county weed master and ODFW prior to purchase. This straw will either be crimped into the ground or applied with a tackifier.

4.6.2 Drill Seeding

Drill seeding can be used for larger areas with deeper soils and moderate to gentle terrain to accommodate mechanical equipment. This method provides the advantage of planting the seed at a uniform depth and may provide better soil to seed contact. Drill seeding plants seeds using an agricultural or range seed drill at a rate of 12 to 14 pounds pure live seed per acre, per discussions with a seed supplier and ODFW. The rate may be adjusted depending on the recommendations of the actual seed supplier.~~Using a range seed drill, seeds will be sown according to the application rates recommended by the seed supplier.~~ Drill seeding will be difficult after Facility components have been installed so it will primarily be used if seeding occurs after grading is complete but

before components are installed or in areas that were temporarily disturbed during construction that do not have any permanent infrastructure (e.g., temporary access roads, laydown areas).

4.6.3 Imprint Seeding

Imprint seeding is a no-till drill seeding method used to restore grasslands in areas with low annual precipitation. Seeds will be sown at 20 to 24 pounds pure live seed per acre or according to application rates recommended by the seed supplier. The seeder consists of a heavy metal drum roller with V-shaped, angled teeth and a seed agitator box. The teeth create V-shaped troughs with a depth of 4-7 inches to collect rainwater. The rolling drum presses the seed into the soil, insuring good seed-to-soil contact. The troughs collect rainwater for seed germination and seedling growth. Imprint seeders can be used on steep slopes and generally do not require seed bed preparation before seeding. Seeding can occur on soils with light to moderate vegetative cover, with vegetation acting as a mulch to prevent soil erosion until seedlings are established. Imprint seeders do not work well in areas with shrubs or heavy vegetation cover. Heavily compacted soils may need to be ripped or de-compacted before seeding. Imprint seeding will be difficult after solar components have been installed, so it will primarily be used if seeding occurs after grading is complete but before components are installed, or in areas that were temporarily disturbed during construction that do not have any permanent infrastructure (e.g., temporary access roads, laydown areas).

~~4.6.3~~4.6.4 Hydroseeding

Hydroseeding is a method of hydraulically applying seeds, stabilizers, and soil amendments to the surface of the soil. Hydroseeding is most applicable for areas where drill or broadcast seeding machinery cannot access~~,~~; this usually includes steeper sloped or narrow terrain~~,~~ but can be used in all terrains. Hydroseeding is feasible after panel installation but before the Facility is fenced. Soil bed preparation is also crucial for growth success and frequently includes tracking perpendicular to the slope to create micro conditions for seed. Flat grading and compaction are not recommended. Seeding rates increase by 30 to 50 percent of broadcast seeding rates (i.e., 30 pounds pure live seed per acre) ~~or single applications~~ per consultation with the seed supplier and ODFW. Prior to hydroseeding the tackifier and fertilizer, if included, will be reviewed and approved in consultation with ODOE. Fertilizer should not be used when hydroseeding wildlife habitat.

4.7 Seed Mixes

Two seed mixes are proposed for revegetation efforts: one for revegetation of ~~temporarily~~ temporary disturbance~~disturbed~~ areas outside the solar array fence ~~line~~, and one for revegetation of permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas within the solar array fence ~~line~~. Tables 2 and 3 present example seed mixes that would be considered for revegetation. However, the number of seed mixes and composition of ~~the~~ final seed mixes will be determined in consultation with ODOE and ODFW and will be based on pre-construction conditions and ~~the~~ availability of seed at the time of procurement.

Grassland Seed Mix #1 would be appropriate for revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas outside the solar array fence ~~line area~~, with the exception of areas that would be returned to agricultural production following construction (as noted in Section 4.5.1). The example seed mix is presented in Table 2 and contains a mixture of native grasses and native, pollinator-friendly forbs. This seed mix includes a mixture of deep-rooted grasses and flowering plants as these types of species can capture and filter stormwater, build topsoil, and provide food sources and for native insects (Davis 2021). Forbs included in this seed mix were also chosen based on their bloom period. Including plants that flower throughout the growing season provides a continuous source of nectar and pollen and can attract a variety of pollinators (NRCS 2011).

Table 2. Example Grassland Seed Mix #1

Growth Habit	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Percent of Mix
Grasses	Bluebunch wheatgrass[1]	*Pseudoroegneria spicata*	35
	Sandberg's bluegrass[2]	*Poa secunda* ssp. *secunda*	15
	Bottlebrush squirreltail	*Elymus elymoides*	10
	Needle-and-thread grass[3]	*Hesperostipa comata*	10
Forbs	~~Curlycup~~ Low gumweed	*Grindelia ~~squarrosa~~nana*	5
	Hoary aster	*Dieteria* (*Machaeranthera*) *canescens*	5
	Clover~~Lupine~~	*Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens~~Lupinus leucophyllus, L. sericeus, L. sulphureus~~*	5
	Munro's globemallow[4]	*Sphaeralcea munroana*	5
	Western blue flax	*Linum lewisii*	5
	Yarrow	*Achillea millefolium*	5

1. An alternative to bluebunch wheatgrass is Snake River wheatgrass (*Elymus wawawaiensis*; also sold as "Secar" bluebunch wheatgrass).
2. An alternative to Sandberg's bluegrass is big bluegrass (*Poa secunda* subsp. *juncifolia*; also sold as *P. ampla*).
3. Alternatives to needle-and-thread grass include ~~the native bunchgrass Indian ricegrass (*Achnatherum [Oryzopsis] hymenoides*) or~~ the non-native bunchgrasses crested wheatgrass (*Agropyron cristatum*) and sheep/hard fescue (*Festuca ovina/F. trachyphylla*).
4. An alternative to Munro's globemallow is blanketflower (*Gaillardia aristata*)

A second grassland seed mix, Grassland Seed Mix #2, is suggested for post-construction revegetation within the solar array fence ~~line area~~, including areas that previously consisted of agricultural lands. The example seed mix presented in Table 3 contains a mixture of low-growing native and non-native grasses and native and non-native pollinator friendly forbs which would be compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). Similar to Grassland Seed Mix #1, this

seed mix includes a mixture of deep-rooted grasses and flowering plants that flower throughout the growing season.

Table 3. Example Grassland Seed Mix #2

Growth Habit	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Percent of Mix
Grasses	Sandberg's bluegrass	*Poa secunda* ssp. *secunda*	35
	Bottlebrush squirreltail, common squirreltail	*Elymus elymoides* ssp. *elymoides*	15
	Desert fescue[1]	*Vulpia microstachys*	10
	Thurber's needlegrass	*Eriocoma (Achnatherum) thurberianum*	10
Forbs	~~Pacific lupine[2]~~Clover	~~*Lupinus lepidus*~~ *Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens*	5
	Bigseed bisuitroot~~[3]~~[2]	*Lomatium macrocarpum*	5
	Erigeron/fleabane	*Erigeron filifolius, E. linearis,* or *E. pumilus*	5
	Oregon sunshine	*Eriophyllum lanatum*	5
	Snow buckwheat	*Eriogonum niveum*	5
	Wollypod milkvetch	*Astragalus purshii*	5

1. Alternatives to desert fescue are sixweeks fescue (*Vulpia octoflora*) or sheep/hard fescue (*Festuca ovina/F. trachyphylla*).
~~2 Alternatives to Pacific lupine are American vetch (*Vicia americana*) or clover (*Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens*).~~
~~3~~2. An alternative to bigseed biscuitroot is longleaf phlox (*Phlox longifolia*).

4.8 Revegetation Methods by Disturbance Level

Revegetation methods for each disturbance level were developed to tailor revegetation to specific conditions (Table 4). Revegetation should follow soil reclamation, site preparation, and seeding methods described in Sections 4.2 through 4.7.

Table 4. Revegetation Methods by Disturbance Level

Disturbance Level	Soil Reclamation	Site Preparation	Seeding
1 – Mowing	Ensure vegetation remains intact.	Retain existing vegetation root systems to prevent erosion. Control weeds.	Seed if necessary to achieve success criteria
2 – Overland Drive and Crush	Measure soil compaction in areas of high vehicle traffic.	Retain existing vegetation root systems and/or mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil in areas of high vehicle traffic if necessary. Control weeds.	Seed if necessary to achieve success criteria
3 – Clear and Cut	Measure soil compaction.	Mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil if necessary. Control weeds.	Required
4 – Clear and Cut with Soil Removal	Measure soil compaction. Stockpile topsoil separately	Mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil. Regrade and replace subsoil then	Required

Disturbance Level	Soil Reclamation	Site Preparation	Seeding
	from subsoil and stabilize during construction.	topsoil prior to seeding. Control weeds.	

5.0 Revegetation Documentation

Records will be kept of revegetation efforts in all temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas. Records will include:

- Date construction phase was completed;
- Acreage of each disturbance level;
- Description and photos of the affected area;
- Date revegetation was initiated;
- Description of the revegetation effort, including methods and timing;
- Supporting figures representing the location, acres affected, and pre-disturbance condition of the revegetation area; and
- Confirmation from the landowner that temporary disturbances in cropland have been satisfactorily restored.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of revegetation efforts. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will update ODOE with these records monthly as revegetation work occurs~~,~~ and will provide ODOE with copies of these records along with submission of the monitoring report that is required by the Site Certificate.

6.0 Monitoring

6.1 Monitoring of Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance Areas

In accordance with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit all areas within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ must be revegetated to stabilize soils for the purposes of erosion and dust pollution control. Pursuant to OAR 345-022-0022, construction and operation of the Facility must not result in significant adverse impacts to soils, including but not limited to, erosion. Pursuant to MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(3), construction or maintenance activities shall not result in the unabated introduction or spread of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species. Therefore, monitoring is required to demonstrate compliance with the above site stabilization and weed control requirements. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will~~conduct~~ monitor~~ing within~~ permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas to assess the following:

- Dominant species composition;

- Relative cover of desirable and undesirable forbs and grasses;
- Percent cover of bare soil;
- Degree of erosion;
- Presence noxious weeds; and
- Qualitative assessment of overall vigor of vegetation within revegetated areas.

~~Monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.~~ Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or revegetation specialist and will begin within 60 days of the completion of ~~the~~ initial site ~~restoration~~revegetation ~~effort~~. Permanent disturbance areas will be monitored using a meander survey. During the meander survey, the surveyor will walk within the solar array fence and document the assessment items listed above using photos and spatial data collection. Areas of erosion and significant patches of bare soil will be mapped and photographed. The surveyor will record dominant species, overall percent cover of forbs and grasses, and general notes about plant vigor.

Monitoring will be conducted at least once per season during the first year following construction. After the first complete year of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced based on revegetation progress. After five years of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE.

6.1.1 Success Criteria

Success criteria outlined below will demonstrate compliance with the soil protection standard (OAR 345-022-0022); NPDES 1200-C permit requirements; and the requirements of MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(4):

- Establish uniform (i.e., evenly distributed, without large bare areas) perennial, non-invasive vegetation that provides 70 percent or more cover on all exposed areas.

Requirements of the soil protection standard and MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(4) apply to the construction and operation of the Facility. Therefore, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall maintain compliance with ~~the~~ revegetation success criteria for all areas within the solar array fence ~~line~~ for the life of the Facility. In each monitoring report, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include an assessment of whether the area within the solar array fence ~~line~~ is meeting or trending toward meeting the revegetation success criteria. Final determination of whether the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is in compliance with the revegetation obligations will be made by ODOE. Remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas may be required in areas that have been determined by ODOE not to have met the success criteria.

6.1.2 Reporting

Monitoring reports will be prepared and submitted to ODOE once per season during the first year following construction. After the first year of monitoring is complete, the reporting cycle will be modified to align with the new monitoring cycle determined in consultation with ODOE. The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of revegetation methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of seed applications and dates revegetation work was performed.

Each monitoring report will include:

- ~~The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of site restoration~~revegetation ~~methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of the seed applications and dates restoration~~revegetation ~~work was performed;~~
- GIS maps of revegetation areas and disturbance levels;
- Monitoring methods;
- Local climatic data (i.e., precipitation, temperature) for the monitoring month and year and percent deviation from the historical average;
- ~~The r~~Results of ~~the~~ monitoring efforts;
- The investigator's assessment of whether the revegetated areas are trending toward meeting the success criteria;
- Assessments of factors impacting the ability of ~~the~~ revegetated area to trend towards meeting the success criteria; and
- Recommendations ~~of~~ for ~~remedial actions~~adaptive management, if any.

6.2 Monitoring of Temporary Disturbance Areas

Per ODFW recommendations on other projects, temporary disturbance monitoring is not required for temporary disturbance areas less than 0.5 acres or when the area is not sufficiently large to accommodate a monitoring site. Because there are no non-agricultural habitat types with temporary disturbance areas greater than 0.5 acres, no monitoring or reference sites will be established for this Facility.~~Following implementation of revegetation efforts, the Applicant will monitor the temporarily disturbed areas that have been revegetated as described in this section, unless the landowner has converted the area to land uses that preclude meeting revegetation success criteria. Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or revegetation specialist and will begin within 60 days of the completion of the initial site restoration effort. Monitoring will be conducted at least once per season during the first year following construction. After the first complete year of monitoring, the Applicant will consult with ODOE to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced based on revegetation progress. After five years of monitoring, the Applicant will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE. Monitoring methods will be~~

~~determined in consultation with ODOE and ODFW prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.~~

~~This may include remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas that have been determined by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW, not to have met the success criteria.~~

~~Reference and Monitoring Sites~~

~~To determine if the revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas are meeting success criteria, (see Section 6.1.1), paired monitoring and reference sites will be established in each of the habitat subtypes that will be temporarily disturbed by construction (with the exception of agricultural land). Reference sites are intended to represent target conditions for the revegetation effort. Vegetation within monitoring sites in revegetation areas will be compared with those in the associated reference sites to measure success of the revegetation activities. During each assessment, revegetated areas will be compared to reference sites based on the success criteria defined in Section 6.2.1.~~

~~Per ODFW recommendations on other projects, a minimum of one monitoring site will be located within habitats where temporary disturbances will be less than 5 acres in size. Therefore, one monitoring site and one reference site will be established within each habitat category of temporarily disturbed Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype for a total of three monitoring sites and three reference sites. Preliminary locations of monitoring and reference sites are provided on Figure 1. No monitoring site is proposed for the less than 0.1 acre of temporary impact anticipated to the Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams habitat subtype, although this area will be revegetated if not avoided during final design. Monitoring and reference sites within each habitat subtype and category were selected using existing habitat mapping. Additional monitoring locations were also chosen within areas of temporarily disturbed Category 4 and 5 Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype as alternative locations in case one of the selected monitoring or reference site locations is deemed unacceptable during the first revegetation monitoring effort. No alternative monitoring or reference site locations were chosen for temporarily disturbed Category 2 Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype because all 0.4 acres of temporary impacts to this habitat subtype and category are located in one area.~~

~~Success Criteria~~

~~In each monitoring report, the Applicant will include an assessment of whether the temporarily disturbed revegetated areas are meeting or trending toward meeting the success criteria. Revegetation areas would be deemed successfully revegetated when the success criteria outlined below are met. Success criteria were based on pre-disturbance conditions observed during habitat mapping conducted for the Facility (Exhibit P, Attachment P-1). Final determination of whether the Applicant has met the revegetation obligations will be made by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW.~~

~~Temporarily disturbed areas will be deemed successfully revegetated when the habitat quality at a monitoring site is equal to or surpasses the habitat quality at the associated reference site, as follows:~~

~~**Native Forbs:** Cover of native and desirable (i.e., species included in seed mixes and/or native species that have naturally colonized) forbs will be at least 75 percent of the reference site within 5 years. Richness of native and desirable forbs will be at least equal to the richness of native forbs measured on the reference site within 5 years.~~

~~**Native and Desirable Grasses:** Cover and richness of native and desirable (i.e., species included in seed mixes and/or native species that have naturally colonized) grass species will be at least 85 percent of the reference site within 5 years.~~

~~**Noxious Weeds:** Presence and cover of noxious weeds is 75 percent or less than that of the reference site.~~

~~Reporting~~

~~Monitoring reports will be prepared and submitted to ODOE once per season during the first year following construction. Each report will be delivered within the same season that the monitoring was conducted. After the first year of monitoring is complete, the reporting cycle will be modified to align with the new monitoring cycle determined in consultation with ODOE.~~

~~Each monitoring report will include:~~

~~The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of site restoration methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of the seed applications and dates restoration work was performed;~~

~~GIS maps of revegetation areas and disturbance levels;~~

~~Monitoring methods;~~

~~Local climatic data (i.e., precipitation, temperature) for the monitoring month and year and percent deviation from the historical average;~~

~~The results of the monitoring efforts;~~

~~Photos of sample plots and representative overview photos of restoration areas;~~

~~The investigator's assessment of whether the revegetated areas are trending toward meeting the success criteria;~~

~~Assessments of factors impacting the ability of the revegetated area to trend towards meeting the success criteria; and~~

~~Recommendations of remedial actions, if any.~~

6.3 ~~Remedial Action in Revegetation Areas~~Adaptive Management

After each revegetation monitoring visit in either temporary or permanent disturbance areas, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's qualified investigator will report to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder regarding the revegetation progress of each revegetation area. If applicable, the investigator will make recommendations to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder for reseeding, weed control, or other remedial measures for areas that are not showing progress toward achieving revegetation success.

The investigator will provide a description of factors that may be contributing to the lack of revegetation success. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include the investigator's recommendations for ~~remedial actions~~adaptive management and the measures taken in the next monitoring report. ODOE may require reseeding or other remedial measures in cases where success criteria have not been met.

If a revegetation area is damaged by wildfire during the first 5 years following initial seeding, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will amend this ~~plan~~Plan, subject to ODOE approval, to restore the damaged area. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will continue to monitor and report on revegetation progress during the remainder of the 5-year period. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report to ODOE and ODFW the area impacted by the fire (with a map or figure) within 72 hours of discovery.

6.4 Soil Reclamation Monitoring

Soil measurements conducted per Section 4.2 shall be evaluated to determine whether soils within disturbance areas have compaction readings of greater than 300 psi~~are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~. If results show soils have compaction readings of greater than 300 psi, ~~are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~ then remediation activities must be completed before revegetation ~~activities~~ can begin. Prior to initiation of revegetation, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide the results of soil compaction testing to ODOE. ~~ODOE will authorize revegetation to begin when soils are 10 percent or less compacted than the baseline plot.~~

7.0 Plan Amendment

This Plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.~~.~~

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Sunstone Solar Project

Figure 1
Sunstone Solar Project 2

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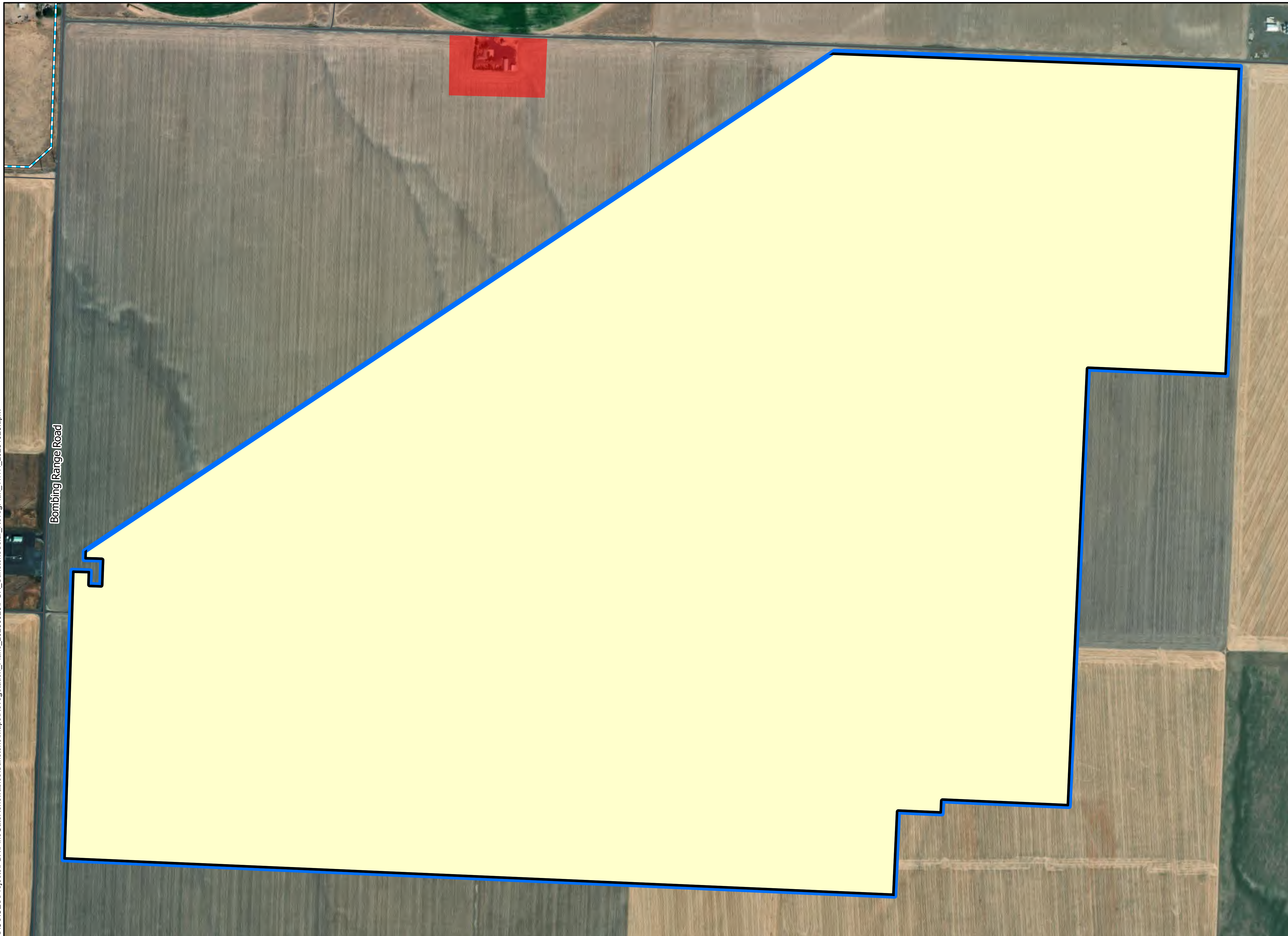

SS 2 Site Boundary
Permitted Fenceline
Excluded from Development
Local Roads
Existing UEC Transmission Line
Habitat Subtypes by Category
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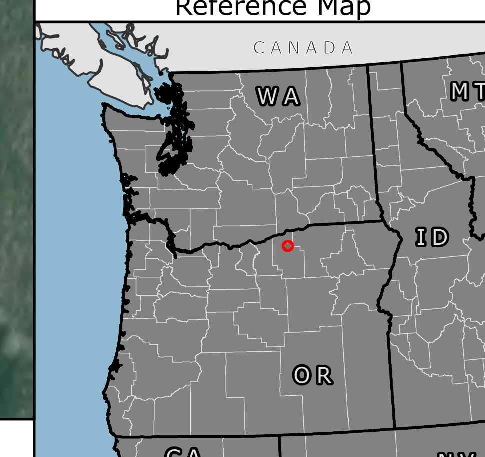
Intermittent or Ephemeral Stream
Category 6
Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crop

TETRA TECH PINEGATE RENEWABLES

Reference Map



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Attachment I: Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 2
Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan

This plan identifies the minimization measures that will be implemented during facility construction to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential adverse impacts to state sensitive species with a potential to occur within the site.

> Note: several measures that would minimize potential impacts to wildlife species, including noxious weed control, vegetation management and habitat mitigation, are not included in this plan because they are covered in other conditions of the site certificate.

The measures included in this plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the certificate holder and EFSC. Such amendments may be made without an amendment of the Site Certificate. The Council authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan and to mitigation actions that may be required under this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments and mitigation actions, and the Council retains the authority to approve, reject or modify any amendment of this plan or mitigation action agreed to by ODOE.

1. During facility construction, 20 mile per hour speed limit signs shall be posted within the perimeter fence line; onsite contractors and personnel shall adhere to the 20 miles per hour speed limit on all facility access roads (excluding public roads).

2. Prior to and during facility construction, the certificate holder shall require all onsite contractors and personnel to complete site specific worker environmental training. This training shall include information regarding the sensitive biological resources including potentially occurring listed and sensitive species, individual responsibilities associated with the facility, and the consequences of non-compliance. Written material will be provided to employees at orientation and participants will sign an attendance sheet documenting their participation.

3. If construction will occur between March 1 and August 15 the certificate holder shall:
   a. Complete raptor nest occupancy surveys at least once per month between March 1 and May 31 to identify active nests. Surveys shall be based on a protocol approved by the Department in consultation with ODFW; and,
   b. Submit to the Department a construction plan (schedule) that demonstrates construction activities will not occur within the buffer zones established in 4) during the sensitive nesting and breeding season.

4. During construction, the certificate holder shall flag and avoid, or develop constraints mapping to ensure avoidance, of ground-disturbing activities within the buffer of any active nest site. Active nest sites shall be determined based on the preconstruction raptor nest surveys, as applicable, depending on the duration of construction.

Special Status Species	Buffer Size (Radius Around Nest Site):	Sensitive Nesting and Breeding Season
American kestrel	500 feet	March 1 to June 15

Ferruginous hawk	0.5 mile	March 15 to August 15
Golden eagle	0.5 – 1 mile	February 1 to August 15
Peregrine falcon	0.25 mile	January 1 to July 1
Red-tailed hawk	0.10 mile	March 1 to August 15
Swainson’s hawk	0.25 mile	April 1 to August 15
Western burrowing owl	0.25 mile	April 1 to August 15
Other hawks and owls	0.25 mile	March 1 to August 15

Attachment J: Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 2
Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan

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July 2025~~May 2024~~

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Table of Contents

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 2, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 2 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The ~~proposed~~ approved Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities and the anticipated phasing of construction are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan (WMP) describes wildlife monitoring the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct during operation of the Facility. This WMP has the following components:

1. Raptor nest surveys
2. Washington ground squirrel (WAGS; *Urocitellus washingtoni)* monitoring
3. Wildlife Reporting and Handling System (WRHS)
4. Data reporting

This WMP will be updated, as necessary, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and will be updated as needed to reflect the final layout of the Facility.

2.0 Raptor Nest Surveys

The objectives of raptor nest surveys are: (1) to count raptor nests on the ground or above ground at the Facility; and (2) to determine whether there are noticeable changes in nesting activity in the local populations of raptor species, with particular focus on Swainson's hawks (*Buteo swainsoni*), the only state sensitive raptor species documented nesting during baseline surveys.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct long-term ground-based monitoring of nests identified during the baseline raptor nest surveys, as well as any other nests identified subsequently. The ground-based surveys will be used to evaluate nest success by gathering data on nest occupancy. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ qualified personnel to perform raptor nest surveys.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

2.1 Initial Monitoring

The first monitoring season will be in the first full raptor nesting season after the commercial operating date. During the first monitoring season, the surveyor will conduct one ground survey for raptor nests in late May or early June and additional surveys as described in this section. The ground surveys will be conducted within the site boundary to determine nest occupancy.

All nests discovered during the anticipated pre-construction surveys and any nests discovered during post-construction surveys, whether active or inactive, will be given identification numbers. Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates will be recorded for each nest. Locations of inactive nests will be recorded because they could become occupied during future years.

After the first monitoring season, the surveyor will analyze this one year of data compared to the baseline data. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide a summary of the first-year results in the monitoring report described in Section 5.0.

2.2 Long-Term Monitoring

The surveyor will conduct raptor nest surveys at 5-year intervals for the life of the Facility.[2] The surveyor will conduct~~-~~ long-term raptor nest surveys following the methods described in Section ~~-~~2.3 every 5 years after the first monitoring season in years divisible by 5. This may result in a greater than 5-year period between the initial monitoring season and the first long-term monitoring season (e.g., if the initial monitoring season is 2028, the first long-term monitoring season would be 2035 rather than 2033). During each long-term monitoring event biologists will visit all previously identified nest locations in addition to searching the survey area for new nest sites.

In conducting long-term surveys, the surveyor will follow the same survey protocols as the initial survey (Section 2.3), unless the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes alternative protocols that are approved by ODOE. In developing an alternative protocol, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODFW and ODOE and will take into consideration other raptor nest monitoring conducted in adjacent or overlapping areas.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will analyze the data to identify any trends in the number of raptor breeding attempts the Facility supports and the success of those attempts. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will submit a report after each year of long-term raptor nest surveys.

2.3 Monitoring Protocol

Qualifications of surveyors: Surveys and nest monitoring will be conducted by professional, qualified biologists with a relevant academic background and sufficient field experience pertaining to avian biology and species identification.

[2] As used in this plan, "life of the Facility" means continuously until the Facility is restored and the site certificate is terminated in accordance with OAR 345-027-0110.

Survey period: Occupancy surveys will be conducted between March 1 and May 31. The survey period may be extended in consultation with ODFW and ODOE.

Survey area: The survey area will be limited to leased parcels within the Site Boundary, where surveyor access is granted. Surveys will be performed from public roads and project roads, or from participating landowner parcels only, as site conditions safely permit (e.g. snow, mud).

Survey protocol: Biologists will conduct a ground-based search for raptor nest activity using binoculars and/or spotting scopes to search potential nest sites. Previously identified nests will be surveyed to determine the occupancy status of nests. New nests that are discovered will also be surveyed~~,~~ and visited in future monitoring years. A log will be kept to track nest occupancy status on all nests. ArcGIS Online or similar GIS program will be used to locate and track the nests.

Data collection: Data collected during the survey will include, at a minimum, the location, occupancy status, occupying species, activity observed, and condition of each nest.

<u>Nest Location:</u> Nest/Burrow Identification Number: Existing IDs will be used where possible in addition to corresponding GPS waypoint numbers.

<u>Occupying Species:</u> Using four-letter American Ornithologists' Union codes (e.g., SWHA = Swainson's hawk).

<u>Raptor Activity:</u>

- Adult Present: Proximity of the adult to the nest (e.g., on nest, nearby, or unknown).
- Eggs or Young: Number of eggs or young observed.
- Nest Substrate: Structure in which nest was located (e.g., broadleaf tree, cut bank, transmission pole, etc.).
- Nest Height: Height relative to the structure it is on (e.g., on top of transmission pole, 3/4 of height of tree).

<u>Nest Condition:</u> To assess nest condition the following criteria will be used:

- No Longer Present: For nests that are no longer present.
- Unknown: The nest cannot be found, was not surveyed, or the nest is present, but because of its location a determination cannot be made.
- Excellent: Defined cup or nest bowl with a well-maintained rim; adult or young present.
- Good: Nest bowl intact and rim defined; minor repair needed for nest to be used; margins of nest in loose configuration, minor slumping occurring.
- Fair: Nest bowl intact and nest not dilapidated; but needs significant repair in order to be used; material is slumping or sliding.
- Poor: Loose structure of nest bowl still present; nest walls and side falling out; nest is in need of major repair to be used.
- Remnant: Nest bowl not defined; scant material remaining and not usable unless fully rebuilt.

Determination of active nests: Nest occupancy status will be determined using the definitions below.

Active: Defined by the presence of one or more eggs, dependent young, or adults on the nest in the past 10 days during the breeding season, including the period when adults are displaying courtship behaviors and are building or adding to the nest in preparation for egg-laying.

Potentially Active: There is not observable activity during the visit, but active status cannot be confirmed.

Inactive: The inactive status will only be determined if the nest is observed for at least one hour each time over the course of two consecutive visits separated by at least one day.

3.0 Washington Ground Squirrel Monitoring

No WAGS were detected during baseline surveys, but any new colonies that are detected incidentally during other surveys, such as raptor nest monitoring, will be documented and the extent of those colonies delineated and included in future WAGS monitoring and reporting activities.

If any incidental WAGS are detected, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ qualified personnel to monitor these locations every 5 years thereafter in years divisible by five for the life of the Facility (i.e., on the same monitoring schedule as the raptor nest surveys). The survey area will include the colonies (i.e., groups of active burrows) and a buffer of 785 feet in suitable habitat, if accessible. The surveyors will walk linear transects spaced 165 to 230 feet (50 to 70 meters) apart two times between February 15 and May 31. Surveys of each location will be spaced at least 2 weeks apart. Surveyors will record locations of activity centers and colony boundaries using a sub-meter accuracy GPS unit; approximate number of burrows; and representative photographs of burrows and scat. Surveyors will describe habitat characteristics at each location and note any noticeable land use or habitat changes that may have occurred since detection.

After each survey, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report the results to ODFW and ODOE and will include maps of the areas surveyed and detection locations. WAGS surveys will not be conducted if there are barriers to WAGS dispersal (i.e., active agriculture fields, highways, perennial waterbodies) or no suitable habitat.

4.0 Wildlife Reporting and Handling System

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will document fatalities found during routine maintenance activities and any other incidentally detected fatalities. However, systematic post-construction fatality monitoring studies are not likely to produce significant findings or provide meaningful data on impacts based on the attributes of this Facility (especially relative to the costs that they incur to implement) as described below, and therefore no systematic post-construction fatality monitoring study is proposed for the Facility nor is one needed to meet the standards under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-022-0060. In a December 2023 meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and ODOE, ODFW stated they are not requesting a post-construction fatality monitoring study for the Facility. If evidence of significant fatality events is detected by operations and maintenance (O&M) staff, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will coordinate with

ODOE and ODFW regarding the need for systematic post-construction fatality monitoring and adaptive management.

Although mortality at the Facility due to collision with infrastructure is possible, as it is with most human development (e.g., buildings), the available literature on avian mortality at utility-scale photovoltaic solar energy sites suggests that mortality at these facilities is comparatively low (Walston et al. 2016, Loss et al. 2014, Kosciuch et al. 2020, Smith et al. 2021). In Oregon, results of a fatality study at a 56-MW photovoltaic facility near Prineville detected only three bird fatalities, only two of which were native birds (i.e., a horned lark [*Eremophila alpestris*] and a dark-eyed junco [*Junco hyemalis*]), during 1 year of standardized searches (ODOE 2020). These results suggest that large fatality events are unlikely at photovoltaic solar facilities in the region but that low numbers of fatalities of common ground-dwelling bird species could be detected at the Facility (ODOE 2020), and may be similar to background mortality levels. Post-construction fatality monitoring studies conducted at utility-scale photovoltaic solar facilities to date have reported lower fatality rates compared to other human development types, with fatalities in general primarily composed of resident ground-nesting birds.

In contrast to wind energy development, impacts to wildlife from photovoltaic solar development are primarily associated with habitat loss rather than direct mortality from collisions. The Facility is located almost entirely on wheat fields, and impacts to wildlife habitat will be minimal, restricted primarily to small tracts of disturbed grasslands. This habitat will be mitigated in accordance with ODFW's Habitat Mitigation Policy (OAR 635-415-0025), as described in the Facility's Exhibit P and Habitat Mitigation Plan (Attachment P-2 to Exhibit P; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will adhere to standard best management practices including following Avian Powerline Interaction Committee guidelines for minimizing avian collisions and electrocutions (APLIC 2006, 2012), primarily burying the medium voltage collector line system, and implementing down-shield lighting for permanent lighting at the substations and O&M buildings, and identifying a licensed local wildlife rehabilitator capable of responding to the Facility in the event of injured wildlife. Based on coordination with ODFW, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will additionally install flight diverters on the overhead collector line that crosses Sand Hollow. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will use wildlife-friendly fencing that does not include a top strand. Thus, the Facility has already minimized the risk of avian collision fatalities, based on known risk factors such as lighting (Gehring et al. 2009; Kerlinger et al. 2010; USFWS 2012, 2013).

Additionally, post-construction fatality monitoring is not necessary for the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder to meet the standards under OAR 345-022-0060 (i.e., that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are consistent with the general fish and wildlife habitat mitigation goals and standards of OAR 635-415-0025, ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy) because the mitigation goals and standards relate to fish and wildlife habitat quality and quantity rather than fatalities of fish and wildlife individuals. OAR 635-415-0025 goals and standards for impacts to Category 2, 3, 4, and 5 habitat (i.e., the habitat categories addressed in the Facility's Habitat Mitigation Plan) include avoidance and, where impacts are unavoidable, mitigation to achieve the goal of no net loss of either habitat quantity or quality (Category 2, 3 and 4 habitat) and/or a net benefit in habitat quantity or quality (Category 2 and 5

habitat). Fatality monitoring, in itself, does not improve or maintain habitat quantity or quality, nor would the results of monitoring affect the habitat mitigation ratios or the size of the mitigation need described in the Facility's Habitat Mitigation Plan attached to Exhibit P and Attachment 6 for RFA 1. Therefore, a systematic post-construction fatality monitoring study is not necessary for the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) to determine that the Facility is consistent with OAR 635-415-0025

Although standardized fatality searches will not be implemented, all incidentally detected fatalities will be reported in the WRHS. The WRHS is a program for O&M staff to report wildlife (including bird and bat) casualties found during operation of the Facility. O&M staff will be trained in the methods needed to carry out this program. This monitoring program includes the initial response, handling, and reporting of bird and bat carcasses discovered incidental to maintenance operations ("incidental finds"). Approximately 10 permanent O&M staff are anticipated to be on-site for Facility operations and be responsible for WRHS program implementation. If a battery energy storage system is installed, additional workers will be on-site, but they will likely be contract employees and will not be included in WRHS program implementation. As part of routine O&M activities, O&M staff will visit each inverter pad approximately every 6 months to visually inspect equipment. If evidence of significant fatality events is detected by O&M staff, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will coordinate with ODOE and ODFW regarding the need for systematic post-construction fatality monitoring.

All carcasses discovered by O&M staff will be photographed and recorded. If O&M staff find a carcass at the Facility, they will notify qualified personnel who will identify the carcass. If the qualified personnel determines that a carcass is a state or federally threatened or endangered or otherwise protected species, agency reporting procedures and timelines specified in Section 5.0 shall be followed. Information recorded for each carcass and reported to ODFW and ODOE will include the location, date of discovery, species if known, as well as any evidence that might assist in determination of cause of death, such as evidence of electrocution, vehicular strike, wire strike, predation, or disease. Based on coordination with ODFW, feather spots[3] will be documented if found as well, consistent with industry standards; however, feather spots will not necessarily be attributed to a Facility-caused fatality (personal communication with J. Thompson, ODFW, December 13, 2023). Fatalities documented by O&M staff will be reported to ODOE and ODFW annually, as described in Section 5.0.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will develop and implement a protocol for handling injured birds. Any injured native birds found at the Facility may be carefully captured by trained qualified personnel and transported to a qualified rehabilitation specialist approved by ODOE. Alternatively, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may contact a qualified rehabilitation specialist approved by ODOE to respond to injured wildlife. Blue Mountain Wildlife (https://bluemountainwildlife.org/, 541.278.0215), located in Pendleton, Oregon, has confirmed the ability to respond to injured native wildlife, especially migratory birds, at the Facility (Lynn Tompkins, personal communication, April 11, 2023). The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will pay costs,

[3] Feather spots are defined as at least 5 tail feathers, or 2 primary feathers, or a total of at least 10 feathers with no attached bone or tissue, within 5 meters of each other (CEC and CDFG 2007).

if any, charged for time and expenses related to care and rehabilitation of injured native birds found on the site, unless the cause of injury is clearly demonstrated to be unrelated to Facility operations.

5.0 Data Reporting

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report wildlife monitoring methods, data, and data analysis to ODOE for each calendar year in which wildlife monitoring occurs. Monitoring data include raptor nest survey data, WAGS monitoring data (if applicable), and WRHS data. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may include the reporting of wildlife monitoring data and analysis in the annual report required under OAR 345-026-0080 or submit this information as a separate document at the same time the annual report is submitted. In addition, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide to ODOE data or records generated in carrying out this WMP upon request by ODOE.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and ODFW if any federal or state endangered or threatened species are killed or injured at the Facility within 24 hours of species identification.

6.0 Plan Amendment

This WMP may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and EFSC. Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this WMP. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.

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Attachment K: Draft Inadvertent Discovery Plan

Inadvertent Discovery Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 2

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Pine Gate Renewables (PGR) proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 2 (Facility), a solar energy generation facility with related or supporting facilities including an energy storage system on private lands in Morrow County, Oregon. PGR seeks a Site Certificate through the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) for the Facility. The Facility will include an up to ~~1,~~200-megawatt (MW) solar project, battery energy storage system, and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1). The ~~proposed~~ approved solar facility siting area (Facility site boundary) ~~will include approximately 10,960 acres of~~is located on privately owned agricultural land with areas of sage brush near the drainages and along Sand Hollow Canyon.

To meet the requirements for site certification, PGR must develop an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) for monitoring construction activities and responding to the discovery of archaeological resources or buried human remains.

2.0 CULTURAL RESOURCES IN THE PROJECT AREA

The entirety of the Facility site boundary and a 2-mile viewshed was surveyed for cultural resources, including pedestrian surveys along with subsurface shovel probing within the Facility site boundary. ~~A total of seven archaeological sites, one archaeological site with standing structures, and three isolated finds were identified in the Facility site boundary. All have been recommended as not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). In addition, two~~One Historic Propert~~ies~~y of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSIT~~s~~), Sand Hollow Battleground ~~and Sisupa~~, is~~are~~ identified in the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) archaeological database as overlapping a portion of the Facility site boundary. The HPRCSITs are eligible for listing on the NRHP.

Due to the presence of two culturally important resource areas to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) within the Facility site boundary and its viewshed, the CTUIR has recommended monitoring to protect potential HPRCSIT-associated subsurface resources. The CTUIR has recommended that monitoring occur in the following areas:

- Within the HPR~~S~~CSIT boundaries and a 100-foot surrounding buffer area, monitoring should occur for all ground disturbing activities, except driving posts for the solar modules; and
- Monitoring should occur within the Facility site boundary for all excavation work related to the proposed 3-foot-deep collector cable system.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

Prior to construction, PGR will develop a Monitoring Plan that incorporates this IDP and includes necessary staff, agency, and tribal contact information once determined. This plan should include monitoring protocols and staffing roles and incorporate input from the CTUIR.

3.0 PROCEDURES FOR THE DISCOVERY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

If any staff, contractors, or subcontractors, including archaeological and/or tribal monitors, believe that they have encountered cultural or archaeological remains of any kind, all work at and adjacent to the discovery shall immediately cease. The area of work stoppage will be adequate to provide for the security, protection, and integrity of the archaeological discovery. A cultural resource discovery may be pre-contact period or historic period in age and consist of (but not limited to):

- Areas of charcoal or charcoal-stained soil and stones;
- Stone tools or waste flakes (i.e., an arrowhead or stone chips);
- Bone, burned rock, or shell, whether or not seen in association with stone tools or chips;
- Clusters of tin cans, ceramics, flat glass, or bottles; and
- Concentrations of brick, railway tracks, or logging or agricultural equipment.

In the event unrecorded archaeological resources are identified during the construction or operation of the Sunstone Solar Project 2, work within 100 feet of the find shall be halted and directed away from the discovery until a Qualified Archaeologist[2] assesses the resource and its significance for inclusion on the NRHP. This assessment will include coordination with the CTUIR. (A wider avoidance area will be required for human remains; see below.) The archaeologist, in coordination with ODOE, the SHPO, Facility personnel, CTUIR, and the landowner, shall make the necessary plans for treatment of the finds and for the evaluation and mitigation of impacts if the finds are found to be eligible for listing on the NRHP.

A Qualified Archaeologist will determine if the resources are archaeological and greater than 50 years old. If the archaeologist believes that the discovery is a cultural resource, he or she in coordination with the PGR Construction Manager will establish a 100-foot avoidance buffer to protect the discovery site where construction activities will be suspended until treatment of the discovery can be determined. Vehicles, equipment, and unauthorized personnel will not be permitted to traverse the discovery site or avoidance area. Any newly discovered archaeological resource will be considered eligible to the NRHP until determined otherwise. Work in the immediate area will not resume until treatment of the discovery has been completed.

If archaeological artifacts are observed during construction, the Qualified Archaeologist will ensure proper documentation and assessment of any discovered cultural resources. All precontact and

[2] *Qualified Archaeologist* - means a person with qualifications meeting the federal secretary of the interior's standards for a Professional Archaeologist . An individual who has: (A) A post-graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, history, classics or other germane discipline with a specialization in archaeology, or a documented equivalency of such a degree; (B) Twelve weeks of supervised experience in basic archaeological field research, including both survey and excavation and four weeks of laboratory analysis or curating; and (C) Has designed and executed an archaeological study, as evidenced by a Master of Arts or Master of Science thesis, or report equivalent in scope and quality, dealing with archaeological field research.

historic cultural material discovered during project construction will be recorded by the archaeologist in SHPO's online archaeological site form database. Site overviews, features, and artifacts will be photographed; stratigraphic profiles and soil/sediment descriptions will be prepared for subsurface exposure. Discovery locations will be documented on scaled site plans and site location maps.

If the Qualified Archaeologist in consultation with the SHPO and CTUIR determines that the discovery is an NRHP-eligible cultural resource, they will consult to determine appropriate treatment to be presented and agreed upon in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or other appropriate documentation. Mitigation measures will be developed in consultation with PGR, ODOE, SHPO, CTUIR, and the landowner, and could include avoidance through redesign, conducting data recovery, and/or relocating materials. Treatment measures performed may include protecting in place or data recovery such as mapping, photography, limited probing, and sample collection, or other activity deemed appropriate through an MOA or other appropriate documentation.

If human remains are inadvertently discovered, ODOE, SHPO, the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS), and CTUIR will decide when construction may continue at the discovery location. Where cultural resources are encountered during construction, but additional project effects to the resources are not anticipated, Facility construction may continue while documentation and assessment of the cultural resources proceed. If continued construction is likely to cause additional impacts to such resources, Facility activities within a radius of 100 feet of the discovery will cease until the Qualified Archaeologist has documented the site, evaluated its significance in consultation with CTUIR, and assessed potential effects to the site.

Discovery Procedures: What to do if you find something

1) **Immediately Discontinue All Ground Disturbing Activity. Do Not Touch Or Move The Objects, and Maintain Confidentiality of the Site. Do Not Take Photos.** Removing bone fragments, artifacts, and other items from any archaeological site, without proper authorization, is against the law. Violators could be charged in state or federal court resulting in a fine or imprisonment.
2) Do not draw any attention to the area with obvious flagging or markers. Maintain confidentiality concerning the discovery of the cultural resource, and do not discuss with anyone other than the contact people listed above. Secure and protect area of inadvertent discovery with 100 foot buffer—work may continue outside of this buffer.
3) Notify PGR Project Manager and ODOE (see Attachment A).
4) Construction Manager will need to contact a Qualified Archaeologist to assess the find.
5) If archaeologist determines the find is an archaeological site or object, contact SHPO. If it is determined to *not* be archaeological, you may continue work.

4.0 PROCEDURES FOR THE DISCOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS

If human remains and/or associated grave goods are inadvertently encountered during Project activities, the Oregon State legislature protocol for inadvertent discovery of human remains will be

followed (Oregon State Legislature 2025~~3~~). All activity that may cause further disturbance to the remains shall cease and the area secured and protected from further disturbance. A 200-foot avoidance buffer will be utilized for human remains and associated grave goods until appropriate treatment is completed. The presence of skeletal remains will be immediately reported to the County Medical Examiner, Oregon State Police, SHPO, and LCIS. The remains will not be touched, moved, or further disturbed. The County Medical Examiner or LCIS State Physical Anthropologist will assume jurisdiction over the human skeletal remains and determine whether those remains are forensic or non-forensic. If the remains are non-forensic, then they will report that finding to SHPO and the State Physical Anthropologist with the LCIS, who will then take jurisdiction over the remains and will notify CTUIR.

Although excavation work in the immediate area of a human remains find will not resume until assessment has been completed, excavation work may continue in other parts of the Facility that have been surveyed for cultural resources. Due to the sensitive nature of such a find, human remains should never be left unattended. No work will resume in the area of a human remains discovery until written authorization has been received from the LCIS and SHPO.

Discovery Procedures: What to do if you find something

1) **Immediately Discontinue All Ground Disturbing Activity. Do Not Touch Or Move The Objects, and Maintain Confidentiality of the Site. Do Not Take Photos.** Removing bone fragments, artifacts, and other items from any archaeological site, without proper authorization, is against the law. Violators could be charged in state or federal court resulting in a fine or imprisonment.
2) Do not draw any attention to the area with obvious flagging or markers. Maintain confidentiality concerning the inadvertent discovery, and do not discuss with anyone other than the contact people listed above. Secure and protect area of inadvertent discovery with 60-meter/200-foot buffer, then work may continue outside of this buffer with caution.
3) Cover remains from view and protect them from damage or exposure, restrict access, and leave in place until directed otherwise. Do not take photographs. Do not speak to the media.
4) Notify (refer to Attachment A for contact information):
   - PGR Project Manager
   - ODOE
   - Oregon State Police **DO NOT CALL 911**
   - SHPO
   - LCIS State Physical Anthropologist
   - CTUIR and other appropriate Native American Tribes determined by LCIS
5) If the site is determined not to be a crime scene by the Oregon State Police, do not move anything! The remains will continue to be secured in place along with any associated funerary objects, and protected from weather, water runoff, and shielded from view.

6) Do not resume any work in the buffered area until a plan is developed and carried out between ODOE, SHPO, LCIS, and appropriate Native American Tribes and you are directed that work may proceed.

5.0 CONFIDENTIALITY

The Facility and employees shall make their best efforts, in accordance with federal and state law, to ensure that its personnel and contractors keep the discovery confidential. The media, or any third-party member or members of the public are not to be contacted or have information regarding the discovery, and any public or media inquiry is to be reported to ODOE. Prior to any release, the responsible agencies and Tribes shall concur on the amount of information, if any, to be released to the public.

To protect fragile, vulnerable, or threatened sites, the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (Section 304 [16 U.S.C. 470s-3]), and Oregon State law (Oregon Revised Statute 192.501(11)) establishes that the location of archaeological sites, both on land and underwater, shall be confidential.

6.0 REFERENCES

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ATTACHMENT A: CONTACTS

1. Pine Gate Renewables

Project Manager	To be determined prior to construction

2. Cultural Resource Contacts

Qualified Archaeologist	Lara Rooke, Tetra Tech
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Oregon SHPO State Archaeologist	John Pouley
	(503) 480-9164
State Physical Anthropologist, LCIS	Dr. Elissa Bullion
	(971) 707-1372 or (503) 986-1067

3. Agency Contacts

ODOE	Christopher Clark
	(503) 871-7254
Oregon State Police	Craig Heuberger
	(503) 731-0079 or (503) 731-3030 (dispatch)
Morrow County Medical Examiner	(541) 676-5421

4. Tribal Contacts

CTUIR	Teara Farrow Ferman (Human Remains)
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Attachment L: Draft Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 2

Draft Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 2

~~**June 2023**~~

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APLIC	Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~	Sunstone Solar 2, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC
BMP	best management practice
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
Facility	Sunstone Solar Project 2
Li-ion	lithium-ion
MW	megawatt
O&M	operations and maintenance
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
Plan	Wildfire Mitigation Plan
RACE	Rescue, Alarm, Contain, Extinguish
RFA	Request for Amendment
SCADA	supervisory, control, and data acquisition
UL	Underwriters Laboratories

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 2, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct the approved Sunstone Solar Project 2 (Facility), a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate~~with~~ up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal electric generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. ~~In addition to solar arrays, the proposed Facility would include up to 17.2 gigawatt hours of distributed battery storage capacity, an interconnection substation, up to seven collector substations, an operations and maintenance building, and other structures including roads, perimeter fencing, and gates. The Facility is proposed to be sited within an approximately 10,960-acre (17 square mile) site boundary in Morrow County. All land within the proposed site boundary is privately owned and zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.~~ The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan) is attached to Exhibit V – Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation[2] and updated for Request for Amendment (RFA) 1 (see Attachment 6) which~~that~~ was prepared to meet the submittal requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-021-0010(1)(v), including providing evidence that the Facility complies with the approval standard in OAR 345-022-0115.

2.0 Wildfire Risk Minimization Procedures

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source;*

In addition to the measures described in this plan, the risk of a wildfire affecting the public safety, first responders, or Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council–protected resources would be minimized by the procedures listed in Table 1.

The Certificate H~~h~~older will contact local fire districts, as well as local emergency management agencies to request and incorporate any input into final Construction WMP, as appropriate, about

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit V, May 16, 2024.

the location and types of temporary fire breaks needed in the event of a fire on or off site. The final WMP shall designate:

- Estimated response times for on-site staff and local emergency service providers (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Protocols for staff or emergency providers to erect or create fire breaks in the event of a fire (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Identify and provide maps of:
  - Primary access points and facility components.
  - Important safety features or hazards such as shut-offs and hazardous material storage areas.
  - Priority areas where fire breaks would be prioritized to protect fires spreading off site or impacting the facility site.

During construction, the C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older or its contractor will work directly with local emergency responders, if available, to compile and maintain a current list of adjacent landowners/property owners with contact information. The final Wildfire Mitigation Plan will identify the best notification procedures of adjacent landowners/property owners to provide to local and regional emergency services for emergency notifications, in the event of an ignition or fire at the facility.

Table 1: Procedures to Minimize Wildfire Risk

Topic	Procedures
Public health and safety	The public will be excluded from the solar array, substation, and battery energy storage system facilities by fencing. Ground-mounted inverters and junction boxes will be surrounded by bollards to minimize inadvertent vehicle/farm equipment collisions with electrical equipment.
First Responders	The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will offer annual training to local first responders. Training will cover the firefighting responses to electrical fires. Response to fires in the facility should focus on controlling spread to adjacent lands. Operational staff will be trained in the use of fire extinguishers for responding to incipient stage fires on site.
Resource Protection	Resources covered by Energy Facility Siting Council standards near the site boundary include agricultural land, shrub steppe habitat, and cultural resources. The existing county roads will form a fire break between fields that will discourage the spread of wildfire between fields into wildlife habitat or cultural resources. ~~According to Exhibit S, within the analysis area there are four cultural resources that are listed or likely eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The four cultural resources include two historic sites, ES-KB-03 and ES-KB-07, and two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes, Sand Hollow Battle Ground and Sisupa. ES-KB-03 is a Dutch barn that was constructed in the late 19th to early 20th century.~~

3.0 Wildfire Risk Assessment

This Plan has been prepared to meet the approval standard under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b), which requires:

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;*

Prior to construction of the facility provide a summary update of wildfire risk at the site as designated under OAR 345-022-0115, if significantly different from Final Order on ASC and the Request for Amendment 1.

4.0 Inspection and Management

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;*

4.1 Vegetation Management

The Certificate Holder and contractor(s) will maintain vegetation within the Site Boundary and will also maintain a defensible space clearance along Facility features. Defensible space will be free of combustible vegetation or other materials. Roads and parking areas will be maintained to be free of vegetation tall enough to contact the undercarriage of the vehicle.

The following best management practices to minimize fire risk from vehicle travel and fueling activities would be implemented at the site during construction:

- The movement of vehicles will be planned and managed to minimize fire risk.
- The contractor(s) will be responsible for identifying and marking paths for all off-road vehicle travel. All off-road vehicle travel will be required to stay on the identified paths. No off-road vehicle travel will be permitted while working alone. Travel off road or parking in vegetated areas will be restricted during fire season.
- Areas with grass that are as tall or taller than the exhaust system of a vehicle must be wetted before vehicles travel through it.
- Workers will be instructed to shut off the engine of any vehicle that gets stuck, and periodically inspect the area adjacent to the exhaust system for evidence of ignition of vegetation. Stuck vehicles will be pulled out rather than “rocked” free and the area will be inspected again after the vehicle has been moved.
- All combustion engines (including but not limited to off road vehicles, chainsaws, and generators) will be equipped with a spark arrester that meets U.S. Forest Service Standard 5100-1.

- The contractor(s) will designate a location for field fueling operations at the temporary construction yards. Any fueling of generators, pumps, etc. shall take place at this location only.
- Fuel containers, if used, shall remain in a vehicle or equipment trailer, parked at a designated location alongside a county right-of-way. No fuel containers shall be in the vehicles that exit the right-of-way except the five-gallon container that is required for the water truck pump.
- Smoking shall only be allowed in designated smoking areas at the Facility.

5.0 Preventative and Minimization Actions for Wildfire Risk

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;

5.1 Preventative Actions

Unless already paved, access roads will be graveled. Facility roads will be sufficiently sized for emergency vehicle access in accordance with 2019 Oregon Fire Code requirements, including Section 503 and Appendix D - Fire Apparatus Access Roads[3]. Specifically, roads will primarily be 10 feet wide in the solar array area with roads up to 20 feet wide near the substation, with an internal turning radius of 28 feet and less than 10 percent grade, or a similar profile depending on siting, to provide access to emergency vehicles. The areas immediately around the O&M buildings, substations, and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present. See Exhibit U[4] for additional discussion of Project fire prevention measures and coordination with local emergency responders.

5.2 Preventative Programs

The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will implement the following programs to minimize fire risk during construction of the Facility, as applicable.

5.2.1 Occupational Safety and Health Act–Compliant Fire Prevention Plan

To assure safe and healthful working conditions under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, all workers, contracting employees, and other personnel performing official duties at the Facility will conduct work under a Fire Prevention Plan that meets applicable portions of 29 CFR 1910.39, 29 CFR 1910.155, and 29 CFR 1910, subpart L. The plan will ensure that:

- Workers are trained in fire prevention, good housekeeping, and use of a fire extinguisher.

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit D, May 16, 2024.
[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit U, May 16, 2024.

- Necessary equipment is available to fight incipient stage fires. Fire beyond incipient stage shall be managed using local fire response organizations.
- Provide necessary safety equipment for handling and storing combustible and flammable material.
- Ensure equipment is maintained to prevent and control sources of ignition.
- Do not allow smoking or open flames in an area where combustible materials are located.
- Implement a Hot Work Procedure program.

5.2.2 Fire Weather Monitoring and Hot Work

Burn probability, expected flame length, and overall risk may increase during periods of the fire season. Personnel on site will monitor Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings. A fire weather watch indicates the potential for weather conducive to large fore spread in the next 12 to 72 hours. A Red Flag Warning is issued when current weather conditions are conducive to large fire growth in the next 24 hours. Personnel monitoring these conditions shall halt work in high risk locations, designated in this plan, and employ additional mitigation measures designated in this plan. Mitigation measures during a Red Flag Warning include, but are not limited to, communicating to on-site staff of the Red Flag Warning, communicating with local fire protection agency personnel of on-going conditions, driving or parking on roads to avoid sparking a fire in grass or brush, and halting construction activities that may increase fire risk such as hot work. All hot work (any cutting, welding, or other activity that creates spark or open flame) must be conducted on roads or on non-combustible surfaces, and fire suppression equipment will be immediately available during hot work activities. Following the completion of hot work, the Certificate Holder or contractor(s) must maintain a fire watch for 60 minutes to monitor for potential ignition.

5.2.3 Emergency Management Plan

The EMP will be prepared prior to construction by the Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ and construction contractor and will contain policies and procedures for preparing for and responding to a range of potential emergencies, including fires. Implementation of the EMP will ensure risks to public health and safety and risks to emergency responders are minimized. Any potential fires inside the solar array will be controlled by trained staff who will be able to access the Facility around the clock. These measures will help keep external fires out or internal fires in. The EMP will cover response procedures that consider the dry nature of the region and address risks on a seasonal basis. The plan will also specify communication channels the Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ intends to pursue with local fire protection agency personnel, for example, a construction kickoff meeting to discuss emergency planning, and invitations to observe any emergency drill conducted at the Facility.

In addition to the emergency responses to be stipulated in the EMP, personnel will be trained on the RACE (Rescue, Alarm,~~,~~ Contain, Extinguish) procedure to implement in the event of a fire start. The RACE procedure includes:

- **Rescue** anyone in danger (if safe to do so);
- **Alarm** – call the control room, who will then determine if 911 should be alerted;
- **Contain** the fire (if safe to do so); and
- **Extinguish** the incipient fire stage (if safe to do so).

Vehicles on-site will carry fire suppression equipment during the fire season. This equipment shall include, at a minimum:

- Fire Extinguisher: Dry chemical, 2.5 or 2.8 pound, 1A-10B: C U/L rating, properly mounted or secured;
- Shovel;
- Collapsible Pail or Backpack Pump: 5-gallon capacity; and
- Drip Can.

Another safety mitigation measure is to have available on site during construction is a water truck, water buffalo, or tank with minimum 500 gallon capacity.

Personnel will receive training on use of suppression equipment. All personnel shall also be equipped with communication equipment capable of reaching the control room from all locations within the site boundary.

6.0 Plan Updates and Modifications

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.

The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will track the industry groups and applicable design standards outlined in Table 2 to identify future technologies or best practices that could be implemented at the Facility.

Table 2: Resources for Future Best Practices

Reference	Description	Method
American Clean Power (ACP)	Industry group that establishes best practices for renewable energy projects	The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ is a member of ACP and participates in best practice development[1].

Reference	Description	Method
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)	National Energy Reliability Corporation develops electrical standards for large energy facilities.	The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will follow NERC Standard FAC-003-0 for its vegetation management program of transmission lines[2], or updates to this standard as approved by NERC.
Oregon Specialty Building Codes (OSBC)	Building codes applicable to inhabitable spaces, including the O&M building and the substation enclosure.	Remodeling to the O&M and enclosure structure that requires permits will follow any updates to the OSBC at that time.
APLIC	Avian protection methods for electrical facility reduce fires related to bird/mammal nests on electrical equipment	The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ is a member of APLIC[3]. An operational wildlife monitoring program will inspect for wildlife nesting on facilities that could cause fire, and take actions following applicable laws (e.g., Migratory Bird Treaty Act).

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2. NERC FAC-003-0: https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Reliability%20Standards/FAC-003-0.pdf.
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Attachment M: Draft Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 2

Draft Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APLIC	Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~	Sunstone Solar 2, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC
BMP	best management practice
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
Facility	Sunstone Solar Project 2
Li-ion	lithium-ion
MW	megawatt
O&M	operations and maintenance
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
Plan	Wildfire Mitigation Plan
RACE	Rescue, Alarm, Contain, Extinguish
RFA	Request for Amendment
SCADA	supervisory, control, and data acquisition
UL	Underwriters Laboratories

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 2, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct the approved Sunstone Solar Project 2 (Facility), a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate~~with~~ up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal electric generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. ~~In addition to solar arrays, the proposed Facility would include up to 7.2 gigawatt hours of distributed battery storage capacity, an interconnection substation, up to seven collector substations, an operations and maintenance building, and other structures including roads, perimeter fencing, and gates. The Facility is proposed to be sited within an approximately 10,960-acre (17 square mile) site boundary in Morrow County. All land within the proposed site boundary is privately owned and zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.~~ The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan) wa~~i~~s attached to Exhibit V – Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation[2] and updated for Request for Amendment (RFA) 1 (see Attachment 6) which~~that~~ was prepared to meet the submittal requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-021-0010(1)(v), including providing evidence that the Facility complies with the approval standard in OAR 345-022-0115.

2.0 Wildfire Risk Minimization Procedures

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source;*

In addition to the measures described above, the risk of a wildfire affecting the public safety, first responders, or Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council–protected resources would be minimized by the procedures listed in Table 1.

The Certificate H~~h~~older will contact local fire districts, as well as local emergency management agencies to request and incorporate any input into final WMP, as appropriate, about the location

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit V, May 16, 2024.

and types of temporary fire breaks needed in the event of a fire on or off site. The final WMP shall designate:

- Estimated response times for on-site staff and local emergency service providers, (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Protocols for staff or emergency providers to erect or create fire breaks in the event of a fire, (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Identify and provide maps of:
    - Primary access points and facility components.
    - Important safety features or hazards such as shut-offs, battery components, and hazardous material storage areas.
    - Priority areas where fire breaks would be prioritized to protect fires spreading off site or impacting the facility site.

During operation, the C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older or its contractor will work directly with local emergency responders, if available, to compile and maintain a current list of adjacent landowners/property owners with contact information. The final Wildfire Mitigation Plan will identify the best notification procedures of adjacent landowners/property owners to provide to local and regional emergency services for emergency notifications, in the event of an ignition or fire at the facility.

Table 1: Procedures to Minimize Wildfire Risk

Topic	Procedures
Public health and safety	The public will be excluded from the solar array, substation, and battery energy storage system facilities by fencing. Ground-mounted inverters and junction boxes will be surrounded by bollards to minimize inadvertent vehicle/farm equipment collisions with electrical equipment.
First Responders	The C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older will offer annual training to local first responders. Training will cover the firefighting responses to electrical fires and how to safely respond to fires involving BESS components. Response to fires in the facility should focus on controlling spread to adjacent lands. Operational staff will be trained in the use of fire extinguishers for responding to incipient stage fires on site.
Resource Protection	Resources covered by Energy Facility Siting Council standards near the site boundary include agricultural land, shrub steppe habitat, and cultural resources. The existing county roads will form a fire break between fields that will discourage the spread of wildfire between fields into wildlife habitat or cultural resources. ~~According to Exhibit S, within the analysis area there are four cultural resources that are listed or likely eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The four cultural resources include two historic sites, ES-KB-03 and ES-KB-07, and two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes, Sand Hollow Battle Ground and Sisupa. ES-KB-03 is a Dutch barn that was constructed in the late 19th to early 20th century.~~

3.0 Wildfire Risk Assessment Update

This Plan has been prepared to meet the approval standard under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b), which requires:

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;

Prior to operation of the facility provide a summary update of wildfire risk at the site as designated under OAR 345-022-0115.

4.0 Inspection and Management

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;

4.1 Facility Inspections

Facility components will be inspected quarterly. The supervisory, control, and data acquisition (SCADA) system collects operating and performance data from the Facility as a whole and allows remote operation. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will monitor the Facility components, such as the substation and solar arrays, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including shutdown capabilities. These operational monitoring and maintenance measures are also discussed in Section 4.0.

The battery energy storage system may consist of either zinc-based batteries or lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries and will be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules. The modules will be stored on a concrete pad to capture any leaks that may occur. Operations and maintenance (O&M) employees will conduct inspections of the battery energy storage systems according to the manufacturer's recommendations, which are assumed to be monthly inspections.

The zinc-based batteries under consideration for this Facility are non-flammable and tolerate wide temperature ranges. As a result, the manufacturer affirms that they are not anticipated to present a fire hazard and do not require on-site fire suppression systems. Section 2.7.1 of Exhibit B summarizes the information pertinent to fire prevention and control for a Li-ion battery energy storage system, if selected.

Table 2 below provides draft operational inspections for electrical facility components from similar types of facilities. As part of finalizing the final operational WMP, the Certificate Holder~~applicant~~ may update this table as applicable to facility equipment, standards, and inspections.

Table 2: Draft Operational Inspections for Electrical Components

Inspection	Procedure	Standard	Time frame
Solar Inverter	Visual inspection of inverter and surrounding area.	SPCC Plan[1] Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations	Monthly SPCC Bi-annual Preventative Maintenance

Inspection	Procedure	Standard	Time frame
Substation	Visual inspection of MPT, Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC) measures, and surrounding area.	Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations APLIC[2]	Monthly Yearly (APLIC)
BESS	Visual inspection of BESS, PCS, and surrounding areas	SPCC Plan Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations	Monthly
Overhead electrical lines	Visual inspection of components, grounding, APLIC measures, vertical clearance distance between conductor and vegetation.	National Energy reliability Corporation (NERC)[3] APLIC	Bi-annual

1. The Operational Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan for the facility will require these components to be inspected monthly for spills. During these inspections, Operational Staff will also visually inspect the component and surrounding area.

2. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will develop an inspection checklist and program of electrical equipment based on manufacturer's recommendations for individual components.

3. Vegetation maintenance standard FAC-003-0 .

4.2 Vegetation Management

Vegetation within areas temporarily disturbed during construction of the Facility, as well as revegetation of areas within the solar array fence line area, will be revegetated as outlined in the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4[3]; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). As noted in the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, areas within the solar array fence line area will be revegetated with a mixture of low-growing grasses and forbs which would be compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). In addition, vegetation within the solar array fence line area will be managed as needed to reduce fuels for fire. This would include mowing vegetation under solar panels periodically, if required. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will also maintain a 5-foot noncombustible, defensible space clearance along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary. Defensible space will be free of combustible vegetation or other materials. Roads and parking areas will be maintained to be free of vegetation tall enough to contact the undercarriage of the vehicle.

A physical vegetation survey assessment of the fenced area will be completed at least twice a year to monitor for vegetation clearances, maintain fire breaks, as applicable, and monitor for wildfire hazards. One of the vegetation survey assessments will occur in May or June, prior to the start of the dry season, a time when wildfire risk begins to become heightened. The survey will be conducted by the Site Operations Manager and will be used to assess the frequency of any upcoming vegetation maintenance required and identify areas that may need additional attention. The Site

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

Operations Manager will visually assess and document vegetation height, abundance, and areas where vegetation should not be present such as crushed rock bed around collector substations. The vegetation survey assessment will determine that clearances and fire breaks (vegetative clearance areas and areas determined to remain clear to act as permanent fire breaks or areas where temporary fire breaks may be deployed in the event of a fire) are satisfactory, and if not, the mitigation procedures will be implemented (e.g., vegetation management) to ensure clearances and fire breaks are satisfactory The vegetation survey will document::

- Location of observations
- Species
- Estimated growth rate
- Abundance
- Clearance / Setbacks
- Risk of fire hazard

Additional vegetation surveys may be required throughout the season based on seasonally heightened fire risk. Vegetation Maintenance procedures and BMPs will be followed during operation of the Facility to ensure that vegetation does not grow in a manner that blocks or reduces solar radiation reaching the solar panels and reduce the risk of starting a fire. Vegetation control will employ best management practices (BMPs) and techniques that are most appropriate for the local environment. BMPs may include physical vegetation control such as mowing. Noxious weeds within the site boundary will be controlled in accordance with the Noxious Weed Control Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). Efforts will be made to minimize the use of herbicides and only herbicides approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Oregon Department of Agriculture will be used. Herbicides used for vegetation management of the site will be selected and used in a manner that fully complies with all applicable laws and regulations.

Vegetation within the fence line and below the solar arrays will be maintained to a height of 18 inches and provide a minimum of 24-inch clear distance to any exposed electrical cables. Exposed electrical wires should be running under the solar panels at the midpoint or higher than the center of the panel. The areas immediately around the O&M buildings, substations, and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present.

Ongoing vegetation management to ensure that vegetation does not grow in these graveled areas is outlined in Table 3.

Table 3. Vegetation Management Procedures by Facility Component

Vegetation Management	Procedure	Standard	Time Frame
Solar Inverter	Herbicide application on gravel pad around inverter to prevent vegetation growth.	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 80[1] National Electrical Code (NEC) 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Substation	Herbicide application on substation gravel pad. Highly compacted gravel foundations of substation are not suitable for vegetation.	IEEE 80[1] NEC 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Battery energy storage system	Herbicide application on gravel pad surrounding the battery energy storage system. Highly compacted gravel foundations of the battery energy storage system are not suitable for vegetation.	IEEE 80[1] NEC 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Overhead electrical lines	Mow vegetation to achieve clearance requirements between conductor and ground.	North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)[3]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
1. IEEE (2015) 2. NFPA (2023) 3. NERC (2009)			

5.0 Preventative and Minimization Actions for Wildfire Risk

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;

5.1 Preventative Actions and Design Features

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will minimize risk of operation of the facility causing wildfire by implementing a number of systems and procedures. During O&M activities, these will include requirements to conduct welding or metal cutting only in areas cleared of vegetation, and maintaining emergency firefighting equipment on-site. Employees will keep vehicles on roads and off dry grassland when feasible during the dry months of the year, unless such activities are required for emergency purposes, in which case fire precautions will be observed. Fire extinguishers and shovels will be kept in all vehicles. On-site employees will also receive training on fire prevention and response and have on-site fire extinguishers to respond to small fires. In the event of a large fire, emergency responders will be dispatched.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will minimize risk of Facility components causing wildfire through preventative actions. In the design of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement

the design considerations and best practices outlined in Table 4 to minimize electrical fire risk from facility components.

Table 4. Design Considerations for Fire Safety by Facility Component

Consideration	Inverter	Substation	Battery Energy Storage System	Overhead Lines
Electrical connections by qualified electricians	X	X	X	X
Inspections for mechanical integrity prior to energizations	X	X	X	X
Lighting protection	X	X	X	X
Corrosion protection	X	X	X	X
Strain relief of connecting cabling	X	X	X	X
Protection against moisture	X	X	X	X
Grounding systems	X	X	X	X
Safety setback from structures	X[1]	X[1]	X[1]	X[2]
Technology specific design standards	X[3]	X[4]	X[5]	X[3]

1. Graveled inside structure's perimeter fence with additional 3-foot gravel setback outside of structure's perimeter fence
2. Vertical and horizontal clearances from structures depends on voltage of conductor.
3. NFPA 70 (.NFPA 2023).
4. IEEE 979 (IEEE 2012).
5. NFPA 1, Chapter 52 (NFPA 2021).

During Facility operations, the areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire include the solar array areas. The solar array areas will have low-growing vegetation maintained below the solar arrays during the operational period of the Facility. Measures for reducing the risk of fire ignition and reducing the risk of equipment damage were a wildfire to occur are discussed further in Section 3.0, including the Facility's vegetation management program (see Section 3.2), and through the emergency response procedures that will be described in the Emergency Management Plan (EMP). The EMP will be developed for the Facility and is outlined below in Section 4.2.5. The collector substation area, transformer pads, and the permanent, fenced parking and storage area will have reduced risk for fire due to the fact that these areas will have a gravel base with no vegetation within a 10-foot perimeter to reduce fire risk.

The Facility components will meet National Electrical Code and Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers standards and will not pose a significant fire risk. The solar array will have shielded electrical cabling, as required by applicable code, to prevent electrical fires. In addition, the collector system and substation will have redundant surge arrestors to deactivate the Facility during unusual operational events that could start fires. The collector substation ~~and the switchyard~~ will have also sufficient spacing between equipment to prevent the spread of fire.

Unless already paved, access roads will be graveled. Facility roads will be sufficiently sized for emergency vehicle access in accordance with 2019 Oregon Fire Code requirements, including

Section 503 and Appendix D - Fire Apparatus Access Roads. Specifically, roads will primarily be 10 feet wide in the solar array area with roads up to 20 feet wide near the substation, with an internal turning radius of 28 feet and less than 10 percent grade, or a similar profile depending on siting, to provide access to emergency vehicles. A 5-foot noncombustible, defensible space clearance along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary will be maintained. The areas immediately around the O&M buildings, substations, and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present. See Exhibit U for additional discussion of Project fire prevention measures and coordination with local emergency responders. Vegetation free areas such as gravel pads or base and facility perimeter and interior roads act as a permanent fire break which could minimize the spread of fires on site or impacts from an external wildfire.

Smoke/fire detectors will be placed around the site that will be tied to the SCADA system and will contact local firefighting services. This communication system allows each solar string, battery energy storage system, and substation to be monitored by a SCADA system, accessed through both the SCADA control room in the substations or remotely. This system monitors these components for variables such as meteorological conditions, critical operating parameters, and power output. The solar array is controlled and monitored via the SCADA system~~,~~ and can be controlled remotely. SCADA software is tuned specifically to the needs of each project by the solar module manufacturer or a third-party SCADA vendor. This system will be monitored 24/7 by a remote operations center.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes to construct either a direct current–coupled distributed battery energy storage system (located throughout the solar array fence line area at the inverter and transformer sites) or alternating current–coupled battery energy storage system (concentrated in a single location within the solar array fence~~ line area~~). The system as a whole will use a series of self-contained containers located within the solar array fence line area. The containers may have their own additional fencing, to be determined prior to construction. Each container will be placed on a concrete foundation. Regardless of the battery technology selected, the containers are estimated to require up to 0.2 to 0.4 acre each with a total of 2,491~~14,946~~ containers. Each container is rated for outdoor environments and holds the batteries and a battery management system.

The Facility will use either Li-ion batteries or zinc batteries to store up to ~~1,~~200 MW alternating current of power over a 6-hour discharge duration (1~~7~~,200 megawatt-hours alternating current) (ASC Exhibit C, Figure C-2[4]).

The zinc-based batteries under consideration for this Facility are non-flammable and tolerate wide temperature ranges. As a result, the manufacturer affirms that they are not anticipated to present a fire hazard and do not require on-site fire suppression systems. Additionally, zinc batteries will have fans and a heating unit for climate control.

The following paragraphs summarize the information pertinent to fire prevention and control for a Li-ion battery energy storage system, if selected. The chemicals used in Li-ion batteries are generally nontoxic but do present a flammability hazard. Li-ion systems would also include a fire

[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit C, May 16, 2024.

prevention system and cooling units placed either on top of the containers or along the side. Li-ion batteries are susceptible to overheating and typically require cooling systems dedicated to each battery energy storage system enclosure, especially at the utility scale (Jeevarajan et al. 2022). The gas released by an overheating Li-ion cell is mainly carbon dioxide but may also include carbon monoxide, methane, ethylene, and propylene (Jeevarajan et al. 2022).

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following fire prevention and control methods to minimize fire and safety risks for the Li-ion batteries proposed for the battery energy storage system:

- The batteries will be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules.
- Ample working space will be provided around the battery energy storage system for maintenance and safety purposes.
- Off-site, 24-hour monitoring of the battery energy storage system will be implemented and will include shutdown capabilities.
- Transportation of Li-ion batteries is subject to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 173.185 – Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration. This regulation contains requirements for prevention of a dangerous evolution of heat; prevention of short circuits; prevention of damage to the terminals; and prevention of batteries coming into contact with other batteries or conductive materials. Adherence to the requirements and regulations, personnel training, safe interim storage, and segregation from other potential waste streams will minimize any public hazard related to transport, use, or disposal of batteries.
- Design of the battery energy storage system will be in accordance with applicable Underwriters Laboratories (UL; specifically, 1642, 1741, 1973, 9540A), National Electric Code, and National Fire Protection Association (specifically 855) standards, which require rigorous industry testing and certification related to fire safety and/or other regulatory requirements applicable to battery storage at the time of construction.
- Additionally, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ the following design practices, as applicable to the available technology and design at time of construction:
    - Use of Li-ion phosphate battery chemistry that does not release oxygen when it decomposes due to temperature;
    - Employment of an advanced and proven battery management system;
    - Qualification testing of battery systems in accordance with UL 9540A (UL Solutions 2025~~3~~);
    - Employment of Fike fire control panels with 24-hour battery backup at every battery container;

- Installation of fire sensors, smoke and hydrogen detectors, alarms, emergency ventilation systems, cooling systems, and aerosol fire suppression/extinguishing systems in every battery container;
- Installation of doors that are equipped with a contact that will shut down the battery container if opened;
- Installation of fire extinguishing and thermal insulation sheets between each individual battery cell;
- Implementation of locks and fencing to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel;
- Installation of remote power disconnect switches; and
- Clear and visible signs to identify remote power disconnect switches.

5.2 Preventative Programs

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following programs to minimize fire risk during operations of the Facility.

5.2.1 Occupational Safety and Health Act–Compliant Fire Prevention Plan

To assure safe and healthful working conditions under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, all workers, contracting employees, and other personnel performing official duties at the Facility will conduct work under a Fire Prevention Plan that meets applicable portions of 29 CFR 1910.39, 29 CFR 1910.155, and 29 CFR 1910, subpart L. The plan will ensure that:

- Workers are trained in fire prevention, good housekeeping, and use of a fire extinguisher.
- Necessary equipment is available to fight incipient stage fires. Fire beyond incipient stage shall be managed using local fire response organizations.
- Provide necessary safety equipment for handling and storing combustible and flammable material.
- Ensure equipment is maintained to prevent and control sources of ignition.
- Do not allow smoking or open flames in an area where combustible materials are located.
- Implement a Hot Work Procedure program.

5.2.2 Electrical Safety Program

All operational workers will be trained in electrical safety and the specific hazards of the Facility. This training will address:

- Minimum experience requirements to work on different types of electrical components;
- Electrical equipment testing and troubleshooting;
- Switching system;

- Provisions for entering high voltage areas (e.g., substation);
- Minimum approach distances; and
- Required personal protective equipment.

5.2.3 Lock Out/Tag Out Program

During maintenance activities, electrical equipment will be de-energized and physically locked or tagged in the de-energized positions to inadvertent events that could result in arc flash.

5.2.4 Fire Weather Monitoring and Hot Work

Burn probability, expected flame length, and overall risk may increase during periods of the fire season. Personnel on site will monitor Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings. A fire weather watch indicates the potential for weather conducive to large fire spread in the next 12 to 72 hours. A Red Flag Warning is issued when current weather conditions are conducive to large fire growth in the next 24 hours. Personnel monitoring these conditions shall halt work in high-risk locations, as designated in this plan, and employ additional mitigation measures designated in this plan. Mitigation measures during a Red Flag Warning include, but are not limited to, communicating to on-site staff of the Red Flag Warning, communicating with local fire protection agency personnel of on-going conditions, driving or parking on roads to avoid sparking a fire in grass or brush, and halting construction activities that may increase fire risk such as hot work. All hot work (any cutting, welding, or other activity that creates spark or open flame) must be conducted on roads or on non-combustible surfaces, and fire suppression equipment will be immediately available during hot work activities. Following the completion of hot work, the Certificate Holder or contractor(s) must maintain a fire watch for 60 minutes to monitor for potential ignition.

5.2.5 Emergency Management Plan

Emergency Management will cover response procedures that consider the dry nature of the region and address risks on a seasonal basis. The final WMP will specify communication channels the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder intends to pursue with local fire protection agency personnel, for example, annual meetings to discuss emergency planning, protocols for how to respond to electrical fires and safely respond to a fire involving BESS components, and invitations to observe any emergency drill conducted at the Facility.

At the beginning of Facility operations, a copy of the site plan indicating the arrangement of the Facility structures, access points, and fire breaks will be provided to the local fire district.

Personnel will be trained on the RACE (Rescue, Alarm~~,~~, Contain, Extinguish) procedure to implement in the event of a fire start. The RACE procedure includes:

- **Rescue** anyone in danger (if safe to do so);
- **Alarm** – call the control room, who will then determine if 911 should be alerted;

- **Contain** the fire (if safe to do so); and
- **Extinguish** the incipient fire stage (if safe to do so).

Vehicles on-site will carry fire suppression equipment during the fire season. This equipment shall include, at a minimum:

- Fire Extinguisher: Dry chemical, 2.5 or 2.8 pound, 1A-10B: C U/L rating, properly mounted or secured;
- Shovel;
- Collapsible Pail or Backpack Pump: 5-gallon capacity; and
- Drip Can.

During times of heightened wildfire risk, a water truck, water buffalo, or tank with minimum 500 gallon capacity will be stationed at the site during operations and maintenance activities.

Personnel will receive training on use of suppression equipment. All personnel shall also be equipped with communication equipment capable of reaching the control room from all locations within the amended site boundary.

6.0 Plan Updates and Modifications

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.

This Plan will be updated by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder every 5 years. Updates to this Plan will account for changes in local fire protection agency personnel and changes in best practices for minimizing and mitigating fire risk. It is recommended to consult with Morrow County, the local fire department, and the Morrow County Emergency Manager.

After each 5-year review, a copy of the updated plans will be provided to the Oregon Department of Energy with the annual compliance report required under OAR 345-026-008(2).

Every 5 years, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will review wildfire risk and update this Plan for the site boundary. Evaluation of wildfire risk will be consistent with the requirements of OAR 345-022-0115(1) using current data from reputable sources.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may consider revisions to this Plan at its sole discretion to incorporate future best practices or emerging technology depending on whether the new technology is cost effective and suitable for the site conditions. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will track the industry groups and applicable design standards outlined in Table 5 to identify future technologies or best practices that could be implemented at the Facility.

Table 5. Resources for Future Best Practices

Reference	Description	Method
American Clean Power (ACP)	Industry group that establishes best practices for renewable energy projects	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is a member of ACP and participates in best practice development[1].
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)	National Energy Reliability Corporation develops electrical standards for large energy facilities.	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will follow NERC Standard FAC-003-0 for its vegetation management program of transmission lines[2], or updates to this standard as approved by NERC.
Oregon Specialty Building Codes (OSBC)	Building codes applicable to inhabitable spaces, including the O&M building and the substation enclosure.	Remodeling to the O&M and enclosure structure that requires permits will follow any updates to the OSBC at that time.
APLIC	Avian protection methods for electrical facility reduce fires related to bird/mammal nests on electrical equipment	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is a member of APLIC[3]. An operational wildlife monitoring program will inspect for wildlife nesting on facilities that could cause fire, and take actions following applicable laws (e.g., Migratory Bird Treaty Act).
1. Link to ACP Standards & Practices: https://cleanpower.org/resources/types/standards-and-practices/. 2. NERC FAC-003-0: https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Reliability%20Standards/FAC-003-0.pdf. 3. Link to APLIC member organization: https://www.aplic.org/member_websites.php.		

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Attachment O: Decommissioning Cost Estimate and Assumptions

Estimate Summary
TETRA TECH, INC.
Job Code: Sunstone solar
Description: Decommissioning Estimate

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2	1.00	Each	SUNSTONE SOLAR RETIREMENT - PHASE 2	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	23,446,360.38	23,446,360.38
2.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Equipment & Facilities Mob / Demob	0.10	Detail	U.S. Dollar	218,136.80	218,136.80
2.1.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Equipment Mob	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	81,200.00	81,200.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UERNTRLG	Rental Equip Transp-Large		8.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	10,000.00	80,000.00
UERNTRSM	Rental Equip Transp-Small		8.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	150.00	1,200.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.1.2	1.00	Lump Sum	Site Facilities	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,200.00	2,200.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UOCONMOB	Connex Box Mob		2.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	300.00	600.00
UOTRLTRN	Trailer Trnsp/Setup/Trdwn		2.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,600.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.1.3	5.00	Day	Crew Mob & Site Setup	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	13,473.68	67,368.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,000.00	20.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	46,970.00
L010101	OPERATOR	400.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	20,398.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.1.4	5.00	Day	Crew Demob & Site Cleanup	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	13,473.68	67,368.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,000.00	20.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	46,970.00
L010101	OPERATOR	400.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	20,398.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.2	4.00	Month	Project Site Support	0.05	Detail	U.S. Dollar	71,469.70	285,878.80
2.2.1	4.00	Month	Site Facilities	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,755.00	7,020.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
URCONNEX	Connex Box		8.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	150.00	1,200.00
UROFFTRL	Office Trailer -12x60		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	500.00	2,000.00
UO1STAID	1st Aid Supplies		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	300.00	1,200.00
UOOFFSUP	Office Supplies($/prs/mo)		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	55.00	220.00
URPRTAJH	Port-a-John Unit(s) (4)		8.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	300.00	2,400.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.2.2	4.00	Month	Field Management	0.05	Detail	U.S. Dollar	69,714.70	278,858.80

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L90FXX02	Field - Proj Superintendent	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	114.95	101,156.00
RPUTRK05	F-250 4X4 3/4 TON PICKUP	2,640.00	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	11.07	29,211.60
L90FEL00	Field - Engr. Tech	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	64.24	56,531.20
L90FXX03	Field - SHSO	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	104.50	91,960.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3	1.00	Each	Substation Retirement	0.04	Detail	U.S. Dollar	170,429.15	170,429.15
2.3.1	1.00	Day	Fence Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.2	1.00	Each	Transformer Removal	0.17	Detail	U.S. Dollar	102,309.50	102,309.50
2.3.2.1	1.00	Each	Oil Removal & Disposal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	66,314.40	66,314.40

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.2.1.1	1.00	Each	Oil Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	939.40	939.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	20.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	939.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.2.1.2	16,000.00	Gallon	Oil Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4.00	64,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		64,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	64,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.2.1.3	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,375.00	1,375.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,375.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,375.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.2.2	1.00	Each	Dismantle & Loadout Transformer	0.20	Detail	U.S. Dollar	35,995.10	35,995.10
2.3.2.2.1	1.00	Each	Dismantle, Cut & Size	0.20	Detail	U.S. Dollar	29,995.10	29,995.10

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	200.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	9,394.00
L010101	OPERATOR	100.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	50.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	6,226.75
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	50.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	9,274.75

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.2.2.2	4.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	6,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		6,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	6,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.3	1.00	Each	Remove Control Building	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,612.51	2,612.51
2.3.3.1	1.00	Each	Demo	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,112.51	1,112.51

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	234.85
L010101	OPERATOR	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	254.98
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	622.68

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.3.2	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.4	1.00	Day	UG Utility & Ground Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.5	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	28,045.10
2.3.5.1	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation - Various Depth	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	15,516.50

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	1,677.50
L010101	OPERATOR	71.43	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	3,642.57
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	5,748.75

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	4,447.68

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.5.2	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	12,528.60

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	7,429.00
L080940	TEAMSTER	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.6	1.00	Each	Misc. Material Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,900.00	2,900.00
2.3.6.1	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.6.2	20.00	Ton	Disposal Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,400.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,400.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,400.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.7	1.00	Each	Restore Yard	0.23	Detail	U.S. Dollar	31,938.02	31,938.02
2.3.7.1	1.60	Acre	Remove Aggregate / Backfill / Regrade	1.60	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,062.47	3,299.96

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	20.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	939.40
L010101	OPERATOR	20.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,019.92
REXCAV06B	Gradall - Excavator	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	75.73	757.29
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	583.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.7.2	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Vegetative Cover	300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	27.36	27,358.07
2.3.7.2.1	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Topsoil, Delivered	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	20.00	20,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
IMSOIL	Topsoil		1,000.00	Cubic Yard	U.S. Dollar	20.00	20,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.7.2.2	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Placement	300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7.36	7,358.07

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	66.67	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	3,399.73
RDOZER08	CAT D6N XL	66.67	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	59.38	3,958.33

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.3.7.3	1.60	Acre	Re-Seed With Native Vegetation	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,280.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLANDSCAPE	Landscape Sub		1.60	Acre	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,280.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.4	1.00	Lump Sum	Collector Line Retirement	0.07	Detail	U.S. Dollar	46,946.45	46,946.45
2.4.1	5,850.00	Linear Feet	Conductor Removal	585.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	5.50	32,154.10
2.4.1.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Cut / Lower Cable, Size & Loadout	0.10	Detail	U.S. Dollar	31,404.10	31,404.10

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	400.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	18,788.00
L010101	OPERATOR	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60
*RXMISC14	MAN LIFT GAS 125ft	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	53.52	5,352.00
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	2,164.50

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.4.1.2	0.50	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	750.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		750.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	750.00

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	**Quantity**	**UM**	**Description**	**UM/Day**	**Cost Source**	**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
2.4.2	26.00	Each	Utility Pole Removal	5.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	568.94	14,792.35
2.4.2.1	26.00	Each	Cut / Lower Pole	10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	191.78	4,986.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	52.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	2,442.44
L010101	OPERATOR	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,325.90
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	1,217.84

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.4.2.2	26.00	Each	Size & Loadout	10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	191.78	4,986.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	52.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	2,442.44
L010101	OPERATOR	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,325.90
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	1,217.84

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.4.2.3	2.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	3,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		3,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	3,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.4.2.4	26.00	Ton	Disposal Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,820.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,820.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,820.00

Notes: **
Assumption: 101 poles x 2000' per pole
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.5	1.00	Each	O&M Building Removal	0.21	Detail	U.S. Dollar	27,418.75	27,418.75
2.5.1	40.00	Ton	Structure Demo	10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	505.96	20,238.48

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	40.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	4,981.40
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	40.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	7,419.80
L010101	OPERATOR	80.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	4,079.68
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	80.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	3,757.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.5.2	50.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	71.43	Detail	U.S. Dollar	35.61	1,780.27
2.5.2.1	50.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation - Various Depth	250.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	17.38	868.92

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	2.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	93.94
L010101	OPERATOR	4.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	203.98
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	2.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	321.93
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	2.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	249.07

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.5.2.2	50.00	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	18.23	911.35

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	371.45
L080940	TEAMSTER	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	254.98
L010101	OPERATOR	2.50	0.50	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	127.49
RFELWH09	CAT 966F LOADER, 4.25CY	2.50	0.50	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	62.97	157.43

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.5.3	40.00	Ton	Material T&D	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	135.00	5,400.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		2,600.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	2,600.00
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		2,800.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	2,800.00

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.6	1,200.00	MW	DC Storage Retirement	2.47	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,148.02	3,777,627.74
2.6.1	1,200.00	MW	Battery Removal & Disposal	5.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,044.07	2,452,881.60
2.6.1.1	240.00	Day	Remove Batteries, Load For Transport	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,251.10	780,264.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	14,400.00	6.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	676,368.00
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	4,800.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	103,896.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.6.1.2	396.00	Each	Transport Batteries	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,605.60	635,817.60
2.6.1.2.1	396.00	Each	Roll Off Liners	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	105.60	41,817.60

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODCLINER	Rolloff Liner		396.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	105.60	41,817.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.6.1.2.2	396.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	594,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		594,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	594,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.6.1.3	5,184.00	Ton	Disposal Fee's	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	200.00	1,036,800.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,036,800.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,036,800.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.6.2	1,200.00	MW	Structure & Components Removal	4.90	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,103.96	1,324,746.14
2.6.2.1	120.00	Day	Refrigerant Recovery	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,207.80	144,936.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010110	Craft - MEP	2,400.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	60.39	144,936.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.6.2.2	3,936.00	Ton	Structure Demo	43.33	Detail	U.S. Dollar	116.76	459,569.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	908.31	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	113,116.10
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	908.31	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	168,486.54
L010101	OPERATOR	1,816.62	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	92,640.12
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,816.62	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	85,326.42

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.6.2.3	396.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,375.00	544,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		544,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	544,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.6.2.4	105,000.00	Gallon	Glycol Recovery & Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.00	105,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLIQUID	Liquids T&D		105,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	105,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.6.2.5	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	70,740.96
2.6.2.5.1	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	39,138.82

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	4,231.33
L010101	OPERATOR	180.17	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	9,188.02
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	14,500.65
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	11,218.82

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.6.2.5.2	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	31,602.14

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	252.24	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	18,738.91
L080940	TEAMSTER	252.24	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	12,863.23

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.7	1.00	Lump Sum	Solar Array Retirement	0.01	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7,855,381.03	7,855,381.03
2.7.1	11,616.00	Linear Feet	Fence Removal	5,809.92	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.31	15,186.72
2.7.1.1	11,616.00	Linear Feet	Fence Removal	5,809.92	Detail	U.S. Dollar	0.92	10,686.72

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	59.98	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	3,058.75
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	119.96	6.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	5,634.53
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	59.98	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	1,993.44

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.7.1.2	3.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	4,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		4,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	4,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.7.2	656,256.00	Each	Solar Panel Removal & Disposal	10,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7.17	4,708,588.14
2.7.2.1	656,256.00	Each	Solar Panel Removal	10,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3.07	2,017,928.14

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	6,562.56	10.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	142,046.61
L010101	OPERATOR	6,562.56	10.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	334,664.31
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	32,812.80	50.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	1,541,217.22

Notes: ***
Assumed production: 20 panels per laborer per hour,
Includes packaging and preparing for shipment offsite.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.7.2.2	875.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,312,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,312,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,312,500.00

Notes: ***************************************
Assumption: 45,000 lbs per load
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.7.2.3	19,688.00	Ton	Recycling Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,378,160.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,378,160.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,378,160.00

Notes: ***
Assumption: 60 lbs each
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.7.3	1.00	Lump Sum	Solar Rack (Trackers) & Post Removal	0.01	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,131,606.18	3,131,606.18
2.7.3.1	10,938.00	Each	Solar Rack (Trackers) & Post Removal	160.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	252.98	2,767,106.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10,938.00	16.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	557,794.25
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10,938.00	16.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	513,757.86
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	5,469.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	681,081.92
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	5,469.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	1,014,472.16

Notes: **
Assumed production: .5 hour per rack per crew. Crew to include
1 excavator w/shear, 1 excavator w/grapple, 2 operators and 2
laborers. Includes post removal and sizing of steel for sale as scrap,
and loadout to haul trucks.
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Cost Item

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.7.3.2	243.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	364,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		364,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	364,500.00

Notes: **************************************
Assumption: 45,000 lbs per load
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.8	54.00	Each	Inverter / Transformer Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,143.21	169,733.07
2.8.1	54.00	Each	Disconnect Electrical	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	592.13	31,974.75

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010110	Craft - MEP	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	60.39	16,305.30
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	12,681.90
RPUTRK05	F-250 4X4 3/4 TON PICKUP	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	11.07	2,987.55

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.8.2	54.00	Each	Loadout Inverter & Transformer	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,051.08	56,758.32

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	540.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	25,363.80
L010101	OPERATOR	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	13,768.92
RHYDCR06	GROVE RT880 73 TON	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	65.28	17,625.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.8.3	54.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	81,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		81,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	81,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.9	105,665.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Inverter / Transformer / BESS Foundations	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	2,963,385.49
2.9.1	105,665.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	1,639,550.97

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	3,773.75	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	177,253.04
L010101	OPERATOR	7,547.50	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	384,892.31
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	3,773.75	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	607,441.67
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	3,773.75	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	469,963.96

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.9.2	105,665.00	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	1,323,834.52

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	10,566.50	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	784,985.29
L080940	TEAMSTER	10,566.50	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	538,849.23

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.10	1.00	Lump Sum	Site Restoration - Partial Site Seeding	0.03	Detail	U.S. Dollar	532,398.07	532,398.07
2.10.1	39,072.00	Linear Feet	Site Roads - Removal & Restoration	5,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.63	63,790.28

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	312.58	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	18,234.12
L010101	OPERATOR	547.01	7.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	27,895.22
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	156.29	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	11,610.64
*RFELWH08C	CAT 980 LOADER	78.14	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	77.43	6,050.30

Notes: *************************************
Assume topsoil for restoration available onsite.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.10.2	8.00	Each	Remove CONEX Storage & Gravel Pads	6.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	750.46	6,003.65
2.10.2.1	8.00	Each	Remove & Load CONEX	12.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	81.53	652.24

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

L010101	OPERATOR	6.67	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	339.97
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	6.67	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	312.27

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.10.2.2	8.00	Each	Remove CONEX Gravel Pads	12.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	168.93	1,351.41

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	6.67	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	339.97
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	6.67	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	495.27
*RFELWH08C	CAT 980 LOADER	6.67	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	77.43	516.17

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.10.2.3	8.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	500.00	4,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		4,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	4,000.00

Notes: ***
Assumption: CONEX containers will be accepted locally
for re-use, and will only require local transport
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.10.3	431.00	Acre	Spot Grade Disturbed Areas	16.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	273.33	117,804.15

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	1,077.50	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	62,855.96
L010101	OPERATOR	1,077.50	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	54,948.19

Notes: ***
Assume that 35% of the area distrubed by construction
will be regraded.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.10.4	431.00	Acre	Re-Seed With Native Vegetation - Roads & Areas Disturbed By Construction	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800.00	344,800.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLANDSCAPE	Landscape Sub		431.00	Acre	U.S. Dollar	800.00	344,800.00

Notes: ***
Assume that 35% of the area distrubed by construction
will be re-seeded.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.11	1.00	Lump Sum	Contractor Markups	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,329,822.05	3,329,822.05
2.11.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Home Office, Project Management (5% Of Cost)	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	802,366.75	802,366.75

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USMARKUP5	5% Markup		16,047,335.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.05	802,366.75

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.11.2	1.00	Lump Sum	Contractor OH & Fee (15% Of Cost)	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,527,455.30	2,527,455.30

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USMARKUP	15% Markup		16,849,702.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.15	2,527,455.30

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.12	1.00	Lump Sum	ODOE Applied Contingencies	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4,069,202.97	4,069,202.97
2.12.1	1.00	Lump Sum	1% Performance Bond	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	193,771.57	193,771.57

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE1	ODOE 1% Markup		19,377,157.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.01	193,771.57

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2.12.2	1.00	Lump Sum	10% Administrative and Project Management	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,937,715.70	1,937,715.70

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE2	ODOE 10% Markup		19,377,157.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.10	1,937,715.70

Cost Item							
CBS Position Code	**Quantity UM**	**Description**	**UM/Day**	**Cost Source**	**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
2.12.3	1.00 Lump Sum	10% Future Development Contingency	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,937,715.70	1,937,715.70

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE2	ODOE 10% Markup		19,377,157.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	0.10	1,937,715.70

Report Total:	23,446,360.38

Category	Total
Labor	5,692,304.71
Rented Equipment	4,350,608.04
Supplies	43,237.60
Materials	20,000.00
Subcontract	9,163,807.05
Travel-Risk-Adj	105,000.00
ODCs	4,071,402.97

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ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

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SITE CERTIFICATE FOR THE

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This site certificate is a binding agreement between the State of Oregon (State), acting through the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council), and Sunstone Solar 3, LLC (certificate holder), owned by Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (parent company). Both the State and certificate holder must abide by local ordinances, state law, and the rules of the Council in effect on the date this site certificate is executed. However, upon a clear showing of a significant threat to public health, safety, or the environment that requires application of later-adopted laws or rules, the Council may require compliance with such later-adopted laws or rules (ORS 469.401(2)).

This site certificate binds the State and all counties, cities and political subdivisions in Oregon as to the approval of the site and the construction, operation, and retirement of the facility as to matters that are addressed in and governed by this site certificate (ORS 469.401(3)). Each affected state agency, county, city, and political subdivision in Oregon with authority to issue a permit, license, or other approval addressed in or governed by this site certificate, shall upon submission of the proper application and payment of the proper fees, but without hearings or other proceedings, issue such permit, license or other approval subject only to conditions set forth in this site certificate. In addition, each state agency or local government agency that issues a permit, license or other approval for this facility shall continue to exercise enforcement authority over such permit, license or other approval (ORS 469.401(3)). For those permits, licenses, or other approvals addressed in and governed by this site certificate, the certificate holder shall comply with applicable state and federal laws adopted in the future to the extent that such compliance is required under the respective state agency statutes and rules (ORS 469.401(2)).

This site certificate does not address, and is not binding with respect to, matters that are not included in and governed by this site certificate, and such matters include, but are not limited to: employee health and safety; building code compliance; wage and hour or other labor regulations; local government fees and charges; other design or operational issues that do not relate to siting the facility (ORS 469.401(4)); and permits issued under statutes and rules for which the decision on compliance has been delegated by the federal government to a state agency other than the Council (ORS 469.503(3)).

The obligation of the certificate holder to report information to the Department or the Council under the conditions listed in this site certificate is subject to the provisions of ORS 192.502 *et seq.* and ORS 469.560. To the extent permitted by law, the Department and the Council will not publicly disclose information that may be exempt from public disclosure if the certificate holder has clearly labeled such information and stated the basis for the exemption at the time of submitting the information to the Department or the Council. If the Council or the Department receives a request for the disclosure of the information, the Council or the Department, as appropriate, will make a reasonable attempt to notify the

certificate holder and will refer the matter to the Attorney General for a determination of whether the exemption is applicable, pursuant to ORS 192.450.

Council shall have continuing authority over the site and may inspect, or direct the Oregon Department of Energy (Department) to inspect, or request another state agency or local government to inspect, the site at any time in order to ensure that the facility is being operated consistently with the terms and conditions of this site certificate (ORS 469.430).

The duration of this site certificate shall be the life of the facility, subject to termination pursuant to OAR 345-027-0110 or the rules in effect on the date that termination is sought, or revocation under ORS 469.440 and OAR 345-029-0100 or the statutes and rules in effect on the date that revocation is ordered. The Council shall not change the conditions of this site certificate except as provided for in OAR Chapter 345, Division 27.

In interpreting this site certificate, any ambiguity will be clarified by reference to the following, in order, incorporated herein by this reference: 1) this *Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project 3 – (SS3)*; 2) the *Final Order on Request for Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project* (hereafter, *Final Order on RFA1)*; 3) the *Final Order on the Application for Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project* issued on November 18, 2024 (hereafter, *Final Order on the ASC*); and ~~2~~4) the record of the proceedings that led to the Final Order on the ASC.

The definitions in ORS 469.300 and OAR 345-001-0010 apply to the terms used in this site certificate, except where otherwise stated, or where the context clearly indicates otherwise.

2.0 Facility Location and Site Boundary

The facility is located within an approximately ~~10,960~~ 1,165.1 acre (~~17~~ 1.89 sq. mile) site in Morrow County. The site is located on both sides of State Route 207 and is approximately 15 miles northeast of the Town of Lexington and approximately 4.5 miles west of Butter Creek Junction. The site is approximately 3 miles west of the Umatilla County line at its closest point. Table 1 below provides the Township, Range, and Sections occupied wholly, or in part, by the site. Up to ~~9,442~~ 1,138.1 acres of land within the site boundary would be occupied by facility components. The regional location of the facility site boundary, ~~transmission line corridor,~~ and ~~approximately 1,518 acres~~areas within the site boundary ~~are~~ excluded from development as applicable, are shown ~~on ASC Exhibit C, Figures C-2, and C-2.1 to C-2.3, attached to~~in Attachment 1 of this site certificate~~ as Attachment 1~~.

Table 1: Township, Range, and Section for Areas Occupied by the Site Boundary

Township	Range	Sections
~~1N~~	~~26E~~	~~1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15~~

Table 1: Township, Range, and Section for Areas Occupied by the Site Boundary

Township	Range	Sections
2N	26E	~~27,~~ 28, 29, ~~30, 31,~~ 32, 33~~, 34, 35, 36~~
Reference: SSPAPPDoc25-03 ASC Exhibit C Project Location, Table C-1. 2024-05-15.		

3.0 Facility Description

The energy facility is approved to include the components presented in Table 2 below. Additional details regarding specific components, and discussion of alternative designs or technologies under consideration are provided in the sections that follow.

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Site Boundary		
Site Boundary	~~10,960~~ 1,165.1	acres
Maximum Footprint	~~9,442~~ 1,138.1	acres
Permanent Impacts~~[1]~~	~~9,442~~1,138.1	acres
Solar Components		
PV Solar Modules		
Approx. total number	~~3,937,536~~656,256	modules
Max Height at full-tilt	15	feet
Posts		
Approx. total number (assumes concrete foundation)	~~535,056~~89,176	posts
Cabling		
Combiner Boxes	~~61,524~~10,254	each
Inverter Step Up (ISU) Transformer Units		
Approx. total number	~~319~~54	each
Noise level	89	dBA
Transformer oil-containing capacity	800	gallons
Related or Supporting Facility Components		
34.5 kV Collection System		
Collector line length, belowground	~~82~~ 7.7	miles
Collector line length, overhead (OH)	~~4.3~~0.7	miles
Wood Monopoles (max estimate for OH)	~~151~~26	each

~~[1] The energy facility would occupy approximately 9,442~~400 ~~acres within up to 20 separately fenced areas. Most related or supporting facilities will be located within the energy facility's footprint; however, portions of the overhead 34.5 kV collector and 230 kV transmission lines running between solar array areas would result in additional temporary and permanent disturbance areas.~~

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Collector Substations		
Substations w SCADA; GSU transformers per each	~~6~~1; 1	each
Site size	1.6	acres
Transformer oil-containing capacity	16,000	gallons~~/each~~
Transformer noise level	100	dBA
Max height of structures	45	feet
~~**Switchyards**~~		
~~Stations; Transformers per each~~	~~2; 0~~	~~each~~
~~Site size (northern and/or within solar fence line); with foundations and graveled areas~~	~~3~~	~~acres~~
~~**230 kV Transmission Line**~~		
~~Length (total; northern line; southern line)~~	~~9.5; 3.2; 6.3~~	~~miles~~
~~Structures: Type (Wood or Galvanized Steel); quantity~~	~~H-frame; 50~~	~~each~~
~~Height of structures~~	~~70–180~~	~~feet~~
Battery Energy Storage System (Lithium-ion/Zinc)		
Zinc		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with fans/heating systems; SCADA	~~14,946~~2,491	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	9.5 x 8 x 20	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
Lithium-ion		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with HVAC and fire suppression systems; SCADA	~~12,000~~2,000	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	11.25 x 8.1 x 5.2	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
O&M Building		
Quantity	~~4~~1	each
Site size	2.8	acres
Height	20	feet
Appurtenances	On-site well, septic system, SCADA System	
Storage for Replacement Solar Panels		
Containers	~~50~~ 8 – 9	each
Approx. container dimensions	8.5 x 8 x 40	H x W x L; feet

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Location	Dispersed within fence line if not next to O&M, gravel base	
Facility Roads		
Length	~~55~~7.3	miles
Width	10- 20	feet
Perimeter Fence		
Length	~~58~~2.0	miles
Height	7-8	feet
Access/gates	~~52~~8 – 9	each
Temporary Construction Areas		
Quantity	~~5~~2~~4~~	each
Site size	5	acres
Description	Gravel base; diesel/gas storage; within fence line	

Energy Facility

The facility includes a solar photovoltaic power generation facility with up to ~~1,200~~200 MW of electric generation capacity. ~~The energy facility consists of up to 20 separately fenced solar arrays organized into six 200 MW blocks.~~

Photovoltaic Modules

Solar photovoltaic modules, or solar panels, convert sunlight into DC electric power. The typical module contains crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells arranged within glass panels equipped with an anti-reflective coating, a metal frame, and wire connectors.

Racking System

The photovoltaic modules are connected in series into strings and then mounted on a racking system. Each rack would contain 2 strings of 32 modules mounted on a single-axis tracking system. Multiple racks are organized into rows between 200 and 400 feet in length depending on topography. Rows would be spaced at least 10 feet apart and at least 15 feet from perimeter fencing to provide vehicle access.

Posts

Each row of tracker mounted modules is supported by multiple hollow, screw pile, or pile-type steel posts. Posts are typically installed to a depth of 6-8 feet below surface and extend 5 feet above grade. Posts at the end of rows may be installed at greater depths to withstand wind

uplift. Posts may be installed directly in the ground or concrete backfill may be required in some soil conditions.

DC Cabling System

Combiner boxes or a Big Lead Assembly (BLA) harness system is used to aggregate the DC output of the photovoltaic modules for transmission to an inverter by low-voltage DC cables. Using the combiner boxes, strings of modules are connected to a pad-mounted combiner box installed at each row, which in turn, are connected to the inverters by low voltage DC cables that are either mounted to the tracking system, installed in trays, or buried underground. Using the BLA system, strings are connected directly to a rack-mounted cabling system.

Inverters and Inverter Step Up (ISU) Transformers

Inverters convert the DC output of the photovoltaic modules to AC power that can be transmitted to the electric grid. A typical inverter in utility scale solar facilities converts the 900 to 1,500 volt DC module output to 660 volt AC output. After conversion, the output is sent to an inverter step-up (ISU) transformer to increase the voltage to 34.5 kV power for transmission to the collector substation via the electrical collector system. Inverters and ISU transformers are collocated on concrete slabs near each module block.

Related or Supporting Facilities

Related or supporting facilities include a battery energy storage system, ~~an interconnection substation, up to six~~one collector substation~~s~~, ~~up to four~~one operations and maintenance building, and other structures.

Battery Energy Storage System

The battery energy storage system (BESS) is designed to provide up to ~~7~~1.2 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of storage capacity. The BESS may use either Lithium-Ion (Li-ion) or Zinc-based battery technology. Under either technology, batteries are contained in pre-constructed modular containers, or “segments,” placed on concrete slab foundations.
The battery storage system includes, but is not limited to, the following elements:

- Batteries and containers, inverters, isolation transformers, and switchboards;
- Balance of plant equipment, which may include medium-voltage and low-voltage electrical systems, fire suppression and HVAC systems (for Li- ion technology, if selected), building auxiliary electrical systems, and network/SCADA systems;
- Cooling system, which may include a separate chiller plant located outside the battery racks with chillers, pumps, and heat exchangers (Li-ion only, if selected); zinc batteries will have fans and a heating unit for climate control; and

- High-voltage (HV) equipment, including a step-up transformer, circuit breaker, current transformers and voltage transformers, a packaged control building for the breaker and transformer equipment, towers, structures, and cabling.

The batteries and associated equipment may be oversized or periodically augmented in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure a minimum of 7,200 MWh of energy storage capability over the life of the BESS, taking into account natural degradation of the batteries over time.

Li-ion batteries are currently the most common battery type used in utility-scale battery energy storage systems. If a Li-ion battery technology is used at the facility, it would use Li-ion phosphate batteries, which are more thermally stable than Li-ion cathode batteries.
Each module contains approximately 10 hermetically sealed battery cells filled with a gel or liquid electrolyte. The module containers serve as secondary containment for the cells. Each container holds approximately 840 cells with a combined capacity of approximately 740 kilowatt-hour AC, and approximately ~~1~~2,000 containers would be required to meet the capacity needs of the facility.

The electrolyte used in Li-ion batteries is flammable and susceptible to overheating and vaporization, so Li-ion Battery Systems typically require cooling, ventilation, and fire suppression systems included in each container. If Li-ion battery technology is used at the site, it would implement the following design features and fire prevention and control methods to minimize fire and safety risks:

- Batteries would be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules.
- Ample working space would be provided around the BESS for maintenance and safety purposes.
- An off-site, 24-hour monitoring system with shutdown capabilities would be implemented.
- Batteries would be transported in accordance with Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration regulations under 49 CFR 173.185
- Battery systems would be designed in accordance with applicable Underwriters Laboratories, National Electric Code, and National Fire Protection Association Standards, including but not limited to, UL 1642, 1741, 1973, and 9540A, and NFPA 855.
- An advanced and proven battery management system would be employed;
- Battery Containers would be equipped with:
  - Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to maintain optimal battery temperatures;
  - Fire control panels with 24-hour battery backup;
  - Fire sensors, smoke and hydrogen detectors, alarms, emergency ventilation systems, cooling systems, and aerosol fire suppression/extinguishing systems;
  - Doors equipped with a contact that will shut down the battery container if opened;

- Fire extinguishing and thermal insulation sheets between each individual battery cell;
- Locks and fencing to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel;
- Remote power disconnect switches with clear and visible signs identifying their location.[2]

Li-ion battery modules under consideration for this facility have an expected useful life of 20 years and it is expected that every module at the facility would need to be replaced at least once during the life of the facility. Used Li-ion batteries are generally considered to be hazardous waste by the EPA and must be transported and disposed of according to the most current guidelines at end of life.

A typical zinc-based BESS container includes 144 zinc-hybrid cathode powered batteries with a combined 700 kWh capacity. Zinc batteries are estimated to have a lifespan of at least 20 years. Zinc battery systems can operate across a higher range of temperatures and only require cooling fans rather than a full HVAC system. Zinc batteries have a lower fire-risk than lithium-ion batteries and do not require fire suppression systems to be included in the container design.

The BESS may be designed either as a DC-coupled system, with containers distributed throughout the energy facility site near inverter/transformer station sites, or as an AC-coupled system with containers concentrated in a single area near the ~~switchyards~~substation. In either case, the containers and other BESS equipment are located within the fenced solar array areas and may have their own additional fencing.

34.5 kV Electrical Collection System

The facility includes up to ~~86~~ 7.7 miles of 34.5 kV electrical collector lines that connects energy facility components to the collector substation~~s~~ described below. The majority of the collector lines are buried underground; however, overhead lines are installed at long "home run" stretches, stream or canyon crossings, and other areas where burial is infeasible. The collector lines are generally located within the energy facility footprint except at road crossings and crossings between fenced solar array areas.

Communication and SCADA System

The facility includes a system of fiber optic and copper communication lines that connect the solar arrays, BESS, and substations to Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system control rooms within ~~each~~ the collector substation. The communication lines are collocated with the 34.5 kV electrical collection system described above. The SCADA system monitors meteorological conditions, critical operating parameters, and power output, for each solar string, battery energy storage system, and substation. The SCADA system is monitored by a

[2] SSPAPPDoc25-02 ASC Exhibit B Project Description 2024-05-15, Section 2.7.1.

remote operations center. Smoke and fire detectors placed around the site also connect to the SCADA system and will contact local emergency responders in the event of a fire at the site.

Collector Substations

The facility includes ~~up to six~~one collector substation~~s~~ at the site. ~~Each~~ The substation includes a generator-step up (GSU) transformer and control building, and may also include circuit-breakers and fuses, transmission line termination structures, power transformers, bus bars and insulators, disconnect switches, relaying, battery and charger, surge arresters, AC and DC supplies, control systems, metering equipment, grounding, a lightning protection system and associated control wiring.

The GSU transformer~~s~~ increase the 34.5-kV ISU transformer output to 230-kV power. The GSU transformer~~s are~~ is a ground-mounted unit~~s~~ constructed on a concrete pad~~s~~. ~~Each of the six~~The single GSU transformer~~s~~ ~~are~~ is filled with up to 16,000 gallons of non-toxic oil such as mineral or seed oil.

~~Each~~ The GSU transformer is equipped with a secondary spill containment catchment system designed to minimize the possibility of accidental leakage. The concrete catchment system is sized to contain approximately 1.25 times the amount of oil inside the transformer.

All substation structures and components are surrounded by a graveled area and enclosed by an 8-foot-tall chain-link fence with three strands of barbed wire one foot above the top. Access to the substation site~~s~~ is limited with a locked gate.

~~230-kV Transmission Line~~

~~The facility includes up to two 230-kV overhead transmission lines that connect the collector substations to the two primary interconnection switchyards located at the point of interconnection. The transmission lines are supported by steel or wood monopole or H-Frame structures, spaced approximately 1,000 feet between structures, and have a combined length of approximately 9.5 miles. The northern line connects two collector substations along the south side of Alpine Lane to the switchyard and extends approximately 3.2 miles. The southern line connects four collector substations across the southern portion of the site and extend approximately 6.3 miles. The two lines run in parallel for approximately 1-mile between Bombing Range Road and the switchyards.~~

~~The transmission lines are located within the fenced solar array areas except where the lines span roads or corridors between areas and between the switchyards and the point of interconnection. All transmission line components are sited within the facility lease boundary.~~

~~No new or expanded right-of-way will be required, but some portions of the transmission lines are located within existing public rights-of-way. A portion of the transmission line that runs~~

~~along the western boundary of energy facility footprint is within the public right-of-way on the east side of Bombing Range Road. Additionally, portions of the transmission line that connect solar array areas in the southern portion of the site cross Doherty Road and the Lexington-Echo Highway.~~

~~Project Switchyards and~~ Interconnection Facilities

The facility interconnects with the existing Umatilla Electric Cooperative 230kV Blue Ridge Line at the northwest corner of the facility. ~~Two switchyards are approved to be located within a separately fenced site either within or adjacent to the energy facility footprint, each approximately 3 acres. The interconnection switchyards do not contain transformers and are constructed on foundations with surrounding gravel areas.~~

Operations and Maintenance Building~~s~~

The facility includes ~~up to four~~one operations and maintenance (O&M) building~~s~~, ~~each including~~that includes a utility room, storage for maintenance supplies and equipment, and a SCADA control room. The building~~s each have~~has an on-site well and septic system. Power is supplied by a local service provider using overhead and/or underground lines. ~~Each~~ The O&M building site also has a graveled parking and storage areas.

Small quantities of chemical materials, including cleaners, insecticides or herbicides, paint, lubricants, degreasers, and solvents, may be stored at the O&M building~~s~~ during construction and operation of the facility. No extremely hazardous materials would be stored on site; other chemicals will be handled in accordance with label instructions as well as state and federal standards.

The facility includes an aboveground fuel storage tank with capacity to store up to 500 gallons of diesel fuel or gasoline at ~~each~~ the O&M building site.

The O&M building~~s are~~ is equipped with basic firefighting equipment for use on-site during maintenance activities, such as shovels, beaters, portable water for hand sprayers, fire extinguishers, and other equipment.

Replacement Solar Panel Storage

To store spare solar panels and associated equipment, the facility is approved to store materials either at the O&M building site~~s~~ or within approximately ~~50~~ 8-9 locked Conex storage containers distributed throughout the site. The containers may be placed directly on the ground or on gravel pads. ~~The containers would store up to the approximately 204,720 replacement panels needed over the life of the facility.~~

Access and Service Roads

The facility includes up to ~~55~~ 7.3 miles of new roads (graded and graveled to meet load requirements for all equipment) to provide access to facility components. Corridors between module racking are at least 10 feet wide and racking are no closer than 15 feet from perimeter fencing. Some new road construction is required to access site features. Roads will be 10 to 20 feet in width, with some exceptions, including access to the substation~~s~~ and main travel corridors where two-way traffic is required. In these cases, roads will be 20 feet wide. A 5-foot maintained vegetative surface or noncombustible base, approved by the fire code official, will be maintained along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary. Use of the roads may continue after construction, or new roads may be removed and the land reclaimed to pre-construction conditions.

Security Fencing and Gates

The facility includes approximately ~~58~~ 2.0 miles of security fence to enclose each solar array area, and substation~~, and switchyard site~~. The perimeter fencing has lockable vehicle and pedestrian access gates to provide access to the site.

Temporary Construction Areas

The facility includes up to ~~54~~ 2 temporary construction areas within the energy facility footprint to support construction, store supplies and equipment, and facilitate the delivery and assembly of materials and equipment. Each area consists of a 5-acre site that would be cleared and graveled prior to construction.

Up to five above-ground diesel tanks and one temporary above-ground gasoline tank may be stored in the temporary construction areas. The tanks each hold up to 1,000 gallons of fuel. Most fuel containers have self-contained secondary containment (e.g., double-walled containers) that provide capacity for the entire container plus precipitation, but in some cases may be placed in a constructed secondary containment area that is impervious and is diked or otherwise contained to provide the required fuel and precipitation capacity.

Shared Facility Components

The certificate holder will share facility components between the Sunstone Solar Projects (SS) 1-6 facilities to support facility operation, including the switchyard, transmission line, O&M buildings, access roads, SCADA system, and temporary constructions areas (including fuel tanks). The compliance obligations for site certificate conditions and EFSC standards apply to the facility components and applicable related or supporting facilities as described in Section 3.0 and Table 2 of each site certificate (SS1, SS2, SS3, SS4, SS5, SS6).

4.0 Facility Development

4.1 Construction

~~The applicant proposed to construct the proposed facility in six phases, with each phase including approximately 200 MWs of generating capacity.~~

Portions of the site, including the substation ~~sites~~, inverter and battery energy storage system sites, and access roads will be cleared and graded, prior to construction of the applicable facility components. Existing vegetation (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) and associated root systems in the energy facility footprint are left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable to minimize soil and erosion impacts, and that grading in solar arrays is limited to those areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances. Typical grading tolerances within the array are 10% maximum on North slopes and 15% maximum in other directions. Following construction, operational requirements include long-term site stabilization and revegetation of disturbed areas.

Adherence to the requirements of a Fugitive Dust Control Plan is required under Condition PRE-SP-02. Measures implemented under this plan include maintaining existing vegetative root systems, applying dust suppressants, and restricting traffic speeds on-site. Typically, water is applied as a dust suppressant on access roads, but under drought conditions, alternative dust suppressants including synthetic polymer emulsions, chemical suppressants, organic glues, and wood fiber materials may be applied at the site by qualified vendors.

Construction of the facility will generate less than 910 commuting trips and 250 truck trips per day over approximately 1,224 construction workdays. At the peak of construction, if all SS1-SS6 facilities are constructed together, it is estimated a maximum of approximately 1,266 commuting trips per day and 250 truck trips per day. The primary route to the site would be Bombing Range Road via Interstate Highway 84 (I-84) at the I-84/Irrigon Junction. Alternate routes would be via OR-207 via I-84 south of Hermiston.

4.2 Operations and Maintenance

Operation and maintenance activities include routine inspections, replacement of solar modules and battery components, panel washing, and vegetation management. Up to 10 permanent employees would operate and maintain the facility, with occasional delivery truck accessing the site during operations depending on the type of maintenance activity.

Individual batteries associated with the BESS will be inspected according to the manufacturer's recommendations and will need to be replaced approximately every 20 years, and every battery will be replaced during the life of the facility. Each type of electrical facility component would have routine inspections as designated in the operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan. The solar panels may require periodic washing during operations, and other incidental water use for sanitation and equipment washing.

Vegetation will be cleared and maintained along access roads to provide a vegetation clearance area for fire safety. This includes mowing to a height of no more than 12 inches. Use of the roads may continue after construction, or new roads may be removed, and the land reclaimed to pre-construction conditions.

An aboveground 500-gallon fuel storage tank sized may be installed at each O&M building. Secondary containment and refueling procedures for on-site fuel storage during operations will continue to follow the SPCC Plan and requirements for secondary containment. No extremely hazardous materials are expected to be produced, used, stored, transported, or disposed of at the facility during operation.

4.3 Retirement

The estimated useful life of the ~~proposed~~ facility is 40 years. Operational jobs would be eliminated after the facility ceased operating; however, some short-term contract jobs to monitor restored areas may be added to facilitate retirement activities. Decommissioning requires similar workforce numbers as required for the construction of the facility and is estimated to require a similar duration of up to 47 months.

Final retirement activities will be designated in a retirement plan but would begin with disconnecting all electrical equipment disassembling equipment and components such and the battery storage units, solar panels and transformers. Larger containers and equipment would be removed, trucked off-site and recycled and disposed of. Solar panels would be disconnected, and piles would be removed including the excavation of any concrete foundations. Gravel and foundations from the inverters and transformers, O&M building, substation~~s~~, and battery units would be removed by trenching and excavation. The facility site would then be restored through grading, filling, and revegetation with plants or seed mix consistent with applicable plans and conditions discussed in this order or landowner interests.

5.0 Site Certificate Conditions

The conditions of this Site Certificate are organized and coded to indicate the phase of implementation, the standard the condition is required to satisfy, and an identification number (1, 2, 3, etc.).[3] The table below presents a "key" for phase of implementation:

Key	Type of Conditions/Phase of Implementation
GEN	General Conditions: Design, Construction and

[3] The identification number is not representative of an order that conditions must be implemented; it is intended only to represent a numerical value for identifying the condition.

Key	Type of Conditions/Phase of Implementation
	Operation
PRE	Pre-Construction Conditions
CON	Construction Conditions
PRO	Pre-Operational Conditions
OPR	Operational Conditions
RET	Retirement Conditions

To align with the phased construction approach, preconditions requiring applicant actions prior to construction allow for phased compliance. These apply specifically to the area in which the phased activities would occur, rather than the entirety of the site.

5.1 General (GEN) Conditions: Design, Construction and Operations

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
STANDARD: GENERAL STANDARD OF REVIEW (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
GEN-GS-01	The certificate holder must design, construct, operate and retire the facility: a. Substantially as described in the site certificate; b. In compliance with the requirements of ORS Chapter 469, applicable Council rules, and applicable state and local laws, rules and ordinances in effect at the time the site certificate was issued; and c. In compliance with all applicable permit requirements of other state agencies. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(10); General Standard Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-02	The certificate holder must begin and complete construction of the facility ~~or facility phase~~ by the following dates: ~~a. Construction of the facility or first facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2027. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site.~~ ~~b.~~a. Construction of the final facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2028. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site. ~~c.~~b. All facility construction must be completed on or before November 18, 2030.~~within 2 years after the date construction of the final facility phase (under (b)) begins.~~ Within 7 days after completing construction, the certificate holder shall provide the Department written verification that it has met the deadline. [General Standard Condition 2; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
GEN-GS-03	If the certificate holder becomes aware of a significant environmental change or impact attributable to the facility, the certificate holder must, as soon as possible, submit a written report to the Department describing the impact on the facility and any affected site certificate conditions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(6); General Standard Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-04	The certificate holder must prevent the development of any conditions on the site that would preclude restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition to the extent that prevention of such site conditions is within the control of the certificate holder. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(7); General Standard Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-GS-05	Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder must restore vegetation to the extent practicable and must landscape all areas disturbed by construction in a manner compatible with the surroundings and proposed use. Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder must remove all temporary structures not required for facility operation and dispose of all timber, brush, refuse and flammable or combustible material resulting from clearing of land and construction of the facility. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(11); General Standard Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-06	~~The certificate holder is authorized to construct the 230 kV transmission lines anywhere within the approved transmission line corridors, subject to the conditions in the site certificate. The approved transmission line corridor includes:~~ ~~a. Southern transmission line: Approximately 6.3 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to four collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~ ~~b. Northern transmission line: Approximately 3.2 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to two collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~ ~~[Site Specific Condition OAR 345-025-0010(5); General Standard Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]~~[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]
GEN-GS-07	The certificate holder may operationally share the following facility components between Sunstone Solar 1, Sunstone Solar 2, Sunstone Solar 3, Sunstone Solar 5 and Sunstone Solar 6 (SS1 – SS6): the switchyard, transmission line, O&M buildings, replacement solar panel storage (as needed), access roads, SCADA system, and temporary construction areas, subject to the following: a. Within 30 days of use by certificate holders of the shared facilities, the certificate holder must provide evidence to the Department that the certificate holders of the shared facilities have an executed agreement for shared use of any constructed shared facilities. The Shared Use Agreements must allow operation and maintenance personnel and contractors access to the shared SS1 – SS6 facilities. b. If a certificate holder for SS1 - SS6 proposes to substantially modify any of the shared facilities listed in sub(a) of this condition, or supporting facility or ceases facility operation, the applicable/relevant certificate holder is obligated to submit an amendment determination request to the Department to determine the appropriate process for evaluating the change and ensuring full regulatory coverage under each site certificate, or remaining site certificate if either is terminated, in the future. [General Standard Condition 11, Final Order on AMD1]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-OE-01	Before any transfer of ownership of the facility or ownership of the site certificate holder, the certificate holder must inform the Department of the proposed new owners. The requirements of OAR 345-027-0400 apply to any transfer of ownership that requires a transfer of the site certificate. [Organizational Expertise Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-02	Any matter of non-compliance under the site certificate is the responsibility of the certificate holder. Any notice of violation issued under the site certificate will be issued to the certificate holder. Any civil penalties under the site certificate will be levied on the certificate holder. [Organizational Expertise Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-03	The certificate holder must notify the Department within 72 hours of any occurrence of the following: a. There is an attempt by anyone to interfere with the facility's safe operation. b. There is a significant nature event such as a fire, earthquake, flood, tsunami or tornado, or human-caused event such as a fire or explosion. c. There is any fatal injury at the facility. [Organizational Expertise Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-04	The certificate holder shall, as soon as reasonably possible: a. Report incidents or circumstances that may violate the terms or conditions of the site certificate, terms or conditions of any order of the Council, or the terms or conditions of any order issued under OAR 345-027-0230, to the Department. In the report to the Department, the certificate holder shall provide all pertinent facts including an estimate of how long the conditions or circumstances existed, how long they are expected to continue before they can be corrected, and whether the conditions or circumstances were discovered as a result of a regularly scheduled compliance audit; b. Initiate and complete appropriate action to correct the conditions or circumstances and to minimize the possibility of recurrence; c. Submit a written report within 30 days of discovery to the Department. The report must refer to the language in (d) of the condition and contain: i. A discussion of the cause of the reported conditions or circumstances; ii. The date of discovery of the conditions or circumstances by the responsible party; iii. A description of immediate actions taken to correct the reported conditions or circumstances; iv. A description of actions taken or planned to minimize the possibility of recurrence; and v. For conditions or circumstances that may violate the terms or conditions of a site certificate, an assessment of the impact on the resources considered under the standards of OAR Chapter 345 Divisions 22 and 24 as a result of the reported conditions or circumstances.

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
	d. Upon receipt of the written report in sub(c) of this condition, the Department may review the facility record for incidents or circumstances reported or reportable under sub(a) related to public health and safety, the environment, or other resources protected under Council standards. If these incidences are determined by the Department to impact the adequacy of the facility decommissioning cost, the Department or Council may adjust the contingencies identified in Final Order on ASC Table 4 and shall request and receive an updated bond or letter of credit from certificate holder in the adjusted amount. [Organizational Expertise Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Structural Standard (SS) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
GEN-SS-01	The certificate holder must design, engineer and construct the facility to avoid dangers to human safety and the environment presented by seismic hazards affecting the site that are expected to result from all maximum probable seismic events. "Seismic hazards" include ground shaking, ground failure, landslide, liquefaction triggering and consequences (including flow failure, settlement buoyancy, and lateral spreading), cyclic softening of clays and silts, fault rupture, directivity effects and soil-structure interaction. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(12); Structural Standard Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-02	The certificate holder must notify the Department, the State Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly if site investigations or trenching reveal that conditions in the foundation rocks differ significantly from those described in the application for a site certificate. After the Department receives the notice, the Council may require the certificate holder to consult with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building Codes Division to propose and implement corrective or mitigation actions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(13); Structural Standard Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-03	The certificate holder must notify the Department, the State Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly if shear zones, artesian aquifers, deformations or clastic dikes are found at or in the vicinity of the site. After the Department receives notice, the Council may require the certificate holder to consult with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building Codes Division to propose and implement corrective or mitigation actions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(14); Structural Standard Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-04	The certificate holder shall design, engineer, and construct the facility in accordance with the versions of the International Building Code, Oregon Structural Specialty Code, and local building codes in effect at the time of construction. [Structural Standard Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-LU-01	The certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department of coordination with the owners of adjacent lands dedicated to agricultural use. Coordination must include information about the facility that could impact agricultural activities. The certificate holder must document any recommendations made by adjacent landowners regarding measures to reduce or avoid any adverse impacts to farm practices on surrounding lands and to avoid any increase in farming costs as well as any responses made to these recommendations. [Land Use Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-LU-02	The certificate holder must adhere to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund included in Attachment F of the Final Order on the ASC, or subsequently amended. It is the certificate holder's responsibility to ensure that the Council and Department receive all reports and notifications required by the agreement. If the Memorandum of Agreement is amended, the certificate holder shall provide a copy of the amended Agreement to the Department within 30 days of it being amended. [Land Use Condition 12; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
GEN-RF-01	The certificate holder shall prevent the development of any conditions on the site that would preclude restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition to the extent that prevention of such site conditions is within the control of the certificate holder. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(7); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Siting Standards for Transmission Lines (TL) [OAR 345-024-0090]	
GEN-TL-01	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~The certificate holder shall:~~ ~~a. Design, construct and operate the transmission lines in accordance with the requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code as approved by the American National Standards Institute; and~~ ~~b. Develop and implement a program that provides reasonable assurance that all fences, gates, cattle guards, trailers, or other objects or structures of a permanent nature that could become inadvertently charged with electricity are grounded or bonded throughout the life of the line.~~ ~~[Siting Standards for Transmission Line Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]~~

5.3 Pre-Construction (PRE) Conditions

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
STANDARD: General Standard of Review (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
PRE-GS-01	Except as necessary for the initial survey, the certificate holder may not begin construction of the facility or phase, or create a clearing on any part of the site of the facility or phase, as applicable, until the certificate holder has the legal right to engage in construction activities on the relevant parts of the site for the facility or phase. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(5); General Standard Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-GS-02	At least 90 days prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable (unless otherwise agreed to by the Department), the certificate holder shall submit to the Department a compliance plan documenting and demonstrating actions completed or to be completed to satisfy the requirements of all site certificate terms and conditions and applicable statutes and rules. The plan shall be provided to the Department for review and compliance determination for each requirement. The Department may request additional information or evaluation deemed necessary to demonstrate compliance. [OAR 345-026-0048, General Standard Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
PRE-OE-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall notify the Department of the identity and qualifications of the major design, engineering and construction contractor(s). The certificate holder shall select contractors that have substantial experience in the design, engineering and construction of similar facilities. The certificate holder shall report to the Department any changes of major contractors. [Organizational Expertise Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall select a construction contractor with a low rate of historic environmental and safety compliance citations. Certificate holder shall provide the following documentation to the Department: a. Qualifications and contact information of the of the major design, engineering and construction contractor(s) and subcontractors, as applicable. b. Construction contractor compliance history. c. Contract excerpt affirming that contractors are required to comply with the terms and conditions of the site certificate, including selecting design layout and construction materials that minimize impacts to resources protected under Council standards. [Organizational Expertise Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the certificate holder's construction manager.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Organizational Expertise Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Provide the Department a list of federal, state and local permits, including any third-party permits related to facility siting; and a schedule for obtaining identified permits. b. Once obtained, provide copies of all permits, including third-party permits, required for facility siting to the Department. [Organizational Expertise Condition 12; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Structural (SS) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRE-SS-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit a site-specific geotechnical investigation report, consistent with the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners Guideline for Preparing Engineering Geologic Reports, or newer guidelines if available to the Department, for review in consultation with its third-party consultant. [Structural Standard Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRE-SP-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide a Vegetation and Grading Plan that demonstrates contractors are required to adhere to the following: a. Existing vegetation (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) and associated root systems shall be left intact to the maximum extent practicable. b. Grading within solar arrays shall be limited to areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances (typically 10% maximum on North slopes and 15% maximum in other directions). [Soil Protection Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-SP-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Obtain a NPDES 1200-C Pemit from DEQ. A copy of the approved permit and attached Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) must be submitted to the Department. b. Finalize the Fugitive Dust Control Plan, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment D. Finalization includes verification of names and contact information of individuals responsible for implementation, measures to be implemented and forms to be used for monitoring and reporting. [Soil Protection Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-SP-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must submit to the Department a Construction Spill Prevention Countermeasures and Control (SPCC) Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
PRE-LU-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must provide to the Department a copy of the approved Conditional Use Permit and applicable Zoning Permit(s). [Land Use Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-02	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~Prior to construction of the 230 kV transmission lines, the certificate holder shall demonstrate to the Department that the transmission lines will be sited within the exiting road rights-of-way, unless Morrow County Public Works Department and Oregon Department of Transportation, as applicable, confirm that use of the existing road rights-of-way is not feasible.~~ ~~[Land Use Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]~~
PRE-LU-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the draft Noxious Weed Control Plan, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment E, and submit to the Department for review and approval in consultation with the Morrow County Weed Department. [Land Use Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must submit an executed document prohibiting the certificate holder, and the certificate holder's successors in interest, from pursuing a claim for relief or cause of action alleging injury from farming or forest practices as defined in ORS 30.930(2) and (4), and provide evidence that the document has been recorded in the deed records for Morrow County. [Land Use Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-05	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall demonstrate that the final design adheres to the following setbacks: a. All facility structures and above-ground components except the perimeter fenceline must be sited: 1. At least 20 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way of a local minor collector or marginal access street, including but not limited to Sand Hollow Road, Grieb Lane, Alpine Lane, Doherty Road, or Melville Road. 2. At least 30 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way, of a major collector, including but not limited to, Bombing Range Road. 3. At least 80 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way for an arterial road, including but not limited to State Highway 207. b. All facility structures, and all on-site septic systems or other sewage disposal systems must be set back at least 100 feet from delineated waterways. [Land Use Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-06	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit a final site plan that includes all information required by MCZO 4.165.E to the County and the Department. The Department may defer review and approval to the County.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Land Use Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-07	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must complete the preconstruction requirements identified in the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment F, or subsequently amended. [Land Use Condition 11; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
PRE-RF-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon, through the Council, a bond or letter of credit naming the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as beneficiary or payee. The approved bond or letter of credit amount of $~~117,945,000~~23,892,171 ~~23,669,565.82~~ (~~Q1~~ Q3 ~~2023~~ 2025 dollars) may be adjusted based on the design configuration of the facility, or phase of the facility, as provided in Sub(a) and adjusted to the year and quarter of issuance as provided under Sub(b). a. The bond or letter of credit amount may be adjusted based on actual design/number of components of the facility or phase, as applicable, and shall use the same unit costs and contingencies presented in the Final Order ~~on the ASC~~ Sunstone Solar RFA1 Table 5~~8~~. b. Adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation. c. The bond or letter of credit must be issued by a financial institution that is included on the Council's pre-approved financial institution list. The certificate holder may request to have a financial institution added to the list at any time. d. The bond or letter of credit must be prepared using the most recent Council-approved template. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 4; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
PRE-FW-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, based on Attachment G of the Final Order on the ASC, and submit to the Department for review and approval. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 1]
PRE-FW-02	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit the draft legal agreement for review and approval by the Department, in consultation with ODFW. The legal agreement shall ensure that payment provided for long-term~~

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	~~management and enhancement of the mitigation area is adequate to cover the permanent habitat loss from the facility.~~ ~~[Fish and Wildlife Condition 4, Final Order on ASC]~~
PRE-FW-03	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Habitat Mitigation Plan, as provided in Attachment H of the Final Order on ASC, based on the impacts associated with the final facility design and the legal agreement, as approved by the Department.~~ ~~[Fish and Wildlife Condition 5, Final Order on ASC]~~
PRE-FW-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department that the design measures included in the Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Final Order on ASC Attachment I) have been included in the final facility design and construction contractor contracts, as applicable. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Threatened and Endangered Species (TE) [OAR 345-022-0070]	
PRE-TE-01	If construction commences after April 2025, certificate holder shall, prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, conduct protocol-level Washington ground squirrel (WAGS) surveys within areas of planned facility construction that are within suitable WAGS habitat. The certificate holder shall: a. Submit a protocol-level survey plan for surveys to be conducted within suitable WAGS habitat, for review and approval by the Department in consultation with ODFW. At a minimum, the survey plan shall specify the survey area (all areas of suitable habitat within 1,000 feet of ground disturbing activities except where there is a habitat barrier (e.g., a paved road) or access restrictions); and survey timing (February 15 to May 31, unless otherwise approved by ODFW). b. Complete protocol-level WAGS surveys based on the protocol approved per (a). c. Submit survey reports to the Department and ODFW. The certificate holder shall not begin construction within 1,000 feet of Category 1 or Category 2 WAGS habitat until the identified boundaries of Category 1 WAGS habitat have been approved by the Department, in consultation with ODFW. Category 1 habitat includes a 785-foot buffer from an identified active burrow, and the area within the perimeter of multiple active burrows. Category 2 WAGS habitat consists of a 4,136-foot buffer from the exterior boundary of all Category 1 WAGS habitat. The survey results are valid for 3-years. d. Develop maps and worker training materials to inform of sensitive Category 1 and Category 2 habitat. Submit to the Department final facility design maps demonstrating that Category 1 habitat, including 785-buffer from any colonies identified per (b), is avoided. e. Install flagging or other demarcation, as appropriate, to inform workers of sensitive WGS habitat and of avoidance requirement.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Threatened and Endangered Species Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
PRE-HC-01	Prior to construction of the facility, or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall update the contact information provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment K, Inadvertent Discovery Plan. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Public Services (PS) [OAR 345-022-0100]	
PRE-PS-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall execute a final Road Use Agreement, based on Final Order on ASC Attachment N, and provide a copy to the Department. [Public Services Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]
PRE-PS-02	At least 180-days prior to construction of any phase, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department and Morrow County a temporary housing plan for the construction workforce. The plan shall provide for coordination with contractors and local officials on housing options and strategies to minimize impacts to local housing supply based on an ongoing evaluation of patterns of uses and potential shortages or changes in housing demand. [Public Services Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
PRE-WF-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan, as provided in Attachment L to the Final Order on ASC. The final Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
PRE-WM-01	Prior to construction of the facility, or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require contractors to develop and submit to the Department for review and approval, Construction Waste Management Plan(s) that, at a minimum, include the following: a. All sources and quantities of construction waste and wastewater, including damaged or dysfunctional energy facility components, and where feasible, estimated quantities that can be recycled. b. Process for disposal and recycling, including use of licensed haulers and disposal/recycling facilities; names and locations of licensed recycling and disposal facilities; collection, hauling and tracking requirements. c. Process for requesting a permit exemption from DEQ pursuant to OAR 340-093-0080 to ensure that concrete washout materials reused in foundation backfill are substantially the same as clean fill. d. Process for training workers and tracking compliance with the requirements of the plan. [Waste Minimization Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
STANDARD: Noise Control Regulations (NC) [OAR 340-035-0035]	
PRE-NC-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall demonstrate that the operational noise levels comply with OAR 345-035-0035(1)(b), based on an updated acoustic modeling analysis using final design/layout and equipment specifications. [Noise Control Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Removal-Fill (WL)	
PRE-WL-01	Prior to construction of the facility, facility component or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must provide documentation of a valid jurisdictional determination from the Oregon Department of State Lands demonstrating that no waterways subject to the State Removal-Fill law under ORS 196.795 through 196.990 are present within areas to be disturbed during construction or operation. [Removal-Fill Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
PRE-WR-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Identify all water-related needs and estimate daily and annual water demand for each construction phase, as applicable. b. Provide, to the Department, a contract or purchase agreement demonstrating that adequate water supply to meet construction demand has been secured from sources with valid water rights. [Water Rights Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]

5.4 Construction (CON) Conditions

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
CON-OE-01	The certificate holder shall contractually require all contractors and subcontractors to comply with all applicable laws and regulations and with the terms and conditions of the site certificate. The contractual obligation shall be required of each contractor and subcontractor prior to that firm working on the facility. Such contractual provisions shall not operate to relieve the certificate holder of responsibility under the site certificate. [Organizational Expertise Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
CON-OE-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall: a. Maintain an onsite construction manager. b. Require that the construction manager implement and monitor all applicable construction related site certificate conditions. c. Within six months after beginning construction, and every six months thereafter during construction of the energy facility and related or supporting facilities, the certificate holder shall submit a semiannual construction progress report to the Department. In each construction progress report, the certificate holder shall describe any significant changes to major milestones for construction. The certificate holder shall report on the progress of construction and shall address the following: i. Facility Status: An overview of site conditions, the status of facilities under construction and a summary of the operating experience of facilities that are in operation. The certificate holder shall describe any unusual events, such as earthquakes, extraordinary windstorms, major accidents or the like that occurred during the year and that had a significant adverse impact on the facility. ii. Status of Surety Information: Documentation demonstrating that bonds or letters of credit as described in the site certificate are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect for the term of the next reporting period. iii. Compliance Report: A report describing the certificate holder's compliance with all site certificate conditions that are applicable during the reporting period. For ease of review, the certificate holder shall, in this section of the report, use numbered subparagraphs corresponding to the applicable sections of the site certificate. iv. Facility Modification Report: A summary of changes to the facility that the certificate holder has made during the reporting period without an amendment of the site certificate in accordance with OAR 345-027-0050. [Organizational Expertise Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
CON-SP-01	During construction, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require that contractors adhere to the requirements of the Vegetation and Grading Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-SP-02	During construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Conduct all work in compliance with the NPDES 1200-C Permit and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) or revised ESCP if applicable. The ESCP shall be revised if determined necessary by the certificate holder, certificate holder's contractor(s) or the Department. Any Department-required ESCP revisions shall be implemented within 14-days, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department based on a good faith effort to address erosion issues. b. Conduct all work in compliance with the Fugitive Dust Control Plan. The Fugitive Dust Control Plan may be amended, as needed, to ensure that control measures are effective at the site. [Soil Protection Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
CON-SP-03	During construction, the certificate holder shall require that all onsite contractors and personnel adhere to the requirements of the SPCC Plan. Any SPCC revisions and updates shall be reported to the Department. [Soil Protection Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	
CON-LU-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Noxious Weed Control Plan required under Condition PRE-LU-02. [Land Use Condition 4, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
CON-RF-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall: a. Describe the status of the bond or letter of credit in the semi-annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. b. If construction extends for more than 12 months, the certificate holder shall adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit on an annual basis thereafter as described in under Condition PRE-RF-01. c. The Department and Council reserve the right to adjust the contingencies, as necessary to ensure that costs to restore the site are adequate. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
CON-FW-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, as applicable. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 2, Final Order on ASC]
CON-FW-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Attachment I of the Final Order on the ASC). Monitoring records shall be maintained throughout construction and included in the semi-annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
STANDARD: Threatened and Endangered Species (TE) [OAR 345-022-0070]	
CON-TE-01	Prior to and during construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, any incidentally identified occurrence(s) of Lawrence's milkvetch shall be avoided using a 100-foot buffer via mapping and flagging. [Threatened and Endangered Species Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
CON-HC-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall require all onsite employees and contractors to implement and adhere to the requirements of the Inadvertent Discovery Plan, as submitted to the Department under PRE-HC-01. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Public Services (PS) [OAR 345-022-0100]	
CON-PS-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall adhere to the terms and conditions of the Road Use Agreement executed under PRE-PS-01. [Public Services Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-PS-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall report to the Department the outcomes of the work completed under the temporary housing plan required under PRE-PS-02. The report shall be included in the construction progress report required under CON-OE-02, and shall include, at a minimum: a. Outcome of coordination with construction contractors to identify housing options for incoming workers, including aggregate data on the location (i.e. city) and type of housing used by workers. b. Documentation of coordination with local officials such as the Morrow County Planning Department, nearby cities and towns such as Lexington and Ione, the Lexington Community Development Group, the Ione Community Agri-Business Organization, the Boardman Community Development Association, the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, and other housing providers to identify housing options and strategies to minimize that impacts to local housing supply. [Public Services Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
CON-WF-01	During construction of the facility of phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall implement and require all onsite contractors and employees to adhere to the Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan required under Condition PRE-WF-01. Updates to the Wildfire Mitigation Plan may be required if determined necessary by the certificate holder, certificate holder's contractor(s), or the Department to address wildfire hazard to public health and safety. Any Department required updates shall be implemented within 14 days, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department based on a good faith effort to address wildfire hazard. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
CON-WM-01	During construction, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require that contractors adhere to the requirements of the Construction Waste Management Plan(s) and maintain records of employee training and tracking compliance onsite and available upon Department request. [Waste Minimization Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-WM-02	During construction, on-site concrete washwater disposal is prohibited unless DEQ approval of a permit exemption for materials substantially similar to clean fill is obtained. If DEQ approval of a permit exemption is obtained, concrete washwater must be disposed of onsite via infiltration and evaporation in accordance with the DEQ-issued NPDES 1200-C permit required under Condition CON-SP-02. [Waste Minimization Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
CON-WR-01	During construction: a. All water used for construction activities shall be appropriated and used in accordance with the applicable provisions of ORS chapter 537 and OAR chapter 690. b. The certificate holder shall report the source and amount of water used during each month of construction under Condition CON-OE-02. The certificate holder shall maintain records adequate to substantiate reports (e.g., written logs and photographs of well meter readings, copies of invoices from water sources) and make such records available to the Department upon request. c. If a water right, limited water use license, or water rights transfer is needed and would not be obtained by a third-party, the certificate holder shall submit and obtain approval of the applicable water permit through the site certificate amendment process. [Water Rights Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]

5.5 Pre-Operational (PRO) Conditions

Condition Number	Pre-Operational (PRO) Conditions
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
PRO-OE-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the individuals responsible for monitoring facility operations, including individuals or third-party entity responsible for onsite maintenance. [Organizational Expertise Condition 10; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRO-SP-01	Following the termination of the 1200-C, the certificate holder shall update the requirements of the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, specific to the areas within the fenceline not occupied by facility infrastructure. Certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department that the permit was terminated by DEQ. [Soil Protection Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
PRO-SP-02	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall submit to the Department an Operational Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
PRO-WF-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall finalize the operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) included as Attachment M to the Final Order on ASC. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
PRO-WM-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall develop an Operational Recycling Plan or protocol requiring that damaged or nonfunctional panels and lithium-ion batteries be recycled to the extent practicable. The certificate holder shall report in its annual report to the Department the quantities of panels and lithium-ion batteries recycled, reused or disposed of in a landfill. Requirements for lithium-ion battery recycling do not apply if the BESS is not constructed. [Waste Minimization Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other - Water Rights (WR)	
PRO-WR-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall provide, to the Department, a copy of the map, well log and all other information it provided to OWRD pursuant to ORS 537.545 and ORS 537.765 to qualify for an exempt ground water use for any onsite exempt wells. [Water Rights Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]

5.6 Operational (OPR) Conditions

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
STANDARD: General Standard of Review (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
OPR-GS-01	The certificate holder must submit a legal description of the site to the Department within 90 days after beginning operation of the facility. The legal description must include a description of metes and bounds or a description of the site by reference to a map and geographic data that clearly and specifically identify the outer boundaries that contain all parts of the facility. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(2); General Standard Condition 9]
OPR-GS-02	After January 1 but no later than April 30 of each year after beginning operation of the facility, the certificate holder shall submit an annual report to the Department. The Council Secretary and the certificate holder may, by mutual agreement, change the reporting date. a. The annual report must include the following information for the calendar year preceding the date of the report: 1. Facility Status: An overview of site conditions, the status of facilities under construction and a summary of the operating experience of facilities that are in operation. The certificate holder shall describe any unusual events, such as earthquakes, extraordinary windstorms, major accidents or the like that occurred during the year and that had a significant adverse impact on the facility. 2. Reliability and Efficiency of Power Production: For electric power plants, the plant availability and capacity factors for the reporting year. The certificate holder shall describe any equipment failures or plant breakdowns that had a significant impact on those factors and shall describe any actions taken to prevent the recurrence of such problems. 3. Status of Surety Information: Documentation demonstrating that bonds or letters of credit as described in the site certificate are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect for the term of the next reporting period. 4. Monitoring Report: A list and description of all significant monitoring and mitigation activities performed during the previous year in accordance with site certificate terms and conditions, a summary of the results of those activities and a discussion of any significant changes to any monitoring or mitigation program, including the reason for any such changes. 5. Compliance Report: A report describing the certificate holder's compliance with all site certificate conditions that are applicable during the reporting period. For ease of review, the certificate holder shall, in this section of the report, use numbered subparagraphs corresponding to the applicable sections of the site certificate.

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	6. Facility Modification Report: A summary of changes to the facility that the certificate holder has made during the reporting period without an amendment of the site certificate in accordance with OAR 345-027-0350. b. To the extent that information required by this rule is contained in reports the certificate holder submits to other state, federal or local agencies, the certificate holder may submit excerpts from such other reports to satisfy this rule. The Council reserves the right to request full copies of such excerpted reports. [Mandatory Condition 345-026-0080(1); General Standard Condition 10, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
OPR-OE-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the individuals responsible for monitoring facility operations, including individuals or third-party entity responsible for onsite maintenance. [Organizational Expertise Condition 11; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
OPR-SP-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational SPCC Plan. Any SPCC updates shall be described and included in the Annual Report to the Department. Certificate holder shall report spill and cleanup activities to the Department within 72 hours and shall make inspection records available to the Department upon request. [Soil Protection Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	
OPR-LU-01	Following the fifth year of monitoring under the Noxious Weed Control Plan required under PRE-LU-03, the certificate holder shall submit a Long-term Noxious Weed Monitoring Plan to the Department, for review and approval. The certificate holder shall implement the plan for the remainder of the facility's operating life. [Land Use Condition 5, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
OPR-RF-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Annually adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation. b. Any changes to the template made by the Council must be incorporated into the bond or letter or letter of credit whenever the amount is adjusted under Sub(a). c. The Department and Council reserve the right to adjust the contingencies, as

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	necessary to ensure that costs to restore the site are adequate. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
OPR-FW-01	During operation, as applicable, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 3, Final Order on ASC]
OPR-FW-02	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~During operation, the certificate holder shall provide reports from The Nature Conservancy on the status of long-term management and enhancement of the habitat mitigation area, consistent with the Habitat Mitigation Plan.~~ ~~[Fish and Wildlife Condition 6, Final Order on ASC]~~
OPR-FW-03	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Attachment J of the Final Order on the ASC). Monitoring records shall be maintained throughout operation and included in the annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
OPR-HC-01	During operations, the certificate holder shall require all onsite employees and contractors to implement and adhere to the requirements of the Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP), as provided for Condition PRE-HC-01. The IDP shall be reviewed and updated annually for current contact information. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
OPR-WF-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Implement the Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan finalized under Condition PRO-WF-01. b. Every 5 years after the first operational year, review and update the evaluation of wildfire risk under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b) and submit the results in the annual report required under Condition CON-OE-02 for that year. c. Submit an updated Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan to the Department if substantive changes are made to the plan because of the review under sub (b) of this condition, or at any other time substantiative revisions are made. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
OPR-WM-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational Recycling Plan or protocol developed under Condition PRO-WM-01. [Waste Minimization Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
OPR-WM-02	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Prohibit use of chemicals, soaps, detergents and heated water unless Chemical Safety Data Sheets for low volatile organic compound/biodegradable cleaning

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	chemicals and solvents are submitted to the Department for review and approval prior to use. b. Ensure that washing is conducted in a manner that does not remove paint or other finishes. c. Discharge wash water through evaporation and infiltration only. [Waste Minimization Condition 6, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
OPR-WR-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall verify that any onsite exempt wells do not use more than 5,000 gallons of ground water a day, collectively, and shall monitor the volume of groundwater used on a daily basis, maintain a record of such use and make the monitoring records available to the Department upon request. [Water Rights Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]

5.7 Retirement (RET) Conditions

Condition Number	Retirement (RET) Conditions
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
RET-RF-01	The certificate holder must retire the facility if the certificate holder permanently ceases construction or operation of the facility. The certificate holder must retire the facility according to a final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0410. The certificate holder must pay the actual cost to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition at the time of retirement, notwithstanding the Council's approval in the site certificate of an estimated amount required to restore the site. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(9); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
RET-RF-02	If the Council finds that the certificate holder has permanently ceased construction or operation of the facility without retiring the facility according to a final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0410, the Council must notify the certificate holder and request that the certificate holder submit a proposed final retirement plan to the Department within a reasonable time not to exceed 90 days. If the certificate holder does not submit a proposed final retirement plan by the specified date, the Council may direct the Department to prepare a proposed final retirement plan for the Council's approval. Upon the Council's approval of the final retirement plan, the Council may draw on the bond or letter of credit described in Condition PRE-RF~~T~~-01 to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition according to the final retirement plan, in addition to any penalties the Council may impose under OAR chapter 345, division 29. If the amount of the bond or letter of credit is insufficient to pay the actual cost of retirement, the certificate holder must pay any additional cost necessary to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition. After completion of site restoration, the Council must issue an order to terminate the site certificate if the Council finds that the facility has been retired according to the approved final retirement plan. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(16); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]

6.0 Successors and Assigns

To transfer this site certificate or any portion thereof or to assign or dispose of it in any other manner, directly or indirectly, the certificate holder shall comply with OAR 345-027-0400.

7.0 Severability and Construction

If any provision of this agreement and certificate is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the agreement and certificate did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

8.0 Execution

This site certificate may be executed in counterparts and will become effective upon signature by the Chair of the Energy Facility Siting Council and the authorized representative of the certificate holder.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this site certificate has been executed by the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Energy Facility Siting Council and Sunstone Solar 3, LLC (certificate holder).

ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL	**SUNSTONE SOLAR 3, LLC**
By: ____________________________	By: _________________________________
Kent Howe, Chair	XX, Authorized Representative
Date: __________________________	Date:_______________________________

ATTACHMENT 1: FIGURES

Figure 1: Regional Location of Facility ~~and Site Boundary~~

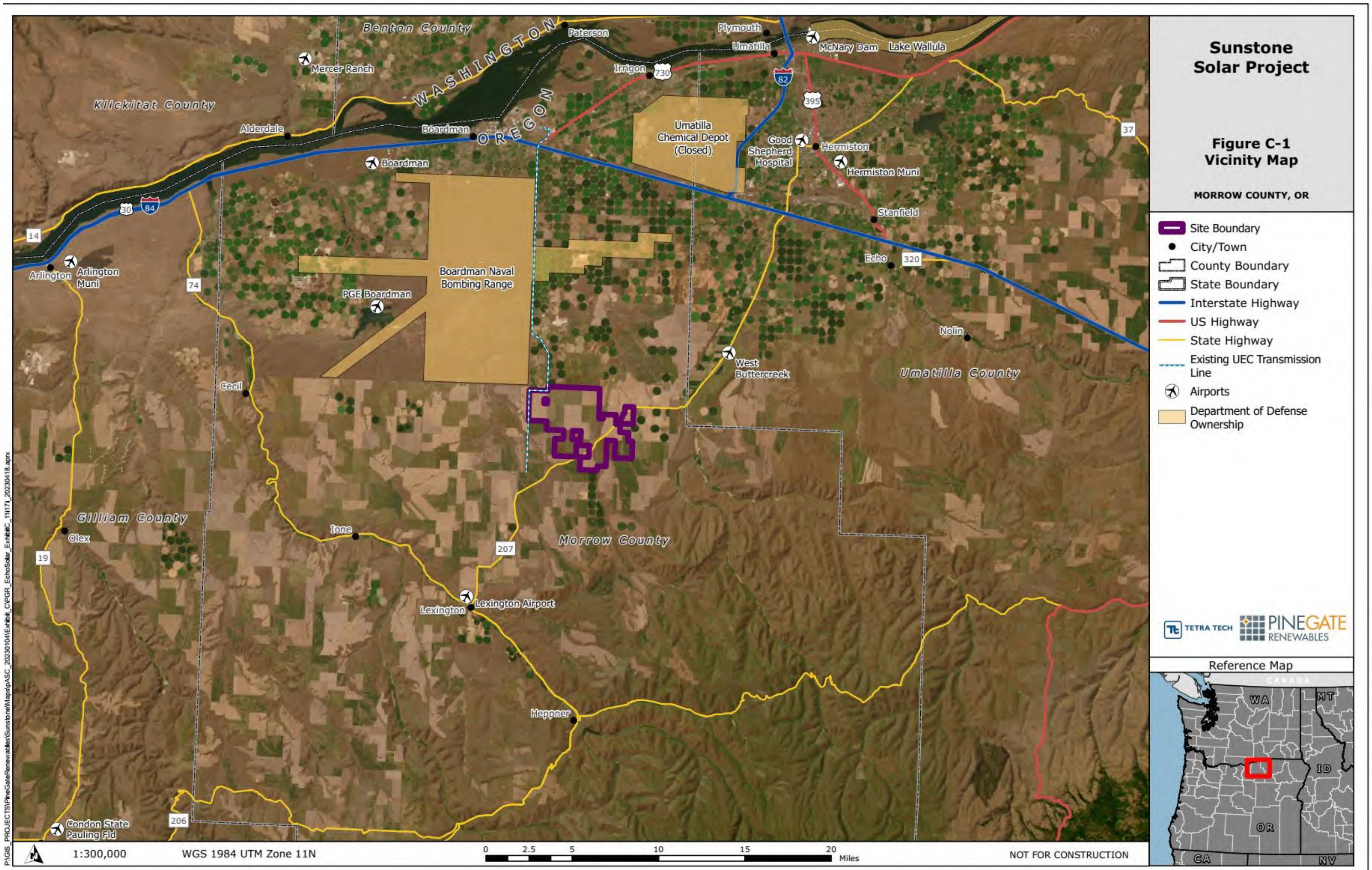


Figure 22~~21~~: Original Site Boundary and RFA1 facility division (into six facilities)

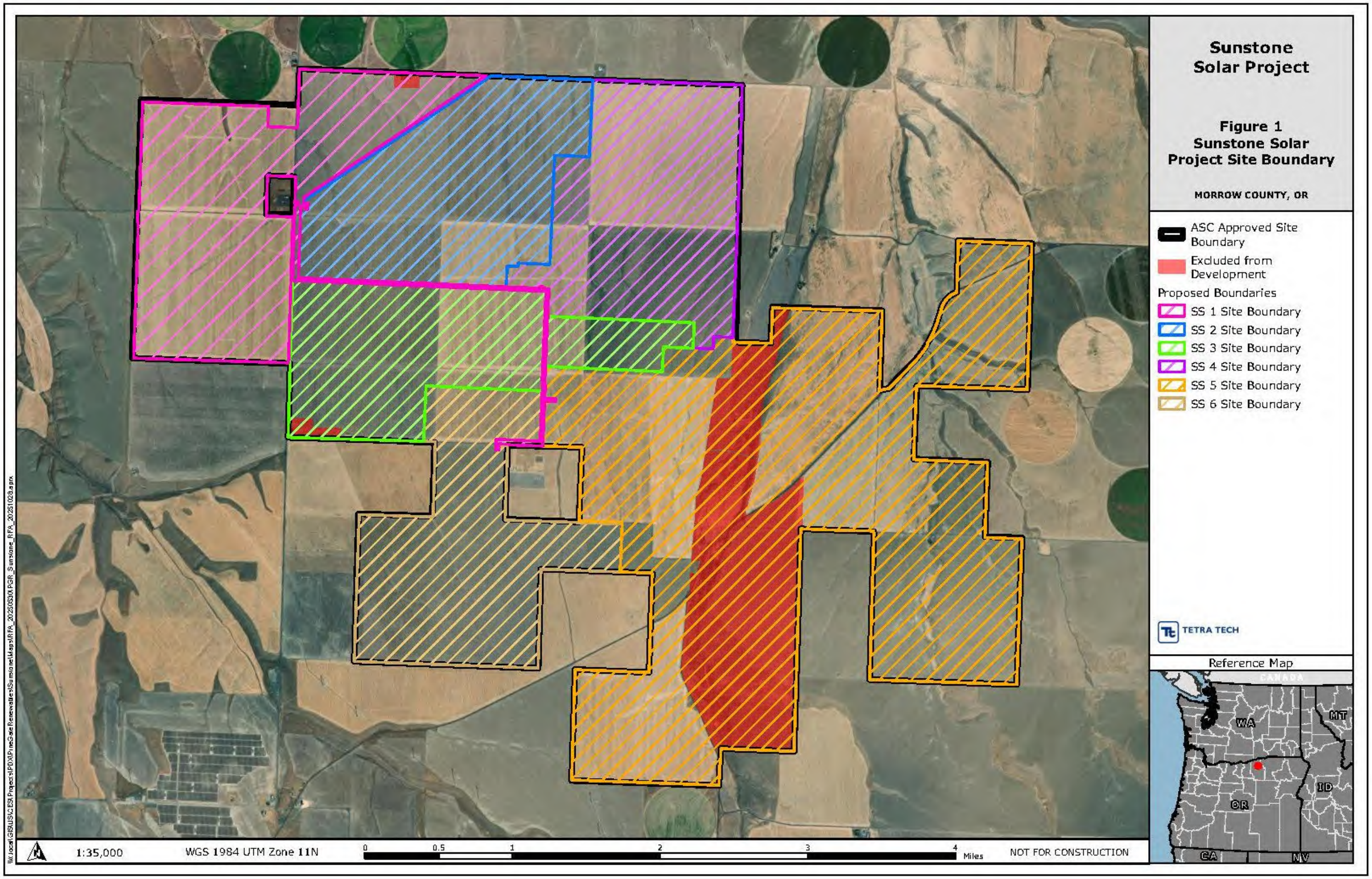
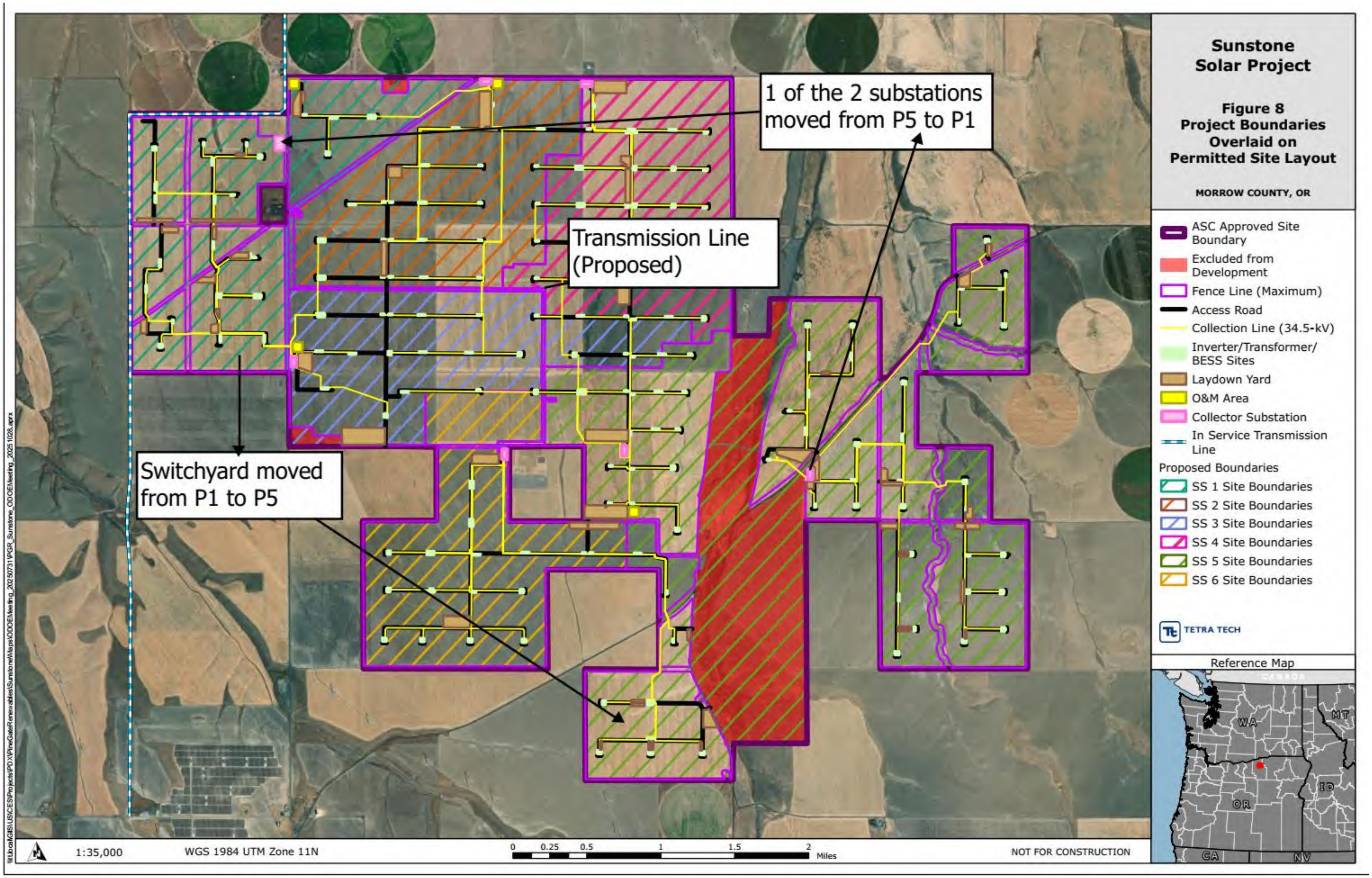
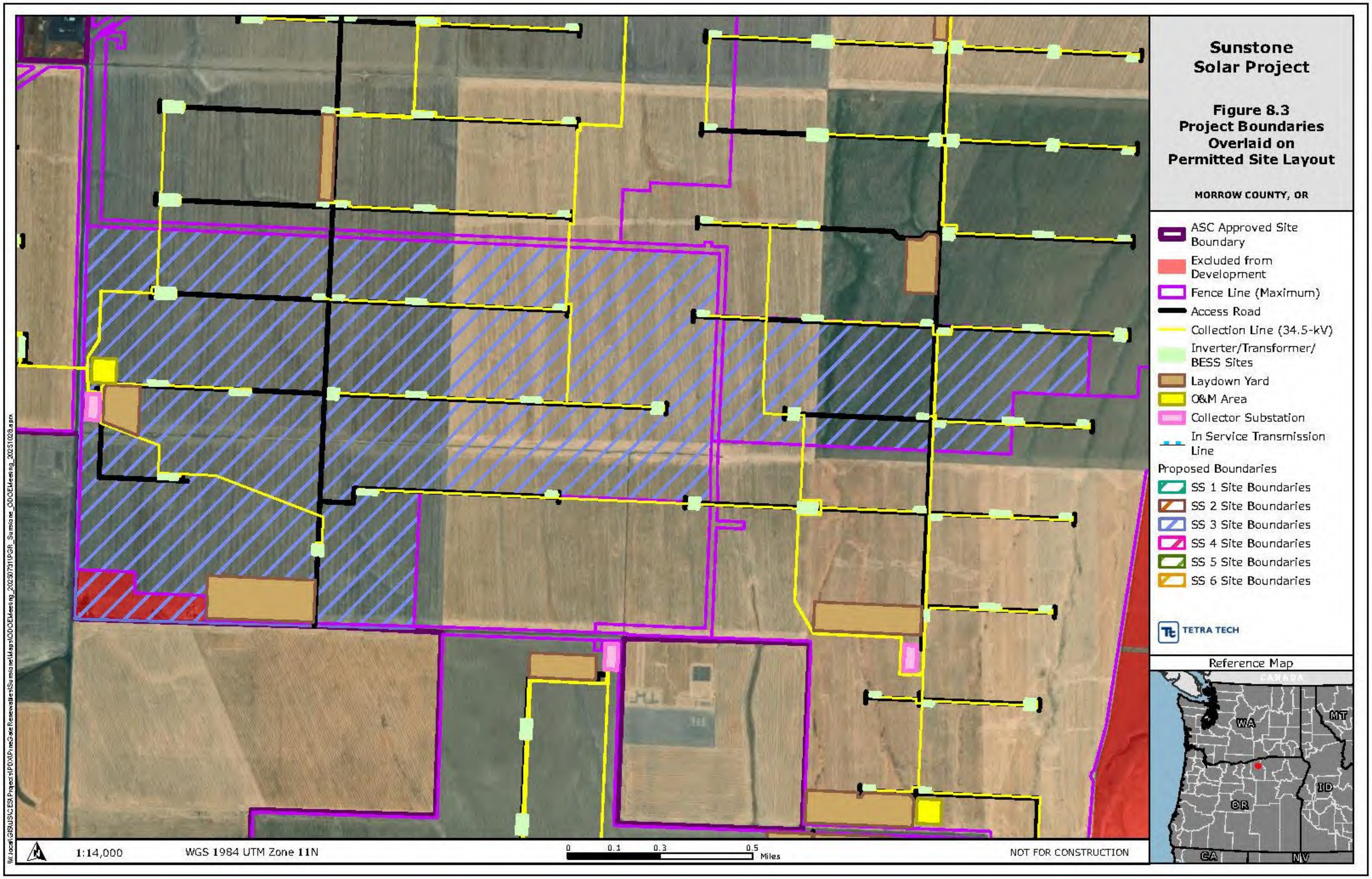


Figure 3: Sunstone Solar Project 3 (SS3) Site Boundary

Figure 4: SS3 Preliminary Facility Component Layout

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Collection Line (34.5-kV)
Inverter/Transformer/ BESS Sites
Laydown Yard
O&M Area
Collector Substation
In Service Transmission Line
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Attachment D: Draft Fugitive Dust Control Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 3

Draft Fugitive Dust Control Plan

Prepared for

Sunstone Solar 3, LLC

Prepared by

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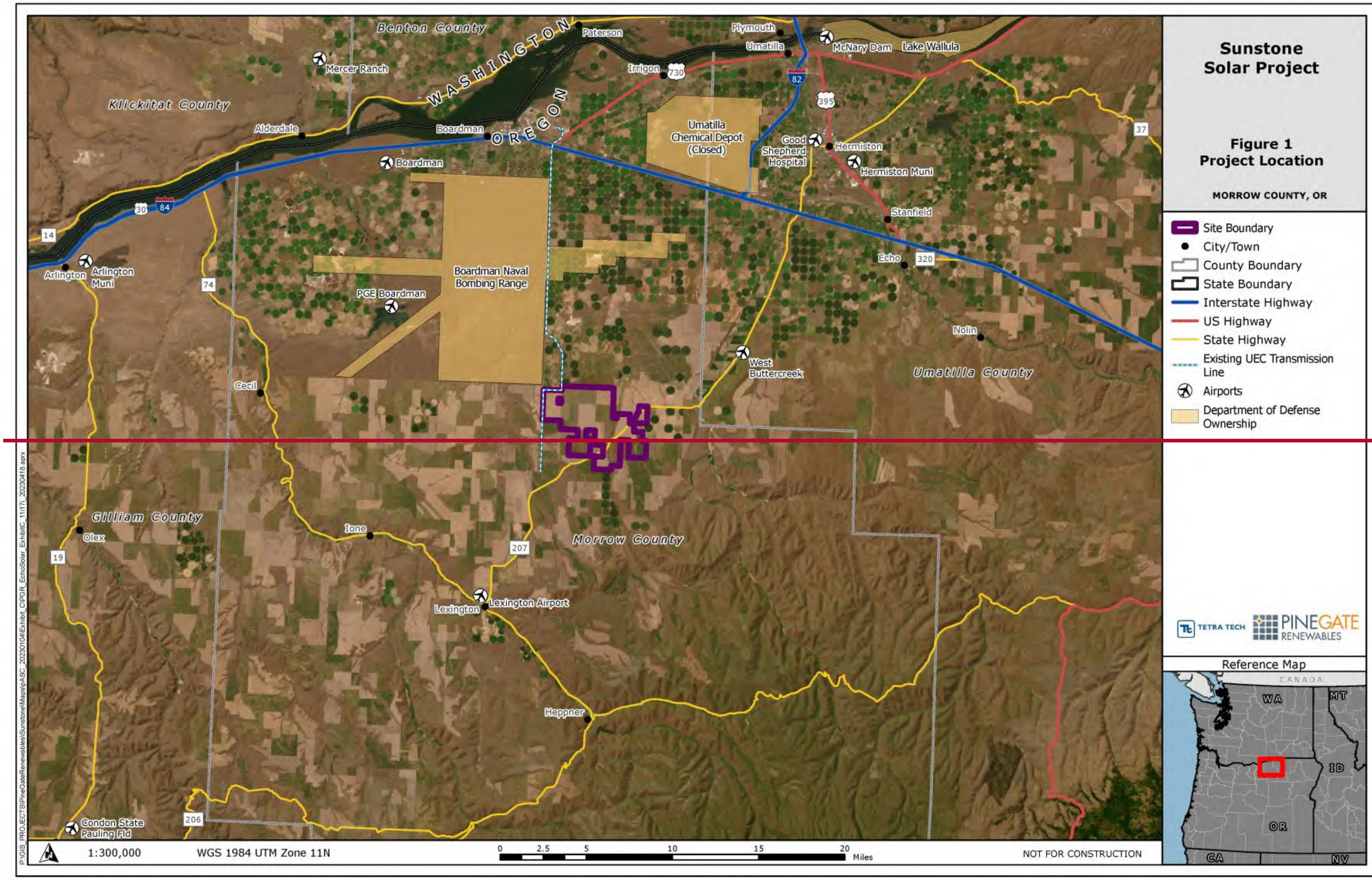
1.0 Introduction

This Fugitive Dust Control Plan (Plan) has been developed by Sunstone Solar 3, LLC (~~Sunstone Solar~~ Certificate Holder), a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC, for the ~~proposed~~ approved Sunstone Solar Project 3 (Facility) in Morrow County, Oregon ~~(Figure 1)~~. The purpose of this Plan is to reduce fugitive dust emissions associated with construction-related activities of a photovoltaic energy generation facility with up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) alternating current and related or supporting facilities, as well as a 1,200 MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system. The majority of the site consists of a mix of fallow fields and fields in small grain production, primarily dryland wheat; no farmlands within the site boundary receive irrigation (the application of water to land for purposes of growing agricultural products; Sunstone Solar 2024~~3a~~). This Plan summarizes the sources of and regulatory issues that relate to fugitive dust emissions; identifies responsibilities, monitoring, and training; and provides reasonable available control methods for fugitive dust in a table for easy reference in the field (Attachment 1).

This is an owner-imposed Plan that is expected to be implemented, maintained, and adaptively managed by the selected contractor throughout all phases of construction. The performance criteria and suggested measures identified in this Plan are minimums, and the contractor is expected to identify and implement additional measures as needed to fully meet all regulatory and public safety performance criteria. As identified in this Plan, the contractor may propose alternative approaches for consideration by the owner.

1.1 Fugitive Dust Sources

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey identified four~~13~~ major soil types within the project area (NRCS 2025~~3; see Sunstone Solar 2023b~~). Approximately 99~~64~~ percent of the site is composed of Warden silt loam ~~(Sunstone Solar 2023a)~~, which is moderately or severely susceptible to erosion from ground disturbance, wind, and vehicle traffic on unpaved roads due to its composition of hemic organic soil materials and very fine sand (~~Sunstone Solar 2023b;~~ NRCS 2025, NRCS 2011). ~~Additionally, 20 percent of the site is composed of Ritzville silt loam, which is also moderately or severely susceptible to erosion from ground disturbance, wind, and vehicle traffic due to its composition of silt and fibric organic material (Sunstone Solar 2023b; NRCS 2011).~~ Due to their composition, the retention of moisture in these sediments is thus restricted. Furthermore, these sediment particles have a low resistance to dust propagation and would be transported or drift to adjacent lands due to the lack of water through irrigation; thus, these soils are considered at high risk for fugitive dust.



~~Figure 1. Project Location~~

Fugitive dust can arise from a variety of construction and operational activities associated with solar development. The sources can be grouped into three general categories: dust created from ground-disturbing activities such as clearing and grading, dust created from wind action on bare soils and stockpiles such as those not fully stabilized post-construction with either vegetation or a tackifier, and dust created from traffic on unpaved roads. Sediment is the basis for fugitive dust, meaning that sediment particles can become fugitive dust if they are windborne. Therefore, the thresholds for treating sediment and erosion on the site will be similar if not the same as the thresholds for treating fugitive dust. Maintaining existing vegetation and root systems is the single most effective method for avoiding fugitive dust and sediment. Where existing vegetation and root systems are disturbed, quickly reestablishing vegetation is critical.

1.2 Regulatory Compliance

Fugitive dust is a source of particulate matter with a mean diameter less than 10 microns (PM_{10}) which is one of the seven air pollutants the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). To a lesser extent, fugitive dust is a source of particulate matter with a mean diameter less than 2.5 microns ($PM_{2.5}$), which has proposed regulations pending under NAAQS. These soil particles are very small, can remain suspended in the air for long periods of time, and are easily inhaled into the lungs. Increased risks of death and disease have been linked to periods of high outdoor PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations. These fine particles can potentially be lifted thousands of feet into the atmosphere and transported across continents and oceans creating global health, ecological, and climate change impacts.

The EPA shares responsibility with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) for the implementation of Clean Air Act (CAA) criteria in Oregon. ODEQ implements the CAA rules under the EPA-approved Oregon Administrative Rules (Chapter 340, Division 21 General Emission Standards for Particulate Matter). Fugitive dust is the primary concern related to the CAA at the Project. Fugitive dust is defined by ODEQ as dust that visibly leaves the project site for a period of more than **18 seconds in a 6-minute period,** determined by the attached EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019) at the downwind property boundary (Oregon Administrative Rules [OAR] 340-208-0210 (2)-a and -b).

The ODEQ Rule 340-208-0210 contains the following requirements for fugitive dust:

- Reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of water or other chemicals to control dust during construction, on unpaved roads, and during the transport of materials; enclosure of materials stockpiles and covering of open-body trucks; and prompt removal from paved streets of earth or other material.
- If fugitive dust is discovered, ODEQ may require the Facility to cease work until the fugitive dust emissions are controlled. Emissions are considered controlled when fugitive dust is no longer leaving the Facility site for more than 18 seconds in a 6-minute period.

Further, ODEQ Rule 340-208-0300 specifies that it is prohibited to cause or allow any air contaminants (e.g., fugitive dust) to create a nuisance. If ODEQ determines that a nuisance has been created, the agency may pursue informal or formal enforcement actions to abate the nuisance.

A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction Stormwater Discharge Permit (Oregon 1200-C Construction Stormwater Permit), pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 468.050 and Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act, will be obtained from ODEQ. This permit requires the permit holder to "Prevent wind-blown soil and dust from areas with exposed soil through the appropriate application of water or other dust suppression techniques to control the generation of pollutants that could be discharged in stormwater from the site" (Section 2.2.9) and requires permit holders to implement measures including monitoring, record keeping, reporting of exceedances, and installation, maintenance, and adaptive management of best management practices (BMPs) to control both stormwater and fugitive dust discharges. Implementation of these measures is intended to reduce fugitive dust to a negligible impact and ensure compliance with applicable air quality regulations.

The Morrow County Code regulates nuisances through the Oregon State Statute Chapter 203. Controlling fugitive dust emissions is required to avoid creating a public nuisance, which is defined as "any thing, substance, or act that is a threat to the public health, safety or welfare" (Morrow County Code Enforcement Ordinance ORD-2021-4).

2.0 Fugitive Dust Control Plan

2.1 Responsibility

The expectation is that the Contractor will implement and adaptively manage this Plan, controlling fugitive dust emissions and meeting all regulatory and public safety performance criteria throughout construction. As described in Section 1.2 above, the holder of the Oregon 1200-C permit is required to control fugitive dust emissions, including ensuring compliance by all subcontractors and outside service providers.

If the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ identifies that the regulatory and public safety performance criteria are not being met, the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ will implement enforcement measures, including but not limited to:

- Issuance of a Non-Conformance and/or Non-Compliance Report.
- Contractor to prepare and submit a corrective action plan.
- Contractor to document corrective actions taken and performance criteria met.
- Partial or full stoppage of work on site through activation of shut-down clause in contract.
- At ~~Sunstone Solar's~~the Certificate Holder's sole discretion, an outside contractor may be contracted to implement corrective actions, to be reimbursed by the Contractor.

Additionally, the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ may establish a Community Action Council to create an open and ongoing pathway for communication with stakeholders for the Project, including controlling fugitive dust emissions and avoiding the creation of nuisances. The Community Action Council could include representatives from the Morrow County Commissioners' Office, Morrow County Planning Department, Oregon Department of Transportation, and neighboring landowners. The Contractor will work with the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ to determine whether this Community Action Council will be established, and if so, the details of its establishment.

2.2 Monitoring

As required by the 1200-C permit, the permit holder will perform visual monitoring and recordkeeping by a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control or Storm Water Quality Inspector (inspector). The Contractor's construction site manager and inspector will be responsible for ensuring that the measures in this Plan are implemented, monitored, and adaptively managed, and that any exceedances are immediately reported to the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~.

The visual monitoring required by the 1200-C permit must occur at least once every 14 calendar days. However, because OAR 340-208-0210 restricts visible fugitive emissions on a continuous standard to a maximum of 18 seconds in a given 6-minute period, and because fugitive dust emissions may provide an immediate public safety concern in this location, this Plan requires that fugitive dust be monitored and controlled on an ongoing basis.

Monitoring for fugitive dust emissions shall include:

- Use of EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019; see Attachment 2) as specified in OAR 340-208-0210, at least once a day.
- The observation shall be performed during times of peak construction activity at the downwind property boundary.
- Recording of observations in a fugitive dust inspection log that is kept on site and shall be available digitally to the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~. This log shall include all information required in EPA Method 22 and shall also include photos and/or video taken during the observation period to document conditions.
- Installation and operation of a weather station, recording (at a minimum) wind speed and direction.

Triggers for additional, more frequent monitoring will include:

- Observation of visible fugitive dust emissions by Contractor, agency, or the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~ staff.
- Request by a member of the Community Action Council established by the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~.
- Wind speeds greater than 15 miles per hour.

- Receipt of complaints or concerns through the Project Dust Control Hotline.

2.3 Training

EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019) does not require a specific certification, but it is necessary that the person responsible for observations completed for this method be knowledgeable with respect to the general procedures for determining the presence of visible emissions. At a minimum, the observer must be trained and knowledgeable regarding the effects of background contrast, ambient lighting, observer position relative to lighting, wind, and the presence of uncombined water (condensing water vapor) on the visibility of emissions. This training is to be obtained from written materials found in the references cited in Method 22 (EPA 2019) or from the lecture portion of the EPA Method 9 certification course. The Contractor shall document in the inspection log how the person responsible for observations meets this requirement.

Construction workers will attend a Worker Environmental Awareness Program training prior to conducting construction activities. This training will include a summary of fugitive dust control measures included in this Plan and the responsibilities of personnel working on the Facility related to fugitive dust control.

2.4 Fugitive Dust Prevention and Management

This document and the attached table are intended to provide guidance to construction personnel on measures intended to minimize impacts and control fugitive dust emissions during construction. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to monitor and adaptively manage the site to maintain compliance with all local, state, and federal requirements. Additionally, this Plan is supplemental to the Contractor's Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and does not substitute for any requirements of ODEQ or other agencies.

This Plan is performance-based. As shown in the flow chart in Figure 1~~2~~, if fugitive dust emissions in excess of the ODEQ criteria of **18 seconds in a 6-minute period** occur, the Contractor shall:

- Implement adaptive management actions, including altering work operations and/or pause work until the fugitive dust emissions are controlled.
- Document that fugitive dust emissions have been controlled, including monitoring with EPA Method 22.
- In addition to any reporting requirements required in the 1200-C permit, report noncompliance incidents and adaptive management actions taken by the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ within 24 hours of occurrence.

The Contractor shall maintain and implement this Plan during all phases of construction. The table in Attachment 1 provides suggested Reasonable Available Control Measures (RACMs) for anticipated fugitive dust sources based on industry-standard BMPs and reasonable precautions specified in the Oregon 1200-C permit, ODEQ's Construction Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual (Manual) (ODEQ 2021), and OAR 340-208-0210. Supplemental RACMs are

identified in the table in case initial RACMs are not effective in controlling fugitive dust or are not feasible to implement (Attachment 1).

The Contractor shall identify and implement additional RACMs as needed to control fugitive dust emissions. Additionally, the Contractor may propose alternative approaches and RACMs for controlling fugitive dust. This proposal shall be made in writing and is subject to the approval of the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~.

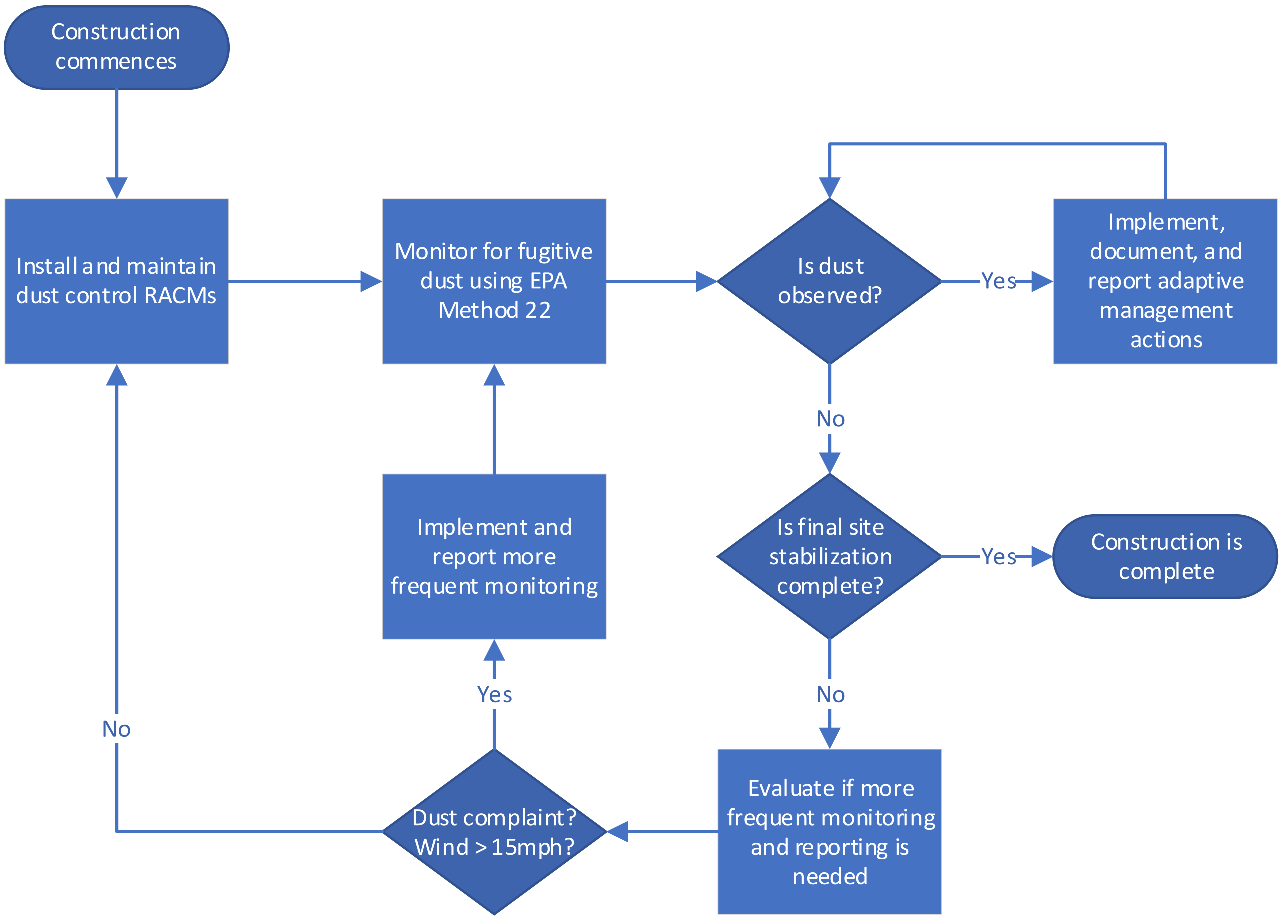


Figure 1. Dust Control Plan Flow Chart

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Attachment 1: Fugitive Dust Sources and Reasonable Available Control Measures

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Construction Phase	RACM(s)	Supplemental RACM(s)
All Phases of Construction	Daily fugitive dust monitoring and record keeping.	Increase frequency of monitoring.
	Prominent display of Dust Control Hotline signs, providing direct access to the Contractor's site manager or inspector.	If established, proactive engagement with Community Action Council.
	If established, Worker Environmental Awareness Program training for all construction employees.	Additional trainings and refreshers for employees.
	Maintain stockpile of BMPs on site, including sufficient palliatives for a single treatment of all site access roads and sufficient palliatives, mulch, and/or hydromulch for a minimum of 25 percent of the total disturbed area, and machinery for application.	Increase stockpile of palliatives, mulch, and/or hydromulch and add additional BMPs.
	Documentation and reporting of adaptive management actions.	Development and submittal of revised Fugitive Dust Control Plan.
Site Access	Install and maintain stabilized construction entrances at ingress/egress locations and restrict traffic to these locations.	Add additional construction entrance BMPs (e.g., wheel wash).
	Daily sweeping up of sediment from paved surfaces utilizing vacuum sweeper with HEPA filtration.	Increase sweeper frequency.
	Access roads shall be graveled.	Road maintenance and reapplication of gravel.
	Access roads will be stabilized with water or palliative sufficient to eliminate visible and sustained dust from vehicular travel and wind erosion. Reapply stabilization as necessary to maintain dust-free condition.	If water is unavailable or ineffective, or if water use is limited by any agency or regulation, access roads will be stabilized with longer-lasting palliatives.
	Restrict construction traffic to established and stabilized access routes.	Install fencing or barricades to prevent traffic outside of established routes.
	Limit traffic speeds to 15 miles per hour on stabilized unpaved roads within the site as long as such speeds do not create significant visible dust emissions. Traffic speed signs shall be displayed prominently at all site entrances and exits.	Limit traffic speeds within the site to 5 or 10 miles per hour.

Construction Phase	RACM(s)	Supplemental RACM(s)
Clearing, Grading, and Unstable Surfaces	Maintain the natural topography and vegetation of the site to the extent possible, including by limited grading and limited establishment of temporary access roads.	Reduce area being actively worked and stabilize unworked areas.
	Phase construction to expose the minimum amount of soil necessary.	Increase construction phasing to further minimize exposed soil.
	Leave existing vegetation intact to the extent possible.	Utilize mowing and rolling techniques to maintain plant root systems for soil stabilization.
	Minimize disturbance areas and soil exposure to the maximum extent feasible.	Limit work to a portion of the disturbed area until all disturbed areas receive temporary or final stabilization.
	When wind speeds exceed 15 miles per hour, minimize new disturbances to the extent possible and/or mobilize additional water trucks or palliatives to minimize fugitive dust from exposed surfaces.	Stop all ground disturbing activities and apply additional dust control measures until measures are effective or wind speeds slow and fugitive emissions stop.
	Separate and cover topsoil.	Increase maintenance frequency for topsoil cover. Combine methods, such as mulch plus tackifier.
	Stabilize exposed soils within the timeframes established in the 1200-C permit. Stabilize exposed soils in stages based on site conditions and weather.	Stabilize exposed soils more frequently, even if additional work is anticipated within the timeframe established in the 1200-C permit. Reapply stabilization measures following any additional disturbances.
	Temporarily stabilize exposed surfaces to prohibit significant and sustained visible fugitive dust from wind erosion. Utilize BMPs such as mulch, hydromulch with or without seeds, tackifier, spreading stone or gravel, and trackwalking.	Combine stabilization methods, such as mulch plus tackifier, or trackwalking plus hydromulch. Increase frequency of maintenance of stabilization.
	Seed exposed surfaces during the appropriate season with approved temporary or permanent seed mixes.	Reapply seed to newly disturbed areas or areas with poor germination. Use temporary seeding even if additional work is anticipated before final stabilization. Use irrigation to enhance seeding success.
	Gate seals should be tight on dump trucks. Soil load shall be kept below 6 inches of the freeboard of the truck. Drop heights shall be minimized when loaders dump soil into trucks.	Cover haul trucks with a tarp or other suitable cover.

Attachment 2: EPA Method 22

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EPA Method 22

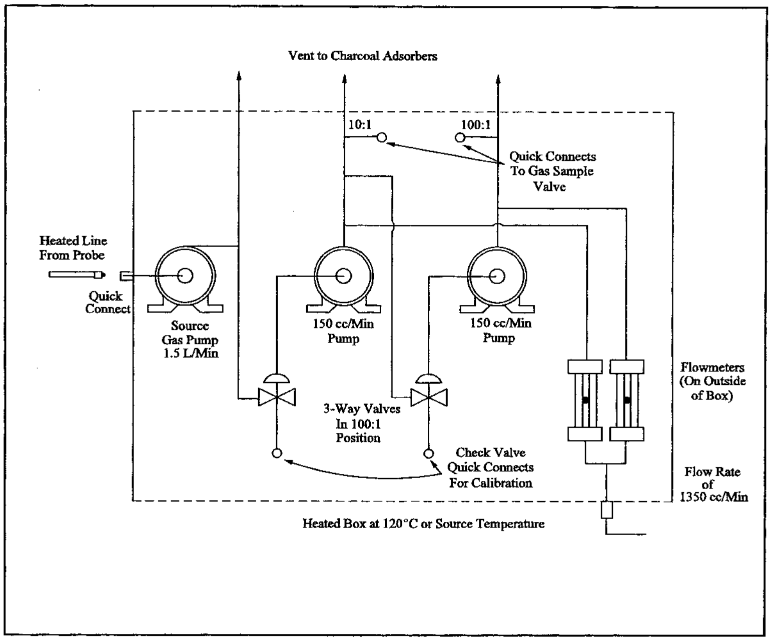

Figure 18-13. Schematic Diagram of the Heated Box Required for Dilution of Sample Gas.

GASEOUS ORGANIC SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS CHECK LIST

[Respond with initials or number as appropriate]

1. Presurvey data:		
A. Grab sample collected	☐	______
B. Grab sample analyzed for composition	☐	______
Method GC	☐	______
GC/MS	☐	______
Other	☐	______
C. GC-FID analysis performed	☐	______
2. Laboratory calibration data:		
A. Calibration curves prepared	☐	______
Number of components	☐	______
Number of concentrations/component (3 required).	☐	______
B. Audit samples (optional):		
Analysis completed	☐	______
Verified for concentration	☐	______
OK obtained for field work	☐	______
3. Sampling procedures:		
A. Method:		
Bag sample	☐	______
Direct interface	☐	______
Dilution interface	☐	______
B. Number of samples collected	☐	______
4. Field Analysis:		
A. Total hydrocarbon analysis performed	☐	______
B. Calibration curve prepared	☐	______
Number of components	☐	______
Number of concentrations per component (3 required).	☐	______

Gaseous Organic Sampling and Analysis Data	Date ____________________
	Location ____________________
Plant ____________________	

GASEOUS ORGANIC SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS CHECK LIST (RESPOND WITH INITIALS OR NUMBER AS APPROPRIATE)

	Date
1. Pre-survey data	
A. Grab sample collected	______
B. Grab sample analyzed for composition	______
Method GC	______
GC/MS	______
Other____________	______
C. GC–FID analysis performed	______
2. Laboratory calibration curves prepared	______
A. Number of components	______
B. Number of concentrations per component (3 required)	______
C. OK obtained for field work	______
3. Sampling procedures.	
A. Method.	
Bag sample	______
Direct interface	______
Dilution interface	______
B. Number of samples collected	______
4. Field Analysis.	
A. Total hydrocarbon analysis performed	______
B. Calibration curve prepared	______
Number of components	______
Number of concentrations per component (3 required)	______

Figure 18–14. Sampling and Analysis Sheet

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APPENDIX A–7 TO PART 60—TEST METHODS 19 THROUGH 25E

Method 19—Determination of sulfur dioxide removal efficiency and particulate, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emission rates

Method 20—Determination of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and diluent emissions from stationary gas turbines

Method 21—Determination of volatile organic compound leaks

Method 22—Visual determination of fugitive emissions from material sources and smoke emissions from flares

Method 23—Determination of Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p-Dioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans From Stationary Sources

Method 24—Determination of volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of surface coatings

Method 24A—Determination of volatile matter content and density of printing inks and related coatings

Method 25—Determination of total gaseous nonmethane organic emissions as carbon

Method 25A—Determination of total gaseous organic concentration using a flame ionization analyzer

Method 25B—Determination of total gaseous organic concentration using a nondispersive infrared analyzer

Method 25C—Determination of nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC) in MSW landfill gases

Method 25D—Determination of the Volatile Organic Concentration of Waste Samples

Method 25E—Determination of Vapor Phase Organic Concentration in Waste Samples

The test methods in this appendix are referred to in §60.8 (Performance Tests) and §60.11 (Compliance With Standards and Maintenance Requirements) of 40 CFR part 60, subpart A (General Provisions). Specific uses of these test methods are described in the standards of performance contained in the subparts, beginning with Subpart D.

Within each standard of performance, a section title ''Test Methods and Procedures'' is provided to: (1) Identify the test methods to be used as reference methods to the facility subject to the respective standard and (2) identify any special instructions or conditions to be followed when applying a method to the respective facility. Such instructions (for example, establish sampling rates, volumes, or temperatures) are to be used either in addition to, or as a substitute for procedures in a test method. Similarly, for sources subject to emission monitoring requirements, specific instructions pertaining to any use of a test method as a reference method are provided in the subpart or in Appendix B.

Inclusion of methods in this appendix is not intended as an endorsement or denial of their applicability to sources that are not subject to standards of performance. The methods are potentially applicable to other sources; however, applicability should be confirmed by careful and appropriate evaluation of the conditions prevalent at such sources.

The approach followed in the formulation of the test methods involves specifications for equipment, procedures, and performance. In concept, a performance specification approach would be preferable in all methods because this allows the greatest flexibility to the user. In practice, however, this approach is impractical in most cases because performance specifications cannot be established. Most of the methods described herein, therefore, involve specific equipment specifications and procedures, and only a few methods in this appendix rely on performance criteria.

Minor changes in the test methods should not necessarily affect the validity of the results and it is recognized that alternative and equivalent methods exist. section 60.8 provides authority for the Administrator to specify or approve (1) equivalent methods, (2) alternative methods, and (3) minor changes in the methodology of the test methods. It should be clearly understood that unless otherwise identified all such methods and changes must have prior approval of the Administrator. An owner employing such methods or deviations from the test methods without obtaining prior approval does so at the risk of subsequent disapproval and retesting with approved methods.

Within the test methods, certain specific equipment or procedures are recognized as being acceptable or potentially acceptable and are specifically identified in the methods. The items identified as acceptable options may be used without approval but must be identified in the test report. The potentially approvable options are cited as ''subject to the approval of the Administrator'' or as ''or equivalent.'' Such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives may be used at the discretion of the owner without prior approval. However, detailed descriptions for applying these potentially approvable techniques or alternatives are not provided in the test methods. Also, the potentially approvable options are not necessarily acceptable in all applications. Therefore, an owner electing to use such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives is responsible for: (1) assuring that the techniques or alternatives are in fact applicable and are properly executed; (2) including a written description of the alternative method in the test report (the written method must be clear and must be capable of being performed without additional instruction, and the degree of detail should be similar to the detail contained in the test methods); and (3) providing any rationale or supporting data necessary to show the validity of the alternative in the particular application. Failure to meet these requirements can result in the Administrator's disapproval of the alternative.

METHOD 19—DETERMINATION OF SULFUR DIOXIDE REMOVAL EFFICIENCY AND PARTICULATE MATTER, SULFUR DIOXIDE, AND NITROGEN OXIDE EMISSION RATES

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes. This method provides data reduction procedures relating to the following pollutants, but does not include any sample collection or analysis procedures.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Nitrogen oxides (NO_X), including:		
Nitric oxide (NO)	10102–43–9	N/A
Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2)	10102–44–0.	
Particulate matter (PM)	None assigned	N/A
Sulfur dioxide (SO_2)	7499–09–05	N/A

1.2 Applicability. Where specified by an applicable subpart of the regulations, this method is applicable for the determination of (a) PM, SO_2, and NO_X emission rates; (b) sulfur removal efficiencies of fuel pretreatment and SO_2 control devices; and (c) overall reduction of potential SO_2 emissions.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Emission Rates. Oxygen (O_2) or carbon dioxide (CO_2) concentrations and appropriate F factors (ratios of combustion gas volumes to heat inputs) are used to calculate pollutant emission rates from pollutant concentrations.

2.2 Sulfur Reduction Efficiency and SO_2 Removal Efficiency. An overall SO_2 emission reduction efficiency is computed from the efficiency of fuel pretreatment systems, where applicable, and the efficiency of SO_2 control devices.

2.2.1 The sulfur removal efficiency of a fuel pretreatment system is determined by fuel sampling and analysis of the sulfur and heat contents of the fuel before and after the pretreatment system.

2.2.2 The SO_2 removal efficiency of a control device is determined by measuring the SO_2 rates before and after the control device.

2.2.2.1 The inlet rates to SO_2 control systems (or, when SO_2 control systems are not used, SO_2 emission rates to the atmosphere) are determined by fuel sampling and analysis.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety [Reserved]

6.0 Equipment and Supplies [Reserved]

7.0 Reagents and Standards [Reserved]

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport [Reserved]

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedures [Reserved]

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature

B_{wa} = Moisture fraction of ambient air, percent.

B_{ws} = Moisture fraction of effluent gas, percent.

%C = Concentration of carbon from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

C_d = Pollutant concentration, dry basis, ng/scm (lb/scf)

$\%CO_{2d}$,$\%CO_{2w}$ = Concentration of carbon dioxide on a dry and wet basis, respectively, percent.

C_w = Pollutant concentration, wet basis, ng/scm (lb/scf).

D = Number of sampling periods during the performance test period.

E = Pollutant emission rate, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_a = Average pollutant rate for the specified performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ao}, E_{ai} = Average pollutant rate of the control device, outlet and inlet, respectively, for the performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{bi} = Pollutant rate from the steam generating unit, ng/J (lb/million Btu)

E_{bo} = Pollutant emission rate from the steam generating unit, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ci} = Pollutant rate in combined effluent, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{co} = Pollutant emission rate in combined effluent, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_d = Average pollutant rate for each sampling period (*e.g.*, 24-hr Method 6B sample or 24-hr fuel sample) or for each fuel lot (*e.g.*, amount of fuel bunkered), ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{di} = Average inlet SO_2 rate for each sampling period d, ng/J (lb/million Btu)

E_g = Pollutant rate from gas turbine, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ga} = Daily geometric average pollutant rate, ng/J (lbs/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

E_{jo},E_{ji} = Matched pair hourly arithmetic average pollutant rate, outlet and inlet, respectively, ng/J (lb/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

E_h = Hourly average pollutant, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{hj} = Hourly arithmetic average pollutant rate for hour ''j,'' ng/J (lb/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

EXP = Natural logarithmic base (2.718) raised to the value enclosed by brackets.

F_d, F_w, F_c = Volumes of combustion components per unit of heat content, scm/J (scf/million Btu).

GCV = Gross calorific value of the fuel consistent with the ultimate analysis, kJ/kg (Btu/lb).

GCV_p, GCV_r = Gross calorific value for the product and raw fuel lots, respectively, dry basis, kJ/kg (Btu/lb).

%H = Concentration of hydrogen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

H = Total number of operating hours for which pollutant rates are determined in the performance test period.

H_b = Heat input rate to the steam generating unit from fuels fired in the steam generating unit, J/hr (million Btu/hr).

H_g = Heat input rate to gas turbine from all fuels fired in the gas turbine, J/hr (million Btu/hr).

$\%H_2O$ = Concentration of water from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

H_r = Total numbers of hours in the performance test period (*e.g.*, 720 hours for 30-day performance test period).

K = Conversion factor, 10^{-5} (kJ/J)/(%) [10^6 Btu/million Btu].

K_c = (9.57 scm/kg)/% [(1.53 scf/lb)/%].

K_{cc} = (2.0 scm/kg)/% [(0.321 scf/lb)/%].

K_{hd} = (22.7 scm/kg)/% [(3.64 scf/lb)/%].

K_{hw} = (34.74 scm/kg)/% [(5.57 scf/lb)/%].

K_n = (0.86 scm/kg)/% [(0.14 scf/lb)/%].

K_o = (2.85 scm/kg)/% [(0.46 scf/lb)/%].

K_s = (3.54 scm/kg)/% [(0.57 scf/lb)/%].

K_w = (1.30 scm/kg)/% [(0.21 scf/lb)/%].

ln = Natural log of indicated value.

L_p,L_r = Weight of the product and raw fuel lots, respectively, metric ton (ton).

%N = Concentration of nitrogen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

N = Number of fuel lots during the averaging period.

n = Number of fuels being burned in combination.

n_d = Number of operating hours of the affected facility within the performance test period for each E_d determined.

n_t = Total number of hourly averages for which paired inlet and outlet pollutant rates are available within the 24-hr midnight to midnight daily period.

%O = Concentration of oxygen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

$\%O_{2d}$, $\%O_{2w}$ = Concentration of oxygen on a dry and wet basis, respectively, percent.

P_s = Potential SO_2 emissions, percent.

$\%R_f$ = SO_2 removal efficiency from fuel pretreatment, percent.

$\%R_g$ = SO_2 removal efficiency of the control device, percent.

$\%R_{ga}$ = Daily geometric average percent reduction.

$\%R_o$ = Overall SO_2 reduction, percent.

%S = Sulfur content of as-fired fuel lot, dry basis, weight percent.

S_e = Standard deviation of the hourly average pollutant rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

$\%S_f$ = Concentration of sulfur from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

S_i = Standard deviation of the hourly average inlet pollutant rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

S_o = Standard deviation of the hourly average emission rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

$\%S_p$, $\%S_r$ = Sulfur content of the product and raw fuel lots respectively, dry basis, weight percent.

$t_{0.95}$ = Values shown in Table 19–3 for the indicated number of data points n.

X_k = Fraction of total heat input from each type of fuel k.

12.2 Emission Rates of PM, SO_2, and NO_X. Select from the following sections the applicable procedure to compute the PM, S_{O2}, or NO_X emission rate (E) in ng/J (lb/million Btu). The pollutant concentration must be in ng/scm (lb/scf) and the F factor must be in scm/J (scf/million Btu). If the pollutant concentration (C) is not in the appropriate units, use Table 19–1 in section 17.0 to make the proper conversion. An F factor is the ratio of the gas volume of the products of combustion to the heat content of the fuel. The dry F factor (F_d) includes all components of combustion less water, the wet F factor (F_w) includes all components of combustion, and the carbon F factor (F_c) includes only carbon dioxide.

NOTE: Since F_w factors include water resulting only from the combustion of hydrogen in the fuel, the procedures using F_w factors are not applicable for computing E from steam generating units with wet scrubbers or with other processes that add water (*e.g.*, steam injection).

12.2.1 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Dry Basis. When measurements are on a dry basis for both O ($\%O_{2d}$) and pollutant (C_d) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_d \frac{20.9}{\left(20.9 - \%O_{2d}\right)} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-1}$$

12.2.2 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Wet Basis. When measurements are on a wet basis for both O_2 ($\%O_{2w}$) and pollutant (C_w) concentrations, use either of the following:

12.2.2.1 If the moisture fraction of ambient air (B_{wa}) is measured:

$$E = C_w F_w \frac{20.9}{\left[20.9\left(1 - B_{wa}\right) - \%O_{2w}\right]} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-2}$$

Instead of actual measurement, B_{wa} may be estimated according to the procedure below.

NOTE: The estimates are selected to ensure that negative errors will not be larger than −1.5 percent. However, positive errors, or over-estimation of emissions by as much as 5 percent may be introduced depending upon the geographic location of the facility and the associated range of ambient moisture.

12.2.2.1.1 B_{wa} = 0.027. This value may be used at any location at all times.

12.2.2.1.2 B_{wa} = Highest monthly average of B_{wa} that occurred within the previous calendar year at the nearest Weather Service Station. This value shall be determined annually and may be used as an estimate for the entire current calendar year.

12.2.2.1.3 B_{wa} = Highest daily average of Bwa that occurred within a calendar month at the nearest Weather Service Station, calculated from the data from the past 3 years. This value shall be computed for each month and may be used as an estimate for the current respective calendar month.

12.2.2.2 If the moisture fraction (B_{ws}) of the effluent gas is measured:

$$E = C_w F_d \frac{20.9}{\left[20.9\left(1 - B_{ws}\right) - \%O_{2w}\right]} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-3}$$

12.2.3 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Dry/Wet Basis.

12.2.3.1 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a wet basis (C_w) and O_2 concentration is measured on a dry basis ($\%O_{2d}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{\left(C_w F_d\right)(20.9)}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)\left(20.9 - \%O_{2d}\right)} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-4}$$

12.2.3.2 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a dry basis (C_d) and the O_2 concentration is measured on a wet basis ($\%O_{2w}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{C_d F_d 20.9}{\dfrac{\left(20.9 - \%O_{2w}\right)}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-5}$$

12.2.4 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Dry Basis. When measurements are on a dry basis for both CO_2 ($\%CO_{2d}$) and pollutant (C_d) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_c \frac{100}{\%CO_{2d}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-6}$$

12.2.5 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Wet Basis. When measurements are on a wet basis for both CO_2 ($\%CO_{2w}$) and pollutant (C_w) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_w F_c \frac{100}{\%CO_{2w}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-7}$$

12.2.6 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Dry/Wet Basis.

12.2.6.1 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a wet basis (C_w) and CO_2 concentration is measured on a dry basis ($\%CO_{2d}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{C_w F_c}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)} \frac{100}{\%CO_{2d}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-8}$$

12.2.6.2 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a dry basis (C_d) and CO_2 concentration is measured on a wet basis ($\%CO_{2w}$), use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_c \left(1 - B_{ws}\right) \frac{100}{\%CO_{2w}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-9}$$

12.2.7 Direct-Fired Reheat Fuel Burning. The effect of direct-fired reheat fuel burning (for the purpose of raising the temperature of the exhaust effluent from wet scrubbers to above the moisture dew-point) on emission rates will be less than 1.0 percent and, therefore, may be ignored.

12.2.8 Combined Cycle-Gas Turbine Systems. For gas turbine-steam generator combined cycle systems, determine the emissions from the steam generating unit or the percent reduction in potential SO_2 emissions as follows:

12.2.8.1 Compute the emission rate from the steam generating unit using the following equation:

$$E_{bo} = E_{co} + \frac{H_g}{H_b}\left(E_{co} - E_g\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-10}$$

12.2.8.1.1 Use the test methods and procedures section of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart GG to obtain E_{co} and E_g. Do not use F_w factors for determining E_g or E_{co}. If an SO_2 control device is used, measure E_{co} after the control device.

12.2.8.1.2 Suitable methods shall be used to determine the heat input rates to the steam generating units (H_b) and the gas turbine (H_g).

12.2.8.2 If a control device is used, compute the percent of potential SO_2 emissions (P_s) using the following equations:

$$E_{bi} = E_{ci} - \frac{H_g}{H_b}\left(E_{ci} - E_g\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-11}$$

$$P_s = 100\left(1 - \frac{E_{bo}}{E_{bi}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-12}$$

NOTE: Use the test methods and procedures section of Subpart GG to obtain E_{ci} and E_g. Do not use F_w factors for determining E_g or E_{ci}.

12.3 F Factors. Use an average F factor according to section 12.3.1 or determine an applicable F factor according to section 12.3.2. If combined fuels are fired, prorate the applicable F factors using the procedure in section 12.3.3.

12.3.1 Average F Factors. Average F factors (F_d, F_w, or F_c) from Table 19–2 in section 17.0 may be used.

12.3.2 Determined F Factors. If the fuel burned is not listed in Table 19–2 or if the owner or operator chooses to determine an F factor rather than use the values in Table 19–2, use the procedure below:

12.3.2.1 Equations. Use the equations below, as appropriate, to compute the F factors:

$$F_d = \frac{K\left(K_{hd}\%H + K_c\%C + K_s\%S + K_n\%N - K_o\%O\right)}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-13}$$

$$F_w = \frac{K\left[K_{hw}\%H + K_c\%C + K_s\%S + K_n\%N - K_o\%O + K_w\%H_2O\right]}{GCV_w} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-14}$$

$$F_c = \frac{K\left(K_{cc}\%C\right)}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-15}$$

NOTE: Omit the $\%H_2O$ term in the equations for F_w if %H and %O include the unavailable hydrogen and oxygen in the form of H_2O.)

12.3.2.2 Use applicable sampling procedures in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to obtain samples for analyses.

12.3.2.3 Use ASTM D 3176–74 or 89 (all cited ASTM standards are incorporated by reference—see § 60.17) for ultimate analysis of the fuel.

12.3.2.4 Use applicable methods in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to determine the heat content of solid or liquid fuels. For gaseous fuels, use ASTM D 1826–77 or 94 (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17) to determine the heat content.

12.3.3 F Factors for Combination of Fuels. If combinations of fuels are burned, use the following equations, as applicable unless otherwise specified in an applicable subpart:

$$F_d = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{dk}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-16}$$

$$F_w = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{wk}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-17}$$

$$F_c = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{ck}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-18}$$

12.4 Determination of Average Pollutant Rates.

12.4.1 Average Pollutant Rates from Hourly Values. When hourly average pollutant rates (E_h), inlet or outlet, are obtained (*e.g.*, CEMS values), compute the average pollutant rate (E_a) for the performance test period (*e.g.*, 30 days) specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$E_a = \frac{1}{H}\sum_{j=1}^{n} E_{hj} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-19}$$

12.4.2 Average Pollutant Rates from Other than Hourly Averages. When pollutant rates are determined from measured values representing longer than 1-hour periods (*e.g.*, daily fuel sampling and analyses or Method 6B values), or when pollutant rates are determined from combinations of 1-hour and longer than 1-hour periods (*e.g.*, CEMS and Method 6B values), compute the average pollutant rate (E_a) for the performance test period (*e.g.*, 30 days) specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$E_a = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{D}\left(n_d E_d\right)_j}{\sum_{j=1}^{D} n_{dj}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-20}$$

12.4.3 Daily Geometric Average Pollutant Rates from Hourly Values. The geometric average pollutant rate (E_{ga}) is computed using the following equation:

$$E_{ga} = \exp\left[\frac{1}{n_t}\sum_{j=1}^{n_t}\left[1n\left(E_{hj}\right)\right]\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-21}$$

12.5 Determination of Overall Reduction in Potential Sulfur Dioxide Emission.

12.5.1 Overall Percent Reduction. Compute the overall percent SO_2 reduction ($\%R_o$) using the following equation:

$$\%R_o = 100\left[1.0 - \left(1.0 - \frac{\%R_f}{100}\right)\left(1.0 - \frac{\%R_g}{100}\right)\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-22}$$

12.5.2 Pretreatment Removal Efficiency (Optional). Compute the SO_2 removal efficiency from fuel pretreatment ($\%R_f$) for the averaging period (*e.g.*, 90 days) as specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$\%R_f = 100\left[1.0 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left(\frac{\%S_{pj}}{GCV_{pj}}\right)L_{pj}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left(\frac{\%S_{rj}}{GCV_{rj}}\right)L_{rj}}\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-23}$$

NOTE: In calculating $\%R_f$, include %S and GCV values for all fuel lots that are not pretreated and are used during the averaging period.

12.5.2.1 Solid Fossil (Including Waste) Fuel/Sampling and Analysis.

NOTE: For the purposes of this method, raw fuel (coal or oil) is the fuel delivered to the desulfurization (pretreatment) facility. For oil, the input oil to the oil desulfurization process (*e.g.*, hydrotreatment) is considered to be the raw fuel.

12.5.2.1.1 Sample Increment Collection. Use ASTM D 2234–76, 96, 97a, or 98 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17), Type I, Conditions A, B, or C, and systematic spacing. As used in this method, systematic spacing is intended to include evenly spaced increments in time or increments based on equal weights of coal passing the collection area. As a minimum, determine the number and weight of increments required per gross sample representing each coal lot according to Table 2 or Paragraph 7.1.5.2 of ASTM D 2234. Collect one gross sample for each lot of raw coal and one gross sample for each lot of product coal.

12.5.2.1.2 ASTM Lot Size. For the purpose of section 12.5.2 (fuel pretreatment), the lot size of product coal is the weight of product coal from one type of raw coal. The lot size of raw coal is the weight of raw coal used to produce one lot of product coal. Typically, the lot size is the weight of coal processed in a 1-day (24-hour) period. If more than one type of coal is treated and produced in 1 day, then gross samples must be collected and analyzed for each type of coal. A coal lot size equaling the 90-day quarterly fuel quantity for a steam generating unit may be used if representative sampling can be conducted for each raw coal and product coal.

NOTE: Alternative definitions of lot sizes may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.2.1.3 Gross Sample Analysis. Use ASTM D 2013–72 or 86 to prepare the sample, ASTM D 3177–75 or 89 or ASTM D 4239–85, 94, or 97 to determine sulfur content (%S), ASTM D 3173–73 or 87 to determine moisture content, and ASTM D 2015–77 (Reapproved 1978) or 96, D 3286–85 or 96, or D 5865–98 or 10 to determine gross calorific value (GCV) (all standards cited are incorporated by reference—see §60.17 for acceptable versions of the standards) on a dry basis for each gross sample.

12.5.2.2 Liquid Fossil Fuel-Sampling and Analysis. See Note under section 12.5.2.1.

12.5.2.2.1 Sample Collection. Follow the procedures for continuous sampling in ASTM D 270 or D 4177–95 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17) for each gross sample from each fuel lot.

12.5.2.2.2 Lot Size. For the purpose of section 12.5.2 (fuel pretreatment), the lot size of a product oil is the weight of product oil from one pretreatment facility and intended as one shipment (ship load, barge load, etc.). The lot size of raw oil is the weight of each crude liquid fuel type used to produce a lot of product oil.

NOTE: Alternative definitions of lot sizes may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.2.2.3 Sample Analysis. Use ASTM D 129–64, 78, or 95, ASTM D 1552–83 or 95, or ASTM D 4057–81 or 95 to determine the sulfur content (%S) and ASTM D 240–76 or 92 (all standards cited are incorporated by reference—see §60.17) to determine the GCV of each gross sample. These values may be assumed to be on a dry basis. The owner or operator of an affected facility may elect to determine the GCV by sampling the oil combusted on the first steam generating unit operating day of each calendar month and then using the lowest GCV value of the three GCV values per quarter for the GCV of all oil combusted in that calendar quarter.

12.5.2.3 Use appropriate procedures, subject to the approval of the Administrator, to determine the fraction of total mass input derived from each type of fuel.

12.5.3 Control Device Removal Efficiency. Compute the percent removal efficiency ($\%R_g$) of the control device using the following equation:

$$\%R_g = 100\left(1.0 - \frac{E_{ao}}{E_{ai}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-24}$$

12.5.3.1 Use continuous emission monitoring systems or test methods, as appropriate, to determine the outlet SO_2 rates and, if appropriate, the inlet SO_2 rates. The rates may be determined as hourly (E_h) or other sampling period averages (E_d). Then, compute the average pollutant rates for the performance test period (E_{ao} and E_{ai}) using the procedures in section 12.4.

12.5.3.2 As an alternative, as-fired fuel sampling and analysis may be used to determine inlet SO_2 rates as follows:

12.5.3.2.1 Compute the average inlet SO_2 rate (E_{di}) for each sampling period using the following equation:

$$E_{di} = K\frac{\%S}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-25}$$

Where:

$$K = 2\times10^7\left(\frac{\text{ng } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{(\text{kJ})}{\text{J}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{kg coal}}\right)\left[2\times10^4\left(\frac{\text{lb } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{million Btu}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{lb coal}}\right)\right]$$

After calculating E_{di}, use the procedures in section 12.4 to determine the average inlet SO_2 rate for the performance test period (E_{ai}).

12.5.3.2.2 Collect the fuel samples from a location in the fuel handling system that provides a sample representative of the fuel bunkered or consumed during a steam generating unit operating day. For the purpose of as-fired fuel sampling under section 12.5.3.2 or section 12.6, the lot size for coal is the weight of coal bunkered or consumed during each steam generating unit operating day. The lot size for oil is the weight of oil supplied to the "day" tank or consumed during each steam generating unit operating day. For reporting and calculation purposes, the gross sample shall be identified with the calendar day on which sampling began. For steam generating unit operating days when a coal-fired steam generating unit is operated without coal being added to the bunkers, the coal analysis from the previous "as bunkered" coal sample shall be used until coal is bunkered again. For steam generating unit operating days when an oil-fired steam generating unit is operated without oil being added to the oil "day" tank, the oil analysis from the previous day shall be used until the "day" tank is filled again. Alternative definitions of fuel lot size may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.3.2.3 Use ASTM procedures specified in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to determine %S and GCV.

12.5.4 Daily Geometric Average Percent Reduction from Hourly Values. The geometric average percent reduction ($\%R_{ga}$) is computed using the following equation:

$$\%R_{ga} = 100\left[1 - \text{EXP}\left(\frac{1}{n_t}\sum_{j=1}^{n_t}\ln\frac{E_{jo}}{E_{ji}}\right)\right] \qquad \text{Eq. 19-26}$$

NOTE: The calculation includes only paired data sets (hourly average) for the inlet and outlet pollutant measurements.

12.6 Sulfur Retention Credit for Compliance Fuel. If fuel sampling and analysis procedures in section 12.5.2.1 are being used to determine average SO_2 emission rates (E_{as}) to the atmosphere from a coal-fired steam generating unit when there is no SO_2 control device, the following equation may be used to adjust the emission rate for sulfur retention credits (no credits are allowed for oil-fired systems) (E_{di}) for each sampling period using the following equation:

$$E_{di} = 0.97K \frac{\%S}{GDV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-27}$$

Where:

$$K = 2\times10^7\left(\frac{\text{ng } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{J}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{kg coal}}\right)\left[2\times10^4\left(\frac{\text{lb } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{million Btu}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{lb coal}}\right)\right]$$

After calculating E_{di}, use the procedures in section 12.4.2 to determine the average SO_2 emission rate to the atmosphere for the performance test period (E_{ao}).

12.7 Determination of Compliance When Minimum Data Requirement Is Not Met.

12.7.1 Adjusted Emission Rates and Control Device Removal Efficiency. When the minimum data requirement is not met, the Administrator may use the following adjusted emission rates or control device removal efficiencies to determine compliance with the applicable standards.

12.7.1.1 Emission Rate. Compliance with the emission rate standard may be determined by using the lower confidence limit of the emission rate (E_{ao}*) as follows:

$$E_{ao}^* = E_{ao} - t_{0.95} S_o \qquad \text{Eq. 19-28}$$

12.7.1.2 Control Device Removal Efficiency. Compliance with the overall emission reduction ($\%R_o$) may be determined by using the lower confidence limit of the emission rate (E_{ao}*) and the upper confidence limit of the inlet pollutant rate (E_{ai}*) in calculating the control device removal efficiency ($\%R_g$) as follows:

$$\%R_g = 100\left(1.0 - \frac{E_{ao}^*}{E_{ai}^*}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-29}$$

$$E_{ai}^* = E_{ai} + t_{0.95} S_i \qquad \text{Eq. 19-30}$$

12.7.2 Standard Deviation of Hourly Average Pollutant Rates. Compute the standard deviation (S_e) of the hourly average pollutant rates using the following equation:

$$S_e = \sqrt{\frac{1}{H} - \frac{1}{H_r}}\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{H}\left(E_{hj} - E_a\right)^2}{H-1}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-31}$$

Equation 19–19 through 19–31 may be used to compute the standard deviation for both the outlet (S_o) and, if applicable, inlet (S_i) pollutant rates.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References [Reserved]

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

TABLE 19–1—CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CONCENTRATION

From	To	Multiply by
g/scm	ng/scm	10^9
mg/scm	ng/scm	10^6
lb/scf	ng/scm	1.602×10^{13}

TABLE 19–1—CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CONCENTRATION—Continued

From	To	Multiply by
ppm SO_2	ng/scm	2.66×10^6
ppm NO_X	ng/scm	1.912×10^6
ppm SO_2	lb/scf	1.660×10^{-7}
ppm NO_X	lb/scf	1.194×10^{-7}

TABLE 19–2—F FACTORS FOR VARIOUS FUELS[1]

Fuel Type	F_d		F_w		F_c	
	dscm/J	dscf/10[6] Btu	wscm/J	wscf/10[6] Btu	scm/J	scf/10[6] Btu
Coal:						
Anthracite[2]	2.71×10^{-7}	10,100	2.83×10^{-7}	10,540	0.530×10^{-7}	1,970
Bituminus[2]	2.63×10^{-7}	9,780	2.86×10^{-7}	10,640	0.484×10^{-7}	1,800
Lignite	2.65×10^{-7}	9,860	3.21×10^{-7}	11,950	0.513×10^{-7}	1,910
Oil[3]	2.47×10^{-7}	9,190	2.77×10^{-7}	10,320	0.383×10^{-7}	1,420
Gas:.						
Natural	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.85×10^{-7}	10,610	0.287×10^{-7}	1,040
Propane	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.74×10^{-7}	10,200	0.321×10^{-7}	1,190
Butane	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.79×10^{-7}	10,390	0.337×10^{-7}	1,250
Wood	2.48×10^{-7}	9,240			0.492×10^{-7}	1,830
Wood Bark	2.58×10^{-7}	9,600			0.516×10^{-7}	1,920
Municipal	2.57×10^{-7}	9,570			0.488×10^{-7}	1,820
Solid Waste						

[1] Determined at standard conditions: 20 °C (68 °F) and 760 mm Hg (29.92 in Hg)
[2] As classified according to ASTM D 388.
[3] Crude, residual, or distillate.

TABLE 19–3—VALUES FOR $T_{0.95}$*

n[1]	$t_{0.95}$	n[1]	$t_{0.95}$	n[1]	$t_{0.95}$
2	6.31	8	1.89	22–26	1.71
3	2.42	9	1.86	27–31	1.70
4	2.35	10	1.83	32–51	1.68
5	2.13	11	1.81	52–91	1.67
6	2.02	12–16	1.77	92–151	1.66
7	1.94	17–21	1.73	152 or more	1.65

[1]The values of this table are corrected for n-1 degrees of freedom. Use n equal to the number (H) of hourly average data points.

METHOD 20—DETERMINATION OF NITROGEN OXIDES, SULFUR DIOXIDE, AND DILUENT EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY GAS TURBINES

1.0 Scope and Application

What is Method 20?

Method 20 contains the details you must follow when using an instrumental analyzer to determine concentrations of nitrogen oxides, oxygen, carbon dioxide, and sulfur dioxide in the emissions from stationary gas turbines. This method follows the specific instructions for equipment and performance requirements, supplies, sample collection and analysis, calculations, and data analysis in the methods listed in section 2.0.

1.1 Analytes. What does this method determine?

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Nitrogen oxides (NO_X) as nitrogen dioxide:	10102–43–9	Typically <2% of Calibration Span.
Nitric oxide (NO)	10102–44–0	
Nitrogen dioxide NO_2.		
Diluent oxygen (O_2) or carbon dioxide (CO_2)		Typically <2% of Calibration Span.
Sulfur dioxide (SO_X)	7446–09–5	Typically <2% of Calibration Span.

1.2 Applicability. When is this method required? The use of Method 20 may be required by specific New Source Performance Standards, Clean Air Marketing rules, and State Implementation Plans and permits where

measuring SO_2, NO_X, CO_2, and/or O_2 concentrations in stationary gas turbines emissions are required. Other regulations may also require its use.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. How good must my collected data be? Refer to section 1.3 of Method 7E.

2.0 Summary of Method

In this method, NO_X, O_2 (or CO_2), and SO_X are measured using the following methods found in appendix A to this part:

(a) Method 1—Sample and Velocity Traverses for Stationary Sources.

(b) Method 3A—Determination of Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(c) Method 6C—Determination of Sulfur Dioxide Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(d) Method 7E—Determination of Nitrogen Oxides Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(e) Method 19—Determination of Sulfur Dioxide Removal Efficiency and Particulate Matter, Sulfur Dioxide, and Nitrogen Oxide Emission Rates.

3.0 Definitions

Refer to section 3.0 of Method 7E for the applicable definitions.

4.0 Interferences

Refer to section 4.0 of Methods 3A, 6C, and 7E as applicable.

5.0 Safety

Refer to section 5.0 of Method 7E.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The measurement system design is shown in Figure 7E–1 of Method 7E. Refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for equipment and supplies.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for reagents and standards.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sampling Site and Sampling Points. Follow the procedures of section 8.1 of Method 7E. For the stratification test in section 8.1.2, determine the diluent-corrected pollutant concentration at each traverse point.

8.2 Initial Measurement System Performance Tests. You must refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for the measurement system performance tests as applicable.

8.3 Interference Check. You must follow the procedures in section 8.3 of Method 3A or 6C, or section 8.2.7 of Method 7E (as appropriate).

8.4 Sample Collection. You must follow the procedures of section 8.4 of the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0. A test run must have a duration of at least 21 minutes.

8.5 Post-Run System Bias Check, Drift Assessment, and Alternative Dynamic Spike Procedure. You must follow the procedures of sections 8.5 and 8.6 of the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0. A test run must have a duration of at least 21 minutes.

9.0 Quality Control

Follow quality control procedures in section 9.0 of Method 7E.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

Follow the procedures for calibration and standardization in section 10.0 of Method 7E.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

Because sample collection and analysis are performed together (see section 8), additional discussion of the analytical procedure is not necessary.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

You must follow the procedures for calculations and data analysis in section 12.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0. Follow the procedures in section 12.0 of Method 19 for calculating fuel-specific F factors, diluent-corrected pollutant concentrations, and emission rates.

13.0 Method Performance

The specifications for the applicable performance checks are the same as in section 13.0 of Method 7E.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 Alternative Procedures

Refer to section 16.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for alternative procedures.

17.0 References

Refer to section 17.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for references.

18.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

Refer to section 18.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for tables, diagrams, flowcharts, and validation data.

METHOD 21—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND LEAKS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Scope. This method is applicable for the determination of VOC leaks from process equipment. These sources include, but are not limited to, valves, flanges and other connections, pumps and compressors, pressure relief devices, process drains, open-ended valves, pump and compressor seal system degassing vents, accumulator vessel vents, agitator seals, and access door seals.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A portable instrument is used to detect VOC leaks from individual sources. The instrument detector type is not specified, but it must meet the specifications and performance criteria contained in section 6.0. A leak definition concentration based on a reference compound is specified in each applicable regulation. This method is intended to locate and classify leaks only, and is not to be used as a direct measure of mass emission rate from individual sources.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Calibration gas* means the VOC compound used to adjust the instrument meter reading to a known value. The calibration gas is usually the reference compound at a known concentration approximately equal to the leak definition concentration.

3.2 *Calibration precision* means the degree of agreement between measurements of the same known value, expressed as the relative percentage of the average difference between the meter readings and the known concentration to the known concentration.

3.3 *Leak definition concentration* means the local VOC concentration at the surface of a leak source that indicates that a VOC emission (leak) is present. The leak definition is an instrument meter reading based on a reference compound.

3.4 *No detectable emission* means a local VOC concentration at the surface of a leak source, adjusted for local VOC ambient concentration, that is less than 2.5 percent of the specified leak definition concentration. that indicates that a VOC emission (leak) is not present.

3.5 *Reference compound* means the VOC species selected as the instrument calibration basis for specification of the leak definition concentration. (For example, if a leak definition concentration is 10,000 ppm as methane, then any source emission that results in a local concentration that yields a meter reading of 10,000 on an instrument meter calibrated with methane would be classified as a leak. In this example, the leak definition concentration is 10,000 ppm and the reference compound is methane.)

3.6 *Response factor* means the ratio of the known concentration of a VOC compound to the observed meter reading when measured using an instrument calibrated with the reference compound specified in the applicable regulation.

3.7 *Response time* means the time interval from a step change in VOC concentration at the input of the sampling system to the time at which 90 percent of the corresponding final value is reached as displayed on the instrument readout meter.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Pollutants. Several of the compounds, leaks of which may be determined by this method, may be irritating or corrosive to tissues (*e.g.*, heptane) or may be toxic (*e.g.*, benzene, methyl alcohol). Nearly all are fire hazards. Compounds in emissions should be determined through familiarity with the source. Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as reference No. 4 in section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

A VOC monitoring instrument meeting the following specifications is required:

6.1 The VOC instrument detector shall respond to the compounds being processed. Detector types that may meet this requirement include, but are not limited to, catalytic oxidation, flame ionization, infrared absorption, and photoionization.

6.2 The instrument shall be capable of measuring the leak definition concentration specified in the regulation.

6.3 The scale of the instrument meter shall be readable to ±2.5 percent of the specified leak definition concentration.

6.4 The instrument shall be equipped with an electrically driven pump to ensure that a sample is provided to the detector at a constant flow rate. The nominal sample flow rate, as measured at the sample probe tip, shall be 0.10 to 3.0 l/min (0.004 to 0.1 ft^3/min) when the probe is fitted with a glass wool plug or filter that may be used to prevent plugging of the instrument.

6.5 The instrument shall be equipped with a probe or probe extension or sampling not to exceed 6.4 mm (¼ in) in outside diameter,

with a single end opening for admission of sample.

6.6 The instrument shall be intrinsically safe for operation in explosive atmospheres as defined by the National Electrical Code by the National Fire Prevention Association or other applicable regulatory code for operation in any explosive atmospheres that may be encountered in its use. The instrument shall, at a minimum, be intrinsically safe for Class 1, Division 1 conditions, and/or Class 2, Division 1 conditions, as appropriate, as defined by the example code. The instrument shall not be operated with any safety device, such as an exhaust flame arrestor, removed.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Two gas mixtures are required for instrument calibration and performance evaluation:

7.1.1 Zero Gas. Air, less than 10 parts per million by volume (ppmv) VOC.

7.1.2 Calibration Gas. For each organic species that is to be measured during individual source surveys, obtain or prepare a known standard in air at a concentration approximately equal to the applicable leak definition specified in the regulation.

7.2 Cylinder Gases. If cylinder calibration gas mixtures are used, they must be analyzed and certified by the manufacturer to be within 2 percent accuracy, and a shelf life must be specified. Cylinder standards must be either reanalyzed or replaced at the end of the specified shelf life.

7.3 Prepared Gases. Calibration gases may be prepared by the user according to any accepted gaseous preparation procedure that will yield a mixture accurate to within 2 percent. Prepared standards must be replaced each day of use unless it is demonstrated that degradation does not occur during storage.

7.4 Mixtures with non-Reference Compound Gases. Calibrations may be performed using a compound other than the reference compound. In this case, a conversion factor must be determined for the alternative compound such that the resulting meter readings during source surveys can be converted to reference compound results.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Instrument Performance Evaluation. Assemble and start up the instrument according to the manufacturer's instructions for recommended warmup period and preliminary adjustments.

8.1.1 Response Factor. A response factor must be determined for each compound that is to be measured, either by testing or from reference sources. The response factor tests are required before placing the analyzer into service, but do not have to be repeated at subsequent intervals.

8.1.1.1 Calibrate the instrument with the reference compound as specified in the applicable regulation. Introduce the calibration gas mixture to the analyzer and record the observed meter reading. Introduce zero gas until a stable reading is obtained. Make a total of three measurements by alternating between the calibration gas and zero gas. Calculate the response factor for each repetition and the average response factor.

8.1.1.2 The instrument response factors for each of the individual VOC to be measured shall be less than 10 unless otherwise specified in the applicable regulation. When no instrument is available that meets this specification when calibrated with the reference VOC specified in the applicable regulation, the available instrument may be calibrated with one of the VOC to be measured, or any other VOC, so long as the instrument then has a response factor of less than 10 for each of the individual VOC to be measured.

8.1.1.3 Alternatively, if response factors have been published for the compounds of interest for the instrument or detector type, the response factor determination is not required, and existing results may be referenced. Examples of published response factors for flame ionization and catalytic oxidation detectors are included in References 1–3 of section 17.0.

8.1.2 Calibration Precision. The calibration precision test must be completed prior to placing the analyzer into service and at subsequent 3-month intervals or at the next use, whichever is later.

8.1.2.1 Make a total of three measurements by alternately using zero gas and the specified calibration gas. Record the meter readings. Calculate the average algebraic difference between the meter readings and the known value. Divide this average difference by the known calibration value and multiply by 100 to express the resulting calibration precision as a percentage.

8.1.2.2 The calibration precision shall be equal to or less than 10 percent of the calibration gas value.

8.1.3 Response Time. The response time test is required before placing the instrument into service. If a modification to the sample pumping system or flow configuration is made that would change the response time, a new test is required before further use.

8.1.3.1 Introduce zero gas into the instrument sample probe. When the meter reading has stabilized, switch quickly to the specified calibration gas. After switching, measure the time required to attain 90 percent of the final stable reading. Perform this test sequence three times and record the results. Calculate the average response time.

8.1.3.2 The instrument response time shall be equal to or less than 30 seconds. The instrument pump, dilution probe (if any), sample probe, and probe filter that will be used

during testing shall all be in place during the response time determination.

8.2 Instrument Calibration. Calibrate the VOC monitoring instrument according to section 10.0.

8.3 Individual Source Surveys.

8.3.1 Type I—Leak Definition Based on Concentration. Place the probe inlet at the surface of the component interface where leakage could occur. Move the probe along the interface periphery while observing the instrument readout. If an increased meter reading is observed, slowly sample the interface where leakage is indicated until the maximum meter reading is obtained. Leave the probe inlet at this maximum reading location for approximately two times the instrument response time. If the maximum observed meter reading is greater than the leak definition in the applicable regulation, record and report the results as specified in the regulation reporting requirements. Examples of the application of this general technique to specific equipment types are:

8.3.1.1 Valves. The most common source of leaks from valves is the seal between the stem and housing. Place the probe at the interface where the stem exits the packing gland and sample the stem circumference. Also, place the probe at the interface of the packing gland take-up flange seat and sample the periphery. In addition, survey valve housings of multipart assembly at the surface of all interfaces where a leak could occur.

8.3.1.2 Flanges and Other Connections. For welded flanges, place the probe at the outer edge of the flange-gasket interface and sample the circumference of the flange. Sample other types of nonpermanent joints (such as threaded connections) with a similar traverse.

8.3.1.3 Pumps and Compressors. Conduct a circumferential traverse at the outer surface of the pump or compressor shaft and seal interface. If the source is a rotating shaft, position the probe inlet within 1 cm of the shaft-seal interface for the survey. If the housing configuration prevents a complete traverse of the shaft periphery, sample all accessible portions. Sample all other joints on the pump or compressor housing where leakage could occur.

8.3.1.4 Pressure Relief Devices. The configuration of most pressure relief devices prevents sampling at the sealing seat interface. For those devices equipped with an enclosed extension, or horn, place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the exhaust area to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.5 Process Drains. For open drains, place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the area open to the atmosphere. For covered drains, place the probe at the surface of the cover interface and conduct a peripheral traverse.

8.3.1.6 Open-ended Lines or Valves. Place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the opening to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.7 Seal System Degassing Vents and Accumulator Vents. Place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the opening to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.8 Access door seals. Place the probe inlet at the surface of the door seal interface and conduct a peripheral traverse.

8.3.2 Type II—''No Detectable Emission''. Determine the local ambient VOC concentration around the source by moving the probe randomly upwind and downwind at a distance of one to two meters from the source. If an interference exists with this determination due to a nearby emission or leak, the local ambient concentration may be determined at distances closer to the source, but in no case shall the distance be less than 25 centimeters. Then move the probe inlet to the surface of the source and determine the concentration as outlined in section 8.3.1. The difference between these concentrations determines whether there are no detectable emissions. Record and report the results as specified by the regulation. For those cases where the regulation requires a specific device installation, or that specified vents be ducted or piped to a control device, the existence of these conditions shall be visually confirmed. When the regulation also requires that no detectable emissions exist, visual observations and sampling surveys are required. Examples of this technique are:

8.3.2.1 Pump or Compressor Seals. If applicable, determine the type of shaft seal. Perform a survey of the local area ambient VOC concentration and determine if detectable emissions exist as described in section 8.3.2.

8.3.2.2 Seal System Degassing Vents, Accumulator Vessel Vents, Pressure Relief Devices. If applicable, observe whether or not the applicable ducting or piping exists. Also, determine if any sources exist in the ducting or piping where emissions could occur upstream of the control device. If the required ducting or piping exists and there are no sources where the emissions could be vented to the atmosphere upstream of the control device, then it is presumed that no detectable emissions are present. If there are sources in the ducting or piping where emissions could be vented or sources where leaks could occur, the sampling surveys described in section 8.3.2 shall be used to determine if detectable emissions exist.

8.3.3 Alternative Screening Procedure.

8.3.3.1 A screening procedure based on the formation of bubbles in a soap solution that is sprayed on a potential leak source may be used for those sources that do not have continuously moving parts, that do not have surface temperatures greater than the boiling point or less than the freezing point of the soap solution, that do not have open

areas to the atmosphere that the soap solution cannot bridge, or that do not exhibit evidence of liquid leakage. Sources that have these conditions present must be surveyed using the instrument technique of section 8.3.1 or 8.3.2.

8.3.3.2 Spray a soap solution over all potential leak sources. The soap solution may be a commercially available leak detection solution or may be prepared using concentrated detergent and water. A pressure sprayer or squeeze bottle may be used to dispense the solution. Observe the potential leak sites to determine if any bubbles are formed. If no bubbles are observed, the source is presumed to have no detectable emissions or leaks as applicable. If any bubbles are observed, the instrument techniques of section 8.3.1 or 8.3.2 shall be used to determine if a leak exists, or if the source has detectable emissions, as applicable.

9.0 Quality Control

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.1.2	Instrument calibration precision check	Ensure precision and accuracy, respectively, of instrument response to standard.
10.0	Instrument calibration.	

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Calibrate the VOC monitoring instrument as follows. After the appropriate warmup period and zero internal calibration procedure, introduce the calibration gas into the instrument sample probe. Adjust the instrument meter readout to correspond to the calibration gas value.

NOTE: If the meter readout cannot be adjusted to the proper value, a malfunction of the analyzer is indicated and corrective actions are necessary before use.

11.0 Analytical Procedures [Reserved]

12.0 Data Analyses and Calculations [Reserved]

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 22—VISUAL DETERMINATION OF FUGITIVE EMISSIONS FROM MATERIAL SOURCES AND SMOKE EMISSIONS FROM FLARES

NOTE: This method is not inclusive with respect to observer certification. Some material is incorporated by reference from Method 9.

1.0 Scope and Application

This method is applicable for the determination of the frequency of fugitive emissions from stationary sources, only as specified in an applicable subpart of the regulations. This method also is applicable for the determination of the frequency of visible smoke emissions from flares.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Fugitive emissions produced during material processing, handling, and transfer operations or smoke emissions from flares are visually determined by an observer without the aid of instruments.

2.2 This method is used also to determine visible smoke emissions from flares used for combustion of waste process materials.

2.3 This method determines the amount of time that visible emissions occur during the observation period (*i.e.*, the accumulated emission time). This method does not require that the opacity of emissions be determined. Since this procedure requires only the determination of whether visible emissions occur and does not require the determination of opacity levels, observer certification according to the procedures of Method 9 is not required. However, it is necessary that the observer is knowledgeable with respect to the general procedures for determining the presence of visible emissions. At a minimum, the observer must be trained and knowledgeable regarding the effects of background contrast, ambient lighting, observer position relative

to lighting, wind, and the presence of uncombined water (condensing water vapor) on the visibility of emissions. This training is to be obtained from written materials found in References 1 and 2 or from the lecture portion of the Method 9 certification course.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Emission frequency* means the percentage of time that emissions are visible during the observation period.

3.2 *Emission time* means the accumulated amount of time that emissions are visible during the observation period.

3.3 *Fugitive emissions* means emissions generated by an affected facility which is not collected by a capture system and is released to the atmosphere. This includes emissions that (1) escape capture by process equipment exhaust hoods; (2) are emitted during material transfer; (3) are emitted from buildings housing material processing or handling equipment; or (4) are emitted directly from process equipment.

3.4 *Observation period* means the accumulated time period during which observations are conducted, not to be less than the period specified in the applicable regulation.

3.5 *Smoke emissions* means a pollutant generated by combustion in a flare and occurring immediately downstream of the flame. Smoke occurring within the flame, but not downstream of the flame, is not considered a smoke emission.

4.0 Interferences

4.1 Occasionally, fugitive emissions from sources other than the affected facility (*e.g.*, road dust) may prevent a clear view of the affected facility. This may particularly be a problem during periods of high wind. If the view of the potential emission points is obscured to such a degree that the observer questions the validity of continuing observations, then the observations shall be terminated, and the observer shall clearly note this fact on the data form.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment

6.1 Stopwatches (two). Accumulative type with unit divisions of at least 0.5 seconds.

6.2 Light Meter. Light meter capable of measuring illuminance in the 50 to 200 lux range, required for indoor observations only.

7.0 Reagents and Supplies [Reserved]

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transfer [Reserved]

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedure

11.1 Selection of Observation Location. Survey the affected facility, or the building or structure housing the process to be observed, and determine the locations of potential emissions. If the affected facility is located inside a building, determine an observation location that is consistent with the requirements of the applicable regulation (*i.e.*, outside observation of emissions escaping the building/structure or inside observation of emissions directly emitted from the affected facility process unit). Then select a position that enables a clear view of the potential emission point(s) of the affected facility or of the building or structure housing the affected facility, as appropriate for the applicable subpart. A position at least 4.6 m (15 feet), but not more than 400 m (0.25 miles), from the emission source is recommended. For outdoor locations, select a position where the sunlight is not shining directly in the observer's eyes.

11.2 Field Records.

11.2.1 Outdoor Location. Record the following information on the field data sheet (Figure 22–1): Company name, industry, process unit, observer's name, observer's affiliation, and date. Record also the estimated wind speed, wind direction, and sky condition. Sketch the process unit being observed, and note the observer location relative to the source and the sun. Indicate the potential and actual emission points on the sketch.

11.2.2 Indoor Location. Record the following information on the field data sheet (Figure 22–2): Company name, industry, process unit, observer's name, observer's affiliation, and date. Record as appropriate the type, location, and intensity of lighting on the data sheet. Sketch the process unit being observed, and note the observer location relative to the source. Indicate the potential and actual fugitive emission points on the sketch.

11.3 Indoor Lighting Requirements. For indoor locations, use a light meter to measure the level of illumination at a location as close to the emission source(s) as is feasible. An illumination of greater than 100 lux (10 foot candles) is considered necessary for proper application of this method.

11.4 Observations.

11.4.1 Procedure. Record the clock time when observations begin. Use one stopwatch to monitor the duration of the observation

period. Start this stopwatch when the observation period begins. If the observation period is divided into two or more segments by process shutdowns or observer rest breaks (see section 11.4.3), stop the stopwatch when a break begins and restart the stopwatch without resetting it when the break ends. Stop the stopwatch at the end of the observation period. The accumulated time indicated by this stopwatch is the duration of observation period. When the observation period is completed, record the clock time. During the observation period, continuously watch the emission source. Upon observing an emission (condensed water vapor is not considered an emission), start the second accumulative stopwatch; stop the watch when the emission stops. Continue this procedure for the entire observation period. The accumulated elapsed time on this stopwatch is the total time emissions were visible during the observation period (*i.e.*, the emission time.)

11.4.2 Observation Period. Choose an observation period of sufficient length to meet the requirements for determining compliance with the emission standard in the applicable subpart of the regulations. When the length of the observation period is specifically stated in the applicable subpart, it may not be necessary to observe the source for this entire period if the emission time required to indicate noncompliance (based on the specified observation period) is observed in a shorter time period. In other words, if the regulation prohibits emissions for more than 6 minutes in any hour, then observations may (optional) be stopped after an emission time of 6 minutes is exceeded. Similarly, when the regulation is expressed as an emission frequency and the regulation prohibits emissions for greater than 10 percent of the time in any hour, then observations may (optional) be terminated after 6 minutes of emission are observed since 6 minutes is 10 percent of an hour. In any case, the observation period shall not be less than 6 minutes in duration. In some cases, the process operation may be intermittent or cyclic. In such cases, it may be convenient for the observation period to coincide with the length of the process cycle.

11.4.3 Observer Rest Breaks. Do not observe emissions continuously for a period of more than 15 to 20 minutes without taking a rest break. For sources requiring observation periods of greater than 20 minutes, the observer shall take a break of not less than 5 minutes and not more than 10 minutes after every 15 to 20 minutes of observation. If continuous observations are desired for extended time periods, two observers can alternate between making observations and taking breaks.

11.5 Recording Observations. Record the accumulated time of the observation period on the data sheet as the observation period duration. Record the accumulated time emissions were observed on the data sheet as the emission time. Record the clock time the observation period began and ended, as well as the clock time any observer breaks began and ended.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

If the applicable subpart requires that the emission rate be expressed as an emission frequency (in percent), determine this value as follows: Divide the accumulated emission time (in seconds) by the duration of the observation period (in seconds) or by any minimum observation period required in the applicable subpart, if the actual observation period is less than the required period, and multiply this quotient by 100.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION
OUTDOOR LOCATION

Company Location Company Rep.	Observer Affiliation Date
Sky Conditions Precipitation	Wind Direction Wind Speed
Industry	Process Unit

Sketch process unit: indicate observer position relative to source; indicate potential emission points and/or actual emission points.

OBSERVATIONS	Clock Time	Observation period duration, min:sec	Accumulated emission time, min:sec
Begin Observation	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______		
End Observation	______	______	______

Figure 22-1

FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION INDOOR LOCATION	
Company Location Company Rep.	Observer Affiliation Date
Industry	Process Unit

Light type (fluorescent, incandescent, natural)
Light location (overhead, behind observer, etc.)
Illuminance (lux or footcandles)
Sketch process unit: indicate observer position relative to source; indicate potential emission points and/or actual emission points.

OBSERVATIONS	Clock Time	Observation period duration, min:sec	Accumulated emission time, min:sec
Begin			
End Observation			

Figure 22-2

METHOD 23—DETERMINATION OF POLYCHLORINATED DIBENZO-P-DIOXINS AND POLYCHLORINATED DIBENZOFURANS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES

1. Applicability and Principle

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable to the determination of polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDD's) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDF's) from stationary sources.

1.2 Principle. A sample is withdrawn from the gas stream isokinetically and collected in the sample probe, on a glass fiber filter, and on a packed column of adsorbent material. The sample cannot be separated into a particle vapor fraction. The PCDD's and

PCDF's are extracted from the sample, separated by high resolution gas chromatography, and measured by high resolution mass spectrometry.

2. Apparatus

2.1 Sampling. A schematic of the sampling train used in this method is shown in Figure 23–1. Sealing greases may not be used in assembling the train. The train is identical to that described in section 2.1 of Method 5 of this appendix with the following additions:

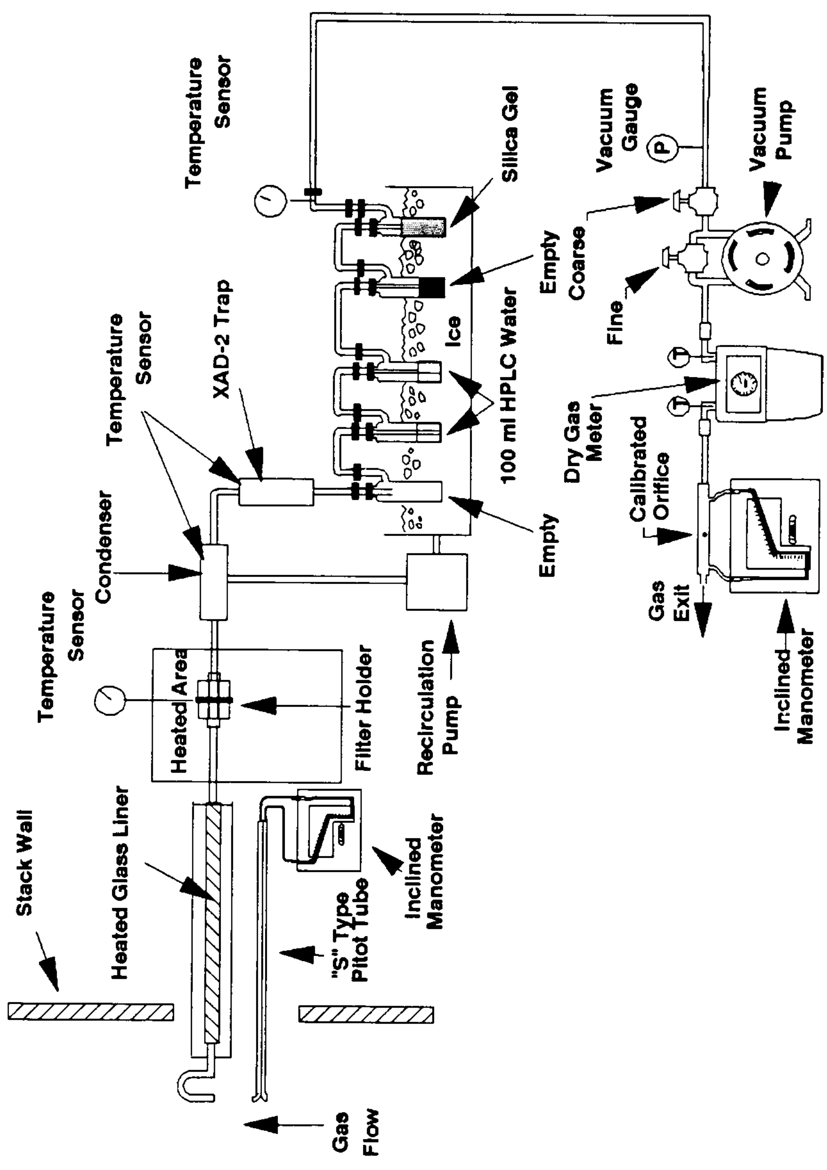

Figure 23.1 Sampling train

2.1.1 Nozzle. The nozzle shall be made of nickel, nickel-plated stainless steel, quartz, or borosilicate glass.

2.1.2 Sample Transfer Lines. The sample transfer lines, if needed, shall be heat traced, heavy walled TFE (½ in. OD with ⅛ in. wall) with connecting fittings that are capable of forming leak-free, vacuum-tight connections without using sealing greases. The line shall be as short as possible and must be maintained at 120 °C.

2.1.1 Filter Support. Teflon or Teflon-coated wire.

2.1.2 Condenser. Glass, coil type with compatible fittings. A schematic diagram is shown in Figure 23–2.

2.1.3 Water Bath. Thermostatically controlled to maintain the gas temperature exiting the condenser at <20 °C (68 °F).

2.1.4 Adsorbent Module. Glass container to hold the solid adsorbent. A shematic diagram is shown in Figure 23–2. Other physical configurations of the resin trap/condenser assembly are acceptable. The connecting fittings shall form leak-free, vacuum tight seals. No sealant greases shall be used in the sampling train. A coarse glass frit is included to retain the adsorbent.

2.2 Sample Recovery.

2.2.1 Fitting Caps. Ground glass, Teflon tape, or aluminum foil (Section 2.2.6) to cap off the sample exposed sections of the train.

2.2.2 Wash Bottles. Teflon, 500-ml.

2.2.3 Probe-Liner Probe-Nozzle, and Filter-Holder Brushes. Inert bristle brushes with precleaned stainless steel or Teflon handles. The probe brush shall have extensions of stainless steel or Teflon, at least as long as the probe. The brushes shall be properly sized and shaped to brush out the nozzle, probe liner, and transfer line, if used.

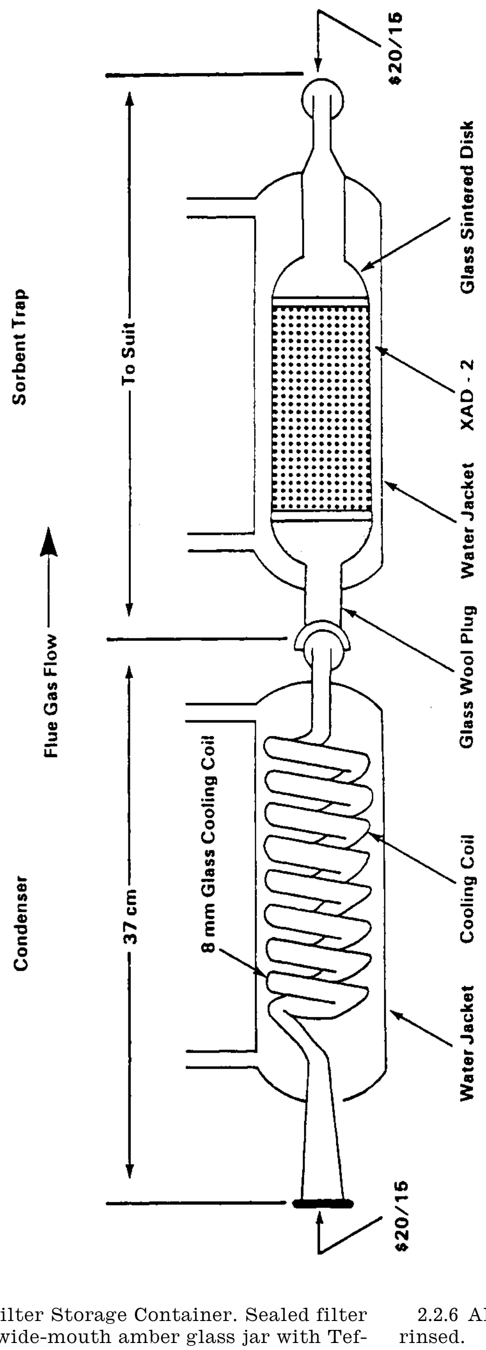

Figure 23.2. Condenser and adsorbent trap

2.2.4 Filter Storage Container. Sealed filter holder, wide-mouth amber glass jar with Teflon-lined cap, or glass petri dish.

2.2.5 Balance. Triple beam.

2.2.6 Aluminum Foil. Heavy duty, hexane-rinsed.

2.2.7 Storage Container. Air-tight container to store silica gel.

2.2.8 Graduated Cylinder. Glass, 250-ml with 2-ml graduation.

2.2.9 Glass Sample Storage Container. Amber glass bottle for sample glassware washes, 500- or 1000-ml, with leak free Teflon-lined caps.

2.3 Analysis.

2.3.1 Sample Container. 125- and 250-ml flint glass bottles with Teflon-lined caps.

2.3.2 Test Tube. Glass.

2.3.3 Soxhlet Extraction Apparatus. Capable of holding 43 × 123 mm extraction thimbles.

2.3.4 Extraction Thimble. Glass, precleaned cellulosic, or glass fiber.

2.3.5 Pasteur Pipettes. For preparing liquid chromatographic columns.

2.3.6 Reacti-vials. Amber glass, 2-ml, silanized prior to use.

2.3.7 Rotary Evaporator. Buchi/Brinkman RF–121 or equivalent.

2.3.8 Nitrogen Evaporative Concentrator. N-Evap Analytical Evaporator Model III or equivalent.

2.3.9 Separatory Funnels. Glass, 2-liter.

2.3.10 Gas Chromatograph. Consisting of the following components:

2.3.10.1 Oven. Capable of maintaining the separation column at the proper operating temperature ±°C and performing programmed increases in temperature at rates of at least 40 °C/min.

2.3.10.2 Temperature Gauge. To monitor column oven, detector, and exhaust temperatures ±1 °C.

2.3.10.3 Flow System. Gas metering system to measure sample, fuel, combustion gas, and carrier gas flows.

2.3.10.4 Capillary Columns. A fused silica column, 60 × 0.25 mm inside diameter (ID), coated with DB–5 and a fused silica column, 30 m × 0.25 mm ID coated with DB–225. Other column systems may be used provided that the user is able to demonstrate using calibration and performance checks that the column system is able to meet the specifications of section 6.1.2.2.

2.3.11 Mass Spectrometer. Capable of routine operation at a resolution of 1:10000 with a stability of ±5 ppm.

2.3.12 Data System. Compatible with the mass spectrometer and capable of monitoring at least five groups of 25 ions.

2.3.13 Analytical Balance. To measure within 0.1 mg.

3. Reagents

3.1 Sampling.

3.1.1 Filters. Glass fiber filters, without organic binder, exhibiting at least 99.95 percent efficiency (<0.05 percent penetration) on 0.3-micron dioctyl phthalate smoke particles. The filter efficiency test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM Standard Method D 2986–71 (Reapproved 1978) (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17).

3.1.1.1 Precleaning. All filters shall be cleaned before their initial use. Place a glass extraction thimble and 1 g of silica gel and a plug of glass wool into a Soxhlet apparatus, charge the apparatus with toluene, and reflux for a minimum of 3 hours. Remove the toluene and discard it, but retain the silica gel. Place no more than 50 filters in the thimble onto the silica gel bed and top with the cleaned glass wool. Charge the Soxhlet with toluene and reflux for 16 hours. After extraction, allow the Soxhlet to cool, remove the filters, and dry them under a clean N_2 stream. Store the filters in a glass petri dish sealed with Teflon tape.

3.1.2 Adsorbent Resin. Amberlite XAD–2 resin. Thoroughly cleaned before initial use.

3.1.2.1 Cleaning Procedure. This procedure may be carried out in a giant Soxhlet extractor. An all-glass filter thimble containing an extra-course frit is used for extraction of XAD–2. The frit is recessed 10–15 mm above a crenelated ring at the bottom of the thimble to facilitate drainage. The resin must be carefully retained in the extractor cup with a glass wool plug and a stainless steel ring because it floats on methylene chloride. This process involves sequential extraction in the following order.

Solvent	Procedure
Water	Initial rinse: Place resin in a beaker, rinse once with water, and discard. Fill with water a second time, let stand overnight, and discard.
Water	Extract with water for 8 hours.
Methanol	Extract for 22 hours.
Methylene Chloride	Extract for 22 hours.
Toluene	Extract for 22 hours.

3.1.2.2 Drying.

3.1.2.2.1 Drying Column. Pyrex pipe, 10.2 cm ID by 0.6 m long, with suitable retainers.

3.1.2.2.2 Procedure. The adsorbent must be dried with clean inert gas. Liquid nitrogen from a standard commercial liquid nitrogen cylinder has proven to be a reliable source of large volumes of gas free from organic contaminants. Connect the liquid nitrogen cylinder to the column by a length of cleaned copper tubing, 0.95 cm ID, coiled to pass through a heat source. A convenient heat source is a water-bath heated from a steam line. The final nitrogen temperature should only be warm to the touch and not over 40 °C. Continue flowing nitrogen through the adsorbent until all the residual solvent is removed. The flow rate should be sufficient to gently agitate the particles but not so excessive as the cause the particles to fracture.

3.1.2.3 Quality Control Check. The adsorbent must be checked for residual toluene.

3.1.2.3.1 Extraction. Weigh 1.0 g sample of dried resin into a small vial, add 3 ml of toluene, cap the vial, and shake it well.

3.1.2.3.2 Analysis. Inject a 2 µl sample of the extract into a gas chromatograph operated under the following conditions:

Column: 6 ft × 1/8 in stainless steel containing 10 percent OV–101 on 100/120 Supelcoport.

Carrier Gas: Helium at a rate of 30 ml/min.

Detector: Flame ionization detector operated at a sensitivity of 4×10^{-11} A/mV.

Injection Port Temperature: 250 °C.

Detector Temperature: 305 °C.

Oven Temperature: 30 °C for 4 min; programmed to rise at 40 °C/min until it reaches 250 °C; return to 30 °C after 17 minutes.

Compare the results of the analysis to the results from the reference solution. Prepare the reference solution by injection 2.5 µl of methylene chloride into 100 ml of toluene. This corresponds to 100 µg of methylene chloride per g of adsorbent. The maximum acceptable concentration is 1000 µg/g of adsorbent. If the adsorbent exceeds this level, drying must be continued until the excess methylene chloride is removed.

3.1.2.4 Storage. The adsorbent must be used within 4 weeks of cleaning. After cleaning, it may be stored in a wide mouth amber glass container with a Teflon-lined cap or placed in one of the glass adsorbent modules tightly sealed with glass stoppers. If precleaned adsorbent is purchased in sealed containers, it must be used within 4 weeks after the seal is broken.

3.1.3 Glass Wool. Cleaned by sequential immersion in three aliquots of methylene chloride, dried in a 110 °C oven, and stored in a methylene chloride-washed glass jar with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.1.4 Water. Deionized distilled and stored in a methylene chloride-rinsed glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.1.5 Silica Gel. Indicating type, 6 to 16 mesh. If previously used, dry at 175 °C (350 °F) for two hours. New silica gel may be used as received. Alternately other types of desiccants (equivalent or better) may be used, subject to the approval of the Administrator.

3.1.6 Chromic Acid Cleaning Solution. Dissolve 20 g of sodium dichromate in 15 ml of water, and then carefully add 400 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid.

3.2 Sample Recovery.

3.2.2 Acetone. Pesticide quality.

3.2.2 Methylene Chloride. Pesticide qualtity.

3.2.3 Toluene. Pesticide quality.

3.3 Analysis.

3.3.1 Potassium Hydroxide. ACS grade, 2-percent (weight/volume) in water.

3.3.2 Sodium Sulfate. Granulated, reagent grade. Purify prior to use by rinsing with methylene chloride and oven drying. Store the cleaned material in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.3 Sulfuric Acid. Reagent grade.

3.3.4 Sodium Hydroxide. 1.0 N. Weigh 40 g of sodium hydroxide into a 1-liter volumetric flask. Dilute to 1 liter with water.

3.3.5 Hexane. Pesticide grade.

3.3.6 Methylene Chloride. Pesticide grade.

3.3.7 Benzene. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.8 Ethyl Acetate.

3.3.9 Methanol. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.10 Toluene. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.11 Nonane. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.12 Cyclohexane. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.13 Basic Alumina. Activity grade 1, 100–200 mesh. Prior to use, activate the alumina by heating for 16 hours at 130 °C before use. Store in a desiccator. Pre-activated alumina may be purchased from a supplier and may be used as received.

3.3.14 Silica Gel. Bio-Sil A, 100–200 mesh. Prior to use, activate the silica gel by heating for at least 30 minutes at 180 °C. After cooling, rinse the silica gel sequentially with methanol and methylene chloride. Heat the rinsed silica gel at 50 °C for 10 minutes, then increase the temperature gradually to 180 °C over 25 minutes and maintain it at this temperature for 90 minutes. Cool at room temperature and store in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.15 Silica Gel Impregnated with Sulfuric Acid. Combine 100 g of silica gel with 44 g of concentrated sulfuric acid in a screw capped glass bottle and agitate thoroughly. Disperse the solids with a stirring rod until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store the mixture in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.16 Silica Gel Impregnated with Sodium Hydroxide. Combine 39 g of 1 N sodium hydroxide with 100 g of silica gel in a screw capped glass bottle and agitate thoroughly. Disperse solids with a stirring rod until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store the mixture in glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.17 Carbon/Celite. Combine 10.7 g of AX–21 carbon with 124 g of Celite 545 in a 250-ml glass bottle with a Teflon-lined screw cap. Agitate the mixture thoroughly until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store in the glass container.

3.3.18 Nitrogen. Ultra high purity.

3.3.19 Hydrogen. Ultra high purity.

3.3.20 Internal Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Internal Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

3.3.21 Surrogate Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Surrogate Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

3.3.22 Recovery Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the

isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading "Recovery Standards" in 10 ml of nonane.

4. Procedure

4.1 Sampling. The complexity of this method is such that, in order to obtain reliable results, testers should be trained and experienced with the test procedures.

4.1.1 Pretest Preparation.

4.1.1.1 Cleaning Glassware. All glass components of the train upstream of and including the adsorbent module, shall be cleaned as described in section 3A of the "Manual of Analytical Methods for the Analysis of Pesticides in Human and Environmental Samples." Special care shall be devoted to the removal of residual silicone grease sealants on ground glass connections of used glassware. Any residue shall be removed by soaking the glassware for several hours in a chromic acid cleaning solution prior to cleaning as described above.

4.1.1.2 Adsorbent Trap. The traps must be loaded in a clean area to avoid contamination. They may not be loaded in the field. Fill a trap with 20 to 40 g of XAD–2. Follow the XAD–2 with glass wool and tightly cap both ends of the trap. Add 100 µl of the surrogate standard solution (section 3.3.21) to each trap.

4.1.1.3 Sample Train. It is suggested that all components be maintained according to the procedure described in APTD–0576. Alternative mercury-free thermometers may be used if the thermometers are, at a minimum, equivalent in terms of performance or suitably effective for the specific temperature measurement application.

4.1.1.4 Silica Gel. Weigh several 200 to 300 g portions of silica gel in an air tight container to the nearest 0.5 g. Record the total weight of the silica gel plus container, on each container. As an alternative, the silica gel may be weighed directly in its impinger or sampling holder just prior to sampling.

4.1.1.5 Filter. Check each filter against light for irregularities and flaws or pinhole leaks. Pack the filters flat in a clean glass container.

4.1.2 Preliminary Determinations. Same as section 4.1.2 of Method 5.

4.1.3 Preparation of Collection Train.

4.1.3.1 During preparation and assembly of the sampling train, keep all train openings where contamination can enter, sealed until just prior to assembly or until sampling is about to begin.

NOTE: Do not use sealant grease in assembling the train.

4.1.3.2 Place approximately 100 ml of water in the second and third impingers, leave the first and fourth impingers empty, and transfer approximately 200 to 300 g of preweighed silica gel from its container to the fifth impinger.

4.1.3.3 Place the silica gel container in a clean place for later use in the sample recovery. Alternatively, the weight of the silica gel plus impinger may be determined to the nearest 0.5 g and recorded.

4.1.3.4 Assemble the train as shown in Figure 23–1.

4.1.3.5 Turn on the adsorbent module and condenser coil recirculating pump and begin monitoring the adsorbent module gas entry temperature. Ensure proper sorbent temperature gas entry temperature before proceeding and before sampling is initiated. It is extremely important that the XAD–2 adsorbent resin temperature never exceed 50 °C because thermal decomposition will occur. During testing, the XAD–2 temperature must not exceed 20 °C for efficient capture of the PCDD's and PCDF's.

4.1.4 Leak-Check Procedure. Same as Method 5, section 4.1.4.

4.1.5 Sample Train Operation. Same as Method 5, section 4.1.5.

4.2 Sample Recovery. Proper cleanup procedure begins as soon as the probe is removed from the stack at the end of the sampling period. Seal the nozzle end of the sampling probe with Teflon tape or aluminum foil.

When the probe can be safely handled, wipe off all external particulate matter near the tip of the probe. Remove the probe from the train and close off both ends with aluminum foil. Seal off the inlet to the train with Teflon tape, a ground glass cap, or aluminum foil.

Transfer the probe and impinger assembly to the cleanup area. This area shall be clean and enclosed so that the chances of losing or contaminating the sample are minimized. Smoking, which could contaminate the sample, shall not be allowed in the cleanup area.

Inspect the train prior to and during disassembly and note any abnormal conditions, e.g., broken filters, colored impinger liquid, etc. Treat the samples as follows:

4.2.1 Container No. 1. Either seal the filter holder or carefully remove the filter from the filter holder and place it in its identified container. Use a pair of cleaned tweezers to handle the filter. If it is necessary to fold the filter, do so such that the particulate cake is inside the fold. Carefully transfer to the container any particulate matter and filter fibers which adhere to the filter holder gasket, by using a dry inert bristle brush and a sharp-edged blade. Seal the container.

4.2.2 Adsorbent Module. Remove the module from the train, tightly cap both ends, label it, cover with aluminum foil, and store it on ice for transport to the laboratory.

4.2.3 Container No. 2. Quantitatively recover material deposited in the nozzle, probe transfer lines, the front half of the filter holder, and the cyclone, if used, first, by

brushing while rinsing three times each with acetone and then, by rinsing the probe three times with methylene chloride. Collect all the rinses in Container No. 2.

Rinse the back half of the filter holder three times with acetone. Rinse the connecting line between the filter and the condenser three times with acetone. Soak the connecting line with three separate portions of methylene chloride for 5 minutes each. If using a separate condenser and adsorbent trap, rinse the condenser in the same manner as the connecting line. Collect all the rinses in Container No. 2 and mark the level of the liquid on the container.

4.2.4 Container No. 3. Repeat the methylene chloride-rinsing described in section 4.2.3 using toluene as the rinse solvent. Collect the rinses in Container No. 3 and mark the level of the liquid on the container.

4.2.5 Impinger Water. Measure the liquid in the first three impingers to within ±1 ml by using a graduated cylinder or by weighing it to within ±0.5 g by using a balance. Record the volume or weight of liquid present. This information is required to calculate the moisture content of the effluent gas.

Discard the liquid after measuring and recording the volume or weight.

4.2.7 Silica Gel. Note the color of the indicating silica gel to determine if it has been completely spent and make a mention of its condition. Transfer the silica gel from the fifth impinger to its original container and seal. If a moisture determination is made, follow the applicable procedures in sections 8.7.6.3 and 11.2.3 of Method 5 to handle and weigh the silica gel. If moisture is not measured, the silica gel may be disposed.

5. Analysis

All glassware shall be cleaned as described in section 3A of the ''Manual of Analytical Methods for the Analysis of Pesticides in Human and Environmental Samples.'' All samples must be extracted within 30 days of collection and analyzed within 45 days of extraction.

5.1 Sample Extraction.

5.1.1 Extraction System. Place an extraction thimble (section 2.3.4), 1 g of silica gel, and a plug of glass wool into the Soxhlet apparatus, charge the apparatus with toluene, and reflux for a minimum of 3 hours. Remove the toluene and discard it, but retain the silica gel. Remove the extraction thimble from the extraction system and place it in a glass beaker to catch the solvent rinses.

5.1.2 Container No. 1 (Filter). Transfer the contents directly to the glass thimble of the extraction system and extract them simultaneously with the XAD–2 resin.

5.1.3 Adsorbent Cartridge. Suspend the adsorbent module directly over the extraction thimble in the beaker (See section 5.1.1). The glass frit of the module should be in the up position. Using a Teflon squeeze bottle containing toluene, flush the XAD–2 into the thimble onto the bed of cleaned silica gel. Thoroughly rinse the glass module catching the rinsings in the beaker containing the thimble. If the resin is wet, effective extraction can be accomplished by loosely packing the resin in the thimble. Add the XAD–2 glass wool plug into the thimble.

5.1.4 Container No. 2 (Acetone and Methylene Chloride). Concentrate the sample to a volume of about 1–5 ml using the rotary evaporator apparatus, at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container three times with small portions of methylene chloride and add these to the concentrated solution and concentrate further to near dryness. This residue contains particulate matter removed in the rinse of the train probe and nozzle. Add the concentrate to the filter and the XAD–2 resin in the Soxhlet apparatus described in section 5.1.1.

5.1.5 Extraction. Add 100 µl of the internal standard solution (Section 3.3.20) to the extraction thimble containing the contents of the adsorbent cartridge, the contents of Container No. 1, and the concentrate from section 5.1.4. Cover the contents of the extraction thimble with the cleaned glass wool plug to prevent the XAD–2 resin from floating into the solvent reservoir of the extractor. Place the thimble in the extractor, and add the toluene contained in the beaker to the solvent reservoir. Pour additional toluene to fill the reservoir approximately ⅔ full. Add Teflon boiling chips and assemble the apparatus. Adjust the heat source to cause the extractor to cycle three times per hour. Extract the sample for 16 hours. After extraction, allow the Soxhlet to cool. Transfer the toluene extract and three 10-ml rinses to the rotary evaporator. Concentrate the extract to approximately 10 ml. At this point the analyst may choose to split the sample in half. If so, split the sample, store one half for future use, and analyze the other according to the procedures in sections 5.2 and 5.3. In either case, use a nitrogen evaporative concentrator to reduce the volume of the sample being analyzed to near dryness. Dissolve the residue in 5 ml of hexane.

5.1.6 Container No. 3 (Toluene Rinse). Add 100 µl of the Internal Standard solution (section 3.3.2) to the contents of the container. Concentrate the sample to a volume of about 1–5 ml using the rotary evaporator apparatus at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container apparatus at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container three times with small portions of toluene and add these to the concentrated solution and concentrate further to near dryness. Analyze the extract separately according to the procedures in sections 5.2 and 5.3, but concentrate the solution in a rotary evaporator apparatus rather than a nitrogen evaporative concentrator.

5.2 Sample Cleanup and Fractionation.

5.2.1 Silica Gel Column. Pack one end of a glass column, 20 mm × 230 mm, with glass wool. Add in sequence, 1 g silica gel, 2 g of sodium hydroxide impregnated silica gel, 1 g silica gel, 4 g of acid-modified silica gel, and 1 g of silica gel. Wash the column with 30 ml of hexane and discard it. Add the sample extract, dissolved in 5 ml of hexane to the column with two additional 5-ml rinses. Elute the column with an additional 90 ml of hexane and retain the entire eluate. Concentrate this solution to a volume of about 1 ml using the nitrogen evaporative concentrator (section 2.3.7).

5.2.2 Basic Alumina Column. Shorten a 25-ml disposable Pasteur pipette to about 16 ml. Pack the lower section with glass wool and 12 g of basic alumina. Transfer the concentrated extract from the silica gel column to the top of the basic alumina column and elute the column sequentially with 120 ml of 0.5 percent methylene chloride in hexane followed by 120 ml of 35 percent methylene chloride in hexane. Discard the first 120 ml of eluate. Collect the second 120 ml of eluate and concentrate it to about 0.5 ml using the nitrogen evaporative concentrator.

5.2.3 AX–21 Carbon/Celite 545 Column. Remove the botton 0.5 in. from the tip of a 9-ml disposable Pasteur pipette. Insert a glass fiber filter disk in the top of the pipette 2.5 cm from the constriction. Add sufficient carbon/celite mixture to form a 2 cm column. Top with a glass wool plug. In some cases AX–21 carbon fines may wash through the glass wool plug and enter the sample. This may be prevented by adding a celite plug to the exit end of the column. Rinse the column in sequence with 2 ml of 50 percent benzene in ethyl acetate, 1 ml of 50 percent methylene chloride in cyclohexane, and 2 ml of hexane. Discard these rinses. Transfer the concentrate in 1 ml of hexane from the basic alumina column to the carbon/celite column along with 1 ml of hexane rinse. Elute the column sequentially with 2 ml of 50 percent methylene chloride in hexane and 2 ml of 50 percent benzene in ethyl acetate and discard these eluates. Invert the column and elute in the reverse direction with 13 ml of toluene. Collect this eluate. Concentrate the eluate in a rotary evaporator at 50 °C to about 1 ml. Transfer the concentrate to a Reacti-vial using a toluene rinse and concentrate to a volume of 200 µl using a stream of N_2. Store extracts at room temperature, shielded from light, until the analysis is performed.

5.3 Analysis. Analyze the sample with a gas chromatograph coupled to a mass spectrometer (GC/MS) using the instrumental parameters in sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2. Immediately prior to analysis, add a 20 µl aliquot of the Recovery Standard solution from Table 1 to each sample. A 2 µl aliquot of the extract is injected into the GC. Sample extracts are first analyzed using the DB–5 capillary column to determine the concentration of each isomer of PCDD's and PCDF's (tetra-through octa-). If tetra-chlorinated dibenzofurans are detected in this analysis, then analyze another aliquot of the sample in a separate run, using the DB–225 column to measure the 2,3,7,8 tetra-chloro dibenzofuran isomer. Other column systems may be used, provided that the user is able to demonstrate using calibration and performance checks that the column system is able to meet the specifications of section 6.1.2.2.

5.3.1 Gas Chromatograph Operating Conditions.

5.3.1.1 Injector. Configured for capillary column, splitless, 250 °C.

5.3.1.2 Carrier Gas. Helium, 1–2 ml/min.

5.3.1.3 Oven. Initially at 150 °C. Raise by at least 40 °C/min to 190 °C and then at 3 °C/min up to 300 °C.

5.3.2 High Resolution Mass Spectrometer.

5.3.2.1 Resolution. 10000 m/e.

5.3.2.2 Ionization Mode. Electron impact.

5.3.2.3 Source Temperature 250 °C.

5.3.2.4 Monitoring Mode. Selected ion monitoring. A list of the various ions to be monitored is summarized in Table 3.

5.3.2.5 Identification Criteria. The following identification criteria shall be used for the characterization of polychlorinated dibenzodioxins and dibenzofurans.

1. The integrated ion-abundance ratio (M/M + 2 or M + 2/M + 4) shall be within 15 percent of the theoretical value. The acceptable ion-abundance ratio ranges for the identification of chlorine-containing compounds are given in Table 4.

2. The retention time for the analytes must be within 3 seconds of the corresponding ^{13}C-labeled internal standard, surrogate or alternate standard.

3. The monitored ions, shown in Table 3 for a given analyte, shall reach their maximum within 2 seconds of each other.

4. The identification of specific isomers that do not have corresponding ^{13}C-labeled standards is done by comparison of the relative retention time (RRT) of the analyte to the nearest internal standard retention time with reference (i.e., within 0.005 RRT units) to the comparable RRT's found in the continuing calibration.

5. The signal to noise ratio for all monitored ions must be greater than 2.5.

6. The confirmation of 2, 3, 7, 8–TCDD and 2, 3, 7, 8–TCDF shall satisfy all of the above identification criteria.

7. For the identification of PCDF's, no signal may be found in the corresponding PCDPE channels.

5.3.2.6 Quantification. The peak areas for the two ions monitored for each analyte are summed to yield the total response for each analyte. Each internal standard is used to quantify the indigenous PCDD's or PCDF's in its homologous series. For example, the $^{13}C_{12}$–2,3,7,8-tetra chlorinated dibenzodioxin is used to calculate the concentrations of all

other tetra chlorinated isomers. Recoveries of the tetra- and penta- internal standards are calculated using the $^{13}C_{12}$–1,2,3,4–TCDD. Recoveries of the hexa- through octa- internal standards are calculated using $^{13}C_{12}$–1,2,3,7,8,9–HxCDD. Recoveries of the surrogate standards are calculated using the corresponding homolog from the internal standard.

6. Calibration

Same as Method 5 with the following additions.

6.1 GC/MS System.

6.1.1 Initial Calibration. Calibrate the GC/MS system using the set of five standards shown in Table 2. The relative standard deviation for the mean response factor from each of the unlabeled analytes (Table 2) and of the internal, surrogate, and alternate standards shall be less than or equal to the values in Table 5. The signal to noise ratio for the GC signal present in every selected ion current profile shall be greater than or equal to 2.5. The ion abundance ratios shall be within the control limits in Table 4.

6.1.2 Daily Performance Check.

6.1.2.1 Calibration Check. Inject on µl of solution Number 3 from Table 2. Calculate the relative response factor (RRF) for each compound and compare each RRF to the corresponding mean RRF obtained during the initial calibration. The analyzer performance is acceptable if the measured RRF's for the labeled and unlabeled compounds for the daily run are within the limits of the mean values shown in Table 5. In addition, the ion-abundance ratios shall be within the allowable control limits shown in Table 4.

6.1.2.2 Column Separation Check. Inject a solution of a mixture of PCDD's and PCDF's that documents resolution between 2,3,7,8–TCDD and other TCDD isomers. Resolution is defined as a valley between peaks that is less than 25 percent of the lower of the two peaks. Identify and record the retention time windows for each homologous series.

Perform a similar resolution check on the confirmation column to document the resolution between 2,3,7,8 TCDF and other TCDF isomers.

6.2 Lock Channels. Set mass spectrometer lock channels as specified in Table 3. Monitor the quality control check channels specified in Table 3 to verify instrument stability during the analysis.

7. Quality Control

7.1 Sampling Train Collection Efficiency Check. Add 100 µl of the surrogate standards in Table 1 to the absorbent cartridge of each train before collecting the field samples.

7.2 Internal Standard Percent Recoveries. A group of nine carbon labeled PCDD's and PCDF's representing, the tetra-through octachlorinated homologues, is added to every sample prior to extraction. The role of the internal standards is to quantify the native PCDD's and PCDF's present in the sample as well as to determine the overall method efficiency. Recoveries of the internal standards must be between 40 to 130 percent for the tetra-through hexachlorinated compounds while the range is 25 to 130 percent for the higher hepta- and octachlorinated homologues.

7.3 Surrogate Recoveries. The five surrogate compounds in Table 2 are added to the resin in the adsorbent sampling cartridge before the sample is collected. The surrogate recoveries are measured relative to the internal standards and are a measure of collection efficiency. They are not used to measure native PCDD's and PCDF's. All recoveries shall be between 70 and 130 percent. Poor recoveries for all the surrogates may be an indication of breakthrough in the sampling train. If the recovery of all standards is below 70 percent, the sampling runs must be repeated. As an alternative, the sampling runs do not have to be repeated if the final results are divided by the fraction of surrogate recovery. Poor recoveries of isolated surrogate compounds should not be grounds for rejecting an entire set of the samples.

7.4 Toluene QA Rinse. Report the results of the toluene QA rinse separately from the total sample catch. Do not add it to the total sample.

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9. Calculations

Same as Method 5, section 6 with the following additions.

9.1 Nomenclature.

A_{ai} = Integrated ion current of the noise at the retention time of the analyte.

A^*_{ci} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the internal standard i in the calibration standard.

A_{cij} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of compound i in the jth calibration standard.

A^*_{cij} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the internal standard i in the jth calibration standard.

A_{csi} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of surrogate compound i in the calibration standard.

A_i = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of compound i in the sample.

A^*_i = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of internal standard i in the sample.

A_{rs} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the recovery standard.

A_{si} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of surrogate compound i in the sample.

C_i = Concentration of PCDD or PCDF i in the sample, pg/M^3.

C_T = Total concentration of PCDD's or PCDF's in the sample, pg/M[3].

m_{ci} = Mass of compound i in the calibration standard injected into the analyzer, pg.

m_{rs} = Mass of recovery standard in the calibration standard injected into the analyzer, pg.

m_{si} = Mass of surrogate compound in the calibration standard, pg.

RRF_i = Relative response factor.

RRF_{rs} = Recovery standard response factor.

RRF_s = Surrogate compound response factor.

9.2 Average Relative Response Factor.

$$RRF_i = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\frac{A_{cij}\, m^*_{ci}}{A^*_{cij}\, m_{ci}} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-1}$$

9.3 Concentration of the PCDD's and PCDF's.

$$C_i = \frac{m_i^* A_i}{A_i^* RRF_i V_{mstd}} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-2}$$

9.4 Recovery Standard Response Factor.

$$RRF_{rs} = \frac{A_{ci}^* m_{rs}}{A_{rs} m_{ci}^*} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-3}$$

9.5 Recovery of Internal Standards (R*).

$$R^* = \frac{A_i^* m_{rs}}{A_{rs} RF_{rs} m_i^*} \times 100\% \qquad \text{Eq. 23-4}$$

9.6 Surrogate Compound Response Factor.

$$RRF_s = \frac{A_{ci}^* m_s}{A_{cis} m_{ci}^*} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-5}$$

9.7 Recovery of Surrogate Compounds (R_s).

$$R_s = \frac{A_s m_i^*}{A_i^* RRF_s m_s} \times 100\% \qquad \text{Eq. 23-6}$$

9.8 Minimum Detectable Limit (MDL).

$$MDL = \frac{2.5\ A_{ai} m_i^*}{A_{ci}^* RRF_i} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-7}$$

9.9 Total Concentration of PCDD's and PCDF's in the Sample.

$$C_{Tr} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i \qquad \text{Eq. 23-8}$$

Any PCDD's or PCDF's that are reported as nondetected (below the MDL) shall be counted as zero for the purpose of calculating the total concentration of PCDD's and PCDF's in the sample.

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TABLE 1—COMPOSITION OF THE SAMPLE FORTIFICATION AND RECOVERY STANDARDS SOLUTIONS

Analyte	Concentration (pg/µl)
Internal Standards:	
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-OCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	100
Surrogate Standards:	
$^{37}Cl_4$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	100
Recovery Standards:	
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4-TCDD	500
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	500

TABLE 2—COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS

Compound	Concentrations (pg/µL)				
	Solution No.				
	1	2	3	4	5
Alternate Standard:					
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	2.5	5	25	250	500

TABLE 2—COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS—Continued

Compound	Concentrations (pg/μL)				
	Solution No.				
	1	2	3	4	5
Recovery Standards:					
${}^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4-TCDD ..	100	100	100	100	100
${}^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	100	100	100	100	100

TABLE 3—ELEMENTAL COMPOSITIONS AND EXACT MASSES OF THE IONS MONITORED BY HIGH RESOLUTION MASS SPECTROMETRY FOR PCDD'S AND PCDF'S

Descriptor No.	Accurate mass	Ion type	Elemental composition	Analyte
2	292.9825	LOCK	C_7F_{11}	PFK
	303.9016	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O$	TCDF
	305.8987	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl^{37}O$	TCDF
	315.9419	M	${}^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O$	TCDF (S)
	317.9389	M + 2	${}^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}ClO$	TCDF (S)
	319.8965	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}ClO_2$	TCDD
	321.8936	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}ClO_2$	TCDD
	327.8847	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{37}Cl_4O_2$	TCDD (S)
	330.9792	QC	C_7F_{13}	PFK
	331.9368	M	${}^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O_2$	TCDD (S)
	333.9339	M + 2	${}^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl^{37}ClO_2$	TCDD (S)
	339.8597	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO$	PECDF
	341.8567	M + 4	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}Cl_2O$	PeCDF
	351.9000	M + 2	${}^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO$	PeCDF (S)
	353.8970	M + 4	${}^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl^{3537}Cl_2O$	PeCDF (S)
	355.8546	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3 37ClO_2$	PeCDD
	357.8516	M + 4	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	PeCDD
	367.8949	M + 2	${}^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO_2$	PeCDD (S)
	369.8919	M + 4	${}^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}\ Cl_2O_2$	PeCDD (S)
	375.8364	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDPE
	409.7974	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCPDE
3	373.8208	M + 2	$C_{12}H_2 35Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDF
	375.8178	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HxCDF
	383.8639	M	${}^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_6O$	HxCDF (S)
	385.8610	M + 2	${}^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDF (S)
	389.8157	M + 2	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO_2$	HxCDD
	391.8127	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HxCDD
	392.9760	LOCK	C_9F_{15}	PFK
	401.8559	M + 2	${}^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO_2$	HxCDD (S)
	403.8529	M + 4	${}^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HxCDD (S)
	445.7555	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O$	OCDPE
	430.9729	QC	C_9F_{17}	PFK
4	407.7818	M + 2	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCDF
	409.7789	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HpCDF
	417.8253	M	${}^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_7O$	HpCDF (S)
	419.8220	M + 2	${}^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCDF (S)
	423.7766	M + 2	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO_2$	HpCDD
	425.7737	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HpCDD
	435.8169	M + 2	${}^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO_2$	HpCDD (S)
	437.8140	M + 4	${}^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HpCDD (S)
	479.7165	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}Cl_2O$	NCPDE
	430.9729	LOCK	C_9F_{17}	PFK
	441.7428	M + 2	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO$	OCDF
	443.7399	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O$	OCDF
	457.7377	M + 2	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO_2$	OCDD
	459.7348	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	OCDD
	469.7779	M + 2	${}^{13}C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO_2$	OCDD (S)
	471.7750	M + 4	${}^{13}C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	OCDD (S)
	513.6775	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_8{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	DCDPE
	442.9728	QC	$C_{10}F_{17}$	PFK

(a) The following nuclidic masses were used:
H = 1.007825
C = 12.000000
${}^{13}C$ = 13.003355
F = 18.9984
O = 15.994915
${}^{35}Cl$ = 34.968853
${}^{37}Cl$ = 36.965903

S = Labeled Standard
QC = Ion selected for monitoring instrument stability during the GC/MS analysis.

TABLE 4—ACCEPTABLE RANGES FOR ION-ABUNDANCE RATIOS OF PCDD'S AND PCDF'S

No. of chlorine atoms	Ion type	Theoretical ratio	Control limits	
			Lower	Upper
4	M/M + 2	0.77	0.65	0.89
5	M + 2/M + 4	1.55	1.32	1.78
6	M + 2/M + 4	1.24	1.05	1.43
6 [a]	M/M + 2	0.51	0.43	0.59
7 [b]	M/M + 2	0.44	0.37	0.51
7	M + 2/M + 4	1.04	0.88	1.20
8	M + 2/M + 4	0.89	0.76	1.02

[a] Used only for ^{13}C-HxCDF.
[b] Used only for ^{13}C-HpCDF.

TABLE 5—MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL AND DAILY CALIBRATION RESPONSE FACTORS

Compound	Relative response factors	
	Initial calibration RSD	Daily calibration % difference
Unlabeled Analytes:		
2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
2,3,7,8-TCDF	25	25
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	25	25
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
1,2,4,5,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	25	25
2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	25	25
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	25	25
OCDD	25	25
OCDF	30	30
Internal Standards:		
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-OCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	30	30
Surrogate Standards:		
$^{37}Cl_4$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	25	25
Alternate Standard:		
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	25	25

METHOD 24—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER CONTENT, WATER CONTENT, DENSITY, VOLUME SOLIDS, AND WEIGHT SOLIDS OF SURFACE COATINGS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile organic compounds	No CAS Number assigned
Water	7732–18–5

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of paint, varnish, lacquer, or other related surface coatings.

1.3 Precision and Bias. Intra-and inter-laboratory analytical precision statements are presented in section 13.1. No bias has been identified.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Standard methods are used to determine the volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of paint, varnish, lacquer, or other related surface coatings.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Waterborne coating* means any coating which contains more than 5 percent water by weight in its volatile fraction.

3.2 *Multicomponent coatings* are coatings that are packaged in two or more parts, which are combined before application. Upon combination a coreactant from one part of the coating chemically reacts, at ambient conditions, with a coreactant from another part of the coating.

3.3 *Ultraviolet (UV) radiation-cured coatings* are coatings which contain unreacted monomers that are polymerized by exposure to ultraviolet light.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Components. Several of the compounds that may be contained in the coatings analyzed by this method may be irritating or corrosive to tissues (e.g., heptane) or may be toxic (e.g., benzene, methyl alcohol). Nearly all are fire hazards.

Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as Reference 3 of section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The equipment and supplies specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6 (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17 for acceptable versions of the methods) are required:

6.1 ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90, Standard Test Method for Density of Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products.

6.2 ASTM D 2369–81, 87, 90, 92, 93, or 95, Standard Test Method for Volatile Content of Coatings.

6.3 ASTM D 3792–79 or 91, Standard Test Method for Water Content of Water Reducible Paints by Direct Injection into a Gas Chromatograph.

6.4 ASTM D 4017–81, 90, or 96a, Standard Test Method for Water in Paints and Paint Materials by the Karl Fischer Titration Method.

6.5 ASTM 4457–85 91, Standard Test Method for Determination of Dichloromethane and 1,1,1-Trichloroethane in Paints and Coatings by Direct Injection into a Gas Chromatograph.

6.6 ASTM D 5403–93, Standard Test Methods for Volatile Content of Radiation Curable Materials.

6.7 ASTM D 6419–00, Test Method for Volatile Content of Sheet-Fed and Coldset Web Offset Printing Inks.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 The reagents and standards specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6 are required.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Follow the sample collection, preservation, storage, and transport procedures described in Reference 1 of section 16.0.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Reproducibility

NOTE: Not applicable to UV radiation-cured coatings). The variety of coatings that may be subject to analysis makes it necessary to verify the ability of the analyst and the analytical procedures to obtain reproducible results for the coatings tested. Verification is accomplished by running duplicate analyses on each sample tested (Sections 11.2 through 11.4) and comparing the results with the intra-laboratory precision statements (Section 13.1) for each parameter.

9.2 Confidence Limits for Waterborne Coatings. Because of the inherent increased imprecision in the determination of the VOC content of waterborne coatings as the weight percent of water increases, measured parameters for waterborne coatings are replaced with appropriate confidence limits (Section 12.6). These confidence limits are based on measured parameters and inter-laboratory precision statements.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Perform the calibration and standardization procedures specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

Additional guidance can be found in Reference 2 of section 16.0.

11.1 Non Thin-film Ultraviolet Radiation-cured (UV radiation-cured) Coatings.

11.1.1 Volatile Content. Use the procedure in ASTM D 5403 to determine the volatile matter content of the coating except the curing test described in NOTE 2 of ASTM D 5403 is required.

11.1.2 Water Content. To determine water content, follow section 11.3.2.

11.1.3 Coating Density. To determine coating density, follow section 11.3.3.

11.1.4 Solids Content. To determine solids content, follow section 11.3.4.

11.1.5 To determine if a coating or ink can be classified as a thin-film UV cured coating or ink, use the equation in section 12.2. If C is less than 0.2 g and A is greater than or equal to 225 cm^2 (35 in^2) then the coating or ink is considered a thin-film UV radiation-cured coating and ASTM D 5403 is not applicable.

NOTE: As noted in section 1.4 of ASTM D 5403, this method may not be applicable to radiation curable materials wherein the volatile material is water.

11.2 Multi-component Coatings.

11.2.1 Sample Preparation.

11.2.1.1 Prepare about 100 ml of sample by mixing the components in a storage container, such as a glass jar with a screw top or a metal can with a cap. The storage container should be just large enough to hold the mixture. Combine the components (by weight or volume) in the ratio recommended by the manufacturer. Tightly close the container between additions and during mixing to prevent loss of volatile materials. However, most manufacturers mixing instructions are by volume. Because of possible error caused by expansion of the liquid when measuring the volume, it is recommended that the components be combined by weight. When weight is used to combine the components and the manufacturer's recommended ratio is by volume, the density must be determined by section 11.3.3.

11.2.1.2 Immediately after mixing, take aliquots from this 100 ml sample for determination of the total volatile content, water content, and density.

11.2.2 Volatile Content. To determine total volatile content, use the apparatus and

reagents described in ASTM D2369 (incorporated by reference; see §60.17 for the approved versions of the standard), respectively, and use the following procedures:

11.2.2.1 Weigh and record the weight of an aluminum foil weighing dish. Add 3 ±1 ml of suitable solvent as specified in ASTM D2369 to the weighing dish. Using a syringe as specified in ASTM D2369, weigh to 1 mg, by difference, a sample of coating into the weighing dish. For coatings believed to have a volatile content less than 40 weight percent, a suitable size is 0.3 + 0.10 g, but for coatings believed to have a volatile content greater than 40 weight percent, a suitable size is 0.5 ±0.1 g.

NOTE: If the volatile content determined pursuant to section 12.4 is not in the range corresponding to the sample size chosen repeat the test with the appropriate sample size. Add the specimen dropwise, shaking (swirling) the dish to disperse the specimen completely in the solvent. If the material forms a lump that cannot be dispersed, discard the specimen and prepare a new one. Similarly, prepare a duplicate. The sample shall stand for a minimum of 1 hour, but no more than 24 hours prior to being oven cured at 110 ±5 °C (230 ±9 °F) for 1 hour.

11.2.2.2 Heat the aluminum foil dishes containing the dispersed specimens in the forced draft oven for 60 min at 110 ±5 °C (230 ±9 °F). Caution—provide adequate ventilation, consistent with accepted laboratory practice, to prevent solvent vapors from accumulating to a dangerous level.

11.2.2.3 Remove the dishes from the oven, place immediately in a desiccator, cool to ambient temperature, and weigh to within 1 mg.

11.2.2.4 Run analyses in pairs (duplicate sets) for each coating mixture until the criterion in section 11.4 is met. Calculate W_V following Equation 24–2 and record the arithmetic average.

11.2.3 Water Content. To determine water content, follow section 11.3.2.

11.2.4 Coating Density. To determine coating density, follow section 11.3.3.

11.2.5 Solids Content. To determine solids content, follow section 11.3.4.

11.2.6 Exempt Solvent Content. To determine the exempt solvent content, follow section 11.3.5.

NOTE: For all other coatings (*i.e.*, water-or solvent-borne coatings) not covered by multicomponent or UV radiation-cured coatings, analyze as shown below:

11.3 Water-or Solvent-borne coatings.

11.3.1 Volatile Content. Use the procedure in ASTM D 2369 to determine the volatile matter content (may include water) of the coating.

11.3.1.1 Record the following information:

W_1 = weight of dish and sample before heating, g

W_2 = weight of dish and sample after heating, g

W_3 = sample weight, g.

11.3.1.2 Calculate the weight fraction of the volatile matter (W_v) for each analysis as shown in section 12.3.

11.3.1.3 Run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.1.4 Record the arithmetic average (W_v).

11.3.2 Water Content. For waterborne coatings only, determine the weight fraction of water (W_w) using either ASTM D 3792 or ASTM D 4017.

11.3.2.1 Run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.2.2 Record the arithmetic average (w_w).

11.3.3 Coating Density. Determine the density (Dc, kg/l) of the surface coating using the procedure in ASTM D 1475.

11.3.3.1 Run duplicate analyses until each value in a set deviates from the mean of the set by no more than the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.3.2 Record the arithmetic average (D_c).

11.3.4 Solids Content. Determine the volume fraction (V_s) solids of the coating by calculation using the manufacturer's formulation.

11.3.5 Exempt Solvent Content. Determine the weight fraction of exempt solvents (W_E) by using ASTM Method D4457. Run a duplicate set of determinations and record the arithmetic average (W_E).

11.4 Sample Analysis Criteria. For W_v and W_w, run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement for that parameter. For D_c, run duplicate analyses until each value in a set deviates from the mean of the set by no more than the intra-laboratory precision statement. If, after several attempts, it is concluded that the ASTM procedures cannot be used for the specific coating with the established intra-laboratory precision (excluding UV radiation-cured coatings), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will assume responsibility for providing the necessary procedures for revising the method or precision statements upon written request to: Director, Emissions, Monitoring, and Analysis Division, MD–14, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 Nomenclature.

A = Area of substrate, cm^2, (in^2).

C = Amount of coating or ink added to the substrate, g.

D_c = Density of coating or ink, g/cm^3 (g/in^3).

F = Manufacturer's recommended film thickness, cm (in).
W_o = Weight fraction of nonaqueous volatile matter, g/g.
W_s = Weight fraction of solids, g/g.
W_v = Weight fraction of the volatile matter, g/g.
W_w = Weight fraction of the water, g/g.

12.2 To determine if a coating or ink can be classified as a thin-film UV cured coating or ink, use the following equation:

$$C = F\,A\,D_c \qquad \text{Eq. 24-1}$$

12.3 Calculate W_v for each analysis as shown below:

$$W_v = \frac{W_1 - W_2}{W_3} \qquad \text{Eq. 24-2}$$

12.4 Nonaqueous Volatile Matter.

12.4.1 Solvent-borne Coatings.

$$W_o = W_v \qquad \text{Eq. 24-3}$$

12.4.2 Waterborne Coatings.

$$W_o = W_v - W_w \qquad \text{Eq. 24-4}$$

12.4.3 Coatings Containing Exempt Solvents.

$$W_o = W_v - W_E - W_w \qquad \text{Eq. 24-5}$$

12.5 Weight Fraction Solids.

$$W_s = 1 - W_v \qquad \text{Eq. 24-6}$$

12.6 Confidence Limit Calculations for Waterborne Coatings. To calculate the lower confidence limit, subtract the appropriate inter-laboratory precision value from the measured mean value for that parameter. To calculate the upper confidence limit, add the appropriate inter-laboratory precision value to the measured mean value for that parameter. For W_v and D_c, use the lower confidence limits; for W_w, use the upper confidence limit. Because W_s is calculated, there is no adjustment for this parameter.

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Analytical Precision Statements. The intra-and inter-laboratory precision statements are given in Table 24–1 in section 17.0.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as specified in section 6.0, with the addition of the following:

1. Standard Procedure for Collection of Coating and Ink Samples for Analysis by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–010. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.
2. Standard Operating Procedure for Analysis of Coating and Ink Samples by Reference Methods 24 and 24A.
EPA–340/1–91–011. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.
3. Handbook of Hazardous Materials: Fire, Safety, Health. Alliance of American Insurers. Schaumberg, IL. 1983.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

TABLE 24–1—ANALYTICAL PRECISION STATEMENTS

	Intra-laboratory	Inter-laboratory
Volatile matter content, W_v	±0.015 $\widehat{W}_v$	±0.047 $\widehat{W}_v$
Water content, W_w	±0.029 $\widehat{W}_w$	±0.075 $\widehat{W}_w$
Density, D_c	±0.001 kg/l	±0.002 kg/l

METHOD 24A—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER CONTENT AND DENSITY OF PUBLICATION ROTOGRAVURE INKS AND RELATED PUBLICATION ROTOGRAVURE COATINGS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile organic compounds (VOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of the VOC content and density of solvent-borne (solvent-reducible) publication rotogravure inks and related publication rotogravure coatings.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Separate procedures are used to determine the VOC weight fraction and density of the ink or related coating and the density of the solvent in the ink or related coating. The VOC weight fraction is determined by measuring the weight loss of a known sample quantity which has been heated for a specified length of time at a specified temperature. The density of both the ink or related coating and solvent are measured by a standard procedure. From this information, the VOC volume fraction is calculated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Components. Some of the compounds that may be contained in the inks or related coatings analyzed by this method may be irritating or corrosive to tissues or may be toxic. Nearly all are fire hazards. Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as Reference 6 of section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The following equipment and supplies are required for sample analysis:

6.1 Weighing Dishes. Aluminum foil, 58 mm (2.3 in.) in diameter by 18 mm (0.7 in.) high, with a flat bottom. There must be at least three weighing dishes per sample.

6.2 Disposable Syringe. 5 ml.

6.3 Analytical Balance. To measure to within 0.1 mg.

6.4 Oven. Vacuum oven capable of maintaining a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) and an absolute pressure of 510 ±51 mm Hg (20 ±2 in. Hg) for 4 hours. Alternatively, a forced draft oven capable of maintaining a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) for 24 hours.

6.5 The equipment and supplies specified in ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90 (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17).

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 The reagents and standards specified in ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90 are required.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Follow the sample collection, preservation, storage, and transport procedures described in Reference 4 of section 16.0.

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedure

Additional guidance can be found in Reference 5 of section 16.0.

11.1 VOC Weight Fraction. Shake or mix the ink or related coating sample thoroughly to assure that all the solids are completely suspended. Label and weigh to the nearest 0.1 mg a weighing dish and record this weight (M_{x1}). Using a 5 ml syringe, without a needle, extract an aliquot from the ink or related coating sample. Weigh the syringe and aliquot to the nearest 0.1 mg and record this weight (M_{cy1}). Transfer 1 to 3 g of the aliquot to the tared weighing dish. Reweigh the syringe and remaining aliquot to the nearest 0.1 mg and record this weight (M_{cy2}). Heat the weighing dish with the transferred aliquot in a vacuum oven at an absolute pressure of 510 ±51 mm Hg (20 ±2 in. Hg) and a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) for 4 hours. Alternatively, heat the weighing dish with the transferred aliquot in a forced draft oven at a temperature of 120 ±2 °C for 24 hours. After the weighing dish has cooled, reweigh it to the nearest 0.1 mg and record the weight (M_{x2}). Repeat this procedure two times for each ink or related coating sample, for a total of three samples.

11.2 Ink or Related Coating Density. Determine the density of the ink or related coating (D_c) according to the procedure outlined in ASTM D 1475. Make a total of three determinations for each ink or related coating sample. Report the ink or related coating density as the arithmetic average (D_c) of the three determinations.

11.3 Solvent Density. Determine the density of the solvent (D_o) according to the procedure outlined in ASTM D 1475. Make a total of three determinations for each ink or related coating sample. Report the solvent density as the arithmetic average (D_o) of the three determinations.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 VOC Weight Fraction. For each determination, calculate the volatile organic content weight fraction (W_o) using the following equation:

$$W_o = \frac{M_{x1} + M_{cy1} - M_{cy2} - M_{x2}}{M_{cy1} - M_{cy2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 24A-1}$$

Make a total of three determinations. Report the VOC weight fraction as the arithmetic average ($\bar{W}_o$) of the three determinations.

12.2 VOC Volume Fraction. Calculate the volume fraction volatile organic content (V_o) using the following equation:

$$V_o = \frac{\overline{W}_o \overline{D}_c}{\overline{D}_o} \qquad \text{Eq. 24A-2}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

1. Standard Test Method for Density of Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products. ASTM Designation D 1475.

2. Teleconversation. Wright, Chuck, Inmont Corporation with Reich, R., A., Radian Corporation. September 25, 1979, Gravure Ink Analysis.

3. Teleconversation. Oppenheimer, Robert, Gravure Research Institute with Burt, Rick, Radian Corporation, November 5, 1979, Gravure Ink Analysis.

4. Standard Procedure for Collection of Coating and Ink Samples for Analysis by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–010. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.

5. Standard Operating Procedure for Analysis of Coating and Ink Samples by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–011. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.

6. Handbook of Hazardous Materials: Fire, Safety, Health. Alliance of American Insurers. Schaumberg, IL. 1983.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 25—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS NONMETHANE ORGANIC EMISSIONS AS CARBON

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total gaseous nonmethane organic compounds (TGNMO)	N/A	Dependent upon analytical equipment.

1.2 Applicability.

1.2.1 This method is applicable for the determination of volatile organic compounds (VOC) (measured as total gaseous nonmethane organics (TGNMO) and reported as carbon) in stationary source emissions. This method is not applicable for the determination of organic particulate matter.

1.2.2 This method is not the only method that applies to the measurement of VOC. Costs, logistics, and other practicalities of source testing may make other test methods more desirable for measuring VOC contents of certain effluent streams. Proper judgment is required in determining the most applicable VOC test method. For example, depending upon the molecular composition of the organics in the effluent stream, a totally automated semicontinuous nonmethane organics (NMO) analyzer interfaced directly to the source may yield accurate results. This approach has the advantage of providing emission data semicontinuously over an extended time period.

1.2.3 Direct measurement of an effluent with a flame ionization detector (FID) analyzer may be appropriate with prior characterization of the gas stream and knowledge that the detector responds predictably to the organic compounds in the stream. If present, methane (CH_4) will, of course, also be measured. The FID can be used under any of the following limited conditions: (1) Where only one compound is known to exist; (2) when the organic compounds consist of only hydrogen and carbon; (3) where the relative percentages of the compounds are known or can be determined, and the FID responses to the compounds are known; (4) where a consistent mixture of the compounds exists before and after emission control and only the relative concentrations are to be assessed; or (5) where the FID can be calibrated against mass standards of the compounds emitted (solvent emissions, for example).

1.2.4 Another example of the use of a direct FID is as a screening method. If there is enough information available to provide a rough estimate of the analyzer accuracy, the FID analyzer can be used to determine the VOC content of an uncharacterized gas stream. With a sufficient buffer to account for possible inaccuracies, the direct FID can be a useful tool to obtain the desired results without costly exact determination.

1.2.5 In situations where a qualitative/quantitative analysis of an effluent stream is desired or required, a gas chromatographic FID system may apply. However, for sources emitting numerous organics, the time and expense of this approach will be formidable.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 An emission sample is withdrawn from the stack at a constant rate through a heated filter and a chilled condensate trap by means of an evacuated sample tank. After sampling is completed, the TGNMO are determined by independently analyzing the condensate trap and sample tank fractions and combining the analytical results. The organic content of the condensate trap fraction is determined by oxidizing the NMO to carbon dioxide (CO_2) and quantitatively collecting in the effluent in an evacuated vessel; then a portion of the CO_2 is reduced to CH_4 and measured by an FID. The organic content of the sample tank fraction is measured by injecting a portion of the sample into a gas chromatographic column to separate the NMO from carbon monoxide (CO), CO_2, and CH_4; the NMO are oxidized to CO_2, reduced to CH_4, and measured by an FID. In this manner, the variable response of the FID associated with different types of organics is eliminated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

4.1 Carbon Dioxide and Water Vapor. When carbon dioxide (CO_2) and water vapor are present together in the stack, they can produce a positive bias in the sample. The magnitude of the bias depends on the concentrations of CO_2 and water vapor. As a guideline, multiply the CO_2 concentration, expressed as volume percent, times the water vapor concentration. If this product does not exceed 100, the bias can be considered insignificant. For example, the bias is not significant for a source having 10 percent CO_2 and 10 percent water vapor, but it might be significant for a source having 10 percent CO_2 and 20 percent water vapor.

4.2. Particulate Matter. Collection of organic particulate matter in the condensate trap would produce a positive bias. A filter is included in the sampling equipment to minimize this bias.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sample Collection. The sampling system consists of a heated probe, heated filter, condensate trap, flow control system, and sample tank (see Figure 25–1). The TGNMO sampling equipment can be constructed from commercially available components and components fabricated in a machine shop. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Heated Probe. 6.4-mm (¼-in.) OD stainless steel tubing with a heating system capable of maintaining a gas temperature at the exit end of at least 129 °C (265 °F). The probe shall be equipped with a temperature sensor at the exit end to monitor the gas temperature. A suitable probe is shown in Figure 25–1. The nozzle is an elbow fitting attached to the front end of the probe while the temperature sensor is inserted in the side arm of a tee fitting attached to the rear of the probe. The probe is wrapped with a suitable length of high temperature heating tape, and then covered with two layers of glass cloth insulation and one layer of aluminum foil or an equivalent wrapping.

NOTE: If it is not possible to use a heating system for safety reasons, an unheated system with an in-stack filter is a suitable alternative.

6.1.2 Filter Holder. 25-mm (15⁄16-in.) ID Gelman filter holder with 303 stainless steel body and 316 stainless steel support screen with the Viton O-ring replaced by a Teflon O-ring.

6.1.3 Filter Heating System.

6.1.3.1 A metal box consisting of an inner and an outer shell separated by insulating material with a heating element in the inner shell capable of maintaining a gas temperature at the filter of 121 ±3 °C (250 ±5 °F). The heating box shall include temperature sensors to monitor the gas temperature immediately upstream and immediately downstream of the filter.

6.1.3.2 A suitable heating box is shown in Figure 25–2. The outer shell is a metal box that measures 102 mm × 280 mm × 292 mm (4 in. × 11 in. × 11½ in.), while the inner shell is a metal box measuring 76 mm × 229 mm × 241 mm (3 in. × 9 in. × 9½ in.). The inner box is supported by 13-mm (½-in.) phenolic rods. The void space between the boxes is filled with ceramic fiber insulation which is sealed in place by means of a silicon rubber bead around the upper sides of the box. A removable lid made in a similar manner, with a 25-mm (1-in.) gap between the parts is used to cover the heating chamber. The inner box is heated with a 250-watt cartridge heater, shielded by a stainless steel shroud. The heater is regulated by a thermostatic temperature controller which is set to maintain a gas temperature of 121 °C (250 °F) as measured by the temperature sensor upstream of the filter.

NOTE: If it is not possible to use a heating system for safety reasons, an unheated system with an in-stack filter is a suitable alternative.

6.1.4 Condensate Trap. 9.5-mm (⅜-in.) OD 316 stainless steel tubing bent into a U-shape. Exact dimensions are shown in Figure

25–3. The tubing shall be packed with coarse quartz wool, to a density of approximately 0.11 g/cm^3 before bending. While the condensate trap is packed with dry ice in the Dewar, an ice bridge may form between the arms of the condensate trap making it difficult to remove the condensate trap. This problem can be prevented by attaching a steel plate between the arms of the condensate trap in the same plane as the arms to completely fill the intervening space.

6.1.5 Valve. Stainless steel control valve for starting and stopping sample flow.

6.1.6 Metering Valve. Stainless steel valve for regulating the sample flow rate through the sample train.

6.1.7 Rate Meter. Rotameter, or equivalent, capable of measuring sample flow in the range of 60 to 100 cm^3/min (0.13 to 0.21 ft^3/hr).

6.1.8 Sample Tank. Stainless steel or aluminum tank with a minimum volume of 4 liters (0.14 ft^3).

NOTE: Sample volumes greater than 4 liters may be required for sources with low organic concentrations.

6.1.9 Mercury Manometer. U-tube manometer or absolute pressure gauge capable of measuring pressure to within 1 mm Hg in the range of 0 to 900 mm.

6.1.10 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg.

6.2 Condensate Recovery. The system for the recovery of the organics captured in the condensate trap consists of a heat source, an oxidation catalyst, a nondispersive infrared (NDIR) analyzer, and an intermediate collection vessel (ICV). Figure 25–4 is a schematic of a typical system. The system shall be capable of proper oxidation and recovery, as specified in section 10.1.1. The following major components are required:

6.2.1 Heat Source. Sufficient to heat the condensate trap (including probe) to a temperature of 200 °C (390 °F). A system using both a heat gun and an electric tube furnace is recommended.

6.2.2 Heat Tape. Sufficient to heat the connecting tubing between the water trap and the oxidation catalyst to 100 °C (212 °F).

6.2.3 Oxidation Catalyst. A suitable length of 9.5 mm (3⁄8-in.) OD Inconel 600 tubing packed with 15 cm (6 in.) of 3.2 mm (3⁄8-in.) diameter 19 percent chromia on alumina pellets. The catalyst material is packed in the center of the catalyst tube with quartz wool packed on either end to hold it in place.

6.2.4 Water Trap. Leak-proof, capable of removing moisture from the gas stream.

6.2.5 Syringe Port. A 6.4-mm (1⁄4-in.) OD stainless steel tee fitting with a rubber septum placed in the side arm.

6.2.6 NDIR Detector. Capable of indicating CO_2 concentration in the range of zero to 5 percent, to monitor the progress of combustion of the organic compounds from the condensate trap.

6.2.7 Flow-Control Valve. Stainless steel, to maintain the trap conditioning system near atmospheric pressure.

6.2.8 Intermediate Collection Vessel. Stainless steel or aluminum, equipped with a female quick connect. Tanks with nominal volumes of at least 6 liters (0.2 ft^3) are recommended.

6.2.9 Mercury Manometer. Same as described in section 6.1.9.

6.2.10 Syringe. 10-ml gas-tight glass syringe equipped with an appropriate needle.

6.2.11 Syringes. 10-μl and 50-μl liquid injection syringes.

6.2.12 Liquid Sample Injection Unit. 316 Stainless steel U-tube fitted with an injection septum (see Figure 25–7).

6.3 Analysis.

6.3.1 NMO Analyzer. The NMO analyzer is a gas chromatograph (GC) with backflush capability for NMO analysis and is equipped with an oxidation catalyst, reduction catalyst, and FID. Figures 25–5 and 25–6 are schematics of a typical NMO analyzer. This semicontinuous GC/FID analyzer shall be capable of: (1) Separating CO, CO_2, and CH_4 from NMO, (2) reducing the CO_2 to CH_4 and quantifying as CH_4, and (3) oxidizing the NMO to CO_2, reducing the CO_2 to CH_4 and quantifying as CH_4, according to section 10.1.2. The analyzer consists of the following major components:

6.3.1.1 Oxidation Catalyst. A suitable length of 9.5-mm (3⁄8-in.) OD Inconel 600 tubing packed with 5.1 cm (2 in.) of 19 percent chromia on 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) alumina pellets. The catalyst material is packed in the center of the tube supported on either side by quartz wool. The catalyst tube must be mounted vertically in a 650 °C (1200 °F) furnace. Longer catalysts mounted horizontally may be used, provided they can meet the specifications of section 10.1.2.1.

6.3.1.2 Reduction Catalyst. A 7.6-cm (3-in.) length of 6.4-mm (1⁄4-in.) OD Inconel tubing fully packed with 100-mesh pure nickel powder. The catalyst tube must be mounted vertically in a 400 °C (750 °F) furnace.

6.3.1.3 Separation Column(s). A 30-cm (1-ft) length of 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) OD stainless steel tubing packed with 60/80 mesh Unibeads 1S followed by a 61-cm (2-ft) length of 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) OD stainless steel tubing packed with 60/80 mesh Carbosieve G. The Carbosieve and Unibeads columns must be baked separately at 200 °C (390 °F) with carrier gas flowing through them for 24 hours before initial use.

6.3.1.4 Sample Injection System. A single 10-port GC sample injection valve or a group of valves with sufficient ports fitted with a sample loop properly sized to interface with the NMO analyzer (1-cc loop recommended).

6.3.1.5 FID. An FID meeting the following specifications is required:

6.3.1.5.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.1.2.3.

6.3.1.5.2 Range. A full scale range of 10 to 50,000 ppm CH_4. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.3.1.6 Data Recording System. Analog strip chart recorder or digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the analytical results.

6.3.2 Barometer. Mercury, aneroid, or other barometer capable of measuring atmospheric pressure to within 1 mm Hg.

6.3.3 Temperature Sensor. Capable of measuring the laboratory temperature within 1 °C (2 °F).

6.3.4 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Sample Collection. The following reagents are required for sample collection:

7.1.1 Dry Ice. Solid CO2, crushed.

7.1.2 Coarse Quartz Wool. 8 to 15 um.

7.1.3 Filters. Glass fiber filters, without organic binder, exhibiting at least 99.95 percent efficiency (<0.05 percent penetration) on 0.3 micron dioctyl phthalate smoke particles. The filter efficiency test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM Method D2986–71, 78, or 95a (incorporated by reference—see §60.17). Test data from the supplier's quality control program are sufficient for this purpose.

7.2 NMO Analysis. The following gases are required for NMO analysis:

7.2.1 Carrier Gases. Helium (He) and oxygen (O_2) containing less than 1 ppm CO_2 and less than 0.1 ppm hydrocarbon.

7.2.2 Fuel Gas. Hydrogen (H_2), at least 99.999 percent pure.

7.2.3 Combustion Gas. Either air (less than 0.1 ppm total hydrocarbon content) or O_2 (purity 99.99 percent or greater), as required by the detector.

7.3 Condensate Analysis. The following are required for condensate analysis:

7.3.1 Gases. Containing less than 1 ppm carbon.

7.3.1.1 Air.

7.3.1.2 Oxygen.

7.3.2 Liquids. To conform to the specifications established by the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society.

7.3.2.1 Hexane.

7.3.2.2 Decane.

7.4 Calibration. For all calibration gases, the manufacturer must recommend a maximum shelf life for each cylinder (i.e., the length of time the gas concentration is not expected to change more than ±5 percent from its certified value). The date of gas cylinder preparation, certified organic concentration, and recommended maximum shelf life must be affixed to each cylinder before shipment from the gas manufacturer to the buyer. The following calibration gases are required:

7.4.1 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check Calibration Gas. Gas mixture standard with nominal concentration of 1 percent methane in air.

7.4.2 FID Linearity and NMO Calibration Gases. Three gas mixture standards with nominal propane concentrations of 20 ppm, 200 ppm, and 3000 ppm, in air.

7.4.3 CO_2 Calibration Gases. Three gas mixture standards with nominal CO_2 concentrations of 50 ppm, 500 ppm, and 1 percent, in air.

NOTE: Total NMO less than 1 ppm required for 1 percent mixture.

7.4.4 NMO Analyzer System Check Calibration Gases. Four calibration gases are needed as follows:

7.4.4.1 Propane Mixture. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 50 ppm CO, 50 ppm CH_4, 1 percent CO_2, and 20 ppm C_3H_8, prepared in air.

7.4.4.2 Hexane. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 50 ppm hexane in air.

7.4.4.3 Toluene. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 20 ppm toluene in air.

7.4.4.4 Methanol. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 100 ppm methanol in air.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Transport, and Storage

8.1 Sampling Equipment Preparation.

8.1.1 Condensate Trap Cleaning. Before its initial use and after each use, a condensate trap should be thoroughly cleaned and checked to ensure that it is not contaminated. Both cleaning and checking can be accomplished by installing the trap in the condensate recovery system and treating it as if it were a sample. The trap should be heated as described in section 11.1.3. A trap may be considered clean when the CO_2 concentration in its effluent gas drops below 10 ppm. This check is optional for traps that most recently have been used to collect samples which were then recovered according to the procedure in section 11.1.3.

8.1.2 Sample Tank Evacuation and Leak-Check. Evacuate the sample tank to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure or less. Then close the sample tank valve, and allow the tank to sit for 60 minutes. The tank is acceptable if a change in tank vacuum of less than 1 mm Hg is noted. The evacuation and leak-check may be conducted either in the laboratory or the field.

8.1.3 Sampling Train Assembly. Just before assembly, measure the tank vacuum using a mercury manometer. Record this vacuum, the ambient temperature, and the barometric pressure at this time. Close the sample tank valve and assemble the sampling

system as shown in Figure 25–1. Immerse the condensate trap body in dry ice at least 30 minutes before commencing sampling to improve collection efficiency. The point where the inlet tube joins the trap body should be 2.5 to 5 cm (1 to 2 in.) above the top of the dry ice.

8.1.4 Pretest Leak-Check. A pretest leak-check is required. Calculate or measure the approximate volume of the sampling train from the probe tip to the sample tank valve. After assembling the sampling train, plug the probe tip, and make certain that the sample tank valve is closed. Turn on the vacuum pump, and evacuate the sampling system from the probe tip to the sample tank valve to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg or less. Close the purge valve, turn off the pump, wait a minimum period of 10 minutes, and recheck the indicated vacuum. Calculate the maximum allowable pressure change based on a leak rate of 1 percent of the sampling rate using Equation 25–1, section 12.2. If the measured pressure change exceeds the allowable, correct the problem and repeat the leak-check before beginning sampling.

8.2 Sample Collection.

8.2.1 Unplug the probe tip, and place the probe into the stack such that the probe is perpendicular to the duct or stack axis; locate the probe tip at a single preselected point of average velocity facing away from the direction of gas flow. For stacks having a negative static pressure, seal the sample port sufficiently to prevent air in-leakage around the probe. Set the probe temperature controller to 129 °C (265 °F) and the filter temperature controller to 121 °C (250 °F). Allow the probe and filter to heat for about 30 minutes before purging the sample train.

8.2.2 Close the sample valve, open the purge valve, and start the vacuum pump. Set the flow rate between 60 and 100 cm^3/min (0.13 and 0.21 ft^3/hr), and purge the train with stack gas for at least 10 minutes.

8.2.3 When the temperatures at the exit ends of the probe and filter are within the corresponding specified ranges, check the dry ice level around the condensate trap, and add dry ice if necessary. Record the clock time. To begin sampling, close the purge valve and stop the pump. Open the sample valve and the sample tank valve. Using the flow control valve, set the flow through the sample train to the proper rate. Adjust the flow rate as necessary to maintain a constant rate (±10 percent) throughout the duration of the sampling period. Record the sample tank vacuum and flowmeter setting at 5-minute intervals. (See Figure 25–8.) Select a total sample time greater than or equal to the minimum sampling time specified in the applicable subpart of the regulations; end the sampling when this time period is reached or when a constant flow rate can no longer be maintained because of reduced sample tank vacuum.

NOTE: If sampling had to be stopped before obtaining the minimum sampling time (specified in the applicable subpart) because a constant flow rate could not be maintained, proceed as follows: After closing the sample tank valve, remove the used sample tank from the sampling train (without disconnecting other portions of the sampling train). Take another evacuated and leak-checked sample tank, measure and record the tank vacuum, and attach the new tank to the sampling train. After the new tank is attached to the sample train, proceed with the sampling until the required minimum sampling time has been exceeded.

8.3 Sample Recovery. After sampling is completed, close the flow control valve, and record the final tank vacuum; then record the tank temperature and barometric pressure. Close the sample tank valve, and disconnect the sample tank from the sample system. Disconnect the condensate trap at the inlet to the rate meter, and tightly seal both ends of the condensate trap. Do not include the probe from the stack to the filter as part of the condensate sample.

8.4 Sample Storage and Transport. Keep the trap packed in dry ice until the samples are returned to the laboratory for analysis. Ensure that run numbers are identified on the condensate trap and the sample tank(s).

9.0 Quality Control

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
10.1.1	Initial performance check of condensate recovery apparatus.	Ensure acceptable condensate recovery efficiency.
10.1.2, 10.2	NMO analyzer initial and daily performance checks.	Ensure precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Initial Performance Checks.

10.1.1 Condensate Recovery Apparatus. Perform these tests before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown of 6 months or more, and after any major modification of the system, or at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer.

10.1.1.1 Carrier Gas and Auxiliary O_2 Blank Check. Analyze each new tank of carrier gas or auxiliary O_2 with the NMO analyzer to

check for contamination. Treat the gas cylinders as noncondensible gas samples, and analyze according to the procedure in section 11.2.3. Add together any measured CH_4, CO, CO_2, or NMO. The total concentration must be less than 5 ppm.

10.1.1.2 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check.

10.1.1.2.1 With a clean condensate trap installed in the recovery system or a ⅛″ stainless steel connector tube, replace the carrier gas cylinder with the high level methane standard gas cylinder (Section 7.4.1). Set the four-port valve to the recovery position, and attach an ICV to the recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in vent position and the flow-control and ICV valves fully open, evacuate the manometer or gauge, the connecting tubing, and the ICV to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure. Close the flow-control and vacuum pump valves.

10.1.1.2.2 After the NDIR response has stabilized, switch the sample recovery valve from vent to collect. When the manometer or pressure gauge begins to register a slight positive pressure, open the flow-control valve. Keep the flow adjusted such that the pressure in the system is maintained within 10 percent of atmospheric pressure. Continue collecting the sample in a normal manner until the ICV is filled to a nominal gauge pressure of 300 mm Hg. Close the ICV valve, and remove the ICV from the system. Place the sample recovery valve in the vent position, and return the recovery system to its normal carrier gas and normal operating conditions. Analyze the ICV for CO_2 using the NMO analyzer; the catalyst efficiency is acceptable if the CO_2 concentration is within 2 percent of the methane standard concentration.

10.1.1.3 System Performance Check. Construct a liquid sample injection unit similar in design to the unit shown in Figure 25–7. Insert this unit into the condensate recovery and conditioning system in place of a condensate trap, and set the carrier gas and auxiliary O_2 flow rates to normal operating levels. Attach an evacuated ICV to the system, and switch from system vent to collect. With the carrier gas routed through the injection unit and the oxidation catalyst, inject a liquid sample (see sections 10.1.1.3.1 to 10.1.1.3.4) into the injection port. Operate the trap recovery system as described in section 11.1.3. Measure the final ICV pressure, and then analyze the vessel to determine the CO_2 concentration. For each injection, calculate the percent recovery according to section 12.7. Calculate the relative standard deviation for each set of triplicate injections according to section 12.8. The performance test is acceptable if the average percent recovery is 100 ±5 percent and the relative standard deviation is less than 2 percent for each set of triplicate injections.

10.1.1.3.1 50 μl hexane.

10.1.1.3.2 10 μl hexane.

10.1.1.3.3 50 μl decane.

10.1.1.3.4 10 μl decane.

10.1.2 NMO Analyzer. Perform these tests before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown longer than 6 months, and after any major modification of the system.

10.1.2.1 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check. Turn off or bypass the NMO analyzer reduction catalyst. Make triplicate injections of the high level methane standard (Section 7.4.1). The oxidation catalyst operation is acceptable if the FID response is less than 1 percent of the injected methane concentration.

10.1.2.2 Reduction Catalyst Efficiency Check. With the oxidation catalyst unheated or bypassed and the heated reduction catalyst bypassed, make triplicate injections of the high level methane standard (Section 7.4.1). Repeat this procedure with both catalysts operative. The reduction catalyst operation is acceptable if the responses under both conditions agree within 5 percent of their average.

10.1.2.3 NMO Analyzer Linearity Check Calibration. While operating both the oxidation and reduction catalysts, conduct a linearity check of the analyzer using the propane standards specified in section 7.4.2. Make triplicate injections of each calibration gas. For each gas (*i.e.*, each set of triplicate injections), calculate the average response factor (area/ppm C) for each gas, as well as and the relative standard deviation (according to section 12.8). Then calculate the overall mean of the response factor values. The instrument linearity is acceptable if the average response factor of each calibration gas is within 2.5 percent of the overall mean value and if the relative standard deviation gas is less than 2 percent of the overall mean value. Record the overall mean of the propane response factor values as the NMO calibration response factor (RF_{NMO}). Repeat the linearity check using the CO_2 standards specified in section 7.4.3. Make triplicate injections of each gas, and then calculate the average response factor (area/ ppm C) for each gas, as well as the overall mean of the response factor values. Record the overall mean of the response factor values as the CO_2 calibration response factor (RF_{CO2}). The RF_{CO2} must be within 10 percent of the RF_{NMO}.

10.1.2.4 System Performance Check. Check the column separation and overall performance of the analyzer by making triplicate injections of the calibration gases listed in section 7.4.4. The analyzer performance is acceptable if the measured NMO value for each gas (average of triplicate injections) is within 5 percent of the expected value.

10.2 NMO Analyzer Daily Calibration. The following calibration procedures shall be performed before and immediately after the

analysis of each set of samples, or on a daily basis, whichever is more stringent:

10.2.1 CO_2 Response Factor. Inject triplicate samples of the high level CO_2 calibration gas (Section 7.4.3), and calculate the average response factor. The system operation is adequate if the calculated response factor is within 5 percent of the RF_{CO2} calculated during the initial performance test (Section 10.1.2.3). Use the daily response factor (DRF_{CO2}) for analyzer calibration and the calculation of measured CO_2 concentrations in the ICV samples.

10.2.2 NMO Response Factors. Inject triplicate samples of the mixed propane calibration cylinder gas (Section 7.4.4.1), and calculate the average NMO response factor. The system operation is adequate if the calculated response factor is within 10 percent of the RF_{NMO} calculated during the initial performance test (Section 10.1.2.4). Use the daily response factor (DRF_{NMO}) for analyzer calibration and calculation of NMO concentrations in the sample tanks.

10.3 Sample Tank and ICV Volume. The volume of the gas sampling tanks used must be determined. Determine the tank and ICV volumes by weighing them empty and then filled with deionized distilled water; weigh to the nearest 5 g, and record the results. Alternatively, measure the volume of water used to fill them to the nearest 5 ml.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

11.1 Condensate Recovery. See Figure 25–9. Set the carrier gas flow rate, and heat the catalyst to its operating temperature to condition the apparatus.

11.1.1 Daily Performance Checks. Each day before analyzing any samples, perform the following tests:

11.1.1.1 Leak-Check. With the carrier gas inlets and the sample recovery valve closed, install a clean condensate trap in the system, and evacuate the system to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure or less. Monitor the system pressure for 10 minutes. The system is acceptable if the pressure change is less than 2 mm Hg.

11.1.1.2 System Background Test. Adjust the carrier gas and auxiliary oxygen flow rate to their normal values of 100 cc/min and 150 cc/min, respectively, with the sample recovery valve in vent position. Using a 10-ml syringe, withdraw a sample from the system effluent through the syringe port. Inject this sample into the NMO analyzer, and measure the CO_2 content. The system background is acceptable if the CO_2 concentration is less than 10 ppm.

11.1.1.3 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check. Conduct a catalyst efficiency test as specified in section 10.1.1.2. If the criterion of this test cannot be met, make the necessary repairs to the system before proceeding.

11.1.2 Condensate Trap CO_2 Purge and Sample Tank Pressurization.

11.1.2.1 After sampling is completed, the condensate trap will contain condensed water and organics and a small volume of sampled gas. This gas from the stack may contain a significant amount of CO_2 which must be removed from the condensate trap before the sample is recovered. This is accomplished by purging the condensate trap with zero air and collecting the purged gas in the original sample tank.

11.1.2.2 Begin with the sample tank and condensate trap from the test run to be analyzed. Set the four-port valve of the condensate recovery system in the CO_2 purge position as shown in Figure 25–9. With the sample tank valve closed, attach the sample tank to the sample recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in the vent position and the flow control valve fully open, evacuate the manometer or pressure gauge to the vacuum of the sample tank. Next, close the vacuum pump valve, open the sample tank valve, and record the tank pressure.

11.1.2.3 Attach the dry ice-cooled condensate trap to the recovery system, and initiate the purge by switching the sample recovery valve from vent to collect position. Adjust the flow control valve to maintain atmospheric pressure in the recovery system. Continue the purge until the CO_2 concentration of the trap effluent is less than 5 ppm. CO_2 concentration in the trap effluent should be measured by extracting syringe samples from the recovery system and analyzing the samples with the NMO analyzer. This procedure should be used only after the NDIR response has reached a minimum level. Using a 10-ml syringe, extract a sample from the syringe port prior to the NDIR, and inject this sample into the NMO analyzer.

11.1.2.4 After the completion of the CO_2 purge, use the carrier gas bypass valve to pressurize the sample tank to approximately 1,060 mm Hg absolute pressure with zero air.

11.1.3 Recovery of the Condensate Trap Sample (See Figure 25–10).

11.1.3.1 Attach the ICV to the sample recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in a closed position, between vent and collect, and the flow control and ICV valves fully open, evacuate the manometer or gauge, the connecting tubing, and the ICV to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure. Close the flow-control and vacuum pump valves.

11.1.3.2 Begin auxiliary oxygen flow to the oxidation catalyst at a rate of 150 cc/min, then switch the four-way valve to the trap recovery position and the sample recovery valve to collect position. The system should now be set up to operate as indicated in Figure 25–10. After the manometer or pressure gauge begins to register a slight positive pressure, open the flow control valve. Adjust the flow-control valve to maintain atmospheric pressure in the system within 10 percent.

11.1.3.3 Remove the condensate trap from the dry ice, and allow it to warm to ambient temperature while monitoring the NDIR response. If, after 5 minutes, the CO_2 concentration of the catalyst effluent is below 10,000 ppm, discontinue the auxiliary oxygen flow to the oxidation catalyst. Begin heating the trap by placing it in a furnace preheated to 200 °C (390 °F). Once heating has begun, carefully monitor the NDIR response to ensure that the catalyst effluent concentration does not exceed 50,000 ppm. Whenever the CO_2 concentration exceeds 50,000 ppm, supply auxiliary oxygen to the catalyst at the rate of 150 cc/min. Begin heating the tubing that connected the heated sample box to the condensate trap only after the CO_2 concentration falls below 10,000 ppm. This tubing may be heated in the same oven as the condensate trap or with an auxiliary heat source such as a heat gun. Heating temperature must not exceed 200 °C (390 °F). If a heat gun is used, heat the tubing slowly along its entire length from the upstream end to the downstream end, and repeat the pattern for a total of three times. Continue the recovery until the CO_2 concentration drops to less than 10 ppm as determined by syringe injection as described under the condensate trap CO_2 purge procedure (Section 11.1.2).

11.1.3.4 After the sample recovery is completed, use the carrier gas bypass valve to pressurize the ICV to approximately 1060 mm Hg absolute pressure with zero air.

11.2 Analysis. Once the initial performance test of the NMO analyzer has been successfully completed (see section 10.1.2) and the daily CO_2 and NMO response factors have been determined (see section 10.2), proceed with sample analysis as follows:

11.2.1 Operating Conditions. The carrier gas flow rate is 29.5 cc/min He and 2.2 cc/min O_2. The column oven is heated to 85 °C (185 °F). The order of elution for the sample from the column is CO, CH_4, CO_2, and NMO.

11.2.2 Analysis of Recovered Condensate Sample. Purge the sample loop with sample, and then inject the sample. Under the specified operating conditions, the CO_2 in the sample will elute in approximately 100 seconds. As soon as the detector response returns to baseline following the CO_2 peak, switch the carrier gas flow to backflush, and raise the column oven temperature to 195 °C (380 °F) as rapidly as possible. A rate of 30 °C/min (90 °F) has been shown to be adequate. Record the value obtained for the condensible organic material (C_{cm}) measured as CO_2 and any measured NMO. Return the column oven temperature to 85 °C (185 °F) in preparation for the next analysis. Analyze each sample in triplicate, and report the average C_{cm}.

11.2.3 Analysis of Sample Tank. Perform the analysis as described in section 11.2.2, but record only the value measured for NMO (C_{tm}).

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

Carry out the calculations, retaining at least one extra significant figure beyond that of the acquired data. Round off figures after final calculations. All equations are written using absolute pressure; absolute pressures are determined by adding the measured barometric pressure to the measured gauge or manometer pressure.

12.1 Nomenclature.

C = TGNMO concentration of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.

C_c = Calculated condensible organic (condensate trap) concentration of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.

C_{cm} = Measured concentration (NMO analyzer) for the condensate trap ICV, ppm CO_2.

C_t = Calculated noncondensible organic concentration (sample tank) of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.

C_{tm} = Measured concentration (NMO analyzer) for the sample tank, ppm NMO.

F = Sampling flow rate, cc/min.

L = Volume of liquid injected, µl.

M = Molecular weight of the liquid injected, g/g-mole.

M_c = TGNMO mass concentration of the effluent, mg C/dsm^3.

N = Carbon number of the liquid compound injected (N = 12 for decane, N = 6 for hexane).

n = Number of data points.

P_f = Final pressure of the intermediate collection vessel, mm Hg absolute.

P_b = Barometric pressure, cm Hg.

P_{ti} = Gas sample tank pressure before sampling, mm Hg absolute.

P_t = Gas sample tank pressure after sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{tf} = Final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

q = Total number of analyzer injections of intermediate collection vessel during analysis (where k = injection number, 1 * * * q).

r = Total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j = injection number, 1 * * * r).

r = Density of liquid injected, g/cc.

T_f = Final temperature of intermediate collection vessel, °K.

T_{ti} = Sample tank temperature before sampling, °K.

T_t = Sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, °K.

T_{tf} = Sample tank temperature after pressurizing, °K.

V = Sample tank volume, m^3.

V_t = Sample train volume, cc.

V_v = Intermediate collection vessel volume, m^3.

V_s = Gas volume sampled, dsm^3.

x_i = Individual measurements.

$\bar{x}$ = Mean value.

ΔP = Allowable pressure change, cm Hg.
Θ = Leak-check period, min.

12.2 Allowable Pressure Change. For the pretest leak-check, calculate the allowable pressure change using Equation 25–1:

$$\Delta P = 0.01\ \frac{FP_b\Theta}{V_t} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-1}$$

12.3 Sample Volume. For each test run, calculate the gas volume sampled using Equation 25–2:

$$V_s = 0.3857\ V\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-2}$$

12.4 Noncondensible Organics. For each sample tank, determine the concentration of nonmethane organics (ppm C) using Equation 25–3:

$$C_t = \left(\frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm_j}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-3}$$

12.5 Condensible Organics. For each condensate trap determine the concentration of organics (ppm C) using Equation 25–4:

$$C_c = 0.3857\frac{V_v P_f}{V_s T_f}\left(\frac{1}{q}\sum_{k=1}^{q} C_{cm_k}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-4}$$

12.6 TGNMO Mass Concentration. Determine the TGNMO mass concentration as carbon for each test run, using Equation 25–5:

$$M_c = 0.4993\left(C_t + C_c\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-5}$$

12.7 Percent Recovery. Calculate the percent recovery for the liquid injections to the condensate recovery and conditioning system using Equation 25–6:

$$\text{Percent Recovery} = K\ \frac{M\,V_v P_t C_{cm}}{L\,P\,T_f N} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-6}$$

where K = 1.604 (°K)(g-mole)(%)/(mm Hg)(ml)(m³)(ppm).

12.8 Relative Standard Deviation. Use Equation 25–7 to calculate the relative standard deviation (RSD) of percent recovery and analyzer linearity.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{\bar{x}}\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_i - \bar{x}\right)^2}{n-1}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-7}$$

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Range. The minimum detectable limit of the method has been determined to be 50 parts per million by volume (ppm). No upper limit has been established.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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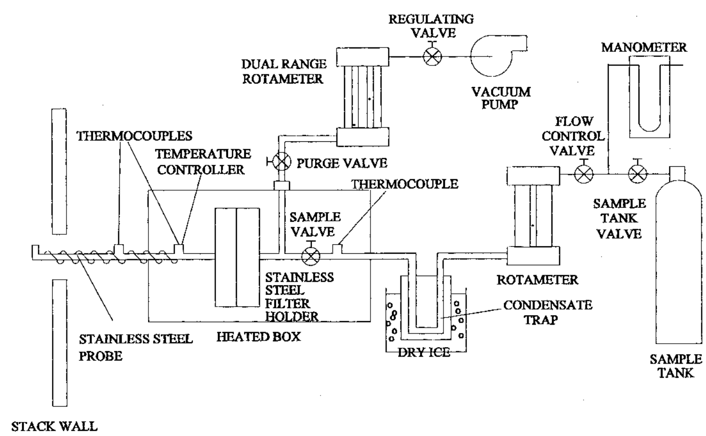

Figure 25-1. Sampling Train

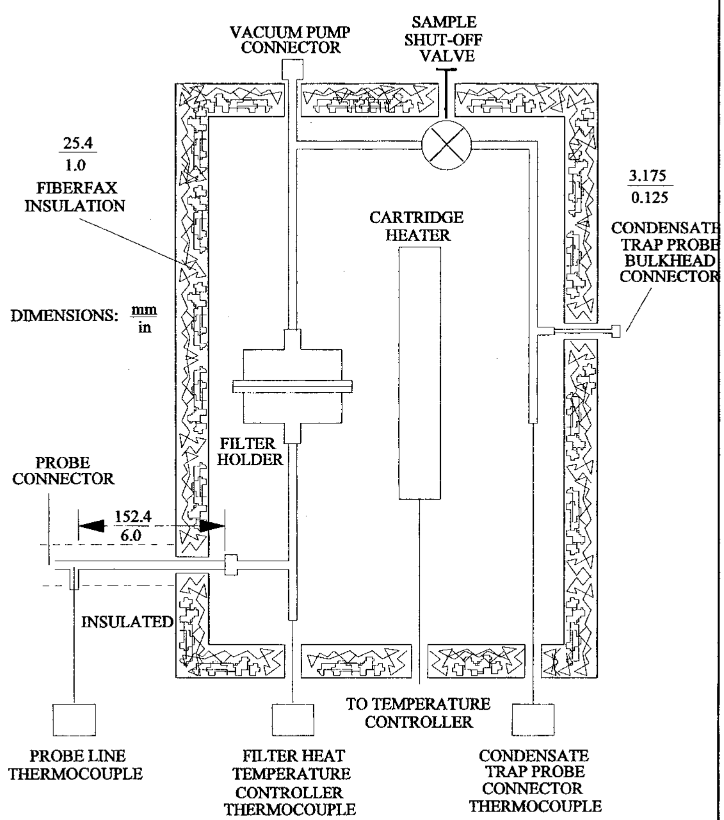

Figure 25-2. Out-of-stack Filter Box

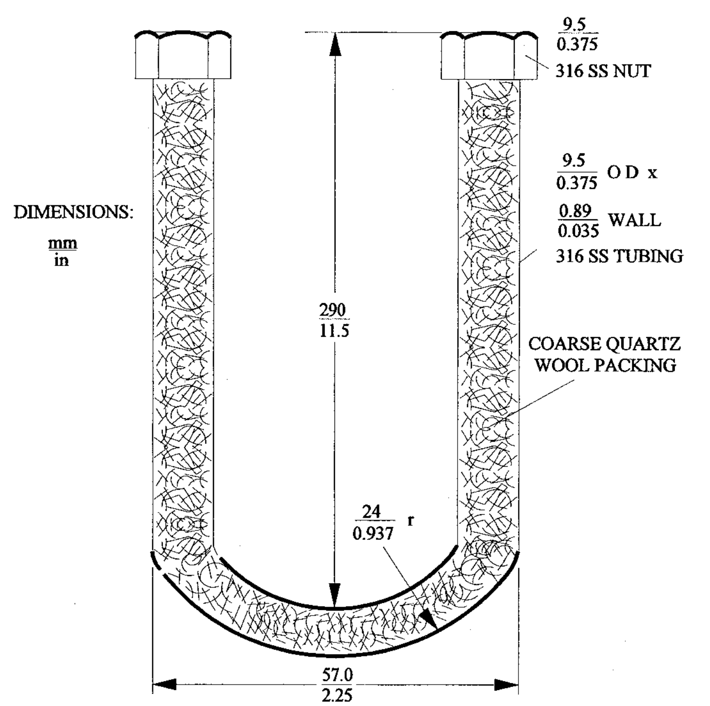

Figure 25-3. Condensate Trap

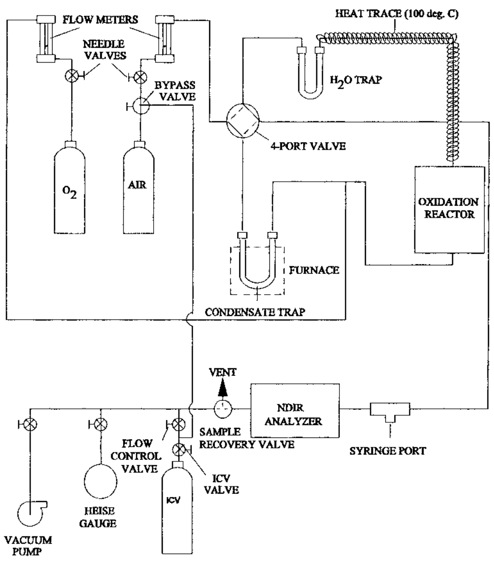

Figure 25-4. Condensate Recovery System

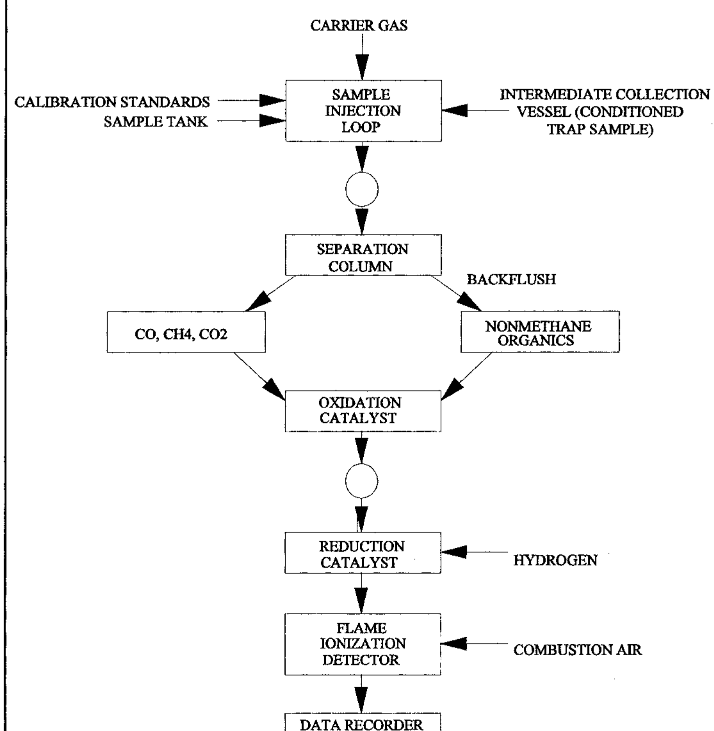

Figure 25-5. Simplified Schematic of Nonmethane Organic (NMO) Analyzer

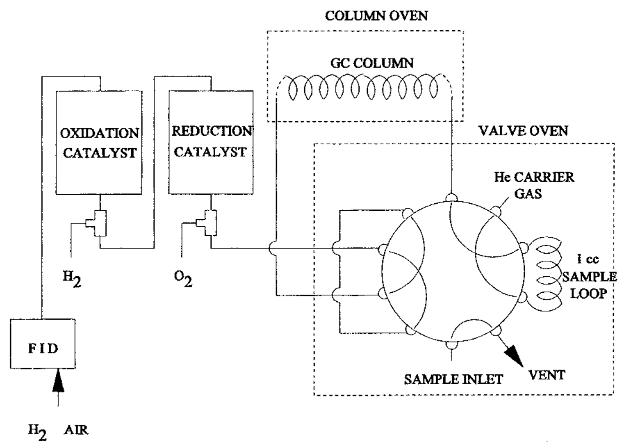

Figure 25-6. Nonmethane Organic Analyzer (NMO)

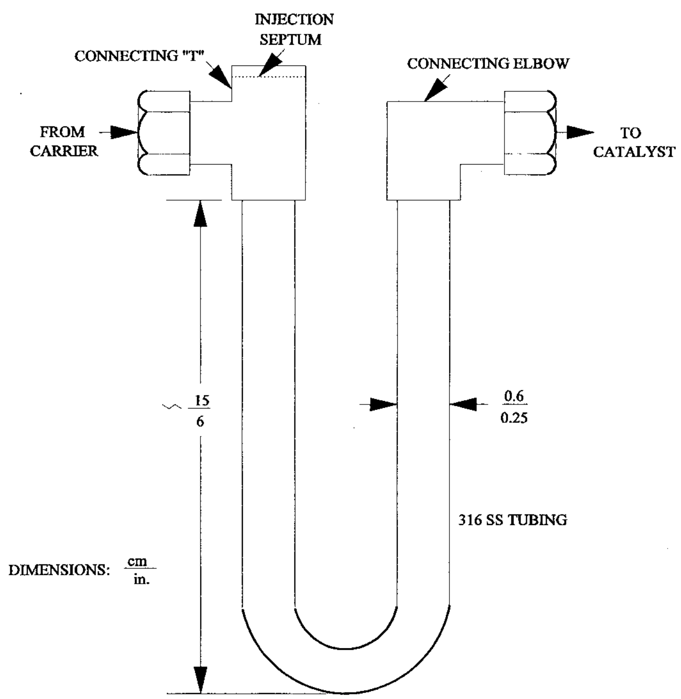

Figure 25-7. Liquid Sample Injection Unit

VOLATILE ORGANIC CARBON

FACILITY ______________ SAMPLE LOCATION ______________

LOCATION ______________ OPERATOR ______________

DATE ______________ RUN NUMBER ______________

TANK NUMBER ________ TRAP NUMBER ________ SAMPLE ID NUMBER ________

TANK VACUUM mm HG	cm Hg	BAROMETRIC PRESSURE mm Hg	AMBIENT TEMPERATURE °C
PRETEST (MANOMETER) ________	(GAUGE) ________		
POST-TEST (MANOMETER) ________	(GAUGE) ________		

LEAK RATE ________ cm Hg / 1.0 min. ________

PRETEST ________

TIME CLOCK/SAMPLE	VACUUM cm Hg	FLOWMETER SETTINGS	COMMENTS

Figure 25-8. Example Field Data Form

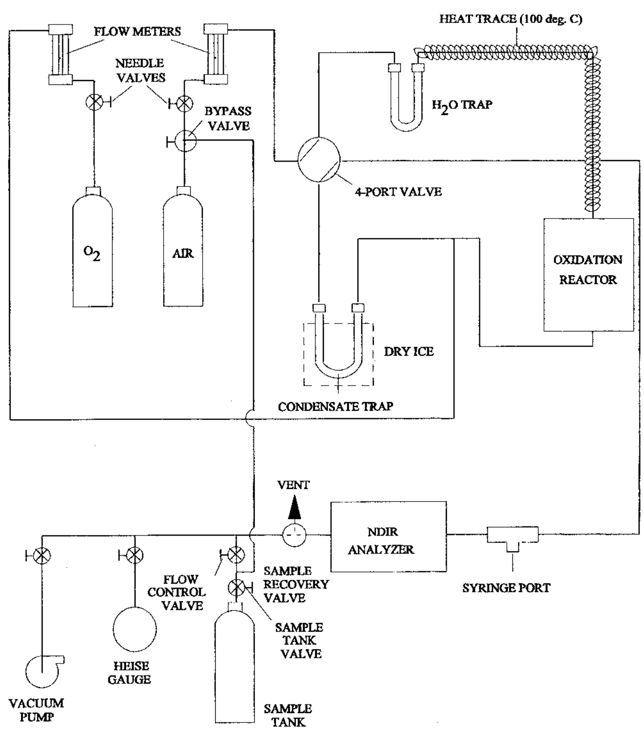

Figure 25-9. Condensate Recovery System, CO2 Purge

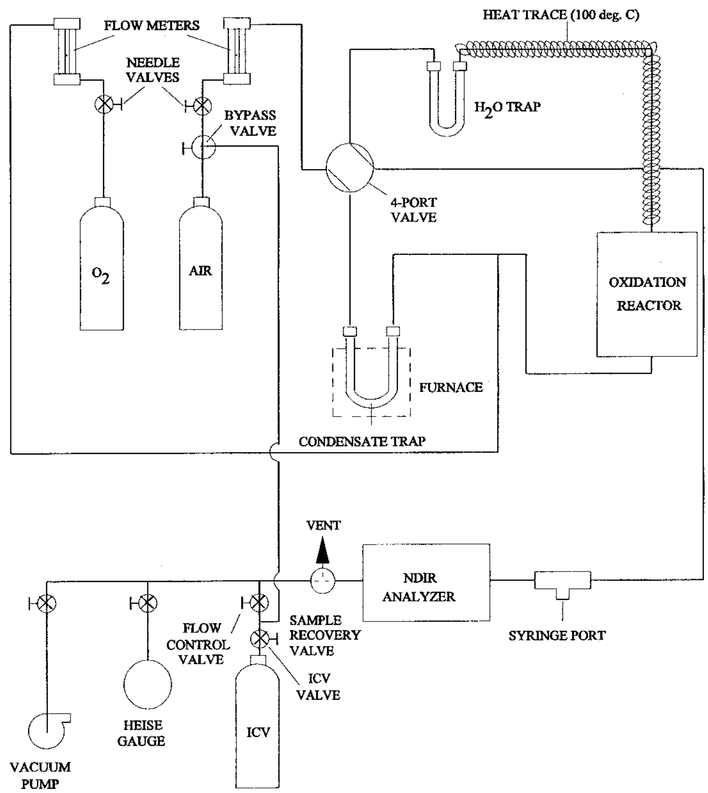

Figure 25-10. Condensate Recovery System, Collection of Trap Organics

METHOD 25A—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS ORGANIC CONCENTRATION USING A FLAME IONIZATION ANALYZER

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total Organic Compounds	N/A	<2% of span.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of total gaseous organic concentration of vapors consisting primarily of alkanes, alkenes, and/or arenes (aromatic hydrocarbons). The concentration is expressed in terms of propane (or other appropriate organic calibration gas) or in terms of carbon.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line and glass fiber filter to a flame ionization analyzer (FIA). Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of the calibration gas or as carbon equivalents.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Calibration drift* means the difference in the measurement system response to a midlevel calibration gas before and after a stated period of operation during which no unscheduled maintenance, repair, or adjustment took place.

3.2 *Calibration error* means the difference between the gas concentration indicated by the measurement system and the know concentration of the calibration gas.

3.3 *Calibration gas* means a known concentration of a gas in an appropriate diluent gas.

3.4 *Measurement system* means the total equipment required for the determination of the gas concentration. The system consists of the following major subsystems:

3.4.1 *Sample interface* means that portion of a system used for one or more of the following: sample acquisition, sample transportation, sample conditioning, or protection of the analyzer(s) from the effects of the stack effluent.

3.4.2 *Organic analyzer* means that portion of the measurement system that senses the gas to be measured and generates an output proportional to its concentration.

3.5 *Response time* means the time interval from a step change in pollutant concentration at the inlet to the emission measurement system to the time at which 95 percent of the corresponding final value is reached as displayed on the recorder.

3.6 *Span Value* means the upper limit of a gas concentration measurement range that is specified for affected source categories in the applicable part of the regulations. The span value is established in the applicable regulation and is usually 1.5 to 2.5 times the applicable emission limit. If no span value is provided, use a span value equivalent to 1.5 to 2.5 times the expected concentration. For convenience, the span value should correspond to 100 percent of the recorder scale.

3.7 *Zero drift* means the difference in the measurement system response to a zero level calibration gas before or after a stated period of operation during which no unscheduled maintenance, repair, or adjustment took place.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method. The analyzer users manual should be consulted for specific precautions to be taken with regard to the analytical procedure.

5.2 Explosive Atmosphere. This method is often applied in highly explosive areas. Caution and care should be exercised in choice of equipment and installation.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Measurement System. Any measurement system for total organic concentration that meets the specifications of this method. A schematic of an acceptable measurement system is shown in Figure 25A–1. All sampling components leading to the analyzer shall be heated ≥110 °C (220 °F) throughout the sampling period, unless safety reasons are cited (Section 5.2) The essential components of the measurement system are described below:

6.1.1 Organic Concentration Analyzer. A flame ionization analyzer (FIA) capable of meeting or exceeding the specifications of this method. The flame ionization detector block shall be heated >120 °C (250 °F).

6.1.2 Sample Probe. Stainless steel, or equivalent, three-hole rake type. Sample holes shall be 4 mm (0.16-in.) in diameter or smaller and located at 16.7, 50, and 83.3 percent of the equivalent stack diameter. Alternatively, a single opening probe may be used so that a gas sample is collected from the centrally located 10 percent area of the stack cross-section.

6.1.3 Heated Sample Line. Stainless steel or Teflon'' tubing to transport the sample gas

to the analyzer. The sample line should be heated (≥110 °C) to prevent any condensation.

6.1.4 Calibration Valve Assembly. A three-way valve assembly to direct the zero and calibration gases to the analyzers is recommended. Other methods, such as quick-connect lines, to route calibration gas to the analyzers are applicable.

6.1.5 Particulate Filter. An in-stack or an out-of-stack glass fiber filter is recommended if exhaust gas particulate loading is significant. An out-of-stack filter should be heated to prevent any condensation.

6.1.6 Recorder. A strip-chart recorder, analog computer, or digital recorder for recording measurement data. The minimum data recording requirement is one measurement value per minute.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Calibration Gases. The calibration gases for the gas analyzer shall be propane in air or propane in nitrogen. Alternatively, organic compounds other than propane can be used; the appropriate corrections for response factor must be made. Calibration gases shall be prepared in accordance with the procedure listed in Citation 2 of section 16. Additionally, the manufacturer of the cylinder should provide a recommended shelf life for each calibration gas cylinder over which the concentration does not change more than ±2 percent from the certified value. For calibration gas values not generally available (*i.e.*, organics between 1 and 10 percent by volume), alternative methods for preparing calibration gas mixtures, such as dilution systems (Test Method 205, 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix M), may be used with prior approval of the Administrator.

7.1.1 Fuel. A 40 percent H_2/60 percent N_2 gas mixture is recommended to avoid an oxygen synergism effect that reportedly occurs when oxygen concentration varies significantly from a mean value.

7.1.2 Zero Gas. High purity air with less than 0.1 part per million by volume (ppmv) of organic material (propane or carbon equivalent) or less than 0.1 percent of the span value, whichever is greater.

7.1.3 Low-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 25 to 35 percent of the applicable span value.

7.1.4 Mid-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 45 to 55 percent of the applicable span value.

7.1.5 High-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 80 to 90 percent of the applicable span value.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Selection of Sampling Site. The location of the sampling site is generally specified by the applicable regulation or purpose of the test (*i.e.*, exhaust stack, inlet line, etc.). The sample port shall be located to meet the testing requirements of Method 1.

8.2 Location of Sample Probe. Install the sample probe so that the probe is centrally located in the stack, pipe, or duct and is sealed tightly at the stack port connection.

8.3 Measurement System Preparation. Prior to the emission test, assemble the measurement system by following the manufacturer's written instructions for preparing sample interface and the organic analyzer. Make the system operable (Section 10.1).

8.4 Calibration Error Test. Immediately prior to the test series (within 2 hours of the start of the test), introduce zero gas and high-level calibration gas at the calibration valve assembly. Adjust the analyzer output to the appropriate levels, if necessary. Calculate the predicted response for the low-level and mid-level gases based on a linear response line between the zero and high-level response. Then introduce low-level and mid-level calibration gases successively to the measurement system. Record the analyzer responses for low-level and mid-level calibration gases and determine the differences between the measurement system responses and the predicted responses. These differences must be less than 5 percent of the respective calibration gas value. If not, the measurement system is not acceptable and must be replaced or repaired prior to testing. No adjustments to the measurement system shall be conducted after the calibration and before the drift check (Section 8.6.2). If adjustments are necessary before the completion of the test series, perform the drift checks prior to the required adjustments and repeat the calibration following the adjustments. If multiple electronic ranges are to be used, each additional range must be checked with a mid-level calibration gas to verify the multiplication factor.

8.5 Response Time Test. Introduce zero gas into the measurement system at the calibration valve assembly. When the system output has stabilized, switch quickly to the high-level calibration gas. Record the time from the concentration change to the measurement system response equivalent to 95 percent of the step change. Repeat the test three times and average the results.

8.6 Emission Measurement Test Procedure.

8.6.1 Organic Measurement. Begin sampling at the start of the test period, recording time and any required process information as appropriate. In particulate, note on the recording chart, periods of process interruption or cyclic operation.

8.6.2 Drift Determination. Immediately following the completion of the test period and hourly during the test period, reintroduce the zero and mid-level calibration gases, one at a time, to the measurement system at the calibration valve assembly. (Make no adjustments to the measurement system until both the zero and calibration drift checks are made.) Record the analyzer response. If the drift values exceed the specified limits, invalidate the test results preceding the check and repeat the test following corrections to the measurement system. Alternatively, recalibrate the test measurement system as in section 8.4 and report the results using both sets of calibration data (i.e., data determined prior to the test period and data determined following the test period).

NOTE: Note on the recording chart periods of process interruption or cyclic operation.

9.0 Quality Control

Method section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.4	Zero and calibration drift tests	Ensures that bias introduced by drift in the measurement system output during the run is no greater than 3 percent of span.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 FIA equipment can be calibrated for almost any range of total organic concentrations. For high concentrations of organics (>1.0 percent by volume as propane), modifications to most commonly available analyzers are necessary. One accepted method of equipment modification is to decrease the size of the sample to the analyzer through the use of a smaller diameter sample capillary. Direct and continuous measurement of organic concentration is a necessary consideration when determining any modification design.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

The sample collection and analysis are concurrent for this method (see section 8.0).

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 Determine the average organic concentration in terms of ppmv as propane or other calibration gas. The average shall be determined by integration of the output recording over the period specified in the applicable regulation. If results are required in terms of ppmv as carbon, adjust measured concentrations using Equation 25A–1.

$$C_c = K C_{meas} \qquad \text{Eq. 25A-1}$$

Where:

C_c = Organic concentration as carbon, ppmv.
C_{meas} = Organic concentration as measured, ppmv.
K = Carbon equivalent correction factor.
= 2 for ethane.
= 3 for propane.
= 4 for butane.
= Appropriate response factor for other organic calibration gases.

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Measurement System Performance Specifications.

13.1.1 Zero Drift. Less than ±3 percent of the span value.

13.1.2 Calibration Drift. Less than ±3 percent of span value.

13.1.3 Calibration Error. Less than ±5 percent of the calibration gas value.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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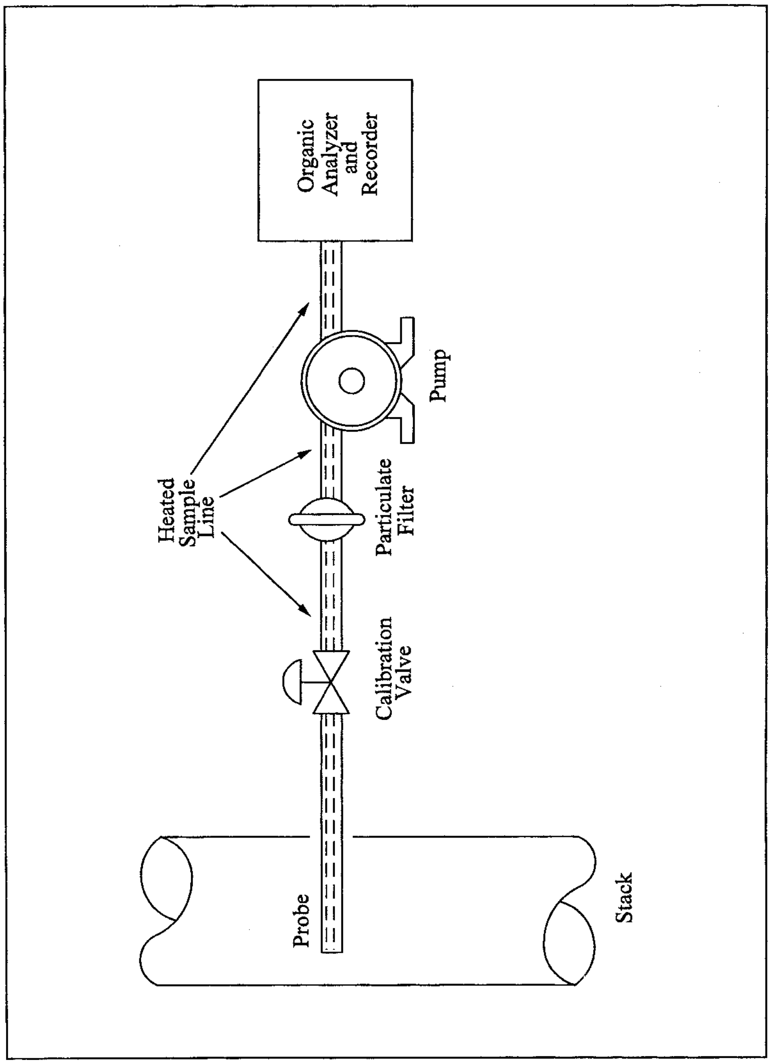

Figure 25A-1. Organic Concentration Measurement System.

METHOD 25B—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS ORGANIC CONCENTRATION USING A NONDISPERSIVE INFRARED ANALYZER

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 1, Method 6C, and Method 25A.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total Organic Compounds	N/A	<2% of span.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of total gaseous organic concentration of vapors consisting primarily of alkanes. Other organic materials may be measured using the general procedure in this method, the appropriate calibration gas, and an analyzer set to the appropriate absorption band.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line, if necessary, and glass fiber filter to a nondispersive infrared analyzer (NDIR). Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of the calibration gas or as carbon equivalents.

3.0 Definitions

Same as Method 25A, section 3.0.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method. The analyzer users manual should be consulted for specific precautions to be taken with regard to the analytical procedure.

5.2 Explosive Atmosphere. This method is often applied in highly explosive areas. Caution and care should be exercised in choice of equipment and installation.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

Same as Method 25A, section 6.0, with the exception of the following:

6.1 Organic Concentration Analyzer. A nondispersive infrared analyzer designed to measure alkane organics and capable of meeting or exceeding the specifications in this method.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Same as Method 25A, section 7.1. No fuel gas is required for an NDIR.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

Same as Method 25A, section 8.0.

9.0 Quality Control

Same as Method 25A, section 9.0.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

Same as Method 25A, section 10.0.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

The sample collection and analysis are concurrent for this method (see section 8.0).

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

Same as Method 25A, section 12.0.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as Method 25A, section 16.0.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 25C—DETERMINATION OF NONMETHANE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (NMOC) IN LANDFILL GASES

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling and analytical) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should also have a thorough knowledge of EPA Method 25.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable to the sampling and measurement of NMOC as carbon in landfill gases (LFG).

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A sample probe that has been perforated at one end is driven or augured to a depth of 0.9 m (3 ft) below the bottom of the landfill cover. A sample of the landfill gas is extracted with an evacuated cylinder. The NMOC content of the gas is determined by

injecting a portion of the gas into a gas chromatographic column to separate the NMOC from carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO_2), and methane (CH_4); the NMOC are oxidized to CO_2, reduced to CH_4, and measured by a flame ionization detector (FID). In this manner, the variable response of the FID associated with different types of organics is eliminated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Since this method is complex, only experienced personnel should perform this test. LFG contains methane, therefore explosive mixtures may exist on or near the landfill. It is advisable to take appropriate safety precautions when testing landfills, such as refraining from smoking and installing explosion-proof equipment.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sample Probe. Stainless steel, with the bottom third perforated. Teflon probe liners and sampling lines are also allowed. Non-perforated probes are allowed as long as they are withdrawn to create a gap equivalent to having the bottom third perforated. The sample probe must be capped at the bottom and must have a threaded cap with a sampling attachment at the top. The sample probe must be long enough to go through and extend no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. If the sample probe is to be driven into the landfill, the bottom cap should be designed to facilitate driving the probe into the landfill.

6.2 Sampling Train.

6.2.1 Rotameter with Flow Control Valve. Capable of measuring a sample flow rate of 100 ±10 ml/min. The control valve must be made of stainless steel.

6.2.2 Sampling Valve. Stainless steel.

6.2.3 Pressure Gauge. U-tube mercury manometer, or equivalent, capable of measuring pressure to within 1 mm Hg (0.5 in H_2O) in the range of 0 to 1,100 mm Hg (0 to 590 in H_2O).

6.2.4 Sample Tank. Stainless steel or aluminum cylinder, equipped with a stainless steel sample tank valve.

6.3 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg (5.4 in H_2O).

6.4 Purging Pump. Portable, explosion proof, and suitable for sampling NMOC.

6.5 Pilot Probe Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 8.2.1.

6.5.1 Pilot Probe. Tubing of sufficient strength to withstand being driven into the landfill by a post driver and an outside diameter of at least 6 mm (0.25 in.) smaller than the sample probe. The pilot probe shall be capped on both ends and long enough to go through the landfill cover and extend no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) into the landfill.

6.5.2 Post Driver and Compressor. Capable of driving the pilot probe and the sampling probe into the landfill. The Kitty Hawk portable post driver has been found to be acceptable.

6.6 Auger Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 8.2.2.

6.6.1 Auger. Capable of drilling through the landfill cover and to a depth of no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) into the landfill.

6.6.2 Pea Gravel.

6.6.3 Bentonite.

6.7 NMOC Analyzer, Barometer, Thermometer, and Syringes. Same as in sections 6.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.33, and 6.2.10, respectively, of Method 25.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 NMOC Analysis. Same as in Method 25, section 7.2.

7.2 Calibration. Same as in Method 25, section 7.4, except omit section 7.4.3.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sample Tank Evacuation and Leak-Check. Conduct the sample tank evacuation and leak-check either in the laboratory or the field. Connect the pressure gauge and sampling valve to the sample tank. Evacuate the sample tank to 10 mm Hg (5.4 in H_2O) absolute pressure or less. Close the sampling valve, and allow the tank to sit for 30 minutes. The tank is acceptable if no change more than ±2 mm is noted. Include the results of the leak-check in the test report.

8.2 Sample Probe Installation. The tester may use the procedure in section 8.2.1 or 8.2.2.

8.2.1 Pilot Probe Procedure. Use the post driver to drive the pilot probe at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. Alternative procedures to drive the probe into the landfill may be used subject to the approval of the Administrator's designated representative.

8.2.1.1 Remove the pilot probe and drive the sample probe into the hole left by the pilot probe. The sample probe shall extend at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover and shall protrude about 0.3 m (1 ft) above the landfill cover. Seal around the sampling probe with bentonite and cap the sampling probe with the sampling probe cap.

8.2.2 Auger Procedure. Use an auger to drill a hole to at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. Place the sample probe in the hole and backfill with pea gravel to a level 0.6 m (2 ft) from the surface. The sample probe shall protrude at least 0.3 m (1 ft) above the landfill cover. Seal the remaining area around the probe with bentonite. Allow 24

hours for the landfill gases to equilibrate inside the augured probe before sampling.

8.2.3 Driven Probes. Closed-point probes may be driven directly into the landfill in a single step. This method may not require backfilling if the probe is adequately sealed by its insertion. Unperforated probes that are inserted in this manner and withdrawn at a distance from a detachable tip to create an open space are also acceptable.

8.3 Sample Train Assembly. Just before assembling the sample train, measure the sample tank vacuum using the pressure gauge. Record the vacuum, the ambient temperature, and the barometric pressure at this time. Assemble the sampling probe purging system as shown in Figure 25C–1.

8.4 Sampling Procedure. Open the sampling valve and use the purge pump and the flow control valve to evacuate at least two sample probe volumes from the system at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less. Close the sampling valve and replace the purge pump with the sample tank apparatus as shown in Figure 25C–2. Open the sampling valve and the sample tank valve and, using the flow control valve, sample at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less until either a constant flow rate can no longer be maintained because of reduced sample tank vacuum or the appropriate composite volume is attained. Disconnect the sampling tank apparatus and pressurize the sample cylinder to approximately 1,060 mm Hg (567 in. H_2O) absolute pressure with helium, and record the final pressure. Alternatively, the sample tank may be pressurized in the lab.

8.4.1 The following restrictions apply to compositing samples from different probe sites into a single cylinder: (1) Individual composite samples per cylinder must be of equal volume; this must be verified by recording the flow rate, sampling time, vacuum readings, or other appropriate volume measuring data, (2) individual composite samples must have a minimum volume of 1 liter unless data is provided showing smaller volumes can be accurately measured, and (3) composite samples must not be collected using the final cylinder vacuum as it diminishes to ambient pressure.

8.4.2 Use Method 3C to determine the percent N_2 in each cylinder. The presence of N_2 indicates either infiltration of ambient air into the landfill gas sample or an inappropriate testing site has been chosen where anaerobic decomposition has not begun. The landfill gas sample is acceptable if the concentration of N_2 is less than 20 percent. Alternatively, Method 3C may be used to determine the oxygen content of each cylinder as an air infiltration test. With this option, the oxygen content of each cylinder must be less than 5 percent.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.4.2	Verify that landfill gas sample contains less than 20 percent N_2 or 5 percent O_2.	Ensures that ambient air was not drawn into the landfill gas sample and gas was sampled from an appropriate location.
10.1, 10.2	NMOC analyzer initial and daily performance checks.	Ensures precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Initial NMOC Analyzer Performance Test. Same as in Method 25, section 10.1, except omit the linearity checks for CO_2 standards.

10.2 NMOC Analyzer Daily Calibration.

10.2.1 NMOC Response Factors. Same as in Method 25, section 10.2.2.

10.3 Sample Tank Volume. The volume of the gas sampling tanks must be determined. Determine the tank volumes by weighing them empty and then filled with deionized water; weigh to the nearest 5 g, and record the results. Alternatively, measure the volume of water used to fill them to the nearest 5 ml.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 The oxidation, reduction, and measurement of NMOC's is similar to Method 25. Before putting the NMOC analyzer into routine operation, conduct an initial performance test. Start the analyzer, and perform all the necessary functions in order to put the analyzer into proper working order. Conduct the performance test according to the procedures established in section 10.1. Once the performance test has been successfully completed and the NMOC calibration response factor has been determined, proceed with sample analysis as follows:

11.1.1 Daily Operations and Calibration Checks. Before and immediately after the analysis of each set of samples or on a daily basis (whichever occurs first), conduct a calibration test according to the procedures established in section 10.2. If the criteria of the daily calibration test cannot be met, repeat

the NMOC analyzer performance test (Section 10.1) before proceeding.

11.1.2 Operating Conditions. Same as in Method 25, section 11.2.1.

11.1.3 Analysis of Sample Tank. Purge the sample loop with sample, and then inject the sample. Under the specified operating conditions, the CO_2 in the sample will elute in approximately 100 seconds. As soon as the detector response returns to baseline following the CO_2 peak, switch the carrier gas flow to backflush, and raise the column oven temperature to 195 °C (383 °F) as rapidly as possible. A rate of 30 °C/min (54 °F/min) has been shown to be adequate. Record the value obtained for any measured NMOC. Return the column oven temperature to 85 °C (185 °F) in preparation for the next analysis. Analyze each sample in triplicate, and report the average as C_{tm}.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

NOTE: All equations are written using absolute pressure; absolute pressures are determined by adding the measured barometric pressure to the measured gauge or manometer pressure.

12.1 Nomenclature

B_w = Moisture content in the sample, fraction.

C_{N2} = N_2 concentration in the diluted sample gas.

C_{mN2} = Measured N_2 concentration, fraction in landfill gas.

C_{mOx} = Measured Oxygen concentration, fraction in landfill gas.

C_{Ox} = Oxygen concentration in the diluted sample gas.

C_t = Calculated NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent.

C_{tm} = Measured NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent.

P_b = Barometric pressure, mm Hg.

P_t = Gas sample tank pressure after sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{tf} = Final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{ti} = Gas sample tank pressure after evacuation, mm Hg absolute.

P_w = Vapor pressure of H_2O (from Table 25C–1), mm Hg.

r = Total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j = injection number, 1 . . . r).

T_t = Sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, °K.

T_{ti} = Sample tank temperature before sampling, °K.

T_{tf} = Sample tank temperature after pressuring, °K.

12.2 Water Correction. Use Table 25C–1 (Section 17.0), the LFG temperature, and barometric pressure at the sampling site to calculate B_w.

$$B_w = \frac{P_w}{P_b} \qquad \text{Eq. 25C-1}$$

12.3 Nitrogen Concentration in the landfill gas. Use equation 25C–2 to calculate the measured concentration of nitrogen in the original landfill gas.

$$C_{N2} = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}\right)}{\left(\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}\right)-\left(\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\right)}\right]C_{mN2} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-2}$$

12.4 Oxygen Concentration in the landfill gas. Use equation 25C–3 to calculate the measured concentration of oxygen in the original landfill gas.

$$C_{Ox} = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}\right)}{\left(\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}\right)-\left(\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\right)}\right]C_{mOx} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-3}$$

12.5 You must correct the NMOC Concentration for the concentration of nitrogen or oxygen based on which gas or gases passes the requirements in section 9.1.

12.5.1 NMOC Concentration with nitrogen correction. Use Equation 25C–4 to calculate the concentration of NMOC for each sample tank when the nitrogen concentration is less than 20 percent.

$$C_t = \frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\left(1 - \frac{99}{78}C_{N2}\right) - B_w} \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm(j)} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-4}$$

12.5.2 NMOC Concentration with oxygen correction. Use Equation 25C–5 to calculate the concentration of NMOC for each sample tank if the landfill gas oxygen is less than 5 percent and the landfill gas nitrogen concentration is greater than 20 percent.

$$C_t = \frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\left(1 - \frac{99}{21}C_{Ox}\right) - B_w} \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm(j)} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-5}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

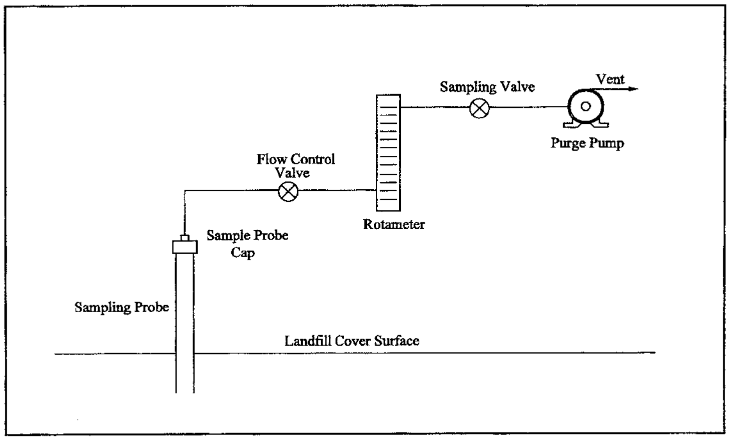

Figure 25C-1. Schematic of Sampling Probe Purging System

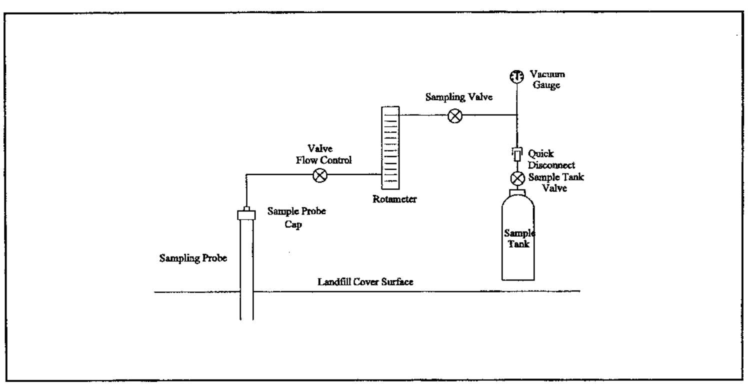

Figure 25C-2. Schematic of Sampling Train.

TABLE 25C–1—MOISTURE CORRECTION

Temperature, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg	Temperature, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg
4	6.1	18	15.5
6	7.0	20	17.5
8	8.0	22	19.8
10	9.2	24	22.4
12	10.5	26	25.2
14	12.0	28	28.3
16	13.6	30	31.8

METHOD 25D—DETERMINATION OF THE VOLATILE ORGANIC CONCENTRATION OF WASTE SAMPLES

NOTE: Performance of this method should not be attempted by persons unfamiliar with the operation of a flame ionization detector (FID) or an electrolytic conductivity detector (ELCD) because knowledge beyond the scope of this presentation is required.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analyte. Volatile Organic Compounds. No CAS No. assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for determining the volatile organic (VO) concentration of a waste sample.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Principle. A sample of waste is obtained at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to the atmosphere). The sample is suspended in an organic/aqueous matrix, then heated and purged with nitrogen for 30 min. in order to separate certain organic compounds. Part of the sample is analyzed for carbon concentration, as methane, with an FID, and part of the sample is analyzed for chlorine concentration, as chloride, with an ELCD. The VO concentration is the sum of the carbon and chlorine content of the sample.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Well-mixed* in the context of this method refers to turbulent flow which results in multiple-phase waste in effect behaving as single-phase waste due to good mixing.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1 Sampling. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Sampling Tube. Flexible Teflon, 0.25 in. ID (6.35 mm).

6.1.2 Sample Container. Borosilicate glass, 40-mL, and a Teflon-lined screw cap capable of forming an air tight seal.

6.1.3 Cooling Coil. Fabricated from 0.25 in (6.35 mm). ID 304 stainless steel tubing with a thermocouple at the coil outlet.

6.2 Analysis. The following equipment is required.

6.2.1 Purging Apparatus. For separating the VO from the waste sample. A schematic of the system is shown in Figure 25D–1. The purging apparatus consists of the following major components.

6.2.1.1 Purging Flask. A glass container to hold the sample while it is heated and purged with dry nitrogen. The cap of the purging flask is equipped with three fittings: one for a purging lance (fitting with the #7 Ace-thread), one for the Teflon exit tubing (side fitting, also a #7 Ace-thread), and a third (a 50-mm Ace-thread) to attach the base of the purging flask as shown in Figure 25D–2. The base of the purging flask is a 50-mm ID (2 in) cylindrical glass tube. One end of the tube is open while the other end is sealed. Exact dimensions are shown in Figure 25D–2.

6.2.1.2 Purging Lance. Glass tube, 6-mm OD (0.2 in) by 30 cm (12 in) long. The purging end of the tube is fitted with a four-arm bubbler with each tip drawn to an opening 1 mm (0.04 in) in diameter. Details and exact dimensions are shown in Figure 25D–2.

6.2.1.3 Coalescing Filter. Porous fritted disc incorporated into a container with the same dimensions as the purging flask. The details of the design are shown in Figure 25D–3.

6.2.1.4 Constant Temperature Chamber. A forced draft oven capable of maintaining a uniform temperature around the purging flask and coalescing filter of 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F).

6.2.1.5 Three-way Valve. Manually operated, stainless steel. To introduce calibration gas into system.

6.2.1.6 Flow Controllers. Two, adjustable. One capable of maintaining a purge gas flow rate of 6 ±0.06 L/min (0.2 ±0.002 ft^3/min) The other capable of maintaining a calibration gas flow rate of 1–100 mL/min (0.00004–0.004 ft^3/min).

6.2.1.7 Rotameter. For monitoring the air flow through the purging system (0–10 L/min)(0–0.4 ft^3/min).

6.2.1.8 Sample Splitters. Two heated flow restrictors (placed inside oven or heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F)). At a purge rate of 6 L/min (0.2 ft^3/min), one will supply a constant flow to the first detector (the rest of the flow will be directed to the second sample splitter). The second splitter will split the analytical flow between the second detector and the flow restrictor. The approximate flow to the FID will be 40 mL/min (0.0014 ft^3/min) and to the ELCD will be 15 mL/min (0.0005 ft^3/min), but the exact flow must be adjusted to be compatible with the individual detector and to meet its linearity requirement. The two sample splitters will be connected to each other by 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm) stainless steel tubing.

6.2.1.9 Flow Restrictor. Stainless steel tubing, 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm), connecting the second sample splitter to the ice bath. Length is determined by the resulting pressure in the purging flask (as measured by the pressure gauge). The resulting pressure from the use of the flow restrictor shall be 6–7 psig.

6.2.1.10 Filter Flask. With one-hole stopper. Used to hold ice bath. Excess purge gas is vented through the flask to prevent condensation in the flowmeter and to trap volatile organic compounds.

6.2.1.11 Four-way Valve. Manually operated, stainless steel. Placed inside oven, used to bypass purging flask.

6.2.1.12 On/Off Valves. Two, stainless steel. One heat resistant up to 130 °C (266 °F) and placed between oven and ELCD. The other a toggle valve used to control purge gas flow.

6.2.1.13 Pressure Gauge. Range 0–40 psi. To monitor pressure in purging flask and coalescing filter.

6.2.1.14 Sample Lines. Teflon, 1/4′ OD (6.35 mm), used inside the oven to carry purge gas to and from purging chamber and to and from coalescing filter to four-way valve. Also used to carry sample from four-way valve to first sample splitter.

6.2.1.15 Detector Tubing. Stainless steel, 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm), heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F) . Used to carry sample gas from each sample splitter to a detector. Each piece of tubing must be wrapped with heat tape and insulating tape in order to insure that no cold spots exist. The tubing leading to the ELCD will also contain a heat-resistant on-off valve (Section 6.2.1.12) which shall also be wrapped with heat-tape and insulation.

6.2.2 Volatile Organic Measurement System. Consisting of an FID to measure the carbon concentration of the sample and an ELCD to measure the chlorine concentration.

6.2.2.1 FID. A heated FID meeting the following specifications is required.

6.2.2.1.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.1.1.

6.2.2.1.2 Range. A full scale range of 50 pg carbon/sec to 50 μg carbon/sec. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.2.1.3 Data Recording System. A digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the output of the detector. The recorder shall have the capability to start and stop integration at points selected by the operator or it shall be capable of the ‘‘integration by slices'' technique (this technique involves breaking down the chromatogram into smaller increments, integrating the area under the curve for each portion, subtracting the background for each portion, and then adding all of the areas together for the final area count).

6.2.2.2 ELCD. An ELCD meeting the following specifications is required. 1-propanol must be used as the electrolyte. The electrolyte flow through the conductivity cell shall be 1 to 2 mL/min (0.00004 to 0.00007 ft^3/min).

NOTE: A ¼-in. ID (6.35 mm) quartz reactor tube is strongly recommended to reduce carbon buildup and the resulting detector maintenance.

6.2.2.2.1 Linearity. A linear response (±10 percent) over the response range as demonstrated by the procedures in section 10.1.2.

6.2.2.2.2 Range. A full scale range of 5.0 pg/sec to 500 ng/sec chloride. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.2.2.3 Data Recording System. A digital integration system compatible with the output voltage range of the ELCD. The recorder must have the capability to start and stop integration at points selected by the operator or it shall be capable of performing the ‘‘integration by slices'' technique.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Sampling.

7.1.1 Polyethylene Glycol (PEG). Ninety-eight percent pure with an average molecular weight of 400. Before using the PEG, remove any organic compounds that might be detected as volatile organics by heating it to 120 °C (248 °F) and purging it with nitrogen at a flow rate of 1 to 2 L/min (0.04 to 0.07 ft^3/min) for 2 hours. The cleaned PEG must be stored under a 1 to 2 L/min (0.04 to 0.07 ft^3/min) nitrogen purge until use. The purge apparatus is shown in Figure 25D–4.

7.2 Analysis.

7.2.1 Sample Separation. The following are required for the sample purging step.

7.2.1.1 PEG. Same as section 7.1.1.

7.2.1.2 Purge Gas. Zero grade nitrogen (N_2), containing less than 1 ppm carbon.

7.2.2 Volatile Organics Measurement. The following are required for measuring the VO concentration.

7.2.2.1 Hydrogen (H_2). Zero grade H_2, 99.999 percent pure.

7.2.2.2 Combustion Gas. Zero grade air or oxygen as required by the FID.

7.2.2.3 Calibration Gas. Pressurized gas cylinder containing 10 percent propane and 1 percent 1,1-dichloroethylene by volume in nitrogen.

7.2.2.4 Water. Deionized distilled water that conforms to American Society for Testing and Materials Specification D 1193–74, Type 3, is required for analysis. At the option of the analyst, the $KMnO_4$ test for oxidizable organic matter may be omitted when high concentrations are not expected to be present.

7.2.2.5 1-Propanol. ACS grade or better. Electrolyte Solution. For use in the ELCD.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sampling.

8.1.1 Sampling Plan Design and Development. Use the procedures in chapter nine of Reference 1 in section 16 as guidance in developing a sampling plan.

8.1.2 Single Phase or Well-mixed Waste.

8.1.2.1 Install a sampling tap to obtain the sample at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to the atmosphere). Assemble the sampling apparatus as shown in Figure 25D–5.

8.1.2.2 Prepare the sampling containers as follows: Pour 30 mL of clean PEG into the container. PEG will reduce but not eliminate the loss of organics during sample collection. Weigh the sample container with the screw cap, the PEG, and any labels to the nearest 0.01 g and record the weight (m_{st}). Store the containers in an ice bath until 1 hour before sampling (PEG will solidify at ice bath temperatures; allow the containers to reach room temperature before sampling).

8.1.2.3 Begin sampling by purging the sample lines and cooling coil with at least four volumes of waste. Collect the purged material in a separate container and dispose of it properly.

8.1.2.4 After purging, stop the sample flow and direct the sampling tube to a preweighed sample container, prepared as described in section 8.1.2.2. Keep the tip of the tube below the surface of the PEG during sampling to minimize contact with the atmosphere. Sample at a flow rate such that the temperature of the waste is less than 10 °C (50 °F). Fill the sample container and immediately cap it (within 5 seconds) so that a minimum headspace exists in the container. Store immediately in a cooler and cover with ice.

8.1.3 Multiple-phase Waste. Collect a 10 g sample of each phase of waste generated using the procedures described in section 8.1.2 or 8.1.5. Each phase of the waste shall be analyzed as a separate sample. Calculate the weighted average VO concentration of the waste using Equation 25D–13 (Section 12.14).

8.1.4 Solid waste. Add approximately 10 g of the solid waste to a container prepared in the manner described in section 8.1.2.2, minimizing headspace. Cap and chill immediately.

8.1.5 Alternative to Tap Installation. If tap installation is impractical or impossible, fill a large, clean, empty container by submerging the container into the waste below the surface of the waste. Immediately fill a container prepared in the manner described in section 8.1.2.2 with approximately 10 g of the waste collected in the large container. Minimize headspace, cap and chill immediately.

8.1.6 Alternative sampling techniques may be used upon the approval of the Administrator.

8.2 Sample Recovery.

8.2.1 Assemble the purging apparatus as shown in Figures 25D–1 and 25D–2. The oven shall be heated to 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F). The sampling lines leading from the oven to the detectors shall be heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F) with no cold spots. The flame ionization detector shall be operated with a heated block. Adjust the purging lance so that it reaches the bottom of the chamber.

8.2.2 Remove the sample container from the cooler, and wipe the exterior of the container to remove any extraneous ice, water, or other debris. Reweigh the sample container to the nearest 0.01 g, and record the weight (m_{sf}). Pour the contents of the sample container into the purging flask, rinse the sample container three times with a total of 20 mL of PEG (since the sample container originally held 30 mL of PEG, the total volume of PEG added to the purging flask will be 50 mL), transferring the rinsings to the purging flask after each rinse. Cap purging flask between rinses. The total volume of PEG in the purging flask shall be 50 mL. Add 50 mL of water to the purging flask.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Quality Control Samples. If audit samples are not available, prepare and analyze the two types of quality control samples (QCS) listed in Sections 9.1.1 and 9.1.2. Before placing the system in operation, after a shutdown of greater than six months, and after any major modifications, analyze each QCS in triplicate. For each detector, calculate the percent recovery by dividing measured concentration by theoretical concentration and multiplying by 100. Determine the mean percent recovery for each detector for each QCS triplicate analysis. The RSD for any triplicate analysis shall be ≤10 percent. For QCS 1 (methylene chloride), the percent recovery shall be ≥90 percent for carbon as methane, and ≥55 percent for chlorine as chloride. For QCS 2 (1,3-dichloro-2-propanol), the percent recovery shall be ≤15 percent for carbon as methane, and ≤6 percent for chlorine as chloride. If the analytical system does not meet the above-mentioned criteria for both detectors, check the system parameters (temperature, system pressure, purge rate, etc.), correct the problem, and repeat the triplicate analysis of each QCS.

9.1.1 QCS 1, Methylene Chloride. Prepare a stock solution by weighing, to the nearest 0.1 mg, 55 μL of HPLC grade methylene chloride in a tared 5 mL volumetric flask. Record the weight in milligrams, dilute to 5 mL with cleaned PEG, and inject 100 μL of the stock solution into a sample prepared as a water blank (50 mL of cleaned PEG and 60 mL of water in the purging flask). Analyze

the QCS according to the procedures described in sections 10.2 and 10.3, excluding section 10.2.2. To calculate the theoretical carbon concentration (in mg) in QCS 1, multiply mg of methylene chloride in the stock solution by 3.777×10^{-3}. To calculate the theoretical chlorine concentration (in mg) in QCS 1, multiply mg of methylene chloride in the stock solution by 1.670×10^{-2}.

9.1.2 QCS 2, 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol. Prepare a stock solution by weighing, to the nearest 0.1 mg, 60 µL of high purity grade 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in a tared 5 mL volumetric flask. Record the weight in milligrams, dilute to 5 mL with cleaned PEG, and inject 100 µL of the stock solution into a sample prepared as a water blank (50 mL of cleaned PEG and 60 mL of water in the purging flask). Analyze the QCS according to the procedures described in sections 10.2 and 10.3, excluding section 10.2.2. To calculate the theoretical carbon concentration (in mg) in QCS 2, multiply mg of 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in the stock solution by 7.461×10^{-3}. To calculate the theoretical chlorine concentration (in mg) in QCS 2, multiply mg of 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in the stock solution by 1.099×10^{-2}.

9.1.3 Routine QCS Analysis. For each set of compliance samples (in this context, set is per facility, per compliance test), analyze one QCS 1 and one QCS 2 sample. The percent recovery for each sample for each detector shall be ±13 percent of the mean recovery established for the most recent set of QCS triplicate analysis (Section 9.4). If the sample does not meet this criteria, check the system components and analyze another QCS 1 and 2 until a single set of QCS meet the ±13 percent criteria.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Initial Performance Check of Purging System. Before placing the system in operation, after a shutdown of greater than six months, after any major modifications, and at least once per month during continuous operation, conduct the linearity checks described in sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2. Install calibration gas at the three-way calibration gas valve. See Figure 25D–1.

10.1.1 Linearity Check Procedure. Using the calibration standard described in section 7.2.2.3 and by varying the injection time, it is possible to calibrate at multiple concentration levels. Use Equation 25D–3 to calculate three sets of calibration gas flow rates and run times needed to introduce a total mass of carbon, as methane, (m_c) of 1, 5, and 10 mg into the system (low, medium and high FID calibration, respectively). Use Equation 25D–4 to calculate three sets of calibration gas flow rates and run times needed to introduce a total chloride mass (m_{ch}) of 1, 5, and 10 mg into the system (low, medium and high ELCD calibration, respectively). With the system operating in standby mode, allow the FID and the ELCD to establish a stable baseline. Set the secondary pressure regulator of the calibration gas cylinder to the same pressure as the purge gas cylinder and set the proper flow rate with the calibration flow controller (see Figure 25D–1). The calibration gas flow rate can be measured with a flowmeter attached to the vent position of the calibration gas valve. Set the four-way bypass valve to standby position so that the calibration gas flows through the coalescing filter only. Inject the calibration gas by turning the calibration gas valve from vent position to inject position. Continue the calibration gas flow for the appropriate period of time before switching the calibration valve to vent position. Continue recording the response of the FID and the ELCD for 5 min after switching off calibration gas flow. Make triplicate injections of all six levels of calibration.

10.1.2 Linearity Criteria. Calculate the average response factor (Equations 25D–5 and 25D–6) and the relative standard deviation (RSD) (Equation 25D–10) at each level of the calibration curve for both detectors. Calculate the overall mean of the three response factor averages for each detector. The FID linearity is acceptable if each response factor is within 5 percent of the overall mean and if the RSD for each set of triplicate injections is less than 5 percent. The ELCD linearity is acceptable if each response factor is within 10 percent of the overall mean and if the RSD for each set of triplicate injections is less than 10 percent. Record the overall mean value of the response factors for the FID and the ELCD. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.2 Daily Calibrations.

10.2.1 Daily Linearity Check. Follow the procedures outlined in section 10.1.1 to analyze the medium level calibration for both the FID and the ELCD in duplicate at the start of the day. Calculate the response factors and the RSDs for each detector. For the FID, the calibration is acceptable if the average response factor is within 5 percent of the overall mean response factor (Section 10.1.2) and if the RSD for the duplicate injection is less than 5 percent. For the ELCD, the calibration is acceptable if the average response factor is within 10 percent of the overall mean response factor (Section 10.1.2) and if the RSD for the duplicate injection is less than 10 percent. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.2.2 Calibration Range Check.

10.2.2.1 If the waste concentration for either detector falls below the range of calibration for that detector, use the procedure outlined in section 10.1.1 to choose two calibration points that bracket the new target

concentration. Analyze each of these points in triplicate (as outlined in section 10.1.1) and use the criteria in section 10.1.2 to determine the linearity of the detector in this ''mini-calibration'' range.

10.2.2.2 After the initial linearity check of the mini-calibration curve, it is only necessary to test one of the points in duplicate for the daily calibration check (in addition to the points specified in section 10.2.1). The average daily mini-calibration point should fit the linearity criteria specified in section 10.2.1. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat the calibration procedure mentioned in the first paragraph of section 10.2.2. A mini-calibration curve for waste concentrations above the calibration curve for either detector is optional.

10.3 Analytical Balance. Calibrate against standard weights.

11.0 Analysis

11.1 Sample Analysis.

11.1.1 Turn on the constant temperature chamber and allow the temperature to equilibrate at 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F). Turn the four-way valve so that the purge gas bypasses the purging flask, the purge gas flowing through the coalescing filter and to the detectors (standby mode). Turn on the purge gas. Allow both the FID and the ELCD to warm up until a stable baseline is achieved on each detector. Pack the filter flask with ice. Replace ice after each run and dispose of the waste water properly. When the temperature of the oven reaches 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F), start both integrators and record baseline. After 1 min, turn the four-way valve so that the purge gas flows through the purging flask, to the coalescing filter and to the sample splitters (purge mode). Continue recording the response of the FID and the ELCD. Monitor the readings of the pressure gauge and the rotameter. If the readings fall below established setpoints, stop the purging, determine the source of the leak, and resolve the problem before resuming. Leaks detected during a sampling period invalidate that sample.

11.1.2 As the purging continues, monitor the output of the detectors to make certain that the analysis is proceeding correctly and that the results are being properly recorded. Every 10 minutes read and record the purge flow rate, the pressure and the chamber temperature. Continue the purging for 30 minutes.

11.1.3 For each detector output, integrate over the entire area of the peak starting at 1 minute and continuing until the end of the run. Subtract the established baseline area from the peak area. Record the corrected area of the peak. See Figure 25D–6 for an example integration.

11.2 Water Blank. A water blank shall be analyzed for each batch of cleaned PEG prepared. Transfer about 60 mL of water into the purging flask. Add 50 mL of the cleaned PEG to the purging flask. Treat the blank as described in sections 8.2 and 8.3, excluding section 8.2.2. Calculate the concentration of carbon and chlorine in the blank sample (assume 10 g of waste as the mass). A VO concentration equivalent to ≤10 percent of the applicable standard may be subtracted from the measured VO concentration of the waste samples. Include all blank results and documentation in the test report.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature.

A_b = Area under the water blank response curve, counts.

A_c = Area under the calibration response curve, counts.

A_s = Area under the sample response curve, counts.

C = Concentration of volatile organics in the sample, ppmw.

C_c = Concentration of carbon, as methane, in the calibration gas, mg/L.

C_{ch} = Concentration of chloride in the calibration gas, mg/L.

C_j = VO concentration of phase j, ppmw.

DR_t = Average daily response factor of the FID, mg CH_4/counts.

Dr_{th} = Average daily response factor of the ELCD, mg Cl^-/counts.

F_j = Weight fraction of phase j present in the waste.

m_c = Mass of carbon, as methane, in a calibration run, mg.

m_{ch} = Mass of chloride in a calibration run, mg.

m_s = Mass of the waste sample, g.

m_{sc} = Mass of carbon, as methane, in the sample, mg.

m_{sf} = Mass of sample container and waste sample, g.

m_{sh} = Mass of chloride in the sample, mg.

m_{st} = Mass of sample container prior to sampling, g.

m_{VO} = Mass of volatile organics in the sample, mg.

n = Total number of phases present in the waste.

P_p = Percent propane in calibration gas (L/L).

P_{vc} = Percent 1,1-dichloroethylene in calibration gas (L/L).

Q_c = Flow rate of calibration gas, L/min.

t_c = Length of time standard gas is delivered to the analyzer, min.

W = Weighted average VO concentration, ppmw.

12.2 Concentration of Carbon, as Methane, in the Calibration Gas.

$$C_c = \left(19.681 \times P_p\right) + \left(13.121 \times P_{vc}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-1}$$

12.3 Concentration of Chloride in the Calibration Gas.

$$C_{ch} = 28.998 \times P_{vc} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-2}$$

12.4 Mass of Carbon, as Methane, in a Calibration Run.

$$M_c = C_c \times Q_c \times t_c \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-3}$$

12.5 Mass of Chloride in a Calibration Run.

$$m_{ch} = C_{ch} \times Q_c \times t_c \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-4}$$

12.6 FID Response Factor, mg/counts.

$$DR_t = \frac{m_c}{A_c} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-5}$$

12.7 ELCD Response Factor, mg/counts.

$$DR_{th} = \frac{m_{ch}}{A_c} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-6}$$

12.8 Mass of Carbon in the Sample.

$$m_{sc} = DR_t\left(A_s - A_b\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-7}$$

12.9 Mass of Chloride in the Sample.

$$m_{sh} = DR_{th}\left(A_s - A_b\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-8}$$

12.10 Mass of Volatile Organics in the Sample.

$$m_{vo} = m_{sc} + m_{sh} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-9}$$

12.11 Relative Standard Deviation.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{\bar{x}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(x_i - \bar{x}\right)^2}{n-1}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-10}$$

12.12 Mass of Sample.

$$m_s = m_{sf} - m_{st} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-11}$$

12.13 Concentration of Volatile Organics in Waste.

$$C = \frac{\left(m_{vo} \times 1000\right)}{m_s} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-12}$$

12.14 Weighted Average VO Concentration of Multi-phase Waste.

$$W = \sum_{j=1}^{n} F_j \, x \, \overline{C}_j \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-13}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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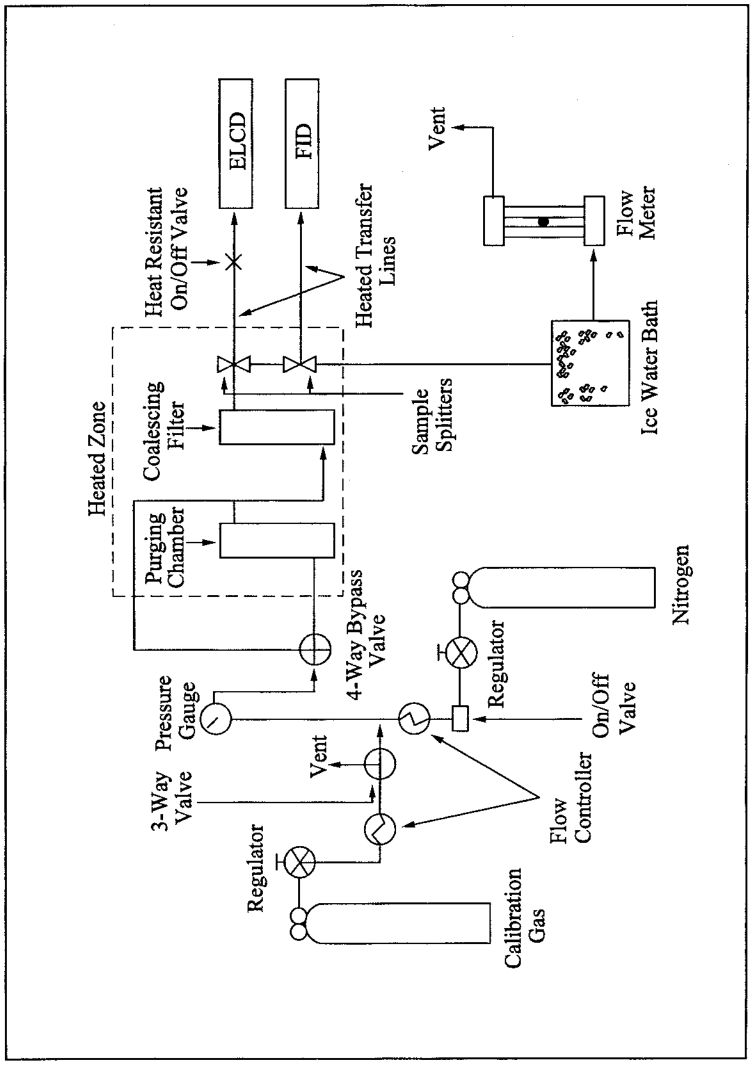

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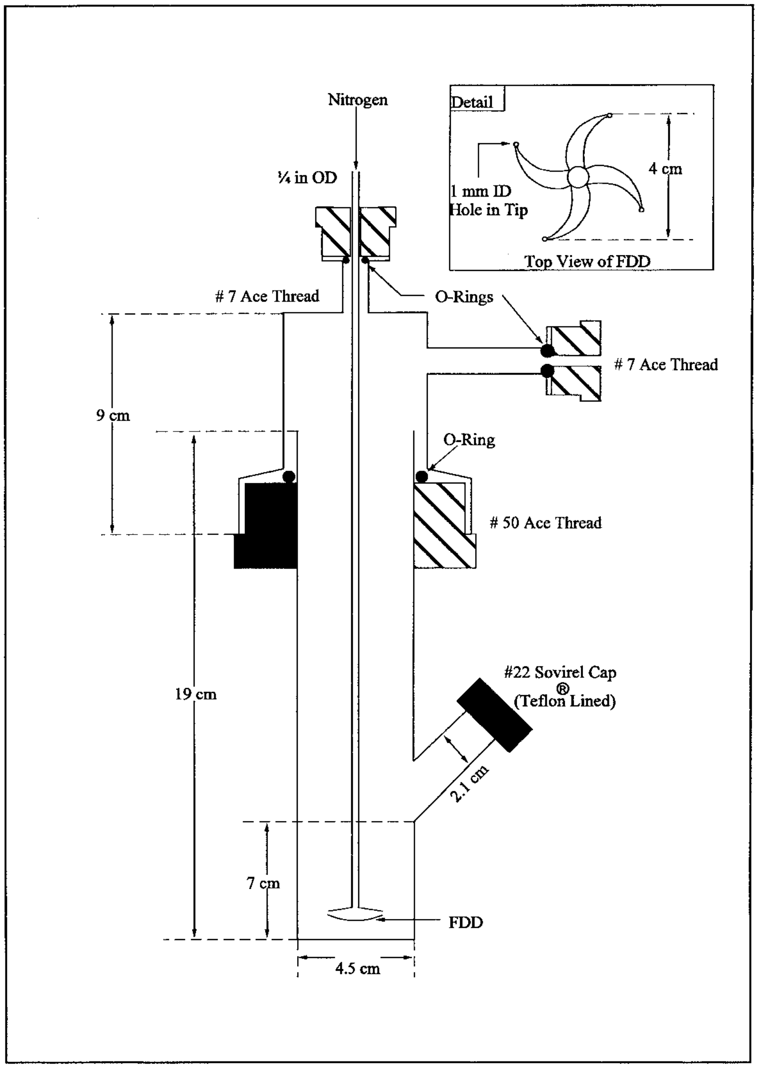

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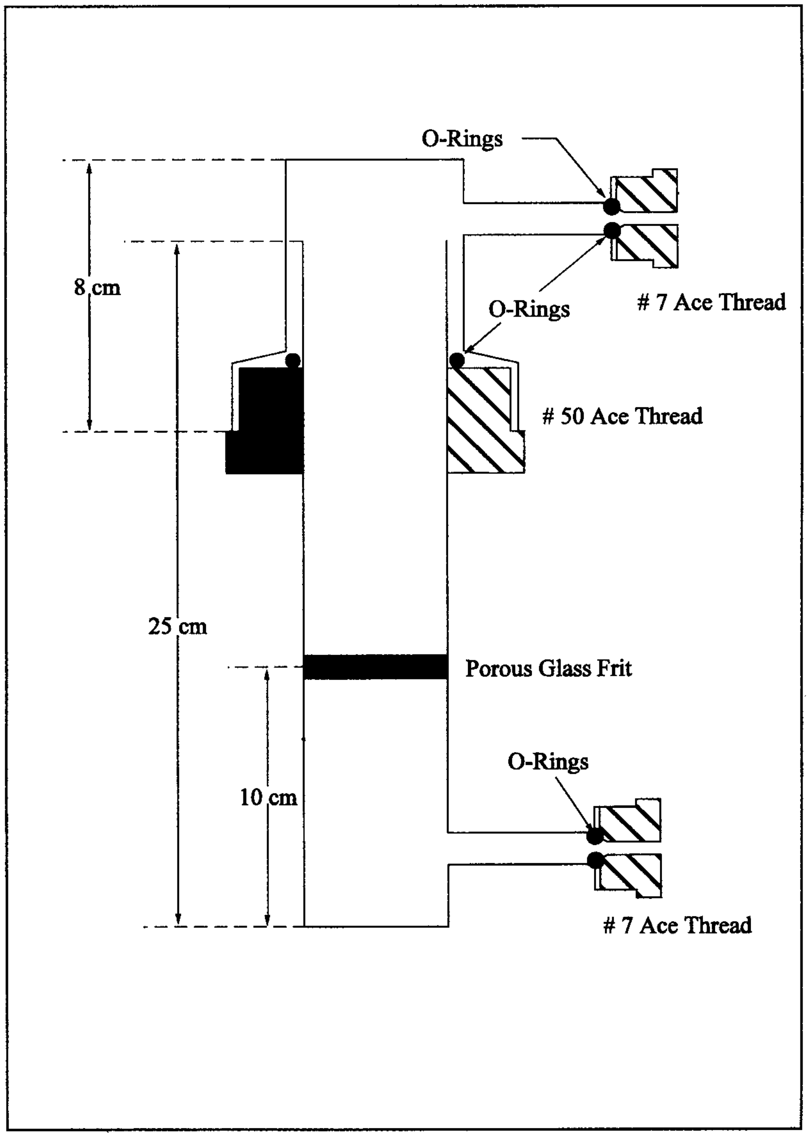
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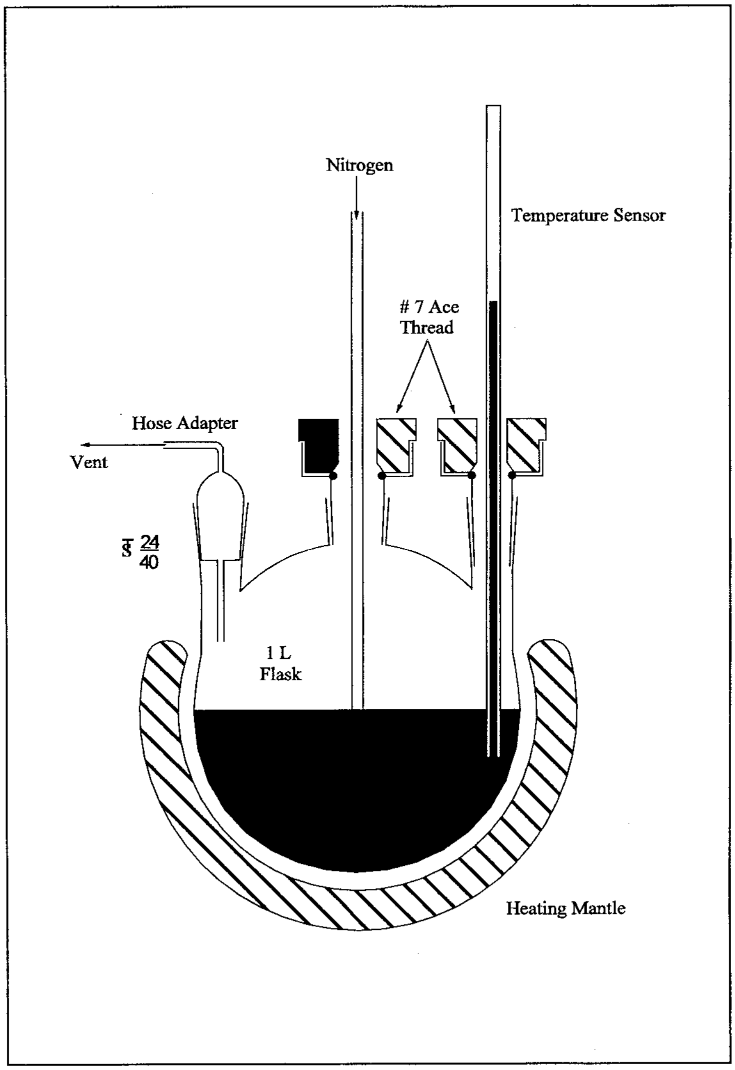

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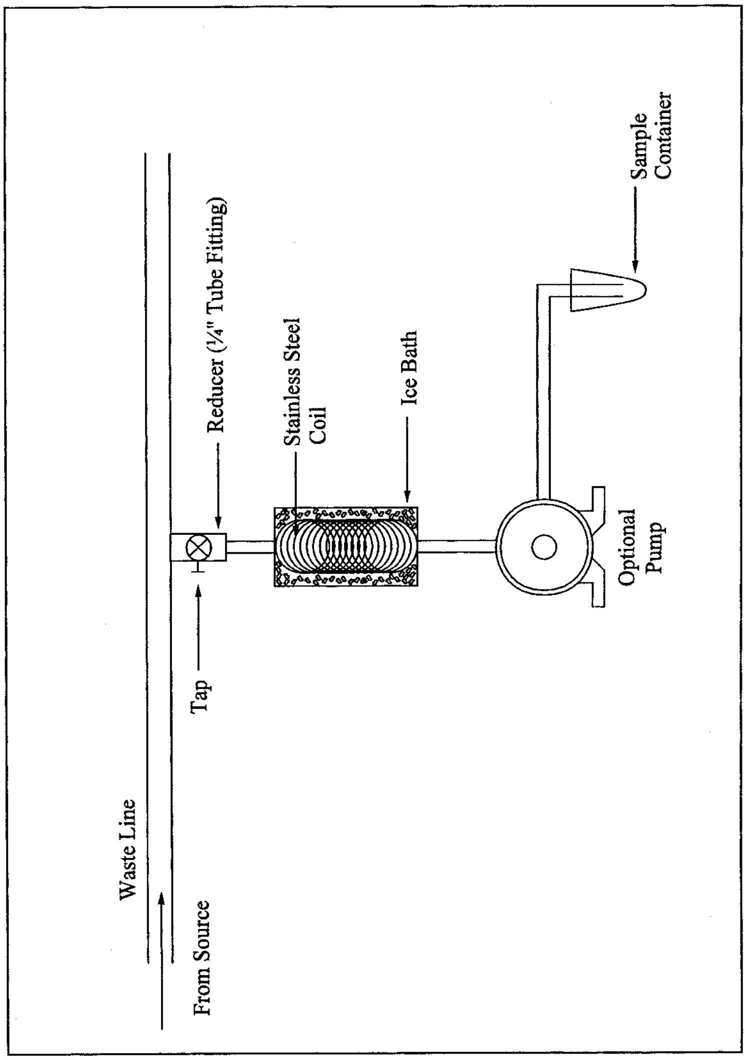

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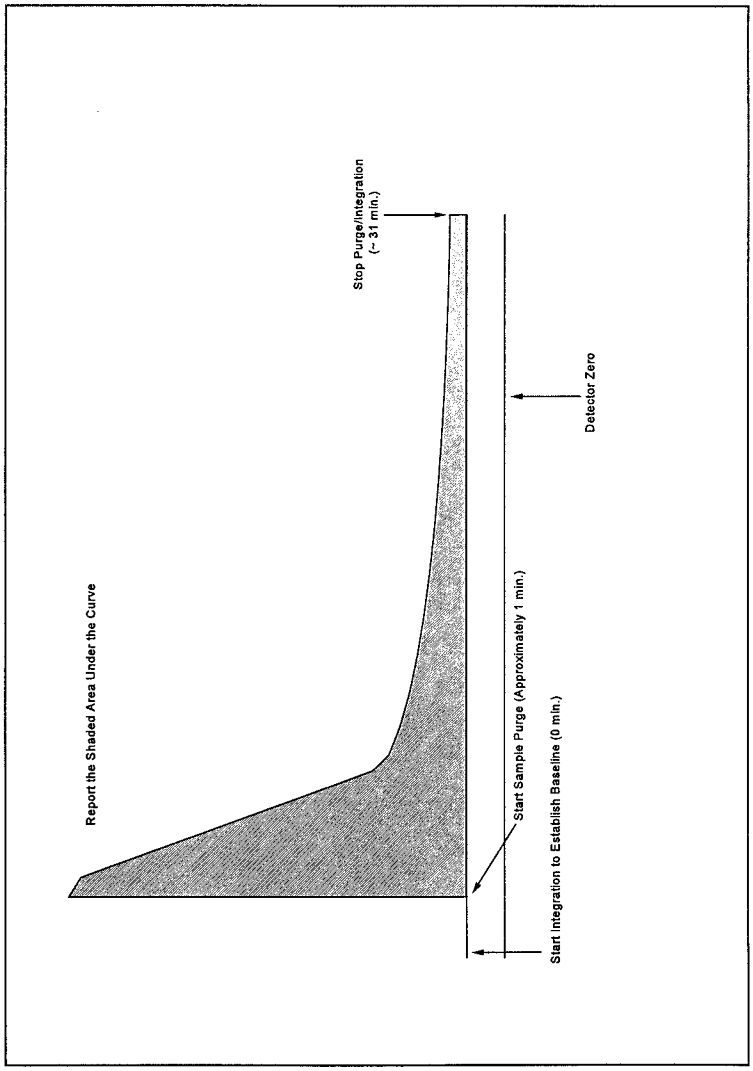

Figure 25D-6. Example Integration of Either Detector.

METHOD 25E—DETERMINATION OF VAPOR PHASE ORGANIC CONCENTRATION IN WASTE SAMPLES

NOTE: Performance of this method should not be attempted by persons unfamiliar with the operation of a flame ionization detector (FID) nor by those who are unfamiliar with source sampling because knowledge beyond the scope of this presentation is required. This method is not inclusive with respect to specifications (*e.g.*, reagents and standards) and calibration procedures. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 106, part 61, Appendix B, and Method 18, part 60, Appendix A.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable for determining the vapor pressure of waste cited by an applicable regulation.

1.2 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 The headspace vapor of the sample is analyzed for carbon content by a headspace analyzer, which uses an FID.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

4.1 The analyst shall select the operating parameters best suited to the requirements for a particular analysis. The analyst shall produce confirming data through an adequate supplemental analytical technique and have the data available for review by the Administrator.

5.0 Safety [Reserved]

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sampling. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Sample Containers. Vials, glass, with butyl rubber septa, Perkin-Elmer Corporation Numbers 0105–0129 (glass vials), B001–0728 (gray butyl rubber septum, plug style), 0105–0131 (butyl rubber septa), or equivalent. The seal must be made from butyl rubber. Silicone rubber seals are not acceptable.

6.1.2 Vial Sealer. Perkin-Elmer Number 105–0106, or equivalent.

6.1.3 Gas-Tight Syringe. Perkin-Elmer Number 00230117, or equivalent.

6.1.4 The following equipment is required for sampling.

6.1.4.1 Tap.

6.1.4.2 Tubing. Teflon, 0.25-in. ID.

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1.4.3 Cooling Coil. Stainless steel (304), 0.25 in.-ID, equipped with a thermocouple at the coil outlet.

6.2 Analysis. The following equipment is required.

6.2.1 Balanced Pressure Headspace Sampler. Perkin-Elmer HS–6, HS–100, or equivalent, equipped with a glass bead column instead of a chromatographic column.

6.2.2 FID. An FID meeting the following specifications is required.

6.2.2.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.2.

6.2.2.2 Range. A full scale range of 1 to 10,000 parts per million (ppm) propane (C_3H_8). Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.3 Data Recording System. Analog strip chart recorder or digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the output of the detector.

6.2.4 Temperature Sensor. Capable of reading temperatures in the range of 30 to 60 °C (86 to 140 °F) with an accuracy of ±0.1 °C (±0.2 °F).

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Analysis. The following items are required for analysis.

7.1.1 Hydrogen (H_2). Zero grade hydrogen, as required by the FID.

7.1.2 Carrier Gas. Zero grade nitrogen, containing less than 1 ppm carbon (C) and less than 1 ppm carbon dioxide.

7.1.3 Combustion Gas. Zero grade air or oxygen as required by the FID.

7.2 Calibration and Linearity Check.

7.2.1 Stock Cylinder Gas Standard. 100 percent propane. The manufacturer shall: (a) Certify the gas composition to be accurate to ±3 percent or better (see section 7.2.1.1); (b) recommend a maximum shelf life over which the gas concentration does not change by greater than ±5 percent from the certified value; and (c) affix the date of gas cylinder preparation, certified propane concentration, and recommended maximum shelf life to the cylinder before shipment to the buyer.

7.2.1.1 Cylinder Standards Certification. The manufacturer shall certify the concentration of the calibration gas in the cylinder by (a) directly analyzing the cylinder and (b) calibrating his analytical procedure on the day of cylinder analysis. To calibrate his analytical procedure, the manufacturer shall use, as a minimum, a three-point calibration curve.

7.2.1.2 Verification of Manufacturer's Calibration Standards. Before using, the manufacturer shall verify each calibration standard by (a) comparing it to gas mixtures prepared in accordance with the procedure described in section 7.1 of Method 106 of Part 61, Appendix B, or by (b) calibrating it against Standard Reference Materials (SRM's) prepared by the National Bureau of Standards, if such SRM's are available. The agreement between the initially determined concentration value and the verification concentration value must be within ±5 percent. The manufacturer must reverify all calibration standards on a time interval consistent with the shelf life of the cylinder standards sold.

8.0 Sampling Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Install a sampling tap to obtain a sample at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to

the atmosphere). Assemble the sampling apparatus as shown in Figure 25E–1.

8.2 Begin sampling by purging the sample lines and cooling coil with at least four volumes of waste. Collect the purged material in a separate container and dispose of it properly.

8.3 After purging, stop the sample flow and transfer the Teflon sampling tube to a sample container. Sample at a flow rate such that the temperature of the waste is <10 °C (<50 °F). Fill the sample container halfway (±5 percent) and cap it within 5 seconds. Store immediately in a cooler and cover with ice.

8.4 Alternative sampling techniques may be used upon the approval of the Administrator.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
10.2, 10.3	FID calibration and response check	Ensure precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Use the procedures in sections 10.2 to calibrate the headspace analyzer and FID and check for linearity before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown longer than 6 months, and after any modification of the system.

10.2 Calibration and Linearity. Use the procedures in section 10 of Method 18 of Part 60, Appendix A, to prepare the standards and calibrate the flowmeters, using propane as the standard gas. Fill the calibration standard vials halfway (±5 percent) with deionized water. Purge and fill the airspace with calibration standard. Prepare a minimum of three concentrations of calibration standards in triplicate at concentrations that will bracket the applicable cutoff. For a cutoff of 5.2 kPa (0.75 psi), prepare nominal concentrations of 30,000, 50,000, and 70,000 ppm as propane. For a cutoff of 27.6 kPa (4.0 psi), prepare nominal concentrations of 200,000, 300,000, and 400,000 ppm as propane.

10.2.1 Use the procedures in section 11.3 to measure the FID response of each standard. Use a linear regression analysis to calculate the values for the slope (k) and the y-intercept (b). Use the procedures in sections 12.3 and 12.2 to test the calibration and the linearity.

10.3 Daily FID Calibration Check. Check the calibration at the beginning and at the end of the daily runs by using the following procedures. Prepare 2 calibration standards at the nominal cutoff concentration using the procedures in section 10.2. Place one at the beginning and one at the end of the daily run. Measure the FID response of the daily calibration standard and use the values for k and b from the most recent calibration to calculate the concentration of the daily standard. Use an equation similar to 25E–2 to calculate the percent difference between the daily standard and C_s. If the difference is within 5 percent, then the previous values for k and b can be used. Otherwise, use the procedures in section 10.2 to recalibrate the FID.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 Allow one hour for the headspace vials to equilibrate at the temperature specified in the regulation. Allow the FID to warm up until a stable baseline is achieved on the detector.

11.2 Check the calibration of the FID daily using the procedures in section 10.3.

11.3 Follow the manufacturer's recommended procedures for the normal operation of the headspace sampler and FID.

11.4 Use the procedures in sections 12.4 and 12.5 to calculate the vapor phase organic vapor pressure in the samples.

11.5 Monitor the output of the detector to make certain that the results are being properly recorded.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature.

A = Measurement of the area under the response curve, counts.

b = y-intercept of the linear regression line.

C_a = Measured vapor phase organic concentration of sample, ppm as propane.

C_{ma} = Average measured vapor phase organic concentration of standard, ppm as propane.

C_m = Measured vapor phase organic concentration of standard, ppm as propane.

C_s = Calculated standard concentration, ppm as propane.

k = Slope of the linear regression line.

P_{bar} = Atmospheric pressure at analysis conditions, mm Hg (in. Hg).

P* = Organic vapor pressure in the sample, kPa (psi).

PD = Percent difference between the average measured vapor phase organic concentration (C_m) and the calculated standard concentration (C_s).

RSD = Relative standard deviation.

$\beta = 1.333 \times 10^{-7}$ kPa/[(mm Hg)(ppm)], (4.91×10^{-7} psi/[(in. Hg)(ppm)])

12.2 Linearity. Use the following equation to calculate the measured standard concentration for each standard vial.

$$C_m = kA + b \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-1}$$

12.2.1 Calculate the average measured standard concentration (C_{ma}) for each set of triplicate standards and use the following equation to calculate PD between C_{ma} and C_s. The instrument linearity is acceptable if the PD is within five for each standard.

$$PD = \frac{C_s - C_{ma}}{C_s} \times 100 \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-2}$$

12.3. Relative Standard Deviation (RSD). Use the following equation to calculate the RSD for each triplicate set of standards.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{C_{ma}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum \left(C_m - C_{ma}\right)^2}{2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-3}$$

The calibration is acceptable if the RSD is within five for each standard concentration.

12.4 Concentration of organics in the headspace. Use the following equation to calculate the concentration of vapor phase organics in each sample.

$$C_a = kA + b \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-4}$$

12.5 Vapor Pressure of Organics in the Headspace Sample. Use the following equation to calculate the vapor pressure of organics in the sample.

$$P^* = \beta P_{bar} C_a \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-5}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

Attachment E: Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 3
Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 3, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 3 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The ~~proposed~~ approved Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan has been prepared to comply with Oregon Administrative Rule 660-033-0130 (38)(h)(D), which states, in regard to photovoltaic solar power generation facilities, that:

> "C*onstruction or maintenance activities will not result in the unabated introduction or spread of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species. This provision may be satisfied by the submittal and county approval of a weed control plan prepared by an adequately qualified individual that includes a long-term maintenance agreement. The approved plan shall be attached to the decision as a condition of approval*."

Noxious weeds are non-native, aggressive plants with the potential to cause significant damage to native ecosystems and/or cause significant economic losses. Noxious weeds are opportunistic plant species that readily flourish in disturbed areas, are difficult to control, and thereby can compete with and/or prevent native plant species from re-establishing. Notably, the likelihood of introduction or explosion of noxious weeds is correlated with new disturbances in a region, such as large-scale construction projects. In addition, noxious weed species can adversely affect the structure, composition, and success of revegetation efforts associated with construction-related temporary disturbances.

The intent of this Plan is to provide clear methods to prevent the introduction and spread of designated noxious weeds from the construction and operation of the Facility, control existing populations of noxious weeds within construction areas, and monitor the success of efforts to prevent and control noxious weeds. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and its contractors will be responsible for implementing the methods detailed in this Plan.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall finalize this plan by completing the following:

- Conduct an additional pre-construction noxious weed survey to identify the noxious weeds present at the Facility to inform pre-construction weed treatment.
- Develop final noxious weed monitoring methods in consultation with ODOE and incorporate as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.
- Update Table 2 in consultation with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department.
- Provide records demonstrating all personnel have been trained on noxious weed control.
- Provide evidence that existing noxious weed infestations have been identified and treated in a manner consistent with Morrow County recommendations.
- Consult with the Morrow County Weed Department on timing, method, and application rates for each identified weed species of concern.

2.0 Regulatory Framework

2.1 State of Oregon

In Oregon, a noxious weed is defined under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 569.175 as "a terrestrial, aquatic, or marine plant designated by the State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.". Noxious weeds have been declared by ORS 569.350 as a menace to public welfare, and control of these plants is the responsibility of private landowners and operators, as well as county, state, and federal governments.

The Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) was created by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) under ORS 569.600. OSWB provides recommendations for noxious weed control at the state-level and is responsible for updating the State Noxious Weed List. The OSWB and the ODA classify noxious weeds in Oregon in accordance with the ODA Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System (ODA ~~2022~~2024). There are three designations under the State's system:

- **A Listed Weed:** A weed of known economic importance that occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent.
  - **Recommended Action:** Focus on prevention of new infestations through vector control, certification programs, education, outreach and surveys. New and existing infestations are prioritized for eradication or intensive control when and where found. Regionally focused, species-specific Statewide Management Strategies for A-listed weeds may be developed as necessary.~~Infestations are subject to eradication or intensive control when found.~~

- **B Listed Weed:** A weed of economic importance that is regionally abundant~~,~~ but may have limited distribution in some counties.
  - **Recommended Action:** Limited to intensive control at the state, county, or regional level as determined on a site-specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.
- **T-Designated Weed:** A designated group of weed species selected from the B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and management actions are prioritized and informed by species-specific T-List Statewide Management Strategies created and maintained by the ODA. Action against these weeds will receive priority in accordance with the recommendations of the Statewide Management Strategy. ~~A designated group of weed species selected from either the A or B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. Action against these weeds will receive priority. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the OSWB, which directs ODA to develop and implement a statewide management plan.~~

2.2 Morrow County

The Morrow County Code Enforcement Ordinance establishes procedures for enforcing Morrow County Code through the authority granted to general law counties by ORS Chapter 203. Section 11 of the county Code Enforcement Ordinance, updated on July 5, 2021, establishes Morrow County as a weed control district, defines what is considered a noxious weed or weed of economic importance, identifies the responsibility of private landowners to control weeds, and outlines the authority of the weed control district and Morrow County Weed Program Manager/Inspector to administer and enforce weed control in the ordinance (Morrow County 2021).

Morrow County has its own weed classification system that differs from the state. Morrow County defines two classifications of weeds (Morrow County ~~2022~~2025):

- **Noxious Weeds - "A List":** Any plant that is determined by the weed advisory board and so declared by the County Board of Commissioners to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land, or property under provisions of Oregon State Statute and thus mandated for control.
- **Weeds of Economic Importance - "B List":** Weeds of limited distribution in the county and subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible.

2.3 State and County Weed Lists

The ODA lists 46 Class A species and ~~98~~ 88 Class B species for the state of Oregon, ~~47~~ 19 of which are T-designated (ODA ~~2022~~2024; Appendix A). Morrow County specifically recognizes 36 species of noxious weeds (Appendix B; Morrow County ~~2021~~2025). Although not all ~~of~~ the Morrow County listed noxious weeds noted in Appendix B occur in the vicinity of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and its contractors should be aware of the entire list while monitoring

and controlling weeds. Noxious weeds known to occur in the vicinity of the site boundary are discussed in Section 3.0.

3.0 Noxious Weeds Identified at the Facility

In June, 2022 Tetra Tech completed rare plant and habitat categorization surveys within and adjacent to the original Sunstone Solar Project~~Facility~~ site boundary[2]. During those surveys, four listed noxious weed species were documented, including three ODA-listed noxious weed species and four Morrow County listed species noxious weed species. Table 1 lists the noxious weed species observed, their noxious weed designation (i.e., status), and the frequency of observations. Locations of these noxious weeds documented during surveys are included in Exhibit P, Attachment P-1 of the ASC[3]. Three of the four noxious weed species observed were state and/or County "B" listed weeds (Table 1; Morrow County ~~2021~~2025, ODA ~~2022~~2024). One species, rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*), is an "A" List Weed in Morrow County and a state "T"-designated weed, meaning that ODA has targeted this species for prevention and control (Morrow County ~~2021~~2025; ODA ~~2022~~2024). Note that none of these noxious weed species observations are located within the Sunstone Solar Project 3/Facility site boundary, however, due to the likelihood that these species could be found at the Facility in the future, they are retained for awareness and noxious weed prevention purposes.

Cereal rye (*Secale cereale*) was abundant in the previously disturbed areas outside of active crop fields and was generally found in previously disturbed ground. Rush skeletonweed was found in isolated small populations or single individuals on the hillside between active cropland and a gravel county road. Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*) and jointed goatgrass (*Aegilops cylindrica*) were found in the highly disturbed border in between active cropland and roads. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct an additional pre-construction noxious weed survey to identify the noxious weeds present at the Facility ~~at the time of construction~~ to inform management actions. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may coordinate with landowners regarding noxious weed presence. Identified noxious weed infestations will be treated prior to construction.

Table 1. Noxious Weeds Observed during Surveys in 2022

Scientific Name	Common Name	Oregon State Status[1]	Morrow County Status[1]	Frequency
Aegilops cylindrica	Jointed goatgrass	B	B	Few small patches.
Chondrilla juncea	Rush skeletonweed	B*, T	A	Occasional single plants.
Secale cereale	Cereal rye	Not listed	B	Scattered large-sized patches.
Tribulus terrestris	Puncturevine	B*	B	Few small to large-sized patches.
1. Definitions for state and county noxious weed status are provided in Sections 2.1 and 2.2, respectively. Species marked with a (*) are targeted for biocontrol (ODA ~~2022~~2024).				

[2] Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project, November 18, 2024.
[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

In addition to noxious weeds, cheatgrass, an invasive annual grass, was identified in grassland habitats within the site boundary. While this species is not listed as a noxious weed by the state or county, it and other invasive annual grasses can adversely impact habitat and can increase fire risk. To address these issues and maintain compliance with the requirements of the Revegetation Plan required under Condition PRE-FW-01, the certificate holder will monitor the spread of these species as explained in Section 4.3 and 4.4.

4.0 Noxious Weed Management

This section of this Plan describes the steps the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will take to prevent and control the establishment and spread of noxious weed species during both construction and operation of the Facility. Noxious weed control methods for the Facility described in this Plan have been developed utilizing information from the ODA Noxious Weed Control Program and the Morrow County Weed Department.

The management of noxious weeds will be considered throughout all stages of construction and operation of the Facility and will include:

- **Prevention:** Implementing measures to prevent the spread of noxious weeds during construction, operation, and maintenance activities.
- **Treatment:** Treating noxious weed populations with their appropriate control methods, at appropriate time intervals.
- **Monitoring:** Assessing noxious weed changes within the Facility site boundary over time and ensuring that legacy as well as new weed populations are not increasing their distributions.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's objective is to prevent the introduction of new noxious weed populations and the spread of existing noxious weed populations. The methods described below will be implemented to minimize the spread of noxious weeds during construction activities. New noxious weeds detected during post-construction revegetation will be considered a result of construction activities and will be controlled accordingly.

4.1 Prevention

Prior to the start of construction, all personnel will be trained on the importance of noxious weed control. As part of start-up activities, and to help facilitate the avoidance of existing infestations and identification of new infestations, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their construction contractor will provide information and training to all construction personnel regarding noxious weed identification and prevention strategies. Operations and maintenance personnel will be similarly informed. The importance of preventing the spread of noxious weeds in areas not currently infested and controlling the proliferation of noxious weeds already present within or near the Facility will be emphasized.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following best management practices to minimize the spread of noxious weeds during construction activities, revegetation efforts, and operation and maintenance activities. The following practices center around ensuring that noxious weed seeds or reproductive plant fragments are not unintentionally dispersed within or outside of the Facility boundaries by personnel or their vehicles. These practices allow for responsible movement around sites with noxious weeds already present, and ensure that new populations or species are not accidentally introduced into the Facility boundaries.

- Flagging and treating areas of noxious weed infestations prior to construction to alert construction personnel;
- Limiting vehicle access to designated routes, whether existing roads or newly constructed roads, and the outer limits of construction disturbances per the final design for the Facility;
- Limiting vehicle traffic in noxious weed-infested areas;
- Cleaning construction vehicles each time they enter or exit the Facility at a wash station located inside the Facility at vehicle ingress/egress points;
- Cleaning vehicles and equipment associated with ground disturbance and movement of topsoil utilizing a mobile wash station after performing work in noxious weed-infested areas and prior to performing work in non-infested areas;
- Where feasible, not moving topsoil and other soils from noxious weed infested areas outside of the infested areas and returning them to their previous location during reclamation activities;
- Treating soils from infested areas with a pre-emergent herbicide prior to initiation of revegetation efforts;
- Providing information regarding target noxious weed species at the operations and maintenance buildings;
- Treating noxious weeds via biological, mechanical or chemical control (see Section 4.2);
- Preventing conditions favorable for noxious weed germination and spread by revegetating temporarily disturbed areas as soon as practicable;
- Monitoring areas of disturbance for noxious weeds after construction (see Section 4.3), during the normal course of revegetation maintenance of temporary workspaces, and implementing control measures as appropriate;
- Revegetating the site with appropriate, local native seed or native plants; when these are not available, non-invasive, and non-persistent non-native species may be used; and
- Ensuring that seed and straw mulch used for site rehabilitation and revegetation are certified free of noxious weed seed and propagules.

4.2 Treatment

Control of noxious weeds and other invasive weed species will be implemented through biological, mechanical, chemical, or biological control measures. The control method used will depend on the

weed species and size of infestation, time of year, proximity to intact native habitats, and resources available (Tu et al. 2003). Generally, mechanical control is best suited for small infestations of tap-rooted weeds that can be hand pulled or large occurrences in areas where mowing or soil disturbance is acceptable. Chemical control is used for most occurrences of perennial weeds with rhizomes or stolons and large occurrences of any weed in areas where mowing or soil disturbance are not recommended. Successful noxious weed control programs typically combine mechanical and chemical treatment strategies (USEPA 2008).

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will be responsible for hiring a qualified contractor to implement the treatment of noxious weeds. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ensure that noxious weed management actions will be conducted by specialists with the following qualifications:

- Experience in native plant, non-native and invasive plants, and noxious weed identification;
- Experience in noxious weed mapping;
- If chemical control is used, specialists must possess a Commercial or Public Pesticide Applicator License from the ODA or possess an Immediately Supervised Pesticide Trainee License and be supervised by a licensed applicator;
- Training in noxious weed management or Integrated Pest Management with an emphasis in noxious weeds;~~ and~~
- Experience in coordination with agencies and private landowners; and~~.~~
- No recent (within one year) violations on the contractor's record.

Existing noxious weed populations will be prevented from expanding in size and density and will not be spread to new sites. Existing populations of A listed noxious weeds will be eliminated. If it is determined that noxious weeds have invaded areas immediately adjacent to the Facility (e.g., areas visible just beyond the outer limits of construction disturbances associated with the Facility or along access roads) as a result of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will contact the landowner and seek approval to treat those noxious weed populations.

Long-term weed control methods will be described in a long-term monitoring plan as described in Section 4.3. The main factor in long-term weed control is successful revegetation with non-weedy species as described in the Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). If feasible, long-term management of vegetation within the Facility solar array fence line may include prescriptive sheep and goat grazing by an authorized contractor, if approved by Morrow County, ODFW and ODOE. As noted above, short-term noxious weed control will be done through mechanical or chemical treatment. However, it will be important to ensure that the short-term treatment does not affect the establishment of the native perennial cover that will help provide the long-term control. Additionally, early detection and control of small noxious weed populations before they can expand into larger populations is extremely important for successful weed control efforts.

Noxious weed control will continue for the life of the Facility to meet the identified success criteria described in Section 4.3. Supplemental seeding of desirable species may be needed to meet and/or

maintain compliance with success criteria. Fertilizer application will be limited in areas treated for noxious weeds, as fertilizer can stimulate the growth of noxious weeds, and the timing of revegetation activities will need to be coordinated with noxious weed treatments.

4.2.1 Biological

Biological control involves the use of prescribed insects, fungi and livestock to control noxious weeds to achieve management objectives. Biological control methods are typically targeted to a specific species or plant to control its persistence. They are also used for maintenance in targeted areas for vegetation management control in height and density that includes mitigating fire risk and erosion. Biological control is environmentally friendly and should be the first consideration when applicable.

4.2.2 Mechanical Treatment

Mechanical treatment will be the ~~primary~~ preferred method of treatment for existing noxious weed populations where appropriate within the boundaries of the Facility. Mechanical control methods rely on removal of plants, seed heads, and/or cutting roots with a shovel or other hand tools or equipment that can be used to remove, mow, or disc noxious weed populations. Hand removal of plants is also included under this treatment method. Mechanical methods are useful for smaller, isolated populations of noxious weeds in areas of sensitive habitats. Additionally, hand removal of small infestations can minimize soil disturbance, allowing desirable species to remain and limiting conditions favorable for noxious weeds.

For some large noxious weed occurrences, mowing, tilling, discing, or other mechanical techniques may be used to reduce thatch prior to chemical application so that herbicide can more effectively make contact with the target species. However, ~~S~~some rhizomatous plants can spread by discing or tillage. In addition, rush skeletonweed, which ~~has been~~was identified ~~within~~ near the Facility ~~site boundary~~ (Section 3.0), can reproduce vegetatively from small segments of root, and discing or tilling can facilitate the spread of this species. As such, implementation of discing will be species-specific and avoided in areas where rush skeletonweed individuals have been found.

If tilling or discing is employed in areas that will be revegetated following construction, subsequent seeding will be conducted to re-establish desirable vegetative cover that will stabilize the soils and slow the potential re-invasion of noxious weeds. Discing, tilling, or other mechanical treatments that disturb the soil surface within native habitats will also be avoided in favor of herbicide application, which is an effective means of reducing the size of noxious weed populations as well as preventing the establishment of new infestations. Previously unbroken ground or fallow areas should not be tilled or rod-weeded to maintain native biocrusts and prevent exposing weed seeds.

4.2.3 Chemical Treatment

Chemical control can effectively remove noxious weeds through use of selective herbicide when mechanical control is not feasible~~s~~. The specific herbicide used and the timing of application will be

chosen based on the specific noxious weed being treated, as appropriate herbicides differ between species and types of plants (i.e., dicots such as rush skeletonweed versus monocots such as jointed goatgrass). Example treatment methods, as well as the recommended timing of treatments for the four target noxious weeds identified within the Facility, are summarized in Table 2. The status of herbicide approval (e.g., confirming herbicides are approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] and ODA) will be checked annually.

Prior to construction and every fall season during facility operation, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or its contractor will consult with the Morrow County Weed Department on timing, method, and application rates for each identified weed species of concern, to allow for adaptive weed management given changes in weed control effectiveness from noxious weed species tolerance to herbicide treatment over time. Results of the consultation shall be reported in the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's annual monitoring report. Any alternative control methods can be proposed by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or its contractors after consulting with the Morrow County Weed Department and included in the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's annual monitoring report.

Herbicides will be applied on identified, treatable, noxious weed infestations. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder~~-~~ or their contractors will coordinate with the Morrow County Weed Department to determine which populations are treatable and will notify landowners of proposed herbicide use on their lands prior to application. If a noxious weed population is deemed to be untreatable (e.g., too widespread and established in an area to successfully control), the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the applicable prevention measures discussed in Section 4.1, except for treatment with herbicides.

Table 2. ~~Recommended~~ Example Treatment for Target Noxious Weed Species

Scientific Name	Common Name	Treatment Method and Timing
Aegilops cylindrica	Jointed goatgrass	**Glyphosate** – Apply to actively growing plants emerged before bolt stage (i.e., stage of growth where growth is focused on seed development versus leaf development). • Rate: 0.38 to 0.75 lb ae/a[1] **Imazapic –** Apply pre-emergence in fall. Due to the residual effect of this herbicide, it will not be used in areas to be revegetated. • Rate: 0.063 to 0.188 lb/a[1] **Sulfometuron** – Apply in fall or in late winter before jointed goatgrass is 3 inches tall. • Rate: 1 to 1.5 oz ai/a (1.33 to 2 oz/a)[1]
Chondrilla juncea	Rush skeletonweed	**2,4-D or MCPA –** Apply to rosettes in the spring immediately before or during bolting. • Rate: 2 lb ae/a[1] **Aminopyralid (Milestone) –** Spring or fall when rosettes are present. • Rate: 1.75 oz ae/a (7 fluid oz/a Milestone)[1] **Clopyralid –** Apply to rosettes in fall or up to early bolting in spring.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Treatment Method and Timing
		• Rate: 0.25 to 0.375 lb ae/a (0.66 to 1 pint/a)[1] **Picloram –** Apply from late fall to early spring. For best results, apply just before or during bolting. • Rate: 1 lb ae/a[1]
Secale cereale	Cereal rye	Postemergence, non-selective herbicides such as glyphosate can control cereal rye. Glyphosate does not provide residual weed control, so any plants that emerge after treatment will not be controlled. Other herbicides that have found to provide control include Clethodim, Hexazinone, Rimsulfuron, Sethoxydim, and Sulfometuron.
Tribulus terrestris	Puncturevine	**2,4-D amine or 2,4-D LV ester–** Apply every 3 weeks during growing season or when new seedlings appear. • Rate: 1 to 2 lb ae in 10 to 20 gal water for spot treatments **Bentazon (Basagran) + imazamox (Raptor)–** Apply to small, actively growing puncture vine • Rate: 0.75 to 1 lb ai/A bentazon + 0.031 lb ai/a imazamox (4 oz/A Raptor) **Bromacil + diuron–** Apply before weeds emerge. • Rate: 8 lb ai/A (10 lb/a)[1] **Chlorsulfuron–** Apply late fall or late winter preemergence to growth. Needs moisture to activate. • Rate: 1 oz ai/a (1.5 oz/a)[1] **Fomesafen –** Apply pre- and postemergence, depending on crop. • Rate: 1 to 2 pints/A (0.25 to 0.5 lb ai/a)[1] **Imazapic –** Apply early postemergence when plants are cracking. • Rate: 0.125 to 0.188 lb ai/a[1] **Indaziflam –** Apply at least several weeks prior to expected germination of puncture vine. Apply to dry soils when rain is not expected for at least 48 hours. Can be successfully applied several months in advance of weed germination. • Rate: Grazed areas 0.046 to 0.065 lb ai/a (3.5 to 5 oz/a Rejuvra); areas not grazed or cut for hay 0.046 to 0.09 lb ai/A (3.5 to 7 oz/a Rejuvra). Use lower rates only where weed pressure is light and shorter period of residual activity is desired. **Norflurazon –** Apply in fall to spring, before puncture vine emerges. • Rate: Refer to label. Adjust rates depending on soil texture and organic matter **Paraquat –** Apply as a postemergence spray to puncture vine foliage • Rate: 0.38 to 0.49 lb ai/a[1] •
Sources: DiTomaso e al. 2013; LCNWCB 2022; Prather and Peachey 2022. [1] a = acre; ae = acid equivalent; ai = active ingredient; lb= pound; oz = ounces		

4.2.3.1 Herbicide Application and Handling

Herbicide application will occur within the appropriate season and during the appropriate timeframe to achieve desired results, as approved by ODOE and the county weed departments. Herbicide application will adhere to EPA and ODA standards. Only those herbicides that are approved by the EPA and ODA will be used. In general, application of herbicides will not occur when the following conditions exists:

- Wind velocity exceeds 15 miles per hour for granular application, or exceeds 10 miles per hour for liquid applications;
- Snow or ice covers the foliage of target species; or
- Adverse weather conditions are forecasted within the next few days.

Hand application methods (e.g., backpack spraying) may be used in roadless areas or in rough terrain. Vehicle-mounted sprayers (e.g., handgun, boom, and injector) will be used mainly in open areas that are readily accessible by vehicle. Calibration checks of equipment will be conducted prior to spraying activities, as well as periodically throughout use, to ensure that appropriate application rates are achieved.

Herbicides will be transported to the Facility daily with the following stipulations:

- Only the quantity needed for that day's work will be transported.
- Concentrate will be transported in approved containers only, and in a manner that will prevent spilling, stored separately from food, clothing, and safety equipment.
- Mixing will be done off-site and at a distance greater than 200 feet from open or flowing water, wetlands, or other sensitive species' habitat. No herbicides will be applied at these areas unless authorized by the appropriate regulatory agencies.
- All herbicide equipment and containers will be inspected daily for leaks.
- Herbicides use will be in accordance with all manufacture's label recommendations and warnings.

4.2.3.2 Herbicide Spills and Cleanups

All appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid herbicide spills. In the event of a spill, cleanup will be immediate. Contractors will keep spill kits in their vehicles and in an appropriate storage shed to allow for quick and effective response to spills. Items included in the spill kit will be:

- Protective clothing and gloves;
- Adsorptive clay, "kitty litter," or other commercial adsorbent;
- Plastic bags and a bucket;
- A shovel;
- A fiber brush and screw-in handle;
- A dustpan;

- Caution tape;
- Highway flares (use on existing hard-top roads only); and
- Detergent.

Response to an herbicide spill will vary with the size and location of the spill, but general procedures include:

- Stopping the leak;
- Containing the spilled material;
- Traffic control;
- Dressing the clean-up team in protective clothing;
- Cleaning up and removing the spilled herbicide, as well as the contaminated adsorptive material and soil; and
- Transporting the spilled herbicide and contaminated material to an authorized disposal site.

4.2.3.3 Herbicide Spill Reporting

All herbicide contractors will have readily available copies of the appropriate material safety data sheets for the herbicides used at their disposal and will keep copies of the material safety data sheets in the application vehicle. ~~All herbicide spills will be reported in accordance with applicable laws and requirements.~~ If an herbicide spill of any size ~~If a spill~~ occurs, the appropriate agency and spill coordinators will be notified promptly. In case of a spill into wetlands and waterbodies, the appropriate federal, state, and county agencies will be notified immediately. All herbicide spills equal to or greater than 200 pounds or 25 gallons of pesticide residue will be reported to the Oregon Emergency Response System in accordance with applicable laws and requirements (OAR 340-142-0050; ODEQ 2024). The Certificate Holder will report all herbicide spills to ODOE by phone or email within 24 hours with follow up reporting as appropriate.

4.3 Monitoring

Weed inspections will occur across the entire Facility through visual inspection of the site while driving and/or walking. Final monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval. Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or weed specialist and will begin in the first growing season after seeding. Monitoring for noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species will occur at least five times per year including in the spring, June, July, and August for summer annuals and in the fall during the first two years following construction to capture the different life cycles of noxious weed species. This will allow real-time assessment of weed growth and inform proactive weed control measures to prevent large scale infestations. Frequent checks during early revegetation efforts will enable the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder to respond to new weed infestations in a timely manner and ensure the success of the site's revegetation. These inspections will be used to inform ongoing weed control efforts.

The initial monitoring survey will be scheduled slightly before herbicide application, as applicable, to identify any noxious weed species within the areas to be treated, with a focus on target noxious weed species observed prior to construction (Table 1), or other populations of target noxious weeds not previously observed.

Monitoring will assess the success of noxious weed treatments and will document any new noxious weed infestations observed. During the first two years following construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department at least once per season to provide updates on weed infestations and control measures at the Facility. These results will also be summarized in annual monitoring reports that describe the treatments performed, treatment success, make recommendations to improve treatment success (if necessary), and note any new target noxious weed species or emergence. Reports will be submitted to the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and Morrow County annually.

Based on the success of control efforts after the second year of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE and ODFW to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced for years three to five. After five years of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will design a long-term weed control plan in consultation with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will maintain ongoing communication with individual landowners, the Morrow County Weed Department, and ODOE regarding noxious weeds within the Facility. Landowners may also contact the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder directly to report the presence of noxious weeds related to Facility activity. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will control the noxious weeds on a case-by-case basis and prepare a summary of measures taken for that landowner. During the operational period of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will control noxious weeds as described in the long-term weed control plan. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report the investigator's findings and recommendations regarding weed control in the Facility's annual report required per OAR 345-026-0080.

The following contact information for the Morrow County Weed Program Manager will be used and updated as needed:

Corey Sweeney, Weed Program Manager
Morrow County Public Works
365 West Highway 74
Lexington, OR 97839
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mcweed@co.morrow.or.us

4.4 Success Criteria

Success criteria outlined below are designed to demonstrate compliance with OAR 660-033-0130(38)(D) to prevent the introduction and spread of noxious weed species. In each annual monitoring report, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include an assessment of whether the Facility is meeting or trending toward meeting the noxious weed control success criteria.

Compliance with the Facility Site Certificate will be demonstrated through documentation of meeting these success criteria for the life of the Facility.

- Class A and Class B noxious weed presence within the solar array fence line will not exceed 15 total populations (i.e., contiguous patches of individuals), and each respective population will not exceed 20 individuals or 20 square feet.
- Class T noxious weed presence within the solar array fence line will not exceed 5 total populations (i.e., contiguous patches of individuals), and each respective population will not exceed 20 individuals or 20 square feet.
- Invasive Annual Grasses and other Undesirable Species will not exceed more then 50 percent cover within any 1 acre area or more than 30 percent cover within the solar array fence line.
- During revegetation of temporary disturbance areas outside of the solar array fence line presence and cover of noxious weeds is 75 percent or less than that of the reference site.

5.0 Roles and Responsibilities

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is the overall responsible party for construction and operation of the Facility and implementation of the noxious weed management activities described in this Plan. However, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may use contractors to complete tasks associated with noxious weed management and monitoring. Example responsible parties and their roles may include:

Monitoring Contractor

- Perform site visits to document noxious weed occurrences.
- Provide summary memo after each visit to ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's operations manager outlining findings and treatment recommendations.
- Communicate directly with Weed Management Contractor and provide maps, and photos of noxious weed species locations to Weed Management Contractor.
- Communicate with Morrow County Weed Program Manager, and ODA about noxious weed survey findings and treatment plans.
- Prepare annual report for the Facility describing noxious weed monitoring findings and treatments.
- Organize and attend quarterly calls with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and Weed Management Contractor.
- Attend calls with ODOE, ODA, and Morrow County as needed.

~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder Site Manager

- Communicate findings and recommendations from Monitoring Contractor to the Weed Management Contractor.
- Document the work performed by the Weed Management Contractor and provide documentation to Monitoring Contractor. Documentation should include type and quantity of herbicides applied, dates applied, and any associated EPA/U.S. Department of Environmental Quality licensing/documentation of chemicals used.
- Reviews annual reports to ensure all treatments performed by the Weed Management Contractor are documented.
- Maintain landowner communications, providing guidance to the Monitoring Contractor and Weed Management Contractor regarding landowner restrictions/requests for performing noxious weed monitoring/treatment on their properties.
- Attend quarterly calls with Monitoring Contractor and the Weed Management Contractor.
- Attend calls with ODOE, ODA, and Morrow County as needed.

Weed Management Contractor

- Review Monitoring Contractor memos describing noxious weed occurrences and recommendations and plan appropriate treatment to address those issues.
- Communicate treatment plan to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder.
- Maintain records of when, where, and what type of noxious weed treatments are being performed.
- Maintain all appropriate documentation of chemicals applied. Shares documentation during the quarterly calls with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and Monitoring Contractor, and prior to Annual Report preparation.
- Attend quarterly calls with Monitoring Contractor and ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder.

Morrow County

- Review Monitoring Contractor memos describing weed occurrences and recommendations.
- Attend quarterly calls and provide recommendations.

6.0 Plan Amendment

This Plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE. This Plan may also be amended periodically

as the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder continues to evaluate and modify, as needed, agricultural dual use activities at the Facility.

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Appendix A: Oregon State Noxious Weed List

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Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System 2024

Noxious Weed Control Program

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Mission Statement

To protect Oregon's natural resources and agricultural economy from the invasion and proliferation of invasive noxious weeds.

Program Overview

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Noxious Weed Control Program provides statewide leadership for coordination and management of state listed noxious weeds. The state program focuses on noxious weed control efforts by implementing early detection and rapid response projects for new invasive noxious weeds, implementing biological control, implementing statewide inventory and survey, assisting the public and cooperators through technology transfer and noxious weed education, maintaining noxious weed data and maps for priority listed noxious weeds, and assisting land managers and cooperators with integrated weed management projects. The Noxious Weed Control Program also supports the Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) with administration of the OSWB Grant Program, developing statewide management objectives, developing weed risk assessments, and maintaining the state noxious weed list.

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Definition

"Noxious weed" means a terrestrial, aquatic or marine plant designated by the Oregon State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.

Noxious weeds have become so thoroughly established and are spreading so rapidly on private, state, county, and federally owned lands, that they have been declared by ORS 569.350 to be a menace to public welfare. Steps leading to eradication, where possible, and intensive control are necessary. It is further recognized that the responsibility for eradication and intensive control rests not only on the private landowner and operator, but also on the county, state, and federal governments.

Weed Control Policy

Therefore, it shall be the policy of ODA to:

1. Assess non-native plants through risk assessment processes and make recommendations to the Oregon State Weed Board for potential listing.
2. Rate and classify weeds at the state level.
3. Prevent the establishment and spread of listed noxious weeds.
4. Encourage and implement the control or containment of infestations of listed noxious weed species and, if possible, eradicate them.
5. Develop and manage a biological weed control program.
6. Increase awareness of potential economic losses and other undesirable effects of existing and newly invading noxious weeds, and to act as a resource center for the dissemination of information.
7. Encourage and assist in the organization and operation of noxious weed control programs with government agencies and other weed management entities.
8. Develop partnerships with county weed control districts, universities, and other cooperators in the development of control methods.
9. Conduct statewide noxious weed surveys and weed control efficacy studies.

Weed Classification System

The purpose of this Classification System is to:

1. Act as the ODA's official guideline for prioritizing and implementing noxious weed control projects.
2. Assist the ODA in the distribution of available funds through the Oregon State Weed Board to assist county weed programs, cooperative weed management groups, private landowners, and other weed management entities.
3. Serve as a model for private and public sectors in developing noxious weed classification systems that aid in setting effective noxious weed control strategies.

Criteria for Determining Economic and Environmental Significance

Detrimental Effects

1. A plant species that causes or has the potential to cause severe negative impacts to Oregon's agricultural economy and natural resources.
2. A plant species that has the potential to or does endanger native flora and fauna by its encroachment into forest, range, aquatic and conservation areas.
3. A plant species that has the potential or does hamper the full utilization and enjoyment of recreational areas.
4. A plant species that is poisonous, injurious, or otherwise harmful to humans and/or animals.

Plant Reproduction

1. A plant that reproduces by seed capable of being dispersed over wide areas or that is long-lived, or produced in large numbers.
2. A plant species that reproduces and spreads by tubers, creeping roots, stolons, rhizomes, or other natural vegetative means.

Distribution

1. A weed of known economic importance which occurs in Oregon in small enough infestations to make eradication/containment possible; or not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states makes future occurrence seem imminent.
2. A weed of economic or ecological importance and of limited distribution in Oregon.
3. A weed that has not infested the full extent of its potential habitat in Oregon.

Difficulty of Control

A plant species that is not easily controlled with current management practices such as chemical, cultural, biological, and physical methods.

Noxious Weed Control Classification Definitions

Noxious weeds, for the purpose of this system, shall be listed as either A or B, and may also be designated as T, which are priority targets for control, as directed by the Oregon State Weed Board.

- **A Listed Weed**:
  A weed of known economic importance which occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent (Table I).
  Recommended action: Focus on prevention of new infestations through vector control, certification programs, education, outreach and surveys. New and existing infestations are prioritized for eradication or intensive control when and where found. Regionally focused, species-specific Statewide Management Strategies for A-listed weeds may be developed as necessary.

- **B Listed Weed**:
  A weed of economic importance which is regionally abundant, but which may have limited distribution in some counties (Table II).
  Recommended action: Limited to intensive control at the state, county or regional level as determined on a site specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.

- **T-Designated Weed (T)**:
  A designated group of weed species selected from the B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and management actions are prioritized and informed by species-specific T-List Statewide Management Strategies created and maintained by the ODA. Action against these weeds will receive priority in accordance with the recommendations of the Statewide Management Strategy.

Weed Biological Control

Oregon implements biological control, or “biocontrol” as part of its integrated pest management approach to managing noxious weeds. This is the practice of using host-specific natural enemies such as insects or pathogens to control noxious weeds. The Oregon Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program has adopted the International Code of Best Practices for biological control of weeds. Only safe, effective, and federally-approved natural enemies will be used for biocontrol.

Table I: A Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
African rue	*Peganum harmala*
Camelthorn	*Alhagi pseudalhagi*
Cape-ivy	*Delairea odorata*
Coltsfoot	*Tussilago farfara*
Common frogbit	*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*
Cordgrass	
Common	*Spartina anglica*
Dense-flowered	*Spartina densiflora*
Saltmeadow	*Spartina patens*
Smooth	*Spartina alterniflora*
Delta arrowhead	*Sagittaria platyphyla*
European water chestnut	*Trapa natans*
Flowering rush	*Butomus umbellatus*
Garden yellow loosestrife	*Lysimachia vulgaris*
Giant hogweed	*Heracleum mantegazzianum*
Goatgrass	
Barbed	*Aegilops triuncialis*
Ovate	*Aegilops ovata*
Goatsrue	*Galega officinalis*
Hawkweed	
King-devil	*Hieracium piloselloides*
Mouse-ear	*Hieracium pilosella*
Orange	*Hieracium aurantiacum*
Yellow	*Hieracium floribundum*
Hoary alyssum	*Berteroa incana*
Hydrilla	*Hydrilla verticillata*
Japanese dodder	*Cuscuta japonica*
Kudzu	*Pueraria lobata*
Matgrass	*Nardus stricta*
Oblong spurge	*Euphorbia oblongata*
Palmer amaranth	*Amaranthus palmeri*
Paterson's curse	*Echium plantagineum*
Purple nutsedge	*Cyperus rotundus*
Ravennagrass	*Saccharum ravennae*
Squarrose knapweed	*Centaurea virgata*

(Continued) **Table I: A Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Starthistle	
Iberian	*Centaurea iberica*
Purple	*Centaurea calcitrapa*
Thistle	
Plumeless	*Carduus acanthoides*
Smooth distaff	*Carthamus baeticus*
Taurian	*Onopordum tauricum*
Turkish	*Carduus cinereus*
Welted (curly plumeless)	*Carduus crispus*
Woolly distaff	*Carthamus lanatus*
Water soldiers	*Stratiotes aloides*
West Indian spongeplant	*Limnobium laevigatum*
White bryonia	*Bryonia alba*
Yellow floating heart	*Nymphoides peltata*
Yellowtuft	*Alyssum murale, A. corsicum*

Table II: B Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
Armenian (Himalayan) blackberry	*Rubus armeniacus (R. procerus, R. discolor)*
Biddy-biddy	*Acaena novae-zelandiae*
Broom French***** Portuguese (T) Scotch***** Spanish	 *Genista monspessulana* *Cytisus striatus* *Cytisus scoparius* *Spartium junceum*
Butterfly bush	*Buddleja davidii (B. variabilis)*
Common bugloss (T)	*Anchusa officinalis*
Common crupina **(T)**	*Crupina vulgaris*
Common reed	*Phragmities australis ssp. australis*
Common viper's bugloss (T)	*Echium vulgare*
Cutleaf teasel	*Dipsacus laciniatus*
Dyer's woad (T)	*Isatis tinctoria*
English hawthorn	*Crataegus monogyna*
Eurasian watermilfoil	*Myriophyllum spicatum*
False brome	*Brachypodium sylvaticum*
Field bindweed	*Convolvulus arvensis*
Garlic mustard (T)	*Alliaria petiolata*
Geranium Herb Robert Shiny leaf	 *Geranium robertianum* *Geranium lucidum*
Giant reed (T)	*Arundo donax*
Gorse***** (T)	*Ulex europaeus*
Halogeton	*Halogeton glomeratus*
Houndstongue	*Cynoglossum officinale*

* Biocontrol (See page 4)   (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) Table II: B Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
Indigo bush	*Amorpha fruticosa*
Ivy Atlantic English	 *Hedera hibernica* *Hedera helix*
Jointed goatgrass	*Aegilops cylindrica*
Jubata grass	*Cortaderia jubata*
Knapweed Diffuse***** Meadow***** Russian***** Spotted*****	 *Centaurea diffusa* *Centaurea pratensis* *Acroptilon repens* *Centaurea stoebe (C. maculosa)*
Knotweed Bohemian***** Giant***** Himalayan Japanese*****	 *Fallopia x bohemica* *Fallopia sachalinensis (Polygonum)* *Polygonum polystachyum* *Fallopia japonica (Polygonum)*
Kochia	*Kochia scoparia*
Lesser celandine	*Ranunculus ficaria*
Meadow hawkweed (T)	*Pilosella caespitosum (Hieracium)*
Mediterranean sage*	*Salvia aethiopis*
Medusahead rye	*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*
Old man's beard	*Clematis vitalba*
Parrot feather	*Myriophyllum aquaticum*
Perennial peavine	*Lathyrus latifolius*
Perennial pepperweed (T)	*Lepidium latifolium*
Pheasant's eye	*Adonis aestivalis*
Pine echium (T)	*Echium pininana*
Poison hemlock*****	*Conium maculatum*
Policeman's helmet	*Impatiens glandulifera*
Primrose-willow Large-flower (T) Water primrose (T) Floating (T)	 *Ludwigia grandiflora* *Ludwigia hexapetala* *Ludwigia peploides*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) Table II: B Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
Puncturevine*	*Tribulus terrestris*
Purple loosestrife*	*Lythrum salicaria*
Ribbongrass (T)	*Phalaris arundinacea var. Picta*
Rose Dog Sweetbriar	 *Rosa canina* *Rosa rubiginosa*
Rush skeletonweed* (T)	*Chondrilla juncea*
Saltcedar* (T)	*Tamarix ramosissima*
Small broomrape	*Orabanche minor*
South American waterweed	*Egeria densa (Elodea)*
Spanish heath	*Erica lusitanica*
Spurge laurel	*Daphne laureola*
Spurge Leafy* (T) Myrtle	 *Euphorbia esula* *Euphorbia myrsinites*
St. Johnswort	*Hypericum perforatum*
Sulfur cinquefoil	*Potentilla recta*
Swainsonpea	*Sphaerophysa salsula*
Tansy ragwort* (T)	*Senecio jacobaea (Jacobaea vulgaris)*
Thistle Bull Canada* Italian Milk Musk Scotch Slender-flowered	 *Cirsium vulgare* *Cirsium arvense* *Carduus pycnocephalus* *Silybum marianum* *Carduus nutans* *Onopordum acanthium* *Carduus tenuiflorus*
Toadflax Dalmatian* Yellow*	 *Linaria dalmatica* *Linaria vulgaris*
Tree of heaven	*Ailanthus altissima*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) **Table II: B Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Ventenata grass	*Ventenata dubia*
Whitetop	
Hairy	*Lepidium pubescens*
Lens-podded	*Lepidium chalepensis*
Whitetop (hoary cress)*	*Lepidium draba*
Yellow archangel	*Lamiastrum galeobdolon*
Yellow flag iris	*Iris pseudacorus*
Yellow nutsedge	*Cyperus esculentus*
Yellow starthistle*	*Centaurea solstitialis*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

Appendix B: Morrow County Noxious Weed List

Morrow County Weed List:

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Noxious Weeds – "A" List" – Any plant that is determined by the weed advisory board, and so declared by the County Board of Commissioners to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land or property under provisions of Oregon State Statute and thus mandated for control.

Rush Skeletonweed

Yellow Starthistle

Tansy Ragwort

Yellow Toadflax

Dalmatian Toadflax

Mediterranean Sage

Leafy Spurge

Spikeweed

Musk Thistle

Scotch Thistle

Purple Loosestrife

Common Crupina

Whitetop (Hoary Cress)

Houndstongue

Flowering Rush

Yellow Flag Iris

Plumeless Thistle

WEEDS OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

Weeds of Economic Importance – "B" List – Weeds of limited distribution in the county and subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible.

Poison Hemlock

Canada Thistle

Jointed Goatgrass

St. Johnswort

Perennial Sowthistle

Field Bindweed

Cereal Rye

Johnsongrass

Russian Knapweed

Diffuse Knapweed

Spotted Knapweed

Field Dodder

Water Hemlock

Medusahead Rye

Puncturevine

Kochia

Perennial Pepperweed

Myrtle Spurge

Ventenata

Morrow County Weed Advisory Board

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Board also serves as the Weed Advisory Board

Attachment F: Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund/Agricultural Mitigation Plan

Attachment G: Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 3
Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan

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THE POWER OF TOMORROW™

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 3, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 3 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar ~~photovoltaic solar~~ energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon (Figure 1). The proposed Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a ~~1,~~200 ~~-~~MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (Plan) has been prepared to guide ~~restoration~~revegetation of areas temporarily disturbed during construction of the Facility, as well as revegetation ~~of areas~~ within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ in compliance with Site Certificate Conditions PRE-FW-01 and PRE-SP-01. This Plan will be updated, as necessary, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and Morrow County Weed Department ~~and will be updated as needed~~ to reflect the final layout of the Facility.

Prior to construction, this ~~plan~~ Plan shall be finalized based on the following:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall finalize the ~~plan~~ Plan based on ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ associated with the final design/layout by disturbance level and habitat type and category.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall develop and incorporate maps showing anticipated construction disturbance levels along with the total acreage and major activities associated with each level.
3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall update Table 1 prior to construction to reflect the ~~final impact~~disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout.
4. ~~Applicant shall provide the number and location of reference sites to be utilized during short- and long-term monitoring of temporary impact areas for review and approval by ODOE in consultation with ODFW.~~
5. ~~5.~~4. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall develop and incorporate revegetation methods for each disturbance level in consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, and the Morrow County Weed Department.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

~~6. Applicant shall develop and incorporate monitoring methods for both temporary and permanent impact areas in consultation with ODOE.~~

Prior to construction, the following shall be completed:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall provide shapefiles showing anticipated construction disturbance levels at the site as a submittal to ODOE.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall provide the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor's qualifications and scope of work as a submittal to ODOE.

~~2. Applicant shall conduct pre-construction habitat surveys at the approved reference sites for the purpose of collecting baseline quantitative data (vascular plant species present, native/non-native species present, percent cover of dominant species, percent cover of state and county listed noxious weed, and evidence of disturbance).~~

3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall submit baseline soil compaction sample locations and baseline compaction results to ODOE.
4. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall hold a kick-off meeting with their environmental contractor, construction contractor, and ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities.
5. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall prepare a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan for use by the construction contractor. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to all participating parties prior to the kick-off meeting date.

Prior to initiation of revegetation, the following shall be completed:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall hold a kick-off meeting with their environmental contractor, ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, and ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall prepare a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan for use by the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to all participating parties prior to the kick-off meeting date.
3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall complete post-construction soil compaction testing and submit results for review and approval to ODOE.

Throughout construction, revegetation, and operation activities, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will take appropriate actions to prevent the spread of state and county listed noxious weeds. A stand-alone Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan has also been prepared (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-3[2]; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6), which contains information on state and Morrow County

[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

listed noxious weeds, noxious weeds observed during surveys, and treatment and monitoring of noxious weeds.

2.0 Site Description

The Facility includes a 1,1654~~310,960~~-acre site boundary within which all Facility components will be located. The Facility lies within the Columbia Plateau Ecoregion at elevations from ~~approximately 879~~ 1,070 to 1,~~440~~140 feet. The Facility is sited entirely on private land, which primarily consists of agriculture land used for growing dryland wheat. Native vegetation within the site boundary has been modified primarily through agricultural conversion, but also through the introduction of exotic grasses and other non-native vegetation.

Habitat mapping and categorization of the site boundary were conducted for the Facility in 2022. Habitat types within the site boundary include Agriculture, Pasture, and Mixed Environs (habitat subtype: Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops)~~;~~ and Developed (habitat subtype: Urban and Mixed Environs~~; Upland Grassland, Shrub-steppe, and Shrubland (habitat subtypes: Eastside Grasslands, Sagebrush Shrub-steppe~~)~~; Wetlands (habitat subtype: Emergent Wetlands); and Open Water-Lakes, Rivers, Streams (habitat subtype: Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams)~~. Details on habitat types, subtypes, and categories can be found in Exhibit P of the Facility's ASC, especially Attachment P-1 which contains the biological survey reports. Details on potential ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to habitat from construction and operation of the Facility, as well as avoidance and minimization measures, can be found in the ASC Exhibits P and Q[3].

3.0 Description of ~~Impact~~Disturbance~~s~~

Construction of the Facility will result in ~~up to about 58 acres of~~ temporary and ~~9,442 acres of~~ permanent ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ (see Exhibits C[4] and P). ~~Although actual impacts may change depending on the final layout, solar modules, and other associated facilities, this value represents the estimated maximum acreage of impact. Exhibit P~~ Section 3.1.1 (below) details the acres of each habitat subtype that will be temporarily and permanently disturbed during construction and operation of the Facility.

All areas within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ are considered a permanent ~~impact~~disturbance and will be revegetated for the purposes of site stabilization to reduce erosion, dust pollution, and topsoil depletion, and to reduce potential for invasion by noxious and invasive plants. The entire solar array fence ~~line area~~ will occupy approximately ~~9,4413561~~1,138 acres ~~within 20 fenced areas~~. As noted above, this area is considered permanently ~~impacted~~disturbed; however, vegetation within the

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit Q, May 16, 2024.
[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit C, May 16, 2024.

solar array fence ~~line area~~ will be retained and/or revegetated and this area would be reclaimed upon retirement.

Temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ will occur in areas outside the solar array fence ~~line area~~ that will be disturbed during construction activities, but which will not be occupied by permanent facilities. Temporary disturbance will occur in association with the construction of aboveground and underground collector and transmission lines, new roads, and perimeter fence ~~line~~.

Prior to construction, a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan will be prepared for use by the construction contractor ~~prior to construction~~ to facilitate Plan implementation and ensure ground disturbance is minimized to the extent practicable. A kick-off meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder, their environmental contractor, construction contractor, and ODOE will be held at least 14 days prior to construction. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to ODOE staff prior to the kick-off meeting date. Staff from either the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their environmental contractor will field-verify that anticipated disturbance levels are followed to the extent possible~~,~~ and will document any variances and ~~the~~ justifications for those variances for ODOE review.

3.1 Disturbance Levels

Revegetation needs will be determined by a combination of disturbance level and existing vegetative cover. Disturbance levels will primarily be determined by site conditions such as slope, gradient, and existing vegetation. Disturbance levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 - Mowing: Mowing is used to conserve vegetative resources within a ~~large project area~~facility while mitigating risk of fire and facilitating construction activities. Vegetation ~~is mowed~~will be limited to a height of ~~generally~~ 12 inches~~, but~~ and mowed to no less than 6 inches during construction. Mowing to no less than 6 inches protects perennial grass crowns and allows grasses to regenerate. Depending on ~~site~~ facility objectives, vegetation can be allowed to reach a normal height or kept trimmed to a height between 6 -inches and the plant's full height potential. Crushing of vegetation will be minimal and this disturbance level is designed to have a minimal impact on existing vegetation. This method is least likely to result in invasions of undesirable plant species.

Level 2 – Overland Drive and Crush: Disturbance caused by accessing a ~~site~~ facility without significantly modifying the landscape. Vegetation is crushed to the ground, but no surface soil is removed so root structures are left intact~~but not cropped~~. ~~No surface soil is removed.~~ Even though vegetation may be damaged or~~and even~~ destroyed, the surface soil and seed bank remain~~s~~ in place. Some crushed vegetation will likely sprout after disturbance ceases. These activities would result in minimal to moderate disturbance. This type of disturbance will result in ~~the fastest~~a faster recovery time for vegetation compared to Levels 3 and 4. Soil seed banks remain largely in place, perennial vegetation can grow back, and minimal external efforts are necessary. This method is less likely to result in invasions of undesirable plant species compared to Levels 3 and 4. ~~This would involve crushing or mowing vegetation typically to the ground surface.~~

Level 3 – Clear and Cut: Disturbance caused by accessing the ~~project site but~~facility including having to remove all vegetation in order to improve or provide suitable access for other equipment. All vegetation is removed, soils are compacted, and the root zone or soil A-horizon may be disturbed, but no sub-surface soil is removed. Clear and cut activities would result in moderate disturbance. This type of disturbance will result in moderate recovery times for vegetation. This method has a moderate risk for invasion of undesirable plant species. An example is imprinting to crush vegetation down into the soil or incidental grading and smoothing of surface soils.

Level 4 – Clear and Cut with Soil Removal: Disturbance is caused by removing all vegetation in the impact zone, ~~the~~ soils are compacted, and ~~the~~ surface soil ~~is~~ and subsoil are displaced~~, and for Facility components requiring underground installation, the subsurface soils are displaced as well~~. These activities result in heavy disturbance. This type of disturbance results in an extensive recovery time for vegetation, and is most likely to lead to invasions of undesirable plant species, which can result in lengthy and expensive control efforts. Includes disc-and-roll construction, and other traditional construction methods where soils are disturbed and no vegetation is left intact. This category includes all work requiring the segregation and replacement of topsoils.

3.1.1 Facility Disturbance

To the maximum extent practicable, Level 1 and Level 2 disturbance will be used during Facility construction. Existing vegetation root systems (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) will be left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable, although construction vehicles driving across the site may affect ~~these~~ existing root systems by compacting soils. Grading within solar arrays will be limited to areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances (typically, but not exclusively, 10 percent maximum on North slopes and 15 percent maximum in other directions). Areas where the slope and gradient are within ~~the solar~~ panel and racking tolerances will only ~~will receive minimal grading, with grading in those areas limited to the~~ be graded in road~~s~~, inverter, and energy storage footprints ~~only~~where possible. ~~This p~~Preservation of existing root systems will minimize soil erosion, providing both improved compliance with stormwater and dust management requirements, facilitate revegetation success, and preserve soil productivity for future agricultural use. Construction will be coordinated and sequenced to the extent practicable with landowners to maintain land in current production and weed control until just prior to construction. This will avoid land being left unmanaged and minimize weed issues that can complicate revegetation.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide maps and shapefiles showing anticipated construction disturbance levels at the Facility, along with ~~the~~ total acreage and major activities associated with each level. This will serve to demonstrate the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's avoidance and minimization of ground disturbing activities to the extent practicable.

Table 1 presents the estimated maximum acreage of temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to habitat subtypes associated with Facility construction and operation based on the permitted layout. Table 1 will be updated prior to construction to reflect the final ~~impact~~disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout. Figures depicting the location of Facility infrastructure are included in Exhibit C, and a figure depicting habitat subtypes within the site boundary is available in Exhibit P.

Table 1. Maximum Temporary and Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance~~s~~ by Habitat Subtype

ODFW Habitat Category	Habitat Subtype	Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance (Acres)[1, 2]	Temporary Disturbance (Acres) [1]
~~2~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~<0.1~~	~~0.4~~
~~4~~	~~Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams~~	~~-~~	~~<0.1~~
~~4~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~17.9~~	~~2.7~~
~~5~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~18.54.7~~	~~2.2<0.1~~
	~~**Category 2, 4, and 5 Habitat TSubtotal**~~	~~**36.44.7**~~	~~**5.3<0.1**~~
6	Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops	~~9,397.4~~1,133	~~51.3~~1.4
	Urban and Mixed Environs	~~7.7~~5.0	~~1.2~~<0.1
	~~**Category 6 Habitat Subtotal**~~	~~**9,405.1**~~	~~**52.6**~~
	Grand Total[1]	**~~9,441.5~~1,138**	**~~57.8~~1.5**

Note: Totals in this table may not appear to sum correctly due to rounding. ~~"-" means no impact while~~ <0.1 means greater than zero but less than 0.05 acre ~~impact~~disturbance.

1. Additional details associated with temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ are provided in Exhibit C of the ASC. Disturbances were calculated based on the layout permitted in the ASC and will be updated prior to construction based on an updated layout.

2. Acres of permanent ~~impact~~disturbance includes the entire area within the solar array area fence ~~line~~ including the footprints of all solar components and supporting facilities, as well as the areas outside of the footprint of permanent components and facilities (e.g., areas underneath and between rows of solar panels).

4.0 Reclamation and Revegetation Methods

This plan addresses revegetation methods for temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to agricultural lands~~non-agriculture (i.e., Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops habitat subtype) and non-developed (i.e., Urban and Mixed Environs habitat subtype) habitat types~~, as well as revegetation and vegetation management of lands within the solar array fence ~~line area~~. ~~Restoration~~ Revegetation of temporarily disturbed developed habitat (i.e., Urban and Mixed Environs habitat subtype) will be determined on a case-by-case basis and is not covered further in this plan. Temporary disturbance~~s~~ to agricultural habitat (i.e., Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops habitat subtype) will be restored as described in Section 4.5.1. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will restore temporarily disturbed areas by re-establishing slope, surface stability, and drainage features, as needed, followed by soil preparation and seeding. Soil preparation and seeding techniques are described below.

Revegetation will begin as soon as feasible after completion of each construction phase. Seeding and planting will be done in a timely manner and in the appropriate season to facilitate germination and establishment of seeded species.

Prior to construction, final revegetation methods will be developed for each disturbance level in consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, and the Morrow County Weed Department and will be incorporated as an amendment to this Plan upon ODOE approval.

4.1 Roles and Responsibilities

A construction contractor qualified to perform ~~restoration and~~ revegetation and seeding will be responsible for implementing ~~the~~ measures in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 1200-C permit, as well as ~~the~~ revegetation activities discussed herein during and immediately after construction. A qualified botanist or revegetation specialist will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on revegetation success. Remedial revegetation actions, if needed during the operation phase, will be performed by a qualified contractor. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will be responsible for ensuring that all contractors perform work in accordance with permit requirements and all agreed upon methods for revegetation.

The goal of this ~~plan~~ Plan is to increase the probability of revegetation success, reduce early weed establishment, reduce erosion and dust pollution, ~~and~~ protect topsoil for future agricultural use in permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas, and ensure no loss of habitat quality for temporary disturbance~~s~~ to wildlife habitat. To ensure this goal is met, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ensure that the contractor selected for revegetation will be a qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor with demonstrated experience in the Columbia Plateau. Options for contracting and managing this work include:

- Having the construction contractor subcontract ~~the~~ revegetation work out to a qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor. The contract will stipulate the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's right to dictate the timing, methods, and management of seeding.
- Contracting directly with the qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, with the power to contractually enforce seed timing and methods.
- Having the environmental contractor contract with the qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, with the power to contractually enforce seed timing and methods.

The ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor's qualifications and scope of work will be provided as a submittal to ODOE prior to construction. Additionally, a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan will be prepared for use by the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor prior to initiation of revegetation to facilitate Plan implementation. A kick-off meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder, their environmental contractor, ~~restoration~~ revegetation and seeding contractor, and ODOE will be held at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to ODOE staff prior to the kick-off meeting date. Staff from either the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their environmental contractor will field-verify seeding methods and timing requirements are followed appropriately~~,~~ and will document any variances and the justifications for those variances. Monitoring and follow-up will be provided as described in Section 6.0 to ensure oversight and increase the probability of revegetation success.

4.2 Soil Reclamation

Soil scientists use a soil penetrometer to field measure subsurface compaction in soil. This tool measures resistance (pressure) to the advance of a cone-tipped rod with a T-handle, vertically through the soil column. The metric intends to measure soil compaction that can inhibit the ability

of plants to penetrate the soil. An operator pushes the penetrometer rod with a cone base into the ground with consistent force. A pressure gauge records pressure in pounds per square inch (psi), equaling levels of resistance at differing soil layers. Resistance is measured at 3-inch intervals until the meter goes above 300 psi, which is a level of soil compaction most roots cannot penetrate. For this test compaction would be measured at 3, 6, 9, and 12 inches if the soils allow~~ed~~. Soil compaction testing must be completed in spring or late fall when soils are at field capacity (approximately 24 hours after a soaking rain). Baseline soil compaction measurements will be taken prior to construction. Baseline soil compaction sample locations and baseline compaction results will be submitted to ODOE prior to construction.

1. Baseline and post-construction soil compaction measurements and testing must be done in conditions favorable to soil testing (e.g. non-saturated or frozen soils).
2. Baseline soil compaction measurements will be documented and established by using the above protocol, or other protocol as approved by ODOE, to establish baseline soil conditions within temporary ~~impact~~disturbance areas.
3. Recordation of the baseline soil plots must be represented on a map based on final Facility design.
4. Post-construction soil compaction testing following the above protocols must be completed in spring or late fall when soil conditions are favorable to soil testing (non-saturated or frozen soils). Compaction testing will occur after soil stockpiles are replaced and grading is complete but prior to initiation of revegetation activities.~~Prior to construction completion at the Facility site and prior to the initiation of revegetation activities, soil compaction testing following the above protocols must be completed.~~
5. If soil ~~measurements~~ monitoring demonstrates that ~~the~~ soils are compacted more than 300- psi~~within the work areas are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~, then remediation activities must be completed prior to initiation of revegetation activities. See Section ~~6.4~~ 4.3 below, the Facility NPDES 1200-C permit, and applicable ~~s~~Site C~~c~~ertificate C~~c~~onditions.

In addition, in areas where soil is removed during construction, the following measures will be taken where appropriate:

- During construction, excavated topsoil will be stockpiled separately from subsoil and replaced in proper order with topsoil on the surface to maintain soil productivity. Stockpiled soil will be put back in place prior to revegetation activities.~~During construction, excavated soils will be stockpiled by soil horizon, so that they can be replaced in proper order with the topsoil on the surface, preventing mixing of topsoil and subsoils and maintaining soil productivity. The conserved soil will be put back in place as topsoil prior to revegetation activities. The conserved soil will be put back in place as topsoil prior to revegetation activities.~~

- Soils will be stabilized during construction using the appropriate best management practices as determined by the onsite stormwater pollution prevention plan implementor.
- Soil preparation will involve standard, commonly used methods (i.e. tracking, decompaction, and tilling), and will consider all relevant site-specific factors, including slope, size of area, and erosion potential. Soils will be de-compacted if necessary to create a uniform seedbed using an agricultural disc, soil ripper, or similar equipment. Additional details regarding soil preparation are in Section 4.3.
- Topsoil and other soils from noxious weed infested areas will not be moved outside of the infested areas and will be returned to their previous location during reclamation activities to eliminate the transport of weed seeds, roots, or rhizomes.
- Soils from weed-infested areas will be treated with a non-persistent, pre-emergent herbicide prior to initiation of revegetation efforts, depending on site-specific conditions.
- Prior to final regrade and revegetation efforts, any weeds that have grown during periods of construction dormancy should be treated as described in the Noxious Weed Control Plan~~removed mechanically or treated with an herbicide in consultation with the Morrow County Weed Department~~.
- The construction contractor will use appropriate erosion and sediment control practices (i.e., seeded or unseeded hydromulch, tackifier, weed-free erosion control blankets, weed-free or locally sourced straw mulch) to maintain topsoil during construction in both temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas.

4.3 Site Preparation

~~As noted above, e~~Existing vegetation root systems (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) will be left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable. Areas where the slope and gradient are within the solar panel and racking tolerances will receive minimal grading, with grading in those areas limited to the roads, inverter, and energy storage footprints~~ only~~. In areas where soil is removed during construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will demonstrate adequate soil stabilization to prevent erosion and dust pollution. The following measures will be taken where appropriate:

- Site preparation ~~will involve standard, commonly used methods, and~~ will take into account all relevant site-specific factors, including slope, size of area, and erosion potential.
- Areas of severe machine or vehicle tracking that would hinder seeding success and are unnecessary for soil stabilization will be regraded.
- In the spring, fall or winter of the year prior to when construction would occur, areas of high erosion risk (e.g., slopes, areas with low vegetative cover) should be seeded with a non-invasive, non-persistent cover crop such as triticale to ~~demonstrate~~ stabilize soils ~~stabilization~~.

- ~~Prior to seeding and/or planting of revegetation areas, soils will be prepared to facilitate revegetation success.~~
- If soils are not suitable for revegetation, soil amendments may be required. Any imported topsoil, if required, will be demonstrated to be suitable for vegetative success.
- Where soil compaction testing demonstrates that soils are compacted greater than 300 psi~~Where applicable~~, soils will be mechanically scarified (e.g., tilling or ripping the soil) to an appropriate depth to reduce the potential effects of compaction, to maintain soil productivity, and reduce the potential for erosion on compacted soils. Dry soils should be de-compacted using an agricultural disc, soil ripper, or similar equipment.
- Prior to seeding and/or planting of revegetation areas, ~~In general, the~~ soils ~~needs to~~will be prepared into a firm, fine-textured seedbed that is relatively free of debris ~~before seeding or planting~~. Shallow tilling with a disc, followed by a harrow or drag if necessary, can typically achieve this. If replaced soil is too soft, then seeds may be buried too deep to properly germinate; a roller or culti-packer should be used to pack down the soil.
- In non-cropland temporary disturbance areas, site complexity will be considered during soil preparation. For instance, it may be desirable to purposely create an uneven, patchy site that allows for depressions and other microsites that result in small variations in aspect and moisture holding to promote complexity.
- Seeded areas will be temporarily stabilized to facilitate establishment. This can be accomplished by application of seedless, certified weed-free hydromulch containing a tackifier or straw mulch crimping. Alternate methods ~~such~~ may be proposed by the revegetation and seeding contractor but will require prior written approval by ODOE and must provide demonstrated success in sites with similar wind and soil conditions.
- The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or a designated construction contractor will use mulching and other appropriate practices, as required by the anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit, to control erosion and sediment during construction and revegetation work.

4.4 Revegetation of Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance Areas

During construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement site stabilization measures, including seeding of all disturbed areas according to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit. Approximately 6 months prior to commercial operation of each phase of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODFW, ODOE, and Morrow County Weed Department personnel to review the actual extent and conditions of ~~impacted~~disturbed areas and confirm the revegetation methods to be implemented.

As portions of the Facility are ~~After the site has been~~ prepared for installation of ~~facility~~ Facility components (i.e., grading is complete), but prior to installation, all areas with less than 70 percent vegetative cover should be seeded with a non-invasive, non-persistent cover crop ~~(e.g., triticale)~~. The cover crop will be selected based on the time of year and site conditions; for example, winter wheat or sterile triticale can be seeded from fall to early spring, while peas should be seeded in

spring. Tillage radish and sunflowers can be seeded in spring to break up compaction but are not suitable options for soil stability. ~~Establishment of a~~A cover crop ~~at this stage of construction~~ will stabilize soils and suppress noxious weed infestations to reduce erosion and facilitate revegetation of desired plant species.

Following the completion of each construction phase, permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas will be reseeded with a mix of native or non-invasive, non-native grasses and forbs as appropriate based on disturbance level and actual site conditions (see Section 4.4). All seeds will be obtained from a reputable supplier in compliance with the Oregon Seed Law (OAR 603-056). The final seed mix for permanent disturbance areas ~~within the solar array fence line area~~ will include low~~er~~ growing grasses and pollinator-friendly forbs compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). Table 3~~Table 3~~ in Section 4.7 includes an example of low-growing seed mix for permanent disturbance areas.

4.5 ~~Restoration~~ Revegetation of Temporary Disturbance Areas

4.5.1 Agricultural Lands

Temporarily disturbed agricultural lands will be reseeded with the appropriate crop or maintained as fallow in consultation with the landowner or farm operator. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ~~also~~ consult with the landowner or farm operator to determine the seed mix, application methods, and rates for seed and fertilizer. Success of cropland revegetation will have been achieved when production of the revegetated area is comparable to that of adjacent, non-disturbed croplands of the same type.

~~Dryland crop~~Agricultural lands will be reseeded to match the timing of the crop rotation on adjacent cropland ~~in order~~ to facilitate easy harvest and re-establish the appropriate crop rotation ~~on that land~~. ~~Dryland crop~~Agricultural lands that will be seeded in the year that construction is complete can be temporarily hydromulched or otherwise stabilized until seeding can occur in the fall; agricultural lands ~~dryland cropland~~ that will be fallow for a year (i.e., fallow rather than reseeded the year construction is complete) will be planted with a cover crop (dependent on timing of construction closeout) or have continued stabilization with hydromulch, straw mulch crimping, or other best management practices ~~(BMPs)~~ through the fallow year.

Soil compaction as a result of construction activity is a concern for restoring agricultural soils to their pre-construction productivity. Within temporary disturbance areas, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will excavate and store ~~soils~~ topsoil separately from subsoil~~by soil horizon~~, so that topsoil~~s~~ ~~are~~ is replaced and restored appropriately~~, including replacing topsoil~~. During post-construction ~~restoration~~revegetation of temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to agricultural ~~areas~~lands, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will loosen agricultural soil by mechanical scarification (tilling or ripping the soil) to an appropriate depth to reduce the potential effects of compaction. Soil amendment, by addition of organic matter (e.g., compost), may also be necessary to alleviate compaction.

Success determination will involve consultation with the landowner or farm operator, and the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report to ODOE on the success of ~~cropland~~ agricultural land ~~restoration~~revegetation efforts. Noxious weed control is necessary for successful revegetation of agricultural ~~crop~~lands and will be implemented per the methods described in the Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan (Exhibit P, Attachment P-3; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6).

4.5.2 Wildlife Habitat

There is no temporary disturbance to wildlife habitat because no wildlife habitat will be disturbed by Facility construction. Revegetation of wildlife habitat is not discussed in this Plan.~~During construction, the ApplicantCertificate Holder will implement site stabilization measures, including seeding of temporarily disturbed areas according to the ApplicantCertificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit. Approximately 6 months prior to commercial operation of each phase of construction, the ApplicantCertificate Holder will meet with ODFW, ODOE, and Morrow County Weed Department personnel to review the actual extent and conditions of temporarily impacted areas, confirm the revegetation methods to be implemented, and to revisit reference sites as necessary.~~

~~Following each construction phase, all areas, with the exception of temporarily disturbed agricultural lands, will be reseeded with a mix of native or non-invasive, non-native grasses and forbs (see Section 4.6). All seeds will be obtained from a reputable supplier in compliance with the Oregon Seed Law (OAR 603-056). The methods used and timing of planting will be appropriate to the seed mixes, weather conditions, and site conditions (including area size, slope, and erosion potential) based upon consultation with ODOE, ODFW, ODA, and the Morrow County Weed Department.~~

~~The seed mixes may include species selected to enhance soil health, such as nitrogen-fixing species, if determined to be appropriate based on coordination with ODOE, ODA, and ODFW. Including these species in the seed mix would help the other plant species thrive and increase long-term survival of desired species. Additionally, the seed mixes include species intended to provide broader ecosystem benefits, such as pollinator species, that will benefit the surrounding landscape. The seed mix for temporarily disturbed areas outside of the solar array fence line area will include taller native species of grasses and pollinator-friendly forbs to increase overall site biodiversity and increase benefits to wildlife and pollinators. Using native, or non-invasive non-native pollinator-friendly, plants as ground cover under solar panels can also help recharge groundwater, reduce erosion, and improve soil carbon sequestration (Neale and Atre 2020).~~

4.6 Seeding Methods

The seeding method~~s~~ and timing of planting will be appropriate to the seed mixes (see Section 4.7~~4.6~~), weather conditions (e.g., precipitation, wind speed, temperature, etc.), and site conditions (including area size, slope, and erosion potential) based upon consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, the Morrow County Weed Department, and the seed supplier. Seeding ~~between late-fall and late-~~

~~winter/early-spring~~from late September to March is typically recommended; however, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE, ODFW, ODA, Morrow County Weed Department, and/or the seed supplier to determine the optimal timing for seed application based on climatic conditions of the particular year when construction and revegetation efforts are implemented.

~~The three c~~Common seed application methods that may be used for revegetation are broadcast seeding, drill seeding, imprint seeding, and hydroseeding; each of these are discussed further below. Other seeding methods may be proposed for review and approval prior to revegetation efforts.

4.6.1 Broadcast Seeding

Broadcast seeding is the application of seed directly to the ground surface. This method may be chosen for areas with shallow and rocky soils, and the type of broadcast spreader would depend on the size of the area to be seeded and the terrain. Broadcast seeding may be completed before or after panel and fence installation.

In this method, the seed mix is typically broadcast at a rate of 20 to 24 pounds pure live seed per acre, or twice the recommended rate for drill seeding; this rate may be adjusted depending on the recommendation of the actual seed supplier and agencies~~would be broadcast using at least the application rates specified by the seed supplier for broadcast seeding~~. When feasible, due to the seasonality of when planting can occur, the entire area will be seeded after grading is complete but before placement of Facility components, providing more flexibility in seed application. In those instances where seeding occurs prior to installation of components, follow-up seeding will occur in areas temporarily disturbed by installation and any areas that are deficient in vegetation from the first round of seeding. Immediately following seed application, hydromulch or certified weed-free straw would be applied. Broadcast seeding will not be employed if winds exceed 5 miles per hour. If certified weed-free straw is unavailable, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or a designated construction contractor will identify a local source of straw. The local source of the straw will be approved by the county weed master and ODFW prior to purchase. This straw will either be crimped into the ground or applied with a tackifier.

4.6.2 Drill Seeding

Drill seeding can be used for larger areas with deeper soils and moderate to gentle terrain to accommodate mechanical equipment. This method provides the advantage of planting the seed at a uniform depth and may provide better soil to seed contact. Drill seeding plants seeds using an agricultural or range seed drill at a rate of 12 to 14 pounds pure live seed per acre, per discussions with a seed supplier and ODFW. The rate may be adjusted depending on the recommendations of the actual seed supplier.~~Using a range seed drill, seeds will be sown according to the application rates recommended by the seed supplier.~~ Drill seeding will be difficult after Facility components have been installed so it will primarily be used if seeding occurs after grading is complete but

before components are installed or in areas that were temporarily disturbed during construction that do not have any permanent infrastructure (e.g., temporary access roads, laydown areas).

4.6.3 Imprint Seeding

Imprint seeding is a no-till drill seeding method used to restore grasslands in areas with low annual precipitation. Seeds will be sown at 20 to 24 pounds pure live seed per acre or according to application rates recommended by the seed supplier. The seeder consists of a heavy metal drum roller with V-shaped, angled teeth and a seed agitator box. The teeth create V-shaped troughs with a depth of 4-7 inches to collect rainwater. The rolling drum presses the seed into the soil, insuring good seed-to-soil contact. The troughs collect rainwater for seed germination and seedling growth. Imprint seeders can be used on steep slopes and generally do not require seed bed preparation before seeding. Seeding can occur on soils with light to moderate vegetative cover, with vegetation acting as a mulch to prevent soil erosion until seedlings are established. Imprint seeders do not work well in areas with shrubs or heavy vegetation cover. Heavily compacted soils may need to be ripped or de-compacted before seeding. Imprint seeding will be difficult after solar components have been installed, so it will primarily be used if seeding occurs after grading is complete but before components are installed, or in areas that were temporarily disturbed during construction that do not have any permanent infrastructure (e.g., temporary access roads, laydown areas).

~~4.6.3~~4.6.4 Hydroseeding

Hydroseeding is a method of hydraulically applying seeds, stabilizers, and soil amendments to the surface of the soil. Hydroseeding is most applicable for areas where drill or broadcast seeding machinery cannot access~~,~~; this usually includes steeper sloped or narrow terrain~~,~~ but can be used in all terrains. Hydroseeding is feasible after panel installation but before the Facility is fenced. Soil bed preparation is also crucial for growth success and frequently includes tracking perpendicular to the slope to create micro conditions for seed. Flat grading and compaction are not recommended. Seeding rates increase by 30 to 50 percent of broadcast seeding rates (i.e., 30 pounds pure live seed per acre) ~~or single applications~~ per consultation with the seed supplier and ODFW. Prior to hydroseeding the tackifier and fertilizer, if included, will be reviewed and approved in consultation with ODOE. Fertilizer should not be used when hydroseeding wildlife habitat.

4.7 Seed Mixes

Two seed mixes are proposed for revegetation efforts: one for revegetation of ~~temporarily~~ temporary disturbance~~disturbed~~ areas outside the solar array fence ~~line~~, and one for revegetation of permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas within the solar array fence ~~line~~. Tables 2 and 3 present example seed mixes that would be considered for revegetation. However, the number of seed mixes and composition of ~~the~~ final seed mixes will be determined in consultation with ODOE and ODFW and will be based on pre-construction conditions and ~~the~~ availability of seed at the time of procurement.

Grassland Seed Mix #1 would be appropriate for revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas outside the solar array fence ~~line area~~, with the exception of areas that would be returned to agricultural production following construction (as noted in Section 4.5.1). The example seed mix is presented in Table 2 and contains a mixture of native grasses and native, pollinator-friendly forbs. This seed mix includes a mixture of deep-rooted grasses and flowering plants as these types of species can capture and filter stormwater, build topsoil, and provide food sources and for native insects (Davis 2021). Forbs included in this seed mix were also chosen based on their bloom period. Including plants that flower throughout the growing season provides a continuous source of nectar and pollen and can attract a variety of pollinators (NRCS 2011).

Table 2. Example Grassland Seed Mix #1

Growth Habit	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Percent of Mix
Grasses	Bluebunch wheatgrass[1]	*Pseudoroegneria spicata*	35
	Sandberg's bluegrass[2]	*Poa secunda* ssp. *secunda*	15
	Bottlebrush squirreltail	*Elymus elymoides*	10
	Needle-and-thread grass[3]	*Hesperostipa comata*	10
Forbs	~~Curlycup~~ Low gumweed	*Grindelia ~~squarrosa~~nana*	5
	Hoary aster	*Dieteria* (*Machaeranthera*) *canescens*	5
	Clover~~Lupine~~	*Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens~~Lupinus leucophyllus, L. sericeus, L. sulphureus~~*	5
	Munro's globemallow[4]	*Sphaeralcea munroana*	5
	Western blue flax	*Linum lewisii*	5
	Yarrow	*Achillea millefolium*	5

1. An alternative to bluebunch wheatgrass is Snake River wheatgrass (*Elymus wawawaiensis*; also sold as "Secar" bluebunch wheatgrass).
2. An alternative to Sandberg's bluegrass is big bluegrass (*Poa secunda* subsp. *juncifolia*; also sold as *P. ampla*).
3. Alternatives to needle-and-thread grass include ~~the native bunchgrass Indian ricegrass (*Achnatherum* [*Oryzopsis*] *hymenoides*) or~~ the non-native bunchgrasses crested wheatgrass (*Agropyron cristatum*) and sheep/hard fescue (*Festuca ovina/F. trachyphylla*).
4. An alternative to Munro's globemallow is blanketflower (*Gaillardia aristata*)

A second grassland seed mix, Grassland Seed Mix #2, is suggested for post-construction revegetation within the solar array fence ~~line area~~, including areas that previously consisted of agricultural lands. The example seed mix presented in Table 3 contains a mixture of low-growing native and non-native grasses and native and non-native pollinator friendly forbs which would be compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). Similar to Grassland Seed Mix #1, this

seed mix includes a mixture of deep-rooted grasses and flowering plants that flower throughout the growing season.

Table 3. Example Grassland Seed Mix #2

Growth Habit	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Percent of Mix
Grasses	Sandberg's bluegrass	*Poa secunda* ssp. *secunda*	35
	Bottlebrush squirreltail, common squirreltail	*Elymus elymoides* ssp. *elymoides*	15
	Desert fescue[1]	*Vulpia microstachys*	10
	Thurber's needlegrass	*Eriocoma (Achnatherum) thurberianum*	10
Forbs	~~Pacific lupine[2]~~Clover	~~*Lupinus lepidus*~~ *Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens*	5
	Bigseed bisuitroot~~[3]~~[2]	*Lomatium macrocarpum*	5
	Erigeron/fleabane	*Erigeron filifolius, E. linearis,* or *E. pumilus*	5
	Oregon sunshine	*Eriophyllum lanatum*	5
	Snow buckwheat	*Eriogonum niveum*	5
	Wollypod milkvetch	*Astragalus purshii*	5

1. Alternatives to desert fescue are sixweeks fescue (*Vulpia octoflora*) or sheep/hard fescue (*Festuca ovina*/*F. trachyphylla*).

~~2 Alternatives to Pacific lupine are American vetch (*Vicia americana*) or clover (*Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens*).~~

~~3~~2. An alternative to bigseed biscuitroot is longleaf phlox (*Phlox longifolia*).

4.8 Revegetation Methods by Disturbance Level

Revegetation methods for each disturbance level were developed to tailor revegetation to specific conditions (Table 4). Revegetation should follow soil reclamation, site preparation, and seeding methods described in Sections 4.2 through 4.7.

Table 4. Revegetation Methods by Disturbance Level

Disturbance Level	Soil Reclamation	Site Preparation	Seeding
1 – Mowing	Ensure vegetation remains intact.	Retain existing vegetation root systems to prevent erosion. Control weeds.	Seed if necessary to achieve success criteria
2 – Overland Drive and Crush	Measure soil compaction in areas of high vehicle traffic.	Retain existing vegetation root systems and/or mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil in areas of high vehicle traffic if necessary. Control weeds.	Seed if necessary to achieve success criteria
3 – Clear and Cut	Measure soil compaction.	Mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil if necessary. Control weeds.	Required
4 – Clear and Cut with Soil Removal	Measure soil compaction. Stockpile topsoil separately.	Mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil. Regrade and replace subsoil then	Required

Disturbance Level	Soil Reclamation	Site Preparation	Seeding
	from subsoil and stabilize during construction.	topsoil prior to seeding. Control weeds.	

5.0 Revegetation Documentation

Records will be kept of revegetation efforts in all temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas. Records will include:

- Date construction phase was completed;
- Acreage of each disturbance level;
- Description and photos of the affected area;
- Date revegetation was initiated;
- Description of the revegetation effort, including methods and timing;
- Supporting figures representing the location, acres affected, and pre-disturbance condition of the revegetation area; and
- Confirmation from the landowner that temporary disturbance~~s~~ in cropland have been satisfactorily restored.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of revegetation efforts. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will update ODOE with these records monthly as revegetation work occurs~~,~~ and will provide ODOE with copies of these records along with submission of the monitoring report that is required by the Site Certificate.

6.0 Monitoring

6.1 Monitoring of Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance Areas

In accordance with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit all areas within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ must be revegetated to stabilize soils for the purposes of erosion and dust pollution control. Pursuant to OAR 345-022-0022, construction and operation of the Facility must not result in significant adverse impacts to soils, including but not limited to, erosion. Pursuant to MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(3), construction or maintenance activities shall not result in the unabated introduction or spread of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species. Therefore, monitoring is required to demonstrate compliance with the above site stabilization and weed control requirements. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ~~conduct~~ monitor~~ing within~~ permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas to assess the following:

- Dominant species composition;

- Relative cover of desirable and undesirable forbs and grasses;
- Percent cover of bare soil;
- Degree of erosion;
- Presence noxious weeds; and
- Qualitative assessment of overall vigor of vegetation within revegetated areas.

~~Monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.~~ Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or revegetation specialist and will begin within 60 days of the completion of ~~the~~ initial site ~~restoration~~revegetation ~~effort~~. Permanent disturbance areas will be monitored using a meander survey. During the meander survey, the surveyor will walk within the solar array fence and document the assessment items listed above using photos and spatial data collection. Areas of erosion and significant patches of bare soil will be mapped and photographed. The surveyor will record dominant species, overall percent cover of forbs and grasses, and general notes about plant vigor.

Monitoring will be conducted at least once per season during the first year following construction. After the first complete year of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced based on revegetation progress. After five years of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE.

6.1.1 Success Criteria

Success criteria outlined below will demonstrate compliance with the soil protection standard (OAR 345-022-0022); NPDES 1200-C permit requirements; and the requirements of MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(4):

- Establish uniform (i.e., evenly distributed, without large bare areas) perennial, non-invasive vegetation that provides 70 percent or more cover on all exposed areas.

Requirements of the soil protection standard and MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(4) apply to the construction and operation of the Facility. Therefore, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall maintain compliance with ~~the~~ revegetation success criteria for all areas within the solar array fence ~~line~~ for the life of the Facility. In each monitoring report, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include an assessment of whether the area within the solar array fence ~~line~~ is meeting or trending toward meeting the revegetation success criteria. Final determination of whether the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is in compliance with the revegetation obligations will be made by ODOE. Remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas may be required in areas that have been determined by ODOE not to have met the success criteria.

6.1.2 Reporting

Monitoring reports will be prepared and submitted to ODOE once per season during the first year following construction. After the first year of monitoring is complete, the reporting cycle will be modified to align with the new monitoring cycle determined in consultation with ODOE. The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of revegetation methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of seed applications and dates revegetation work was performed.

Each monitoring report will include:

- ~~The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of site restoration~~revegetation ~~methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of the seed applications and dates restoration~~revegetation ~~work was performed;~~
- GIS maps of revegetation areas and disturbance levels;
- Monitoring methods;
- Local climatic data (i.e., precipitation, temperature) for the monitoring month and year and percent deviation from the historical average;
- ~~The r~~Results of ~~the~~ monitoring efforts;
- The investigator's assessment of whether the revegetated areas are trending toward meeting the success criteria;
- Assessments of factors impacting the ability of ~~the~~ revegetated area to trend towards meeting the success criteria; and
- Recommendations ~~of~~ for ~~remedial actions~~adaptive management, if any.

6.2 Monitoring of Temporary Disturbance Areas

Per ODFW recommendations on other projects, temporary disturbance monitoring is not required for temporary disturbance areas less than 0.5 acres or when the area is not sufficiently large to accommodate a monitoring site. Because there are no non-agricultural habitat types with temporary disturbance areas greater than 0.5 acres, no monitoring or reference sites will be established for this Facility.~~Following implementation of revegetation efforts, the Applicant will monitor the temporarily disturbed areas that have been revegetated as described in this section, unless the landowner has converted the area to land uses that preclude meeting revegetation success criteria. Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or revegetation specialist and will begin within 60 days of the completion of the initial site restoration effort. Monitoring will be conducted at least once per season during the first year following construction. After the first complete year of monitoring, the Applicant will consult with ODOE to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced based on revegetation progress. After five years of monitoring, the Applicant will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE. Monitoring methods will be~~

~~determined in consultation with ODOE and ODFW prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.~~

~~This may include remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas that have been determined by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW, not to have met the success criteria.~~

~~Reference and Monitoring Sites~~

~~To determine if the revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas are meeting success criteria, (see Section 6.1.1), paired monitoring and reference sites will be established in each of the habitat subtypes that will be temporarily disturbed by construction (with the exception of agricultural land). Reference sites are intended to represent target conditions for the revegetation effort. Vegetation within monitoring sites in revegetation areas will be compared with those in the associated reference sites to measure success of the revegetation activities. During each assessment, revegetated areas will be compared to reference sites based on the success criteria defined in Section 6.2.1.~~

~~Per ODFW recommendations on other projects, a minimum of one monitoring site will be located within habitats where temporary disturbances will be less than 5 acres in size. Therefore, one monitoring site and one reference site will be established within each habitat category of temporarily disturbed Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype for a total of three monitoring sites and three reference sites. Preliminary locations of monitoring and reference sites are provided on Figure 1. No monitoring site is proposed for the less than 0.1 acre of temporary impact anticipated to the Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams habitat subtype, although this area will be revegetated if not avoided during final design. Monitoring and reference sites within each habitat subtype and category were selected using existing habitat mapping. Additional monitoring locations were also chosen within areas of temporarily disturbed Category 4 and 5 Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype as alternative locations in case one of the selected monitoring or reference site locations is deemed unacceptable during the first revegetation monitoring effort. No alternative monitoring or reference site locations were chosen for temporarily disturbed Category 2 Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype because all 0.4 acres of temporary impacts to this habitat subtype and category are located in one area.~~

~~Success Criteria~~

~~In each monitoring report, the Applicant will include an assessment of whether the temporarily disturbed revegetated areas are meeting or trending toward meeting the success criteria. Revegetation areas would be deemed successfully revegetated when the success criteria outlined below are met. Success criteria were based on pre-disturbance conditions observed during habitat mapping conducted for the Facility (Exhibit P, Attachment P-1). Final determination of whether the Applicant has met the revegetation obligations will be made by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW.~~

~~Temporarily disturbed areas will be deemed successfully revegetated when the habitat quality at a monitoring site is equal to or surpasses the habitat quality at the associated reference site, as follows:~~

~~**Native Forbs:** Cover of native and desirable (i.e., species included in seed mixes and/or native species that have naturally colonized) forbs will be at least 75 percent of the reference site within 5 years. Richness of native and desirable forbs will be at least equal to the richness of native forbs measured on the reference site within 5 years.~~

~~**Native and Desirable Grasses:** Cover and richness of native and desirable (i.e., species included in seed mixes and/or native species that have naturally colonized) grass species will be at least 85 percent of the reference site within 5 years.~~

~~**Noxious Weeds:** Presence and cover of noxious weeds is 75 percent or less than that of the reference site.~~

~~Reporting~~

~~Monitoring reports will be prepared and submitted to ODOE once per season during the first year following construction. Each report will be delivered within the same season that the monitoring was conducted. After the first year of monitoring is complete, the reporting cycle will be modified to align with the new monitoring cycle determined in consultation with ODOE.~~

~~Each monitoring report will include:~~

~~The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of site restoration methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of the seed applications and dates restoration work was performed;~~

~~GIS maps of revegetation areas and disturbance levels;~~

~~Monitoring methods;~~

~~Local climatic data (i.e., precipitation, temperature) for the monitoring month and year and percent deviation from the historical average;~~

~~The results of the monitoring efforts;~~

~~Photos of sample plots and representative overview photos of restoration areas;~~

~~The investigator's assessment of whether the revegetated areas are trending toward meeting the success criteria;~~

~~Assessments of factors impacting the ability of the revegetated area to trend towards meeting the success criteria; and~~

~~Recommendations of remedial actions, if any.~~

6.3 ~~Remedial Action in Revegetation Areas~~Adaptive Management

After each revegetation monitoring visit in either temporary or permanent disturbance areas, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's qualified investigator will report to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder regarding the revegetation progress of each revegetation area. If applicable, the investigator will make recommendations to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder for reseeding, weed control, or other remedial measures for areas that are not showing progress toward achieving revegetation success.

The investigator will provide a description of factors that may be contributing to the lack of revegetation success. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include the investigator's recommendations for ~~remedial actions~~adaptive management and the measures taken in the next monitoring report. ODOE may require reseeding or other remedial measures in cases where success criteria have not been met.

If a revegetation area is damaged by wildfire during the first 5 years following initial seeding, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will amend this ~~plan~~Plan, subject to ODOE approval, to restore the damaged area. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will continue to monitor and report on revegetation progress during the remainder of the 5-year period. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report to ODOE and ODFW the area impacted by the fire (with a map or figure) within 72 hours of discovery.

6.4 Soil Reclamation Monitoring

Soil measurements conducted per Section 4.2 shall be evaluated to determine whether soils within disturbance areas have compaction readings of greater than 300 psi~~are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~. If results show soils have compaction readings of greater than 300 psi, ~~are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~ then remediation activities must be completed before revegetation ~~activities~~ can begin. Prior to initiation of revegetation, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide the results of soil compaction testing to ODOE. ~~ODOE will authorize revegetation to begin when soils are 10 percent or less compacted than the baseline plot.~~

7.0 Plan Amendment

This Plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.~~.~~

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Sunstone Solar Project

Figure 1
Sunstone Solar Project 3

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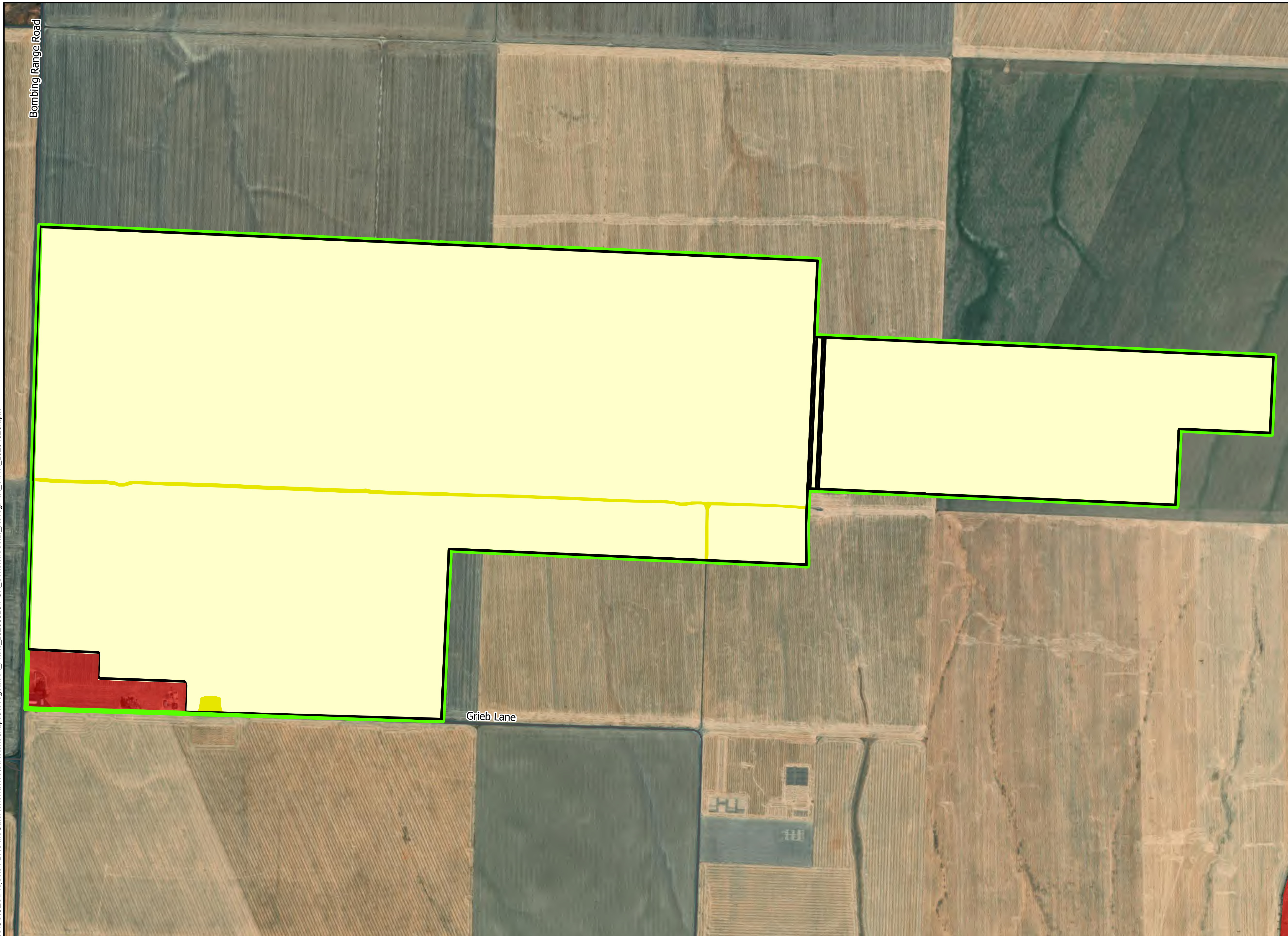


- SS 3 Site Boundary
- Permitted Fenceline
- Excluded from Development
- Local Roads

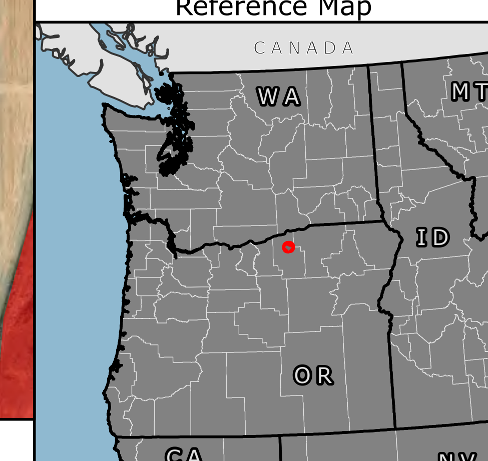
Habitat Subtypes by Category

Category 6

- Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crop
- Urban and Mixed Environs

TETRA TECH PINEGATE RENEWABLES

Reference Map



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Attachment I: Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 3
Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan

This plan identifies the minimization measures that will be implemented during facility construction to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential adverse impacts to state sensitive species with a potential to occur within the site.

> Note: several measures that would minimize potential impacts to wildlife species, including noxious weed control, vegetation management and habitat mitigation, are not included in this plan because they are covered in other conditions of the site certificate.

The measures included in this plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the certificate holder and EFSC. Such amendments may be made without an amendment of the Site Certificate. The Council authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan and to mitigation actions that may be required under this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of -all amendments and mitigation actions, and the Council retains the authority to approve, reject or modify any amendment of this plan or mitigation action agreed to by ODOE.

1. During facility construction, 20 mile per hour speed limit signs shall be posted within the perimeter fence line; onsite contractors and personnel shall adhere to the 20 miles per hour speed limit on all facility access roads (excluding public roads).

2. Prior to and during facility construction, the certificate holder shall require all onsite contractors and personnel to complete site specific worker environmental training. This training shall include information regarding the sensitive biological resources including potentially occurring listed and sensitive species, individual responsibilities associated with the facility, and the consequences of non-compliance. Written material will be provided to employees at orientation and participants will sign an attendance sheet documenting their participation.

3. If construction will occur between March 1 and August 15 the certificate holder shall:
   a. Complete raptor nest occupancy surveys at least once per month between March 1 and May 31 to identify active nests. Surveys shall be based on a protocol approved by the Department in consultation with ODFW; and,
   b. Submit to the Department a construction plan (schedule) that demonstrates construction activities will not occur within the buffer zones established in 4) during the sensitive nesting and breeding season.

4. During construction, the certificate holder shall flag and avoid, or develop constraints mapping to ensure avoidance, of ground-disturbing activities within the buffer of any active nest site. Active nest sites shall be determined based on the preconstruction raptor nest surveys, as applicable, depending on the duration of construction.

Special Status Species	Buffer Size (Radius Around Nest Site):	Sensitive Nesting and Breeding Season
American kestrel	500 feet	March 1 to June 15

Ferruginous hawk	0.5 mile	March 15 to August 15
Golden eagle	0.5 – 1 mile	February 1 to August 15
Peregrine falcon	0.25 mile	January 1 to July 1
Red-tailed hawk	0.10 mile	March 1 to August 15
Swainson’s hawk	0.25 mile	April 1 to August 15
Western burrowing owl	0.25 mile	April 1 to August 15
Other hawks and owls	0.25 mile	March 1 to August 15

Attachment J: Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 3
Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan

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Table of Contents

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 3, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 3 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The ~~proposed~~ approved Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities and the anticipated phasing of construction are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan (WMP) describes wildlife monitoring the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct during operation of the Facility. This WMP has the following components:

1. Raptor nest surveys
2. Washington ground squirrel (WAGS; *Urocitellus washingtoni)* monitoring
3. Wildlife Reporting and Handling System (WRHS)
4. Data reporting

This WMP will be updated, as necessary, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and will be updated as needed to reflect the final layout of the Facility.

2.0 Raptor Nest Surveys

The objectives of raptor nest surveys are: (1) to count raptor nests on the ground or above ground at the Facility; and (2) to determine whether there are noticeable changes in nesting activity in the local populations of raptor species, with particular focus on Swainson's hawks (*Buteo swainsoni*), the only state sensitive raptor species documented nesting during baseline surveys.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct long-term ground-based monitoring of nests identified during the baseline raptor nest surveys, as well as any other nests identified subsequently. The ground-based surveys will be used to evaluate nest success by gathering data on nest occupancy. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ qualified personnel to perform raptor nest surveys.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

2.1 Initial Monitoring

The first monitoring season will be in the first full raptor nesting season after the commercial operating date. During the first monitoring season, the surveyor will conduct one ground survey for raptor nests in late May or early June and additional surveys as described in this section. The ground surveys will be conducted within the site boundary to determine nest occupancy.

All nests discovered during the anticipated pre-construction surveys and any nests discovered during post-construction surveys, whether active or inactive, will be given identification numbers. Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates will be recorded for each nest. Locations of inactive nests will be recorded because they could become occupied during future years.

After the first monitoring season, the surveyor will analyze this one year of data compared to the baseline data. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide a summary of the first-year results in the monitoring report described in Section 5.0.

2.2 Long-Term Monitoring

The surveyor will conduct raptor nest surveys at 5-year intervals for the life of the Facility.[2] The surveyor will conduct~~-~~ long-term raptor nest surveys following the methods described in Section ~~-~~2.3 every 5 years after the first monitoring season in years divisible by 5. This may result in a greater than 5-year period between the initial monitoring season and the first long-term monitoring season (e.g., if the initial monitoring season is 2028, the first long-term monitoring season would be 2035 rather than 2033). During each long-term monitoring event biologists will visit all previously identified nest locations in addition to searching the survey area for new nest sites.

In conducting long-term surveys, the surveyor will follow the same survey protocols as the initial survey (Section 2.3), unless the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes alternative protocols that are approved by ODOE. In developing an alternative protocol, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODFW and ODOE and will take into consideration other raptor nest monitoring conducted in adjacent or overlapping areas.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will analyze the data to identify any trends in the number of raptor breeding attempts the Facility supports and the success of those attempts. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will submit a report after each year of long-term raptor nest surveys.

2.3 Monitoring Protocol

Qualifications of surveyors: Surveys and nest monitoring will be conducted by professional, qualified biologists with a relevant academic background and sufficient field experience pertaining to avian biology and species identification.

[2] As used in this plan, "life of the Facility" means continuously until the Facility is restored and the site certificate is terminated in accordance with OAR 345-027-0110.

Survey period: Occupancy surveys will be conducted between March 1 and May 31. The survey period may be extended in consultation with ODFW and ODOE.

Survey area: The survey area will be limited to leased parcels within the Site Boundary, where surveyor access is granted. Surveys will be performed from public roads and project roads, or from participating landowner parcels only, as site conditions safely permit (e.g. snow, mud).

Survey protocol: Biologists will conduct a ground-based search for raptor nest activity using binoculars and/or spotting scopes to search potential nest sites. Previously identified nests will be surveyed to determine the occupancy status of nests. New nests that are discovered will also be surveyed~~,~~ and visited in future monitoring years. A log will be kept to track nest occupancy status on all nests. ArcGIS Online or similar GIS program will be used to locate and track the nests.

Data collection: Data collected during the survey will include, at a minimum, the location, occupancy status, occupying species, activity observed, and condition of each nest.

Nest Location: Nest/Burrow Identification Number: Existing IDs will be used where possible in addition to corresponding GPS waypoint numbers.

Occupying Species: Using four-letter American Ornithologists' Union codes (e.g., SWHA = Swainson's hawk).

Raptor Activity:

- Adult Present: Proximity of the adult to the nest (e.g., on nest, nearby, or unknown).
- Eggs or Young: Number of eggs or young observed.
- Nest Substrate: Structure in which nest was located (e.g., broadleaf tree, cut bank, transmission pole, etc.).
- Nest Height: Height relative to the structure it is on (e.g., on top of transmission pole, 3/4 of height of tree).

Nest Condition: To assess nest condition the following criteria will be used:

- No Longer Present: For nests that are no longer present.
- Unknown: The nest cannot be found, was not surveyed, or the nest is present, but because of its location a determination cannot be made.
- Excellent: Defined cup or nest bowl with a well-maintained rim; adult or young present.
- Good: Nest bowl intact and rim defined; minor repair needed for nest to be used; margins of nest in loose configuration, minor slumping occurring.
- Fair: Nest bowl intact and nest not dilapidated; but needs significant repair in order to be used; material is slumping or sliding.
- Poor: Loose structure of nest bowl still present; nest walls and side falling out; nest is in need of major repair to be used.
- Remnant: Nest bowl not defined; scant material remaining and not usable unless fully rebuilt.

Determination of active nests: Nest occupancy status will be determined using the definitions below.

Active: Defined by the presence of one or more eggs, dependent young, or adults on the nest in the past 10 days during the breeding season, including the period when adults are displaying courtship behaviors and are building or adding to the nest in preparation for egg-laying.

Potentially Active: There is not observable activity during the visit, but active status cannot be confirmed.

Inactive: The inactive status will only be determined if the nest is observed for at least one hour each time over the course of two consecutive visits separated by at least one day.

3.0 Washington Ground Squirrel Monitoring

No WAGS were detected during baseline surveys, but any new colonies that are detected incidentally during other surveys, such as raptor nest monitoring, will be documented and the extent of those colonies delineated and included in future WAGS monitoring and reporting activities.

If any incidental WAGS are detected, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ qualified personnel to monitor these locations every 5 years thereafter in years divisible by five for the life of the Facility (i.e., on the same monitoring schedule as the raptor nest surveys). The survey area will include the colonies (i.e., groups of active burrows) and a buffer of 785 feet in suitable habitat, if accessible. The surveyors will walk linear transects spaced 165 to 230 feet (50 to 70 meters) apart two times between February 15 and May 31. Surveys of each location will be spaced at least 2 weeks apart. Surveyors will record locations of activity centers and colony boundaries using a sub-meter accuracy GPS unit; approximate number of burrows; and representative photographs of burrows and scat. Surveyors will describe habitat characteristics at each location and note any noticeable land use or habitat changes that may have occurred since detection.

After each survey, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report the results to ODFW and ODOE and will include maps of the areas surveyed and detection locations. WAGS surveys will not be conducted if there are barriers to WAGS dispersal (i.e., active agriculture fields, highways, perennial waterbodies) or no suitable habitat.

4.0 Wildlife Reporting and Handling System

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will document fatalities found during routine maintenance activities and any other incidentally detected fatalities. However, systematic post-construction fatality monitoring studies are not likely to produce significant findings or provide meaningful data on impacts based on the attributes of this Facility (especially relative to the costs that they incur to implement) as described below, and therefore no systematic post-construction fatality monitoring study is proposed for the Facility nor is one needed to meet the standards under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-022-0060. In a December 2023 meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and ODOE, ODFW stated they are not requesting a post-construction fatality monitoring study for the Facility. If evidence of significant fatality events is detected by operations and maintenance (O&M) staff, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will coordinate with

ODOE and ODFW regarding the need for systematic post-construction fatality monitoring and adaptive management.

Although mortality at the Facility due to collision with infrastructure is possible, as it is with most human development (e.g., buildings), the available literature on avian mortality at utility-scale photovoltaic solar energy sites suggests that mortality at these facilities is comparatively low (Walston et al. 2016, Loss et al. 2014, Kosciuch et al. 2020, Smith et al. 2021). In Oregon, results of a fatality study at a 56-MW photovoltaic facility near Prineville detected only three bird fatalities, only two of which were native birds (i.e., a horned lark [*Eremophila alpestris*] and a dark-eyed junco [*Junco hyemalis*]), during 1 year of standardized searches (ODOE 2020). These results suggest that large fatality events are unlikely at photovoltaic solar facilities in the region but that low numbers of fatalities of common ground-dwelling bird species could be detected at the Facility (ODOE 2020), and may be similar to background mortality levels. Post-construction fatality monitoring studies conducted at utility-scale photovoltaic solar facilities to date have reported lower fatality rates compared to other human development types, with fatalities in general primarily composed of resident ground-nesting birds.

In contrast to wind energy development, impacts to wildlife from photovoltaic solar development are primarily associated with habitat loss rather than direct mortality from collisions. The Facility is located almost entirely on wheat fields, and impacts to wildlife habitat will be minimal, restricted primarily to small tracts of disturbed grasslands. This habitat will be mitigated in accordance with ODFW's Habitat Mitigation Policy (OAR 635-415-0025), as described in the Facility's Exhibit P and Habitat Mitigation Plan (Attachment P-2 to Exhibit P; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will adhere to standard best management practices including following Avian Powerline Interaction Committee guidelines for minimizing avian collisions and electrocutions (APLIC 2006, 2012), primarily burying the medium voltage collector line system, and implementing down-shield lighting for permanent lighting at the substations and O&M buildings, and identifying a licensed local wildlife rehabilitator capable of responding to the Facility in the event of injured wildlife. Based on coordination with ODFW, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will additionally install flight diverters on the overhead collector line that crosses Sand Hollow. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will use wildlife-friendly fencing that does not include a top strand. Thus, the Facility has already minimized the risk of avian collision fatalities, based on known risk factors such as lighting (Gehring et al. 2009; Kerlinger et al. 2010; USFWS 2012, 2013).

Additionally, post-construction fatality monitoring is not necessary for the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder to meet the standards under OAR 345-022-0060 (i.e., that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are consistent with the general fish and wildlife habitat mitigation goals and standards of OAR 635-415-0025, ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy) because the mitigation goals and standards relate to fish and wildlife habitat quality and quantity rather than fatalities of fish and wildlife individuals. OAR 635-415-0025 goals and standards for impacts to Category 2, 3, 4, and 5 habitat (i.e., the habitat categories addressed in the Facility's Habitat Mitigation Plan) include avoidance and, where impacts are unavoidable, mitigation to achieve the goal of no net loss of either habitat quantity or quality (Category 2, 3 and 4 habitat) and/or a net benefit in habitat quantity or quality (Category 2 and 5

habitat). Fatality monitoring, in itself, does not improve or maintain habitat quantity or quality, nor would the results of monitoring affect the habitat mitigation ratios or the size of the mitigation need described in the Facility's Habitat Mitigation Plan attached to Exhibit P and Attachment 6 for RFA 1. Therefore, a systematic post-construction fatality monitoring study is not necessary for the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) to determine that the Facility is consistent with OAR 635-415-0025

Although standardized fatality searches will not be implemented, all incidentally detected fatalities will be reported in the WRHS. The WRHS is a program for O&M staff to report wildlife (including bird and bat) casualties found during operation of the Facility. O&M staff will be trained in the methods needed to carry out this program. This monitoring program includes the initial response, handling, and reporting of bird and bat carcasses discovered incidental to maintenance operations ("incidental finds"). Approximately 10 permanent O&M staff are anticipated to be on-site for Facility operations and be responsible for WRHS program implementation. If a battery energy storage system is installed, additional workers will be on-site, but they will likely be contract employees and will not be included in WRHS program implementation. As part of routine O&M activities, O&M staff will visit each inverter pad approximately every 6 months to visually inspect equipment. If evidence of significant fatality events is detected by O&M staff, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will coordinate with ODOE and ODFW regarding the need for systematic post-construction fatality monitoring.

All carcasses discovered by O&M staff will be photographed and recorded. If O&M staff find a carcass at the Facility, they will notify qualified personnel who will identify the carcass. If the qualified personnel determines that a carcass is a state or federally threatened or endangered or otherwise protected species, agency reporting procedures and timelines specified in Section 5.0 shall be followed. Information recorded for each carcass and reported to ODFW and ODOE will include the location, date of discovery, species if known, as well as any evidence that might assist in determination of cause of death, such as evidence of electrocution, vehicular strike, wire strike, predation, or disease. Based on coordination with ODFW, feather spots[3] will be documented if found as well, consistent with industry standards; however, feather spots will not necessarily be attributed to a Facility-caused fatality (personal communication with J. Thompson, ODFW, December 13, 2023). Fatalities documented by O&M staff will be reported to ODOE and ODFW annually, as described in Section 5.0.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will develop and implement a protocol for handling injured birds. Any injured native birds found at the Facility may be carefully captured by trained qualified personnel and transported to a qualified rehabilitation specialist approved by ODOE. Alternatively, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may contact a qualified rehabilitation specialist approved by ODOE to respond to injured wildlife. Blue Mountain Wildlife (https://bluemountainwildlife.org/, 541.278.0215), located in Pendleton, Oregon, has confirmed the ability to respond to injured native wildlife, especially migratory birds, at the Facility (Lynn Tompkins, personal communication, April 11, 2023). The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will pay costs,

[3] Feather spots are defined as at least 5 tail feathers, or 2 primary feathers, or a total of at least 10 feathers with no attached bone or tissue, within 5 meters of each other (CEC and CDFG 2007).

if any, charged for time and expenses related to care and rehabilitation of injured native birds found on the site, unless the cause of injury is clearly demonstrated to be unrelated to Facility operations.

5.0 Data Reporting

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report wildlife monitoring methods, data, and data analysis to ODOE for each calendar year in which wildlife monitoring occurs. Monitoring data include raptor nest survey data, WAGS monitoring data (if applicable), and WRHS data. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may include the reporting of wildlife monitoring data and analysis in the annual report required under OAR 345-026-0080 or submit this information as a separate document at the same time the annual report is submitted. In addition, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide to ODOE data or records generated in carrying out this WMP upon request by ODOE.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and ODFW if any federal or state endangered or threatened species are killed or injured at the Facility within 24 hours of species identification.

6.0 Plan Amendment

This WMP may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and EFSC. Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this WMP. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.

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Attachment K: Draft Inadvertent Discovery Plan

Inadvertent Discovery Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 3

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Pine Gate Renewables (PGR) proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 3 (Facility), a solar energy generation facility with related or supporting facilities including an energy storage system on private lands in Morrow County, Oregon. PGR seeks a Site Certificate through the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) for the Facility. The Facility will include an up to ~~1,~~200-megawatt (MW) solar project, battery energy storage system, and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1). The ~~proposed~~ approved solar facility siting area (Facility site boundary) ~~will include approximately 10,960 acres of~~is located on privately owned agricultural land with areas of sage brush near the drainages and along Sand Hollow Canyon.

To meet the requirements for site certification, PGR must develop an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) for monitoring construction activities and responding to the discovery of archaeological resources or buried human remains.

2.0 CULTURAL RESOURCES IN THE PROJECT AREA

The entirety of the Facility site boundary and a 2-mile viewshed was surveyed for cultural resources, including pedestrian surveys along with subsurface shovel probing within the Facility site boundary. A ~~total of seven~~single archaeological site~~s, one archaeological site with standing structures, and three isolated finds were~~ was identified in the Facility site boundary. ~~All have~~It has been recommended as not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). In addition, ~~two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs), Sand Hollow Battleground and Sisupa,~~ one historic site is ~~are~~ identified in ~~the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) archaeological database as overlapping a portion of~~ the Facility site boundary. The ~~HPRCSITs are~~historic site is eligible for listing on the NRHP.

~~Due to the presence of two culturally important resource areas to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) within the Facility site boundary and its viewshed, the CTUIR has recommended monitoring to protect potential HPRCSIT-associated subsurface resources. The CTUIR has recommended that monitoring occur in the following areas:~~

~~Within the HPRSCIT boundaries and a 100-foot surrounding buffer area, monitoring should occur for all ground disturbing activities, except driving posts for the solar modules; and~~

~~Monitoring should occur within the Facility site boundary for all excavation work related to the proposed 3-foot-deep collector cable system.~~

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

Prior to construction, PGR will develop a Monitoring Plan that incorporates this IDP and includes necessary staff, agency, and tribal contact information once determined. This plan should include monitoring protocols and staffing roles and incorporate input from the CTUIR.

3.0 PROCEDURES FOR THE DISCOVERY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

If any staff, contractors, or subcontractors, including archaeological and/or tribal monitors, believe that they have encountered cultural or archaeological remains of any kind, all work at and adjacent to the discovery shall immediately cease. The area of work stoppage will be adequate to provide for the security, protection, and integrity of the archaeological discovery. A cultural resource discovery may be pre-contact period or historic period in age and consist of (but not limited to):

- Areas of charcoal or charcoal-stained soil and stones;
- Stone tools or waste flakes (i.e., an arrowhead or stone chips);
- Bone, burned rock, or shell, whether or not seen in association with stone tools or chips;
- Clusters of tin cans, ceramics, flat glass, or bottles; and
- Concentrations of brick, railway tracks, or logging or agricultural equipment.

In the event unrecorded archaeological resources are identified during the construction or operation of the Sunstone Solar Project 3, work within 100 feet of the find shall be halted and directed away from the discovery until a Qualified Archaeologist[2] assesses the resource and its significance for inclusion on the NRHP. This assessment will include coordination with the CTUIR. (A wider avoidance area will be required for human remains; see below.) The archaeologist, in coordination with ODOE, the SHPO, Facility personnel, CTUIR, and the landowner, shall make the necessary plans for treatment of the finds and for the evaluation and mitigation of impacts if the finds are found to be eligible for listing on the NRHP.

A Qualified Archaeologist will determine if the resources are archaeological and greater than 50 years old. If the archaeologist believes that the discovery is a cultural resource, he or she in coordination with the PGR Construction Manager will establish a 100-foot avoidance buffer to protect the discovery site where construction activities will be suspended until treatment of the discovery can be determined. Vehicles, equipment, and unauthorized personnel will not be permitted to traverse the discovery site or avoidance area. Any newly discovered archaeological resource will be considered eligible to the NRHP until determined otherwise. Work in the immediate area will not resume until treatment of the discovery has been completed.

If archaeological artifacts are observed during construction, the Qualified Archaeologist will ensure proper documentation and assessment of any discovered cultural resources. All precontact and

[2] *Qualified Archaeologist* - means a person with qualifications meeting the federal secretary of the interior's standards for a Professional Archaeologist . An individual who has: (A) A post-graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, history, classics or other germane discipline with a specialization in archaeology, or a documented equivalency of such a degree; (B) Twelve weeks of supervised experience in basic archaeological field research, including both survey and excavation and four weeks of laboratory analysis or curating; and (C) Has designed and executed an archaeological study, as evidenced by a Master of Arts or Master of Science thesis, or report equivalent in scope and quality, dealing with archaeological field research.

historic cultural material discovered during project construction will be recorded by the archaeologist in SHPO's online archaeological site form database. Site overviews, features, and artifacts will be photographed; stratigraphic profiles and soil/sediment descriptions will be prepared for subsurface exposure. Discovery locations will be documented on scaled site plans and site location maps.

If the Qualified Archaeologist in consultation with the SHPO and CTUIR determines that the discovery is an NRHP-eligible cultural resource, they will consult to determine appropriate treatment to be presented and agreed upon in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or other appropriate documentation. Mitigation measures will be developed in consultation with PGR, ODOE, SHPO, CTUIR, and the landowner, and could include avoidance through redesign, conducting data recovery, and/or relocating materials. Treatment measures performed may include protecting in place or data recovery such as mapping, photography, limited probing, and sample collection, or other activity deemed appropriate through an MOA or other appropriate documentation.

If human remains are inadvertently discovered, ODOE, SHPO, the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS), and CTUIR will decide when construction may continue at the discovery location. Where cultural resources are encountered during construction, but additional project effects to the resources are not anticipated, Facility construction may continue while documentation and assessment of the cultural resources proceed. If continued construction is likely to cause additional impacts to such resources, Facility activities within a radius of 100 feet of the discovery will cease until the Qualified Archaeologist has documented the site, evaluated its significance in consultation with CTUIR, and assessed potential effects to the site.

Discovery Procedures: What to do if you find something

1) **Immediately Discontinue All Ground Disturbing Activity. Do Not Touch Or Move The Objects, and Maintain Confidentiality of the Site. Do Not Take Photos.** Removing bone fragments, artifacts, and other items from any archaeological site, without proper authorization, is against the law. Violators could be charged in state or federal court resulting in a fine or imprisonment.
2) Do not draw any attention to the area with obvious flagging or markers. Maintain confidentiality concerning the discovery of the cultural resource, and do not discuss with anyone other than the contact people listed above. Secure and protect area of inadvertent discovery with 100 foot buffer—work may continue outside of this buffer.
3) Notify PGR Project Manager and ODOE (see Attachment A).
4) Construction Manager will need to contact a Qualified Archaeologist to assess the find.
5) If archaeologist determines the find is an archaeological site or object, contact SHPO. If it is determined to *not* be archaeological, you may continue work.

4.0 PROCEDURES FOR THE DISCOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS

If human remains and/or associated grave goods are inadvertently encountered during Project activities, the Oregon State legislature protocol for inadvertent discovery of human remains will be

followed (Oregon State Legislature 2025~~3~~). All activity that may cause further disturbance to the remains shall cease and the area secured and protected from further disturbance. A 200-foot avoidance buffer will be utilized for human remains and associated grave goods until appropriate treatment is completed. The presence of skeletal remains will be immediately reported to the County Medical Examiner, Oregon State Police, SHPO, and LCIS. The remains will not be touched, moved, or further disturbed. The County Medical Examiner or LCIS State Physical Anthropologist will assume jurisdiction over the human skeletal remains and determine whether those remains are forensic or non-forensic. If the remains are non-forensic, then they will report that finding to SHPO and the State Physical Anthropologist with the LCIS, who will then take jurisdiction over the remains and will notify CTUIR.

Although excavation work in the immediate area of a human remains find will not resume until assessment has been completed, excavation work may continue in other parts of the Facility that have been surveyed for cultural resources. Due to the sensitive nature of such a find, human remains should never be left unattended. No work will resume in the area of a human remains discovery until written authorization has been received from the LCIS and SHPO.

Discovery Procedures: What to do if you find something

1) **Immediately Discontinue All Ground Disturbing Activity. Do Not Touch Or Move The Objects, and Maintain Confidentiality of the Site. Do Not Take Photos.** Removing bone fragments, artifacts, and other items from any archaeological site, without proper authorization, is against the law. Violators could be charged in state or federal court resulting in a fine or imprisonment.
2) Do not draw any attention to the area with obvious flagging or markers. Maintain confidentiality concerning the inadvertent discovery, and do not discuss with anyone other than the contact people listed above. Secure and protect area of inadvertent discovery with 60-meter/200-foot buffer, then work may continue outside of this buffer with caution.
3) Cover remains from view and protect them from damage or exposure, restrict access, and leave in place until directed otherwise. Do not take photographs. Do not speak to the media.
4) Notify (refer to Attachment A for contact information):
    - PGR Project Manager
    - ODOE
    - Oregon State Police **DO NOT CALL 911**
    - SHPO
    - LCIS State Physical Anthropologist
    - CTUIR and other appropriate Native American Tribes determined by LCIS

5) If the site is determined not to be a crime scene by the Oregon State Police, do not move anything! The remains will continue to be secured in place along with any associated funerary objects, and protected from weather, water runoff, and shielded from view.

6) Do not resume any work in the buffered area until a plan is developed and carried out between ODOE, SHPO, LCIS, and appropriate Native American Tribes and you are directed that work may proceed.

5.0 CONFIDENTIALITY

The Facility and employees shall make their best efforts, in accordance with federal and state law, to ensure that its personnel and contractors keep the discovery confidential. The media, or any third-party member or members of the public are not to be contacted or have information regarding the discovery, and any public or media inquiry is to be reported to ODOE. Prior to any release, the responsible agencies and Tribes shall concur on the amount of information, if any, to be released to the public.

To protect fragile, vulnerable, or threatened sites, the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (Section 304 [16 U.S.C. 470s-3]), and Oregon State law (Oregon Revised Statute 192.501(11)) establishes that the location of archaeological sites, both on land and underwater, shall be confidential.

6.0 REFERENCES

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ATTACHMENT A: CONTACTS

1. Pine Gate Renewables

Project Manager	To be determined prior to construction

2. Cultural Resource Contacts

Qualified Archaeologist	Lara Rooke, Tetra Tech (425) 217 7625 (Cell)
Oregon SHPO State Archaeologist	John Pouley (503) 480-9164
State Physical Anthropologist, LCIS	Dr. Elissa Bullion (971) 707-1372 or (503) 986-1067

3. Agency Contacts

ODOE	Christopher Clark (503) 871-7254
Oregon State Police	Craig Heuberger (503) 731-0079 or (503) 731-3030 (dispatch)
Morrow County Medical Examiner	(541) 676-5421

4. Tribal Contacts

CTUIR	Teara Farrow Ferman (Human Remains) (541) 429-7230 or (541) 377-2959 (cell) Ashley Morton (Archaeological Resources) (541) 429-7214

Attachment L: Draft Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 3

Draft Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 3

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APLIC	Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~	Sunstone Solar 3, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC
BMP	best management practice
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
Facility	Sunstone Solar Project 3
Li-ion	lithium-ion
MW	megawatt
O&M	operations and maintenance
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
Plan	Wildfire Mitigation Plan
RACE	Rescue, Alarm, Contain, Extinguish
RFA	Request for Amendment
SCADA	supervisory, control, and data acquisition
UL	Underwriters Laboratories

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 3, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct the approved Sunstone Solar Project 3 (Facility), a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate~~with~~ up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal electric generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. ~~In addition to solar arrays, the proposed Facility would include up to 17.2 gigawatt hours of distributed battery storage capacity, an interconnection substation, up to seven collector substations, an operations and maintenance building, and other structures including roads, perimeter fencing, and gates. The Facility is proposed to be sited within an approximately 10,960-acre (17 square mile) site boundary in Morrow County. All land within the proposed site boundary is privately owned and zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.~~ The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan) is attached to Exhibit V – Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation[2] and updated for Request for Amendment (RFA) 1 (see Attachment 6) which~~that~~ was prepared to meet the submittal requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-021-0010(1)(v), including providing evidence that the Facility complies with the approval standard in OAR 345-022-0115.

2.0 Wildfire Risk Minimization Procedures

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source;*

In addition to the measures described in this plan, the risk of a wildfire affecting the public safety, first responders, or Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council–protected resources would be minimized by the procedures listed in Table 1.

The Certificate H~~h~~older will contact local fire districts, as well as local emergency management agencies to request and incorporate any input into final Construction WMP, as appropriate, about

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit V, May 16, 2024.

the location and types of temporary fire breaks needed in the event of a fire on or off site. The final WMP shall designate:

- Estimated response times for on-site staff and local emergency service providers (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Protocols for staff or emergency providers to erect or create fire breaks in the event of a fire (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Identify and provide maps of:
  - Primary access points and facility components.
  - Important safety features or hazards such as shut-offs and hazardous material storage areas.
  - Priority areas where fire breaks would be prioritized to protect fires spreading off site or impacting the facility site.

During construction, the C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older or its contractor will work directly with local emergency responders, if available, to compile and maintain a current list of adjacent landowners/property owners with contact information. The final Wildfire Mitigation Plan will identify the best notification procedures of adjacent landowners/property owners to provide to local and regional emergency services for emergency notifications, in the event of an ignition or fire at the facility.

Table 1: Procedures to Minimize Wildfire Risk

Topic	Procedures
Public health and safety	The public will be excluded from the solar array, substation, and battery energy storage system facilities by fencing. Ground-mounted inverters and junction boxes will be surrounded by bollards to minimize inadvertent vehicle/farm equipment collisions with electrical equipment.
First Responders	The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will offer annual training to local first responders. Training will cover the firefighting responses to electrical fires. Response to fires in the facility should focus on controlling spread to adjacent lands. Operational staff will be trained in the use of fire extinguishers for responding to incipient stage fires on site.
Resource Protection	Resources covered by Energy Facility Siting Council standards near the site boundary include agricultural land, shrub steppe habitat, and cultural resources. The existing county roads will form a fire break between fields that will discourage the spread of wildfire between fields into wildlife habitat or cultural resources. ~~According to Exhibit S, within the analysis area there are four cultural resources that are listed or likely eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The four cultural resources include two historic sites, ES-KB-03 and ES-KB-07, and two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes, Sand Hollow Battle Ground and Sisupa. ES-KB-03 is a Dutch barn that was constructed in the late 19th to early 20th century.~~

3.0 Wildfire Risk Assessment

This Plan has been prepared to meet the approval standard under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b), which requires:

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;*

Prior to construction of the facility provide a summary update of wildfire risk at the site as designated under OAR 345-022-0115, if significantly different from Final Order on ASC and the Request for Amendment 1.

4.0 Inspection and Management

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;*

4.1 Vegetation Management

The Certificate Holder and contractor(s) will maintain vegetation within the Site Boundary and will also maintain a defensible space clearance along Facility features. Defensible space will be free of combustible vegetation or other materials. Roads and parking areas will be maintained to be free of vegetation tall enough to contact the undercarriage of the vehicle.

The following best management practices to minimize fire risk from vehicle travel and fueling activities would be implemented at the site during construction:

- The movement of vehicles will be planned and managed to minimize fire risk.
- The contractor(s) will be responsible for identifying and marking paths for all off-road vehicle travel. All off-road vehicle travel will be required to stay on the identified paths. No off-road vehicle travel will be permitted while working alone. Travel off road or parking in vegetated areas will be restricted during fire season.
- Areas with grass that are as tall or taller than the exhaust system of a vehicle must be wetted before vehicles travel through it.
- Workers will be instructed to shut off the engine of any vehicle that gets stuck, and periodically inspect the area adjacent to the exhaust system for evidence of ignition of vegetation. Stuck vehicles will be pulled out rather than "rocked" free and the area will be inspected again after the vehicle has been moved.
- All combustion engines (including but not limited to off road vehicles, chainsaws, and generators) will be equipped with a spark arrester that meets U.S. Forest Service Standard 5100-1.

- The contractor(s) will designate a location for field fueling operations at the temporary construction yards. Any fueling of generators, pumps, etc. shall take place at this location only.
- Fuel containers, if used, shall remain in a vehicle or equipment trailer, parked at a designated location alongside a county right-of-way. No fuel containers shall be in the vehicles that exit the right-of-way except the five-gallon container that is required for the water truck pump.
- Smoking shall only be allowed in designated smoking areas at the Facility.

5.0 Preventative and Minimization Actions for Wildfire Risk

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;

5.1 Preventative Actions

Unless already paved, access roads will be graveled. Facility roads will be sufficiently sized for emergency vehicle access in accordance with 2019 Oregon Fire Code requirements, including Section 503 and Appendix D - Fire Apparatus Access Roads[3]. Specifically, roads will primarily be 10 feet wide in the solar array area with roads up to 20 feet wide near the substation, with an internal turning radius of 28 feet and less than 10 percent grade, or a similar profile depending on siting, to provide access to emergency vehicles. The areas immediately around the O&M buildings, substations, and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present. See Exhibit U[4] for additional discussion of Project fire prevention measures and coordination with local emergency responders.

5.2 Preventative Programs

The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will implement the following programs to minimize fire risk during construction of the Facility, as applicable.

5.2.1 Occupational Safety and Health Act–Compliant Fire Prevention Plan

To assure safe and healthful working conditions under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, all workers, contracting employees, and other personnel performing official duties at the Facility will conduct work under a Fire Prevention Plan that meets applicable portions of 29 CFR 1910.39, 29 CFR 1910.155, and 29 CFR 1910, subpart L. The plan will ensure that:

- Workers are trained in fire prevention, good housekeeping, and use of a fire extinguisher.

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit D, May 16, 2024.
[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit U, May 16, 2024.

- Necessary equipment is available to fight incipient stage fires. Fire beyond incipient stage shall be managed using local fire response organizations.
- Provide necessary safety equipment for handling and storing combustible and flammable material.
- Ensure equipment is maintained to prevent and control sources of ignition.
- Do not allow smoking or open flames in an area where combustible materials are located.
- Implement a Hot Work Procedure program.

5.2.2 Fire Weather Monitoring and Hot Work

Burn probability, expected flame length, and overall risk may increase during periods of the fire season. Personnel on site will monitor Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings. A fire weather watch indicates the potential for weather conducive to large fore spread in the next 12 to 72 hours. A Red Flag Warning is issued when current weather conditions are conducive to large fire growth in the next 24 hours. Personnel monitoring these conditions shall halt work in high risk locations, designated in this plan, and employ additional mitigation measures designated in this plan. Mitigation measures during a Red Flag Warning include, but are not limited to, communicating to on-site staff of the Red Flag Warning, communicating with local fire protection agency personnel of on-going conditions, driving or parking on roads to avoid sparking a fire in grass or brush, and halting construction activities that may increase fire risk such as hot work. All hot work (any cutting, welding, or other activity that creates spark or open flame) must be conducted on roads or on non-combustible surfaces, and fire suppression equipment will be immediately available during hot work activities. Following the completion of hot work, the Certificate Holder or contractor(s) must maintain a fire watch for 60 minutes to monitor for potential ignition.

5.2.3 Emergency Management Plan

The EMP will be prepared prior to construction by the Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ and construction contractor and will contain policies and procedures for preparing for and responding to a range of potential emergencies, including fires. Implementation of the EMP will ensure risks to public health and safety and risks to emergency responders are minimized. Any potential fires inside the solar array will be controlled by trained staff who will be able to access the Facility around the clock. These measures will help keep external fires out or internal fires in. The EMP will cover response procedures that consider the dry nature of the region and address risks on a seasonal basis. The plan will also specify communication channels the Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ intends to pursue with local fire protection agency personnel, for example, a construction kickoff meeting to discuss emergency planning, and invitations to observe any emergency drill conducted at the Facility.

In addition to the emergency responses to be stipulated in the EMP, personnel will be trained on the RACE (Rescue, Alarm,~~,~~ Contain, Extinguish) procedure to implement in the event of a fire start. The RACE procedure includes:

- **Rescue** anyone in danger (if safe to do so);
- **Alarm** – call the control room, who will then determine if 911 should be alerted;
- **Contain** the fire (if safe to do so); and
- **Extinguish** the incipient fire stage (if safe to do so).

Vehicles on-site will carry fire suppression equipment during the fire season. This equipment shall include, at a minimum:

- Fire Extinguisher: Dry chemical, 2.5 or 2.8 pound, 1A-10B: C U/L rating, properly mounted or secured;
- Shovel;
- Collapsible Pail or Backpack Pump: 5-gallon capacity; and
- Drip Can.

Another safety mitigation measure is to have available on site during construction is a water truck, water buffalo, or tank with minimum 500 gallon capacity.

Personnel will receive training on use of suppression equipment. All personnel shall also be equipped with communication equipment capable of reaching the control room from all locations within the site boundary.

6.0 Plan Updates and Modifications

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.

The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will track the industry groups and applicable design standards outlined in Table 2 to identify future technologies or best practices that could be implemented at the Facility.

Table 2: Resources for Future Best Practices

Reference	Description	Method
American Clean Power (ACP)	Industry group that establishes best practices for renewable energy projects	The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ is a member of ACP and participates in best practice development[1].

Reference	Description	Method
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)	National Energy Reliability Corporation develops electrical standards for large energy facilities.	The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will follow NERC Standard FAC-003-0 for its vegetation management program of transmission lines[2], or updates to this standard as approved by NERC.
Oregon Specialty Building Codes (OSBC)	Building codes applicable to inhabitable spaces, including the O&M building and the substation enclosure.	Remodeling to the O&M and enclosure structure that requires permits will follow any updates to the OSBC at that time.
APLIC	Avian protection methods for electrical facility reduce fires related to bird/mammal nests on electrical equipment	The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ is a member of APLIC[3]. An operational wildlife monitoring program will inspect for wildlife nesting on facilities that could cause fire, and take actions following applicable laws (e.g., Migratory Bird Treaty Act).

1. Link to ACP Standards & Practices: https://cleanpower.org/resources/types/standards-and-practices/.
2. NERC FAC-003-0: https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Reliability%20Standards/FAC-003-0.pdf.
3. Link to APLIC member organization: https://www.aplic.org/member_websites.php.

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Attachment M: Draft Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 3

Draft Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APLIC	Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~	Sunstone Solar 3, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC
BMP	best management practice
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
Facility	Sunstone Solar Project 3
Li-ion	lithium-ion
MW	megawatt
O&M	operations and maintenance
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
Plan	Wildfire Mitigation Plan
RACE	Rescue, Alarm, Contain, Extinguish
RFA	Request for Amendment
SCADA	supervisory, control, and data acquisition
UL	Underwriters Laboratories

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 3, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct the approved Sunstone Solar Project 3 (Facility), a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate~~with~~ up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal electric generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. ~~In addition to solar arrays, the proposed Facility would include up to 7.2 gigawatt hours of distributed battery storage capacity, an interconnection substation, up to seven collector substations, an operations and maintenance building, and other structures including roads, perimeter fencing, and gates. The Facility is proposed to be sited within an approximately 10,960-acre (17 square mile) site boundary in Morrow County. All land within the proposed site boundary is privately owned and zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.~~ The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan) wa~~i~~s attached to Exhibit V – Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation[2] and updated for Request for Amendment (RFA) 1 (see Attachment 6) which~~that~~ was prepared to meet the submittal requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-021-0010(1)(v), including providing evidence that the Facility complies with the approval standard in OAR 345-022-0115.

2.0 Wildfire Risk Minimization Procedures

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source;*

In addition to the measures described above, the risk of a wildfire affecting the public safety, first responders, or Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council–protected resources would be minimized by the procedures listed in Table 1.

The Certificate H~~h~~older will contact local fire districts, as well as local emergency management agencies to request and incorporate any input into final WMP, as appropriate, about the location

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit V, May 16, 2024.

and types of temporary fire breaks needed in the event of a fire on or off site. The final WMP shall designate:

- Estimated response times for on-site staff and local emergency service providers, (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Protocols for staff or emergency providers to erect or create fire breaks in the event of a fire, (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Identify and provide maps of:
    - Primary access points and facility components.
    - Important safety features or hazards such as shut-offs, battery components, and hazardous material storage areas.
    - Priority areas where fire breaks would be prioritized to protect fires spreading off site or impacting the facility site.

During operation, the C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older or its contractor will work directly with local emergency responders, if available, to compile and maintain a current list of adjacent landowners/property owners with contact information. The final Wildfire Mitigation Plan will identify the best notification procedures of adjacent landowners/property owners to provide to local and regional emergency services for emergency notifications, in the event of an ignition or fire at the facility.

Table 1: Procedures to Minimize Wildfire Risk

Topic	Procedures
Public health and safety	The public will be excluded from the solar array, substation, and battery energy storage system facilities by fencing. Ground-mounted inverters and junction boxes will be surrounded by bollards to minimize inadvertent vehicle/farm equipment collisions with electrical equipment.
First Responders	The C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older will offer annual training to local first responders. Training will cover the firefighting responses to electrical fires and how to safely respond to fires involving BESS components. Response to fires in the facility should focus on controlling spread to adjacent lands. Operational staff will be trained in the use of fire extinguishers for responding to incipient stage fires on site.
Resource Protection	Resources covered by Energy Facility Siting Council standards near the site boundary include agricultural land, shrub steppe habitat, and cultural resources. The existing county roads will form a fire break between fields that will discourage the spread of wildfire between fields into wildlife habitat or cultural resources. ~~According to Exhibit S, within the analysis area there are four cultural resources that are listed or likely eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The four cultural resources include two historic sites, ES-KB-03 and ES-KB-07, and two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes, Sand Hollow Battle Ground and Sisupa. ES-KB-03 is a Dutch barn that was constructed in the late 19th to early 20th century.~~

3.0 Wildfire Risk Assessment Update

This Plan has been prepared to meet the approval standard under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b), which requires:

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;

Prior to operation of the facility provide a summary update of wildfire risk at the site as designated under OAR 345-022-0115.

4.0 Inspection and Management

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;

4.1 Facility Inspections

Facility components will be inspected quarterly. The supervisory, control, and data acquisition (SCADA) system collects operating and performance data from the Facility as a whole and allows remote operation. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will monitor the Facility components, such as the substation and solar arrays, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including shutdown capabilities. These operational monitoring and maintenance measures are also discussed in Section 4.0.

The battery energy storage system may consist of either zinc-based batteries or lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries and will be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules. The modules will be stored on a concrete pad to capture any leaks that may occur. Operations and maintenance (O&M) employees will conduct inspections of the battery energy storage systems according to the manufacturer's recommendations, which are assumed to be monthly inspections.

The zinc-based batteries under consideration for this Facility are non-flammable and tolerate wide temperature ranges. As a result, the manufacturer affirms that they are not anticipated to present a fire hazard and do not require on-site fire suppression systems. Section 2.7.1 of Exhibit B summarizes the information pertinent to fire prevention and control for a Li-ion battery energy storage system, if selected.

Table 2 below provides draft operational inspections for electrical facility components from similar types of facilities. As part of finalizing the final operational WMP, the Certificate Holder~~applicant~~ may update this table as applicable to facility equipment, standards, and inspections.

Table 2: Draft Operational Inspections for Electrical Components

Inspection	Procedure	Standard	Time frame
Solar Inverter	Visual inspection of inverter and surrounding area.	SPCC Plan[1] Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations	Monthly SPCC Bi-annual Preventative Maintenance

Inspection	Procedure	Standard	Time frame
Substation	Visual inspection of MPT, Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC) measures, and surrounding area.	Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations APLIC[2]	Monthly Yearly (APLIC)
BESS	Visual inspection of BESS, PCS, and surrounding areas	SPCC Plan Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations	Monthly
Overhead electrical lines	Visual inspection of components, grounding, APLIC measures, vertical clearance distance between conductor and vegetation.	National Energy reliability Corporation (NERC)[3] APLIC	Bi-annual

1. The Operational Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan for the facility will require these components to be inspected monthly for spills. During these inspections, Operational Staff will also visually inspect the component and surrounding area.
2. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will develop an inspection checklist and program of electrical equipment based on manufacturer's recommendations for individual components.
3. Vegetation maintenance standard FAC-003-0 .

4.2 Vegetation Management

Vegetation within areas temporarily disturbed during construction of the Facility, as well as revegetation of areas within the solar array fence line area, will be revegetated as outlined in the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4[3]; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). As noted in the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, areas within the solar array fence line area will be revegetated with a mixture of low-growing grasses and forbs which would be compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). In addition, vegetation within the solar array fence line area will be managed as needed to reduce fuels for fire. This would include mowing vegetation under solar panels periodically, if required. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will also maintain a 5-foot noncombustible, defensible space clearance along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary. Defensible space will be free of combustible vegetation or other materials. Roads and parking areas will be maintained to be free of vegetation tall enough to contact the undercarriage of the vehicle.

A physical vegetation survey assessment of the fenced area will be completed at least twice a year to monitor for vegetation clearances, maintain fire breaks, as applicable, and monitor for wildfire hazards. One of the vegetation survey assessments will occur in May or June, prior to the start of the dry season, a time when wildfire risk begins to become heightened. The survey will be conducted by the Site Operations Manager and will be used to assess the frequency of any upcoming vegetation maintenance required and identify areas that may need additional attention. The Site

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

Operations Manager will visually assess and document vegetation height, abundance, and areas where vegetation should not be present such as crushed rock bed around collector substations. The vegetation survey assessment will determine that clearances and fire breaks (vegetative clearance areas and areas determined to remain clear to act as permanent fire breaks or areas where temporary fire breaks may be deployed in the event of a fire) are satisfactory, and if not, the mitigation procedures will be implemented (e.g., vegetation management) to ensure clearances and fire breaks are satisfactory The vegetation survey will document::

- Location of observations
- Species
- Estimated growth rate
- Abundance
- Clearance / Setbacks
- Risk of fire hazard

Additional vegetation surveys may be required throughout the season based on seasonally heightened fire risk. Vegetation Maintenance procedures and BMPs will be followed during operation of the Facility to ensure that vegetation does not grow in a manner that blocks or reduces solar radiation reaching the solar panels and reduce the risk of starting a fire. Vegetation control will employ best management practices (BMPs) and techniques that are most appropriate for the local environment. BMPs may include physical vegetation control such as mowing. Noxious weeds within the site boundary will be controlled in accordance with the Noxious Weed Control Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). Efforts will be made to minimize the use of herbicides and only herbicides approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Oregon Department of Agriculture will be used. Herbicides used for vegetation management of the site will be selected and used in a manner that fully complies with all applicable laws and regulations.

Vegetation within the fence line and below the solar arrays will be maintained to a height of 18 inches and provide a minimum of 24-inch clear distance to any exposed electrical cables. Exposed electrical wires should be running under the solar panels at the midpoint or higher than the center of the panel. The areas immediately around the O&M buildings, substations, and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present.

Ongoing vegetation management to ensure that vegetation does not grow in these graveled areas is outlined in Table 3.

Table 3. Vegetation Management Procedures by Facility Component

Vegetation Management	Procedure	Standard	Time Frame
Solar Inverter	Herbicide application on gravel pad around inverter to prevent vegetation growth.	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 80[1] National Electrical Code (NEC) 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Substation	Herbicide application on substation gravel pad. Highly compacted gravel foundations of substation are not suitable for vegetation.	IEEE 80[1] NEC 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Battery energy storage system	Herbicide application on gravel pad surrounding the battery energy storage system. Highly compacted gravel foundations of the battery energy storage system are not suitable for vegetation.	IEEE 80[1] NEC 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Overhead electrical lines	Mow vegetation to achieve clearance requirements between conductor and ground.	North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)[3]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
1. IEEE (2015) 2. NFPA (2023) 3. NERC (2009)			

5.0 Preventative and Minimization Actions for Wildfire Risk

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;

5.1 Preventative Actions and Design Features

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will minimize risk of operation of the facility causing wildfire by implementing a number of systems and procedures. During O&M activities, these will include requirements to conduct welding or metal cutting only in areas cleared of vegetation, and maintaining emergency firefighting equipment on-site. Employees will keep vehicles on roads and off dry grassland when feasible during the dry months of the year, unless such activities are required for emergency purposes, in which case fire precautions will be observed. Fire extinguishers and shovels will be kept in all vehicles. On-site employees will also receive training on fire prevention and response and have on-site fire extinguishers to respond to small fires. In the event of a large fire, emergency responders will be dispatched.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will minimize risk of Facility components causing wildfire through preventative actions. In the design of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement

the design considerations and best practices outlined in Table 4 to minimize electrical fire risk from facility components.

Table 4. Design Considerations for Fire Safety by Facility Component

Consideration	Inverter	Substation	Battery Energy Storage System	Overhead Lines
Electrical connections by qualified electricians	X	X	X	X
Inspections for mechanical integrity prior to energizations	X	X	X	X
Lighting protection	X	X	X	X
Corrosion protection	X	X	X	X
Strain relief of connecting cabling	X	X	X	X
Protection against moisture	X	X	X	X
Grounding systems	X	X	X	X
Safety setback from structures	X[1]	X[1]	X[1]	X[2]
Technology specific design standards	X[3]	X[4]	X[5]	X[3]

1. Graveled inside structure's perimeter fence with additional 3-foot gravel setback outside of structure's perimeter fence
2. Vertical and horizontal clearances from structures depends on voltage of conductor.
3. NFPA 70 (.NFPA 2023).
4. IEEE 979 (IEEE 2012).
5. NFPA 1, Chapter 52 (NFPA 2021).

During Facility operations, the areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire include the solar array areas. The solar array areas will have low-growing vegetation maintained below the solar arrays during the operational period of the Facility. Measures for reducing the risk of fire ignition and reducing the risk of equipment damage were a wildfire to occur are discussed further in Section 3.0, including the Facility's vegetation management program (see Section 3.2), and through the emergency response procedures that will be described in the Emergency Management Plan (EMP). The EMP will be developed for the Facility and is outlined below in Section 4.2.5. The collector substation area, transformer pads, and the permanent, fenced parking and storage area will have reduced risk for fire due to the fact that these areas will have a gravel base with no vegetation within a 10-foot perimeter to reduce fire risk.

The Facility components will meet National Electrical Code and Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers standards and will not pose a significant fire risk. The solar array will have shielded electrical cabling, as required by applicable code, to prevent electrical fires. In addition, the collector system and substation will have redundant surge arrestors to deactivate the Facility during unusual operational events that could start fires. The collector substation ~~and the switchyard~~ will have also sufficient spacing between equipment to prevent the spread of fire.

Unless already paved, access roads will be graveled. Facility roads will be sufficiently sized for emergency vehicle access in accordance with 2019 Oregon Fire Code requirements, including

Section 503 and Appendix D - Fire Apparatus Access Roads. Specifically, roads will primarily be 10 feet wide in the solar array area with roads up to 20 feet wide near the substation, with an internal turning radius of 28 feet and less than 10 percent grade, or a similar profile depending on siting, to provide access to emergency vehicles. A 5-foot noncombustible, defensible space clearance along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary will be maintained. The areas immediately around the O&M buildings, substations, and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present. See Exhibit U for additional discussion of Project fire prevention measures and coordination with local emergency responders. Vegetation free areas such as gravel pads or base and facility perimeter and interior roads act as a permanent fire break which could minimize the spread of fires on site or impacts from an external wildfire.

Smoke/fire detectors will be placed around the site that will be tied to the SCADA system and will contact local firefighting services. This communication system allows each solar string, battery energy storage system, and substation to be monitored by a SCADA system, accessed through both the SCADA control room in the substations or remotely. This system monitors these components for variables such as meteorological conditions, critical operating parameters, and power output. The solar array is controlled and monitored via the SCADA system~~,~~ and can be controlled remotely. SCADA software is tuned specifically to the needs of each project by the solar module manufacturer or a third-party SCADA vendor. This system will be monitored 24/7 by a remote operations center.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes to construct either a direct current–coupled distributed battery energy storage system (located throughout the solar array fence line area at the inverter and transformer sites) or alternating current–coupled battery energy storage system (concentrated in a single location within the solar array fence~~ line area~~). The system as a whole will use a series of self-contained containers located within the solar array fence line area. The containers may have their own additional fencing, to be determined prior to construction. Each container will be placed on a concrete foundation. Regardless of the battery technology selected, the containers are estimated to require up to 0.2 to 0.4 acre each with a total of 2,491~~14,946~~ containers. Each container is rated for outdoor environments and holds the batteries and a battery management system.

The Facility will use either Li-ion batteries or zinc batteries to store up to ~~1,~~200 MW alternating current of power over a 6-hour discharge duration (1~~7~~,200 megawatt-hours alternating current) (ASC Exhibit C, Figure C-2[4]).

The zinc-based batteries under consideration for this Facility are non-flammable and tolerate wide temperature ranges. As a result, the manufacturer affirms that they are not anticipated to present a fire hazard and do not require on-site fire suppression systems. Additionally, zinc batteries will have fans and a heating unit for climate control.

The following paragraphs summarize the information pertinent to fire prevention and control for a Li-ion battery energy storage system, if selected. The chemicals used in Li-ion batteries are generally nontoxic but do present a flammability hazard. Li-ion systems would also include a fire

[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit C, May 16, 2024.

prevention system and cooling units placed either on top of the containers or along the side. Li-ion batteries are susceptible to overheating and typically require cooling systems dedicated to each battery energy storage system enclosure, especially at the utility scale (Jeevarajan et al. 2022). The gas released by an overheating Li-ion cell is mainly carbon dioxide but may also include carbon monoxide, methane, ethylene, and propylene (Jeevarajan et al. 2022).

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following fire prevention and control methods to minimize fire and safety risks for the Li-ion batteries proposed for the battery energy storage system:

- The batteries will be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules.
- Ample working space will be provided around the battery energy storage system for maintenance and safety purposes.
- Off-site, 24-hour monitoring of the battery energy storage system will be implemented and will include shutdown capabilities.
- Transportation of Li-ion batteries is subject to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 173.185 – Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration. This regulation contains requirements for prevention of a dangerous evolution of heat; prevention of short circuits; prevention of damage to the terminals; and prevention of batteries coming into contact with other batteries or conductive materials. Adherence to the requirements and regulations, personnel training, safe interim storage, and segregation from other potential waste streams will minimize any public hazard related to transport, use, or disposal of batteries.
- Design of the battery energy storage system will be in accordance with applicable Underwriters Laboratories (UL; specifically, 1642, 1741, 1973, 9540A), National Electric Code, and National Fire Protection Association (specifically 855) standards, which require rigorous industry testing and certification related to fire safety and/or other regulatory requirements applicable to battery storage at the time of construction.
- Additionally, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ the following design practices, as applicable to the available technology and design at time of construction:
  - Use of Li-ion phosphate battery chemistry that does not release oxygen when it decomposes due to temperature;
  - Employment of an advanced and proven battery management system;
  - Qualification testing of battery systems in accordance with UL 9540A (UL Solutions 2025~~3~~);
  - Employment of Fike fire control panels with 24-hour battery backup at every battery container;

- Installation of fire sensors, smoke and hydrogen detectors, alarms, emergency ventilation systems, cooling systems, and aerosol fire suppression/extinguishing systems in every battery container;
- Installation of doors that are equipped with a contact that will shut down the battery container if opened;
- Installation of fire extinguishing and thermal insulation sheets between each individual battery cell;
- Implementation of locks and fencing to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel;
- Installation of remote power disconnect switches; and
- Clear and visible signs to identify remote power disconnect switches.

5.2 Preventative Programs

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following programs to minimize fire risk during operations of the Facility.

5.2.1 Occupational Safety and Health Act–Compliant Fire Prevention Plan

To assure safe and healthful working conditions under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, all workers, contracting employees, and other personnel performing official duties at the Facility will conduct work under a Fire Prevention Plan that meets applicable portions of 29 CFR 1910.39, 29 CFR 1910.155, and 29 CFR 1910, subpart L. The plan will ensure that:

- Workers are trained in fire prevention, good housekeeping, and use of a fire extinguisher.
- Necessary equipment is available to fight incipient stage fires. Fire beyond incipient stage shall be managed using local fire response organizations.
- Provide necessary safety equipment for handling and storing combustible and flammable material.
- Ensure equipment is maintained to prevent and control sources of ignition.
- Do not allow smoking or open flames in an area where combustible materials are located.
- Implement a Hot Work Procedure program.

5.2.2 Electrical Safety Program

All operational workers will be trained in electrical safety and the specific hazards of the Facility. This training will address:

- Minimum experience requirements to work on different types of electrical components;
- Electrical equipment testing and troubleshooting;
- Switching system;

- Provisions for entering high voltage areas (e.g., substation);
- Minimum approach distances; and
- Required personal protective equipment.

5.2.3 Lock Out/Tag Out Program

During maintenance activities, electrical equipment will be de-energized and physically locked or tagged in the de-energized positions to inadvertent events that could result in arc flash.

5.2.4 Fire Weather Monitoring and Hot Work

Burn probability, expected flame length, and overall risk may increase during periods of the fire season. Personnel on site will monitor Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings. A fire weather watch indicates the potential for weather conducive to large fire spread in the next 12 to 72 hours. A Red Flag Warning is issued when current weather conditions are conducive to large fire growth in the next 24 hours. Personnel monitoring these conditions shall halt work in high-risk locations, as designated in this plan, and employ additional mitigation measures designated in this plan. Mitigation measures during a Red Flag Warning include, but are not limited to, communicating to on-site staff of the Red Flag Warning, communicating with local fire protection agency personnel of on-going conditions, driving or parking on roads to avoid sparking a fire in grass or brush, and halting construction activities that may increase fire risk such as hot work. All hot work (any cutting, welding, or other activity that creates spark or open flame) must be conducted on roads or on non-combustible surfaces, and fire suppression equipment will be immediately available during hot work activities. Following the completion of hot work, the Certificate Holder or contractor(s) must maintain a fire watch for 60 minutes to monitor for potential ignition.

5.2.5 Emergency Management Plan

Emergency Management will cover response procedures that consider the dry nature of the region and address risks on a seasonal basis. The final WMP will specify communication channels the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder intends to pursue with local fire protection agency personnel, for example, annual meetings to discuss emergency planning, protocols for how to respond to electrical fires and safely respond to a fire involving BESS components, and invitations to observe any emergency drill conducted at the Facility.

At the beginning of Facility operations, a copy of the site plan indicating the arrangement of the Facility structures, access points, and fire breaks will be provided to the local fire district.

Personnel will be trained on the RACE (Rescue, Alarm~~,~~, Contain, Extinguish) procedure to implement in the event of a fire start. The RACE procedure includes:

- **Rescue** anyone in danger (if safe to do so);
- **Alarm** – call the control room, who will then determine if 911 should be alerted;

- **Contain** the fire (if safe to do so); and
- **Extinguish** the incipient fire stage (if safe to do so).

Vehicles on-site will carry fire suppression equipment during the fire season. This equipment shall include, at a minimum:

- Fire Extinguisher: Dry chemical, 2.5 or 2.8 pound, 1A-10B: C U/L rating, properly mounted or secured;
- Shovel;
- Collapsible Pail or Backpack Pump: 5-gallon capacity; and
- Drip Can.

During times of heightened wildfire risk, a water truck, water buffalo, or tank with minimum 500 gallon capacity will be stationed at the site during operations and maintenance activities.

Personnel will receive training on use of suppression equipment. All personnel shall also be equipped with communication equipment capable of reaching the control room from all locations within the amended site boundary.

6.0 Plan Updates and Modifications

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.

This Plan will be updated by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder every 5 years. Updates to this Plan will account for changes in local fire protection agency personnel and changes in best practices for minimizing and mitigating fire risk. It is recommended to consult with Morrow County, the local fire department, and the Morrow County Emergency Manager.

After each 5-year review, a copy of the updated plans will be provided to the Oregon Department of Energy with the annual compliance report required under OAR 345-026-008(2).

Every 5 years, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will review wildfire risk and update this Plan for the site boundary. Evaluation of wildfire risk will be consistent with the requirements of OAR 345-022-0115(1) using current data from reputable sources.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may consider revisions to this Plan at its sole discretion to incorporate future best practices or emerging technology depending on whether the new technology is cost effective and suitable for the site conditions. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will track the industry groups and applicable design standards outlined in Table 5 to identify future technologies or best practices that could be implemented at the Facility.

Table 5. Resources for Future Best Practices

Reference	Description	Method
American Clean Power (ACP)	Industry group that establishes best practices for renewable energy projects	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is a member of ACP and participates in best practice development[1].
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)	National Energy Reliability Corporation develops electrical standards for large energy facilities.	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will follow NERC Standard FAC-003-0 for its vegetation management program of transmission lines[2], or updates to this standard as approved by NERC.
Oregon Specialty Building Codes (OSBC)	Building codes applicable to inhabitable spaces, including the O&M building and the substation enclosure.	Remodeling to the O&M and enclosure structure that requires permits will follow any updates to the OSBC at that time.
APLIC	Avian protection methods for electrical facility reduce fires related to bird/mammal nests on electrical equipment	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is a member of APLIC[3]. An operational wildlife monitoring program will inspect for wildlife nesting on facilities that could cause fire, and take actions following applicable laws (e.g., Migratory Bird Treaty Act).

1. Link to ACP Standards & Practices: https://cleanpower.org/resources/types/standards-and-practices/.
2. NERC FAC-003-0: https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Reliability%20Standards/FAC-003-0.pdf.
3. Link to APLIC member organization: https://www.aplic.org/member_websites.php.

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Attachment O: Decommissioning Cost Estimate and Assumptions

Estimate Summary
TETRA TECH, INC.
Job Code: Sunstone solar
Description: Decommissioning Estimate

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3	1.00	Each	SUNSTONE SOLAR RETIREMENT - PHASE 3	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	23,391,436.10	23,391,436.10
3.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Equipment & Facilities Mob / Demob	0.10	Detail	U.S. Dollar	218,136.80	218,136.80
3.1.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Equipment Mob	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	81,200.00	81,200.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UERNTRLG	Rental Equip Transp-Large		8.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	10,000.00	80,000.00
UERNTRSM	Rental Equip Transp-Small		8.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	150.00	1,200.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.1.2	1.00	Lump Sum	Site Facilities	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,200.00	2,200.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UOCONMOB	Connex Box Mob		2.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	300.00	600.00
UOTRLTRN	Trailer Trnsp/Setup/Trdwn		2.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,600.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.1.3	5.00	Day	Crew Mob & Site Setup	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	13,473.68	67,368.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,000.00	20.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	46,970.00
L010101	OPERATOR	400.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	20,398.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.1.4	5.00	Day	Crew Demob & Site Cleanup	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	13,473.68	67,368.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,000.00	20.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	46,970.00
L010101	OPERATOR	400.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	20,398.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.2	4.00	Month	Project Site Support	0.05	Detail	U.S. Dollar	71,469.70	285,878.80
3.2.1	4.00	Month	Site Facilities	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,755.00	7,020.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
URCONNEX	Connex Box		8.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	150.00	1,200.00
UROFFTRL	Office Trailer -12x60		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	500.00	2,000.00
UO1STAID	1st Aid Supplies		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	300.00	1,200.00
UOOFFSUP	Office Supplies($/prs/mo)		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	55.00	220.00
URPRTAJH	Port-a-John Unit(s) (4)		8.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	300.00	2,400.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.2.2	4.00	Month	Field Management	0.05	Detail	U.S. Dollar	69,714.70	278,858.80

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L90FXX02	Field - Proj Superintendent	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	114.95	101,156.00
RPUTRK05	F-250 4X4 3/4 TON PICKUP	2,640.00	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	11.07	29,211.60
L90FEL00	Field - Engr. Tech	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	64.24	56,531.20
L90FXX03	Field - SHSO	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	104.50	91,960.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3	1.00	Each	Substation Retirement	0.04	Detail	U.S. Dollar	170,429.15	170,429.15
3.3.1	1.00	Day	Fence Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.2	1.00	Each	Transformer Removal	0.17	Detail	U.S. Dollar	102,309.50	102,309.50
3.3.2.1	1.00	Each	Oil Removal & Disposal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	66,314.40	66,314.40

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.2.1.1	1.00	Each	Oil Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	939.40	939.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	20.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	939.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.2.1.2	16,000.00	Gallon	Oil Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4.00	64,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		64,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	64,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.2.1.3	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,375.00	1,375.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,375.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,375.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.2.2	1.00	Each	Dismantle & Loadout Transformer	0.20	Detail	U.S. Dollar	35,995.10	35,995.10
3.3.2.2.1	1.00	Each	Dismantle, Cut & Size	0.20	Detail	U.S. Dollar	29,995.10	29,995.10

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	200.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	9,394.00
L010101	OPERATOR	100.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	50.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	6,226.75
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	50.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	9,274.75

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.2.2.2	4.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	6,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		6,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	6,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.3	1.00	Each	Remove Control Building	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,612.51	2,612.51
3.3.3.1	1.00	Each	Demo	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,112.51	1,112.51

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	234.85
L010101	OPERATOR	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	254.98
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	622.68

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.3.2	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.4	1.00	Day	UG Utility & Ground Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.5	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	28,045.10
3.3.5.1	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation - Various Depth	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	15,516.50

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	1,677.50
L010101	OPERATOR	71.43	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	3,642.57
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	5,748.75

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	4,447.68

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.5.2	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	12,528.60

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	7,429.00
L080940	TEAMSTER	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.6	1.00	Each	Misc. Material Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,900.00	2,900.00
3.3.6.1	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.6.2	20.00	Ton	Disposal Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,400.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,400.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,400.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.7	1.00	Each	Restore Yard	0.23	Detail	U.S. Dollar	31,938.02	31,938.02
3.3.7.1	1.60	Acre	Remove Aggregate / Backfill / Regrade	1.60	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,062.47	3,299.96

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	20.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	939.40
L010101	OPERATOR	20.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,019.92
REXCAV06B	Gradall - Excavator	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	75.73	757.29
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	583.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.7.2	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Vegetative Cover	300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	27.36	27,358.07
3.3.7.2.1	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Topsoil, Delivered	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	20.00	20,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
IMSOIL	Topsoil		1,000.00	Cubic Yard	U.S. Dollar	20.00	20,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.7.2.2	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Placement	300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7.36	7,358.07

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	66.67	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	3,399.73
RDOZER08	CAT D6N XL	66.67	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	59.38	3,958.33

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.3.7.3	1.60	Acre	Re-Seed With Native Vegetation	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,280.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLANDSCAPE	Landscape Sub		1.60	Acre	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,280.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.4	1.00	Lump Sum	Collector Line Retirement	0.07	Detail	U.S. Dollar	46,946.45	46,946.45
3.4.1	5,850.00	Linear Feet	Conductor Removal	585.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	5.50	32,154.10
3.4.1.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Cut / Lower Cable, Size & Loadout	0.10	Detail	U.S. Dollar	31,404.10	31,404.10

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	400.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	18,788.00
L010101	OPERATOR	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60
*RXMISC14	MAN LIFT GAS 125ft	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	53.52	5,352.00
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	2,164.50

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.4.1.2	0.50	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	750.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		750.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	750.00

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.4.2	26.00	Each	Utility Pole Removal	5.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	568.94	14,792.35
3.4.2.1	26.00	Each	Cut / Lower Pole	10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	191.78	4,986.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	52.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	2,442.44
L010101	OPERATOR	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,325.90
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	1,217.84

3.4.2.2	26.00	Each	Size & Loadout	10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	191.78	4,986.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	52.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	2,442.44
L010101	OPERATOR	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,325.90
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	1,217.84

3.4.2.3	2.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	3,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		3,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	3,000.00

3.4.2.4	26.00	Ton	Disposal Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,820.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,820.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,820.00

Notes: **

Assumption: 101 poles x 2000' per pole

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3.5	1.00	Each	O&M Building Removal	0.21	Detail	U.S. Dollar	27,418.75	27,418.75
3.5.1	40.00	Ton	Structure Demo	10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	505.96	20,238.48

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	40.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	4,981.40
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	40.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	7,419.80
L010101	OPERATOR	80.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	4,079.68
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	80.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	3,757.60

3.5.2	50.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	71.43	Detail	U.S. Dollar	35.61	1,780.27
3.5.2.1	50.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation - Various Depth	250.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	17.38	868.92

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	2.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	93.94
L010101	OPERATOR	4.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	203.98
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	2.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	321.93
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	2.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	249.07

3.5.2.2	50.00	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	18.23	911.35

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	371.45
L080940	TEAMSTER	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	254.98
L010101	OPERATOR	2.50	0.50	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	127.49
RFELWH09	CAT 966F LOADER, 4.25CY	2.50	0.50	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	62.97	157.43

3.5.3	40.00	Ton	Material T&D	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	135.00	5,400.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		2,600.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	2,600.00
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		2,800.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	2,800.00

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.6	1,200.00	MW	DC Storage Retirement	2.47	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,148.02	3,777,627.74
3.6.1	1,200.00	MW	Battery Removal & Disposal	5.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,044.07	2,452,881.60
3.6.1.1	240.00	Day	Remove Batteries, Load For Transport	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,251.10	780,264.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	14,400.00	6.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	676,368.00
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	4,800.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	103,896.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.6.1.2	396.00	Each	Transport Batteries	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,605.60	635,817.60
3.6.1.2.1	396.00	Each	Roll Off Liners	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	105.60	41,817.60

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODCLINER	Rolloff Liner		396.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	105.60	41,817.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.6.1.2.2	396.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	594,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		594,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	594,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.6.1.3	5,184.00	Ton	Disposal Fee's	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	200.00	1,036,800.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,036,800.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,036,800.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.6.2	1,200.00	MW	Structure & Components Removal	4.90	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,103.96	1,324,746.14
3.6.2.1	120.00	Day	Refrigerant Recovery	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,207.80	144,936.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010110	Craft - MEP	2,400.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	60.39	144,936.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.6.2.2	3,936.00	Ton	Structure Demo	43.33	Detail	U.S. Dollar	116.76	459,569.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	908.31	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	113,116.10
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	908.31	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	168,486.54
L010101	OPERATOR	1,816.62	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	92,640.12
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,816.62	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	85,326.42

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.6.2.3	396.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,375.00	544,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		544,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	544,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.6.2.4	105,000.00	Gallon	Glycol Recovery & Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.00	105,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLIQUID	Liquids T&D		105,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	105,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.6.2.5	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	70,740.96
3.6.2.5.1	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	39,138.82

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	4,231.33
L010101	OPERATOR	180.17	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	9,188.02
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	14,500.65
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	11,218.82

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.6.2.5.2	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	31,602.14

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description		UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	252.24	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	18,738.91
L080940	TEAMSTER	252.24	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	12,863.23

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.7	1.00 Lump Sum	Solar Array Retirement	0.01	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7,854,071.11	7,854,071.11
3.7.1	10,560.00 Linear Feet	Fence Removal	5,189.45	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.31	13,876.80
3.7.1.1	10,560.00 Linear Feet	Fence Removal	5,189.45	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.03	10,876.80

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	61.05	3.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	3,113.15
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	122.09	6.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	5,734.75
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	61.05	3.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	2,028.90

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.7.1.2	2.00 Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	3,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		3,000.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	3,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.7.2	656,256.00 Each	Solar Panel Removal & Disposal	10,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7.17	4,708,588.14
3.7.2.1	656,256.00 Each	Solar Panel Removal	10,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3.07	2,017,928.14

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	6,562.56	10.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	142,046.61
L010101	OPERATOR	6,562.56	10.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	334,664.31
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	32,812.80	50.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	1,541,217.22

Notes: **

Assumed production: 20 panels per laborer per hour,
Includes packaging and preparing for shipment offsite.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.7.2.2	875.00 Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,312,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,312,500.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,312,500.00

Notes: **************************************

Assumption: 45,000 lbs per load
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CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.7.2.3	19,688.00 Ton	Recycling Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,378,160.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,378,160.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,378,160.00

Notes: **

Assumption: 60 lbs each
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CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.7.3	1.00 Lump Sum	Solar Rack (Trackers) & Post Removal	0.01	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,131,606.18	3,131,606.18
3.7.3.1	10,938.00 Each	Solar Rack (Trackers) & Post Removal	160.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	252.98	2,767,106.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10,938.00	16.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	557,794.25
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10,938.00	16.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	513,757.86
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	5,469.00	8.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	681,081.92
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	5,469.00	8.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	1,014,472.16

Notes: ***

Assumed production: .5 hour per rack per crew. Crew to include
1 excavator w/shear, 1 excavator w/grapple, 2 operators and 2
laborers. Includes post removal and sizing of steel for sale as scrap,
and loadout to haul trucks.
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Cost Item

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.7.3.2	243.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	364,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		364,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	364,500.00

Notes: *************************************

Assumption: 45,000 lbs per load

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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.8	54.00	Each	Inverter / Transformer Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,143.21	169,733.07
3.8.1	54.00	Each	Disconnect Electrical	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	592.13	31,974.75

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010110	Craft - MEP	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	60.39	16,305.30
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	12,681.90
RPUTRK05	F-250 4X4 3/4 TON PICKUP	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	11.07	2,987.55

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.8.2	54.00	Each	Loadout Inverter & Transformer	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,051.08	56,758.32

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	540.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	25,363.80
L010101	OPERATOR	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	13,768.92
RHYDCR06	GROVE RT880 73 TON	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	65.28	17,625.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.8.3	54.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	81,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		81,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	81,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.9	105,665.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Inverter / Transformer / BESS Foundations	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	2,963,385.49
3.9.1	105,665.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	1,639,550.97

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	3,773.75	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	177,253.04
L010101	OPERATOR	7,547.50	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	384,892.31
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	3,773.75	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	607,441.67
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	3,773.75	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	469,963.96

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.9.2	105,665.00	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	1,323,834.52

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	10,566.50	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	784,985.29
L080940	TEAMSTER	10,566.50	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	538,849.23

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.10	1.00	Lump Sum	Site Restoration - Partial Site Seeding	0.03	Detail	U.S. Dollar	496,116.24	496,116.24
3.10.1	38,544.00	Linear Feet	Site Roads - Removal & Restoration	5,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.63	62,928.24

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	308.35	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	17,987.71
L010101	OPERATOR	539.62	7.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	27,518.26
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	154.18	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	11,453.74
*RFELWH08C	CAT 980 LOADER	77.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	77.43	5,968.54

Notes: ************************************

Assume topsoil for restoration available onsite.

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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.10.2	8.00	Each	Remove CONEX Storage & Gravel Pads	6.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	750.46	6,003.65
3.10.2.1	8.00	Each	Remove & Load CONEX	12.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	81.53	652.24

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Cost Item							
CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

L010101	OPERATOR	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	339.97
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	312.27

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.10.2.2	8.00 Each	Remove CONEX Gravel Pads	12.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	168.93	1,351.41

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	339.97
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	495.27
*RFELWH08C	CAT 980 LOADER	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	77.43	516.17

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.10.2.3	8.00 Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	500.00	4,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		4,000.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	4,000.00

Notes: ***

Assumption: CONEX containers will be accepted locally
for re-use, and will only require local transport

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CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.10.3	398.00 Acre	Spot Grade Disturbed Areas	16.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	273.33	108,784.35

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	995.00	4.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	58,043.33
L010101	OPERATOR	995.00	4.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	50,741.02

Notes: **

Assume that 35% of the area distrubed by construction
will be regraded.

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CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.10.4	398.00 Acre	Re-Seed With Native Vegetation - Roads & Areas Disturbed By Construction	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800.00	318,400.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLANDSCAPE	Landscape Sub		398.00 Acre	U.S. Dollar	800.00	318,400.00

Notes: **

Assume that 35% of the area distrubed by construction
will be re-seeded.

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CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.11	1.00 Lump Sum	Contractor Markups	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,322,021.85	3,322,021.85
3.11.1	1.00 Lump Sum	Home Office, Project Management (5% Of Cost)	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800,487.20	800,487.20

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USMARKUP5	5% Markup		16,009,744.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	0.05	800,487.20

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.11.2	1.00 Lump Sum	Contractor OH & Fee (15% Of Cost)	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,521,534.65	2,521,534.65

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USMARKUP	15% Markup		16,810,231.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	0.15	2,521,534.65

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.12	1.00 Lump Sum	ODOE Applied Contingencies	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4,059,670.65	4,059,670.65
3.12.1	1.00 Lump Sum	1% Performance Bond	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	193,317.65	193,317.65

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE1	ODOE 1% Markup		19,331,765.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	0.01	193,317.65

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.12.2	1.00 Lump Sum	10% Administrative and Project Management	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,933,176.50	1,933,176.50

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE2	ODOE 10% Markup		19,331,765.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	0.10	1,933,176.50

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
3.12.3	1.00	Lump Sum	10% Future Development Contingency	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,933,176.50	1,933,176.50

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE2	ODOE 10% Markup		19,331,765.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.10	1,933,176.50

Report Total:	23,391,436.10

Category	Total
Labor	5,687,875.21
Rented Equipment	4,345,345.79
Supplies	43,237.60
Materials	20,000.00
Subcontract	9,128,106.85
Travel-Risk-Adj	105,000.00
ODCs	4,061,870.65

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Attachment A: Draft Site Certificate (red-line)
Attachment D: Draft Fugitive Dust Control Plan
Attachment E: Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan
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ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

OF THE STATE OF OREGON

SITE CERTIFICATE FOR THE

SUNSTONE SOLAR PROJECT 4 (SS4)

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1.0 Introduction and Site Certification

This site certificate is a binding agreement between the State of Oregon (State), acting through the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council), and Sunstone Solar 4, LLC (certificate holder), owned by Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (parent company). Both the State and certificate holder must abide by local ordinances, state law, and the rules of the Council in effect on the date this site certificate is executed. However, upon a clear showing of a significant threat to public health, safety, or the environment that requires application of later-adopted laws or rules, the Council may require compliance with such later-adopted laws or rules (ORS 469.401(2)).

This site certificate binds the State and all counties, cities and political subdivisions in Oregon as to the approval of the site and the construction, operation, and retirement of the facility as to matters that are addressed in and governed by this site certificate (ORS 469.401(3)). Each affected state agency, county, city, and political subdivision in Oregon with authority to issue a permit, license, or other approval addressed in or governed by this site certificate, shall upon submission of the proper application and payment of the proper fees, but without hearings or other proceedings, issue such permit, license or other approval subject only to conditions set forth in this site certificate. In addition, each state agency or local government agency that issues a permit, license or other approval for this facility shall continue to exercise enforcement authority over such permit, license or other approval (ORS 469.401(3)). For those permits, licenses, or other approvals addressed in and governed by this site certificate, the certificate holder shall comply with applicable state and federal laws adopted in the future to the extent that such compliance is required under the respective state agency statutes and rules (ORS 469.401(2)).

This site certificate does not address, and is not binding with respect to, matters that are not included in and governed by this site certificate, and such matters include, but are not limited to: employee health and safety; building code compliance; wage and hour or other labor regulations; local government fees and charges; other design or operational issues that do not relate to siting the facility (ORS 469.401(4)); and permits issued under statutes and rules for which the decision on compliance has been delegated by the federal government to a state agency other than the Council (ORS 469.503(3)).

The obligation of the certificate holder to report information to the Department or the Council under the conditions listed in this site certificate is subject to the provisions of ORS 192.502 *et seq.* and ORS 469.560. To the extent permitted by law, the Department and the Council will not publicly disclose information that may be exempt from public disclosure if the certificate holder has clearly labeled such information and stated the basis for the exemption at the time of submitting the information to the Department or the Council. If the Council or the Department receives a request for the disclosure of the information, the Council or the Department, as appropriate, will make a reasonable attempt to notify the

certificate holder and will refer the matter to the Attorney General for a determination of whether the exemption is applicable, pursuant to ORS 192.450.

Council shall have continuing authority over the site and may inspect, or direct the Oregon Department of Energy (Department) to inspect, or request another state agency or local government to inspect, the site at any time in order to ensure that the facility is being operated consistently with the terms and conditions of this site certificate (ORS 469.430).

The duration of this site certificate shall be the life of the facility, subject to termination pursuant to OAR 345-027-0110 or the rules in effect on the date that termination is sought, or revocation under ORS 469.440 and OAR 345-029-0100 or the statutes and rules in effect on the date that revocation is ordered. The Council shall not change the conditions of this site certificate except as provided for in OAR Chapter 345, Division 27.

In interpreting this site certificate, any ambiguity will be clarified by reference to the following, in order, incorporated herein by this reference: 1) this *Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project 4 – (SS4)* ; 2) the *Final Order on Request for Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project* (hereafter, *Final Order on RFA1*); 3) the *Final Order on the Application for Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project* issued on November 18, 2024 (hereafter, *Final Order on the ASC*); and ~~2~~4) the record of the proceedings that led to the Final Order on the ASC.

The definitions in ORS 469.300 and OAR 345-001-0010 apply to the terms used in this site certificate, except where otherwise stated, or where the context clearly indicates otherwise.

2.0 Facility Location and Site Boundary

The facility is located within an approximately ~~10,960~~1,273.2 -acre (~~17~~ 2.0 sq. mile) site in Morrow County. The site is located on both sides of State Route 207 and is approximately 15 miles northeast of the Town of Lexington and approximately 4.5 miles west of Butter Creek Junction. The site is approximately 3 miles west of the Umatilla County line at its closest point. Table 1 below provides the Township, Range, and Sections occupied wholly, or in part, by the site. Up to ~~9,442~~ 1,267.3 acres of land within the site boundary would be occupied by facility components. The regional location of the facility site boundary, ~~transmission line corridor,~~ and ~~approximately 1,518 acres~~areas within the site boundary ~~are~~ excluded from development as applicable, are shown ~~on ASC Exhibit C, Figures C-2, and C-2.1 to C-2.3, attached to~~in Attachment 1 of this site certificate~~ as Attachment 1~~.

Table 1: Township, Range, and Section for Areas Occupied by the Site Boundary

Township	Range	Sections
~~1N~~	~~26E~~	~~1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15~~

Table 1: Township, Range, and Section for Areas Occupied by the Site Boundary

Township	Range	Sections
2N	26E	~~27,~~ 28, 29,~~ 30, 31,~~ 32, 33~~, 34, 35, 36~~
Reference: SSPAPPDoc25-03 ASC Exhibit C Project Location, Table C-1. 2024-05-15.		

3.0 Facility Description

The energy facility is approved to include the components presented in Table 2 below. Additional details regarding specific components, and discussion of alternative designs or technologies under consideration are provided in the sections that follow.

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Site Boundary		
Site Boundary	~~10,960~~1,273.2	acres
Maximum Footprint	~~9,442~~ 1,267.3	acres
Permanent Impacts~~[1]~~	~~9,442~~1,267.3	acres
Solar Components		
PV Solar Modules		
Approx. total number	~~3,937,536~~656,256	modules
Max Height at full-tilt	15	feet
Posts		
Approx. total number (assumes concrete foundation)	~~535,056~~89,176	posts
Cabling		
Combiner Boxes	~~61,524~~10,254	each
Inverter Step Up (ISU) Transformer Units		
Approx. total number	~~319~~54	each
Noise level	89	dBA
Transformer oil-containing capacity	800	gallons
Related or Supporting Facility Components		
34.5 kV Collection System		
Collector line length, belowground	~~82~~12.4	miles
Collector line length, overhead (OH)	~~4.3~~0.7	miles
Wood Monopoles (max estimate for OH)	~~151~~26	each

~~[1] The energy facility would occupy approximately 9,442400 acres within up to 20 separately fenced areas. Most related or supporting facilities will be located within the energy facility's footprint; however, portions of the overhead 34.5 kV collector and 230-kV transmission lines running between solar array areas would result in additional temporary and permanent disturbance areas.~~

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Collector Substations		
Substations w SCADA; GSU transformers per each	~~6~~1; 1	each
Site size	1.6	acres
Transformer oil-containing capacity	16,000	gallons~~/each~~
Transformer noise level	100	dBA
Max height of structures	45	feet
~~**Switchyards**~~		
~~Stations; Transformers per each~~	~~21; 0~~	~~each~~
~~Site size (northern and/or within solar fence line); with foundations and graveled areas~~	~~3~~	~~acres~~
~~**230 kV Transmission Line**~~		
~~Length (total; northern line; southern line)~~	~~9.5; 3.2; 6.3~~	~~miles~~
~~Structures: Type (Wood or Galvanized Steel); quantity~~	~~H-frame; 50~~	~~each~~
~~Height of structures~~	~~70-180~~	~~feet~~
Battery Energy Storage System (Lithium-ion/Zinc)		
Zinc		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with fans/heating systems; SCADA	~~14,946~~2,491	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	9.5 x 8 x 20	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
Lithium-ion		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with HVAC and fire suppression systems; SCADA	~~12,000~~2,000	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	11.25 x 8.1 x 5.2	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
~~**O&M Building**~~		
~~Quantity~~	~~41~~	~~each~~
~~Site size~~	~~2.8~~	~~acres~~
~~Height~~	~~20~~	~~feet~~
~~Appurtenances~~	~~On-site well, septic system, SCADA System~~	
Storage for Replacement Solar Panels		
Containers	~~50~~ 8 – 9	each
Approx. container dimensions	8.5 x 8 x 40	H x W x L; feet

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Location	Dispersed within fence line if not next to O&M buildings for other SS facilities, gravel base	
Facility Roads		
Length	~~55~~7.9	miles
Width	10- 20	feet
Perimeter Fence		
Length	~~58~~2.7	miles
Height	7-8	feet
Access/gates	~~52~~8 – 9	each
Temporary Construction Areas		
Quantity	~~5~~4	each
Site size	5	acres
Description	Gravel base; diesel/gas storage; within fence line	

Energy Facility

The facility includes a solar photovoltaic power generation facility with up to ~~1,200~~200 MW of electric generation capacity. ~~The energy facility consists of up to 20 separately fenced solar arrays organized into six 200 MW blocks.~~

Photovoltaic Modules

Solar photovoltaic modules, or solar panels, convert sunlight into DC electric power. The typical module contains crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells arranged within glass panels equipped with an anti-reflective coating, a metal frame, and wire connectors.

Racking System

The photovoltaic modules are connected in series into strings and then mounted on a racking system. Each rack would contain 2 strings of 32 modules mounted on a single-axis tracking system. Multiple racks are organized into rows between 200 and 400 feet in length depending on topography. Rows would be spaced at least 10 feet apart and at least 15 feet from perimeter fencing to provide vehicle access.

Posts

Each row of tracker mounted modules is supported by multiple hollow, screw pile, or pile-type steel posts. Posts are typically installed to a depth of 6-8 feet below surface and extend 5 feet above grade. Posts at the end of rows may be installed at greater depths to withstand wind

uplift. Posts may be installed directly in the ground or concrete backfill may be required in some soil conditions.

DC Cabling System

Combiner boxes or a Big Lead Assembly (BLA) harness system is used to aggregate the DC output of the photovoltaic modules for transmission to an inverter by low-voltage DC cables. Using the combiner boxes, strings of modules are connected to a pad-mounted combiner box installed at each row, which in turn, are connected to the inverters by low voltage DC cables that are either mounted to the tracking system, installed in trays, or buried underground. Using the BLA system, strings are connected directly to a rack-mounted cabling system.

Inverters and Inverter Step Up (ISU) Transformers

Inverters convert the DC output of the photovoltaic modules to AC power that can be transmitted to the electric grid. A typical inverter in utility scale solar facilities converts the 900 to 1,500 volt DC module output to 660 volt AC output. After conversion, the output is sent to an inverter step-up (ISU) transformer to increase the voltage to 34.5 kV power for transmission to the collector substation via the electrical collector system. Inverters and ISU transformers are collocated on concrete slabs near each module block.

Related or Supporting Facilities

Related or supporting facilities include a battery energy storage system, ~~an interconnection substation, up to six~~one collector substation~~s~~, 34.5 kV collection system, ~~up to four~~one ~~operations and maintenance building,~~ and other structures.

Battery Energy Storage System

The battery energy storage system (BESS) is designed to provide up to ~~7~~1.2 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of storage capacity. The BESS may use either Lithium-Ion (Li-ion) or Zinc-based battery technology. Under either technology, batteries are contained in pre-constructed modular containers, or "segments," placed on concrete slab foundations.
The battery storage system includes, but is not limited to, the following elements:

- Batteries and containers, inverters, isolation transformers, and switchboards;
- Balance of plant equipment, which may include medium-voltage and low-voltage electrical systems, fire suppression and HVAC systems (for Li- ion technology, if selected), building auxiliary electrical systems, and network/SCADA systems;
- Cooling system, which may include a separate chiller plant located outside the battery racks with chillers, pumps, and heat exchangers (Li-ion only, if selected); zinc batteries will have fans and a heating unit for climate control; and

- High-voltage (HV) equipment, including a step-up transformer, circuit breaker, current transformers and voltage transformers, a packaged control building for the breaker and transformer equipment, towers, structures, and cabling.

The batteries and associated equipment may be oversized or periodically augmented in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure a minimum of 7,200 MWh of energy storage capability over the life of the BESS, taking into account natural degradation of the batteries over time.

Li-ion batteries are currently the most common battery type used in utility-scale battery energy storage systems. If a Li-ion battery technology is used at the facility, it would use Li-ion phosphate batteries, which are more thermally stable than Li-ion cathode batteries.
Each module contains approximately 10 hermetically sealed battery cells filled with a gel or liquid electrolyte. The module containers serve as secondary containment for the cells. Each container holds approximately 840 cells with a combined capacity of approximately 740 kilowatt-hour AC, and approximately ~~1~~2,000 containers would be required to meet the capacity needs of the facility.

The electrolyte used in Li-ion batteries is flammable and susceptible to overheating and vaporization, so Li-ion Battery Systems typically require cooling, ventilation, and fire suppression systems included in each container. If Li-ion battery technology is used at the site, it would implement the following design features and fire prevention and control methods to minimize fire and safety risks:

- Batteries would be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules.
- Ample working space would be provided around the BESS for maintenance and safety purposes.
- An off-site, 24-hour monitoring system with shutdown capabilities would be implemented.
- Batteries would be transported in accordance with Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration regulations under 49 CFR 173.185
- Battery systems would be designed in accordance with applicable Underwriters Laboratories, National Electric Code, and National Fire Protection Association Standards, including but not limited to, UL 1642, 1741, 1973, and 9540A, and NFPA 855.
- An advanced and proven battery management system would be employed;
- Battery Containers would be equipped with:
    - Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to maintain optimal battery temperatures;
    - Fire control panels with 24-hour battery backup;
    - Fire sensors, smoke and hydrogen detectors, alarms, emergency ventilation systems, cooling systems, and aerosol fire suppression/extinguishing systems;
    - Doors equipped with a contact that will shut down the battery container if opened;

- Fire extinguishing and thermal insulation sheets between each individual battery cell;
- Locks and fencing to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel;
- Remote power disconnect switches with clear and visible signs identifying their location.[2]

Li-ion battery modules under consideration for this facility have an expected useful life of 20 years and it is expected that every module at the facility would need to be replaced at least once during the life of the facility. Used Li-ion batteries are generally considered to be hazardous waste by the EPA and must be transported and disposed of according to the most current guidelines at end of life.

A typical zinc-based BESS container includes 144 zinc-hybrid cathode powered batteries with a combined 700 kWh capacity. Zinc batteries are estimated to have a lifespan of at least 20 years. Zinc battery systems can operate across a higher range of temperatures and only require cooling fans rather than a full HVAC system. Zinc batteries have a lower fire-risk than lithium-ion batteries and do not require fire suppression systems to be included in the container design.

The BESS may be designed either as a DC-coupled system, with containers distributed throughout the energy facility site near inverter/transformer station sites, or as an AC-coupled system with containers concentrated in a single area near the ~~switchyards~~substation. In either case, the containers and other BESS equipment are located within the fenced solar array areas and may have their own additional fencing.

34.5 kV Electrical Collection System

The facility includes up to ~~86~~ 12.4 miles of 34.5 kV electrical collector lines that connects energy facility components to the collector substation~~s~~ described below. The majority of the collector lines are buried underground; however, overhead lines are installed at long “home run” stretches, stream or canyon crossings, and other areas where burial is infeasible. The collector lines are generally located within the energy facility footprint except at road crossings and crossings between fenced solar array areas.

Communication and SCADA System

The facility includes a system of fiber optic and copper communication lines that connect the solar arrays, BESS, and substations to Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system control rooms within ~~each~~ the collector substation. The communication lines are collocated with the 34.5 kV electrical collection system described above. The SCADA system monitors meteorological conditions, critical operating parameters, and power output, for each solar string, battery energy storage system, and substation. The SCADA system is monitored by a

[2] SSPAPPDoc25-02 ASC Exhibit B Project Description 2024-05-15, Section 2.7.1.

remote operations center. Smoke and fire detectors placed around the site also connect to the SCADA system and will contact local emergency responders in the event of a fire at the site.

Collector Substation~~s~~

The facility includes ~~up to six~~one collector substation~~s~~ at the site. ~~Each~~ The substation includes a generator-step up (GSU) transformer and control building, and may also include circuit-breakers and fuses, transmission line termination structures, power transformers, bus bars and insulators, disconnect switches, relaying, battery and charger, surge arresters, AC and DC supplies, control systems, metering equipment, grounding, a lightning protection system and associated control wiring.

The GSU transformer~~s~~ increase the 34.5-kV ISU transformer output to 230-kV power. The GSU transformer~~s are~~ is a ground-mounted unit~~s~~ constructed on a concrete pad~~s~~. ~~Each of the six~~The single GSU transformer~~s are~~ is filled with up to 16,000 gallons of non-toxic oil such as mineral or seed oil.

~~Each~~ The GSU transformer is equipped with a secondary spill containment catchment system designed to minimize the possibility of accidental leakage. The concrete catchment system is sized to contain approximately 1.25 times the amount of oil inside the transformer.

All substation structures and components are surrounded by a graveled area and enclosed by an 8-foot-tall chain-link fence with three strands of barbed wire one foot above the top. Access to the substation site~~s~~ is limited with a locked gate.

~~230-kV Transmission Line~~

~~The facility includes up to two 230-kV overhead transmission lines that connect the collector substations to the two primary interconnection switchyards located at the point of interconnection. The transmission lines are supported by steel or wood monopole or H-Frame structures, spaced approximately 1,000 feet between structures, and have a combined length of approximately 9.5 miles. The northern line connects two collector substations along the south side of Alpine Lane to the switchyard and extends approximately 3.2 miles. The southern line connects four collector substations across the southern portion of the site and extend approximately 6.3 miles. The two lines run in parallel for approximately 1-mile between Bombing Range Road and the switchyards.~~

~~The transmission lines are located within the fenced solar array areas except where the lines span roads or corridors between areas and between the switchyards and the point of interconnection. All transmission line components are sited within the facility lease boundary.~~

~~No new or expanded right-of-way will be required, but some portions of the transmission lines are located within existing public rights-of-way. A portion of the transmission line that runs~~

~~along the western boundary of energy facility footprint is within the public right-of-way on the east side of Bombing Range Road. Additionally, portions of the transmission line that connect solar array areas in the southern portion of the site cross Doherty Road and the Lexington-Echo Highway.~~

~~Project Switchyards and~~ Interconnection Facilities

The facility interconnects with the existing Umatilla Electric Cooperative 230kV Blue Ridge Line at the northwest corner of the facility. ~~Two switchyards are approved to be located within a separately fenced site either within or adjacent to the energy facility footprint, each approximately 3 acres. The interconnection switchyards do not contain transformers and are constructed on foundations with surrounding gravel areas.~~

~~Operations and Maintenance Buildings~~

~~The facility includes up to four operations and maintenance (O&M) buildings, each including~~that includes ~~a utility room, storage for maintenance supplies and equipment, and a SCADA control room. The buildings each have~~has ~~an on-site well and septic system. Power is supplied by a local service provider using overhead and/or underground lines. Each~~ The ~~O&M building site also has~~ a ~~graveled parking and storage areas.~~

~~Small quantities of chemical materials, including cleaners, insecticides or herbicides, paint, lubricants, degreasers, and solvents, may be stored at the O&M buildings during construction and operation of the facility. No extremely hazardous materials would be stored on site; other chemicals will be handled in accordance with label instructions as well as state and federal standards.~~

~~The facility includes an aboveground fuel storage tank with capacity to store up to 500 gallons of diesel fuel or gasoline at each~~ the ~~O&M building site.~~

~~The O&M buildings are~~ is ~~equipped with basic firefighting equipment for use on-site during maintenance activities, such as shovels, beaters, portable water for hand sprayers, fire extinguishers, and other equipment.~~

Replacement Solar Panel Storage

~~To store s~~Spare solar panels and associated equipment~~, the facility is approved to~~ may be stored ~~materials~~ either at the O&M building sites (located within the site boundaries of SS1, SS2, SS3, and SS5) or within approximately ~~50~~ 8-9 locked Conex storage containers distributed throughout the facility site. The containers may be placed directly on the ground or on gravel pads. ~~The containers would store up to the approximately 204,720 replacement panels needed over the life of the facility.~~

Access and Service Roads

The facility includes up to ~~55~~ 7.9 miles of new roads (graded and graveled to meet load requirements for all equipment) to provide access to facility components. Corridors between module racking are at least 10 feet wide and racking are no closer than 15 feet from perimeter fencing. Some new road construction is required to access site features. Roads will be 10 to 20 feet in width, with some exceptions, including access to the substation~~s~~ and main travel corridors where two-way traffic is required. In these cases, roads will be 20 feet wide. A 5-foot maintained vegetative surface or noncombustible base, approved by the fire code official, will be maintained along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary. Use of the roads may continue after construction, or new roads may be removed and the land reclaimed to pre-construction conditions.

Security Fencing and Gates

The facility includes approximately ~~58~~ 2.7 miles of security fence to enclose each solar array area, and substation~~, and switchyard site~~. The perimeter fencing has lockable vehicle and pedestrian access gates to provide access to the site.

Temporary Construction Areas

The facility includes up to ~~54~~ 3 temporary construction areas within the energy facility footprint to support construction, store supplies and equipment, and facilitate the delivery and assembly of materials and equipment. Each area consists of a 5-acre site that would be cleared and graveled prior to construction.

Up to five above-ground diesel tanks and one temporary above-ground gasoline tank may be stored in the temporary construction areas. The tanks each hold up to 1,000 gallons of fuel. Most fuel containers have self-contained secondary containment (e.g., double-walled containers) that provide capacity for the entire container plus precipitation, but in some cases may be placed in a constructed secondary containment area that is impervious and is diked or otherwise contained to provide the required fuel and precipitation capacity.

Shared Facility Components

The certificate holder will share facility components -between the Sunstone Solar Projects (SS) 1-6 facilities to support facility operation, including the switchyard, transmission line, O&M buildings, access roads, SCADA system, and temporary constructions areas (including fuel tanks). The compliance obligations for site certificate conditions and EFSC standards apply to

the facility components and applicable related or supporting facilities as described in Section 3.0 and Table 2 of each site certificate (SS1, SS2, SS3, SS4, SS5, SS6).

4.0 Facility Development

4.1 Construction

~~The applicant proposed to construct the proposed facility in six phases, with each phase including approximately 200 MWs of generating capacity.~~

Portions of the site, including the substation ~~sites~~, inverter and battery energy storage system sites, and access roads will be cleared and graded, prior to construction of the applicable facility components. Existing vegetation (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) and associated root systems in the energy facility footprint are left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable to minimize soil and erosion impacts, and that grading in solar arrays is limited to those areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances. Typical grading tolerances within the array are 10% maximum on North slopes and 15% maximum in other directions. Following construction, operational requirements include long-term site stabilization and revegetation of disturbed areas.

Adherence to the requirements of a Fugitive Dust Control Plan is required under Condition PRE-SP-02. Measures implemented under this plan include maintaining existing vegetative root systems, applying dust suppressants, and restricting traffic speeds on-site. Typically, water is applied as a dust suppressant on access roads, but under drought conditions, alternative dust suppressants including synthetic polymer emulsions, chemical suppressants, organic glues, and wood fiber materials may be applied at the site by qualified vendors.

Construction of the facility will generate less than 910 commuting trips and 250 truck trips per day over approximately 1,224 construction workdays. At the peak of construction, if all SS1-SS6 facilities are constructed together, it is estimated a maximum of approximately 1,266 commuting trips per day and 250 truck trips per day. The primary route to the site would be Bombing Range Road via Interstate Highway 84 (I-84) at the I-84/Irrigon Junction. Alternate routes would be via OR-207 via I-84 south of Hermiston.

4.2 Operations and Maintenance

Operation and maintenance activities include routine inspections, replacement of solar modules and battery components, panel washing, and vegetation management. ~~Up to~~Less than 10 permanent employees would operate and maintain the facility, with occasional delivery truck accessing the site during operations depending on the type of maintenance activity.

Individual batteries associated with the BESS will be inspected according to the manufacturer's recommendations and will need to be replaced approximately every 20 years, and every

battery will be replaced during the life of the facility. Each type of electrical facility component would have routine inspections as designated in the operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan. The solar panels may require periodic washing during operations, and other incidental water use for sanitation and equipment washing.

Vegetation will be cleared and maintained along access roads to provide a vegetation clearance area for fire safety. This includes mowing to a height of no more than 12 inches. Use of the roads may continue after construction, or new roads may be removed, and the land reclaimed to pre-construction conditions.

~~An aboveground 500-gallon fuel storage tank sized may be installed at each O&M building. Secondary containment and refueling procedures for on-site fuel storage during operations will continue to follow the SPCC Plan and requirements for secondary containment. No extremely hazardous materials are expected to be produced, used, stored, transported, or disposed of at the facility during operation.~~

4.3 Retirement

The estimated useful life of the ~~proposed~~ facility is 40 years. Operational jobs would be eliminated after the facility ceased operating; however, some short-term contract jobs to monitor restored areas may be added to facilitate retirement activities. Decommissioning requires similar workforce numbers as required for the construction of the facility and is estimated to require a similar duration of up to 47 months.

Final retirement activities will be designated in a retirement plan but would begin with disconnecting all electrical equipment disassembling equipment and components such and the battery storage units, solar panels and transformers. Larger containers and equipment would be removed, trucked off-site and recycled and disposed of. Solar panels would be disconnected, and piles would be removed including the excavation of any concrete foundations. Gravel and foundations from the inverters and transformers, ~~O&M building,~~ substation~~s~~, and battery units would be removed by trenching and excavation. The facility site would then be restored through grading, filling, and revegetation with plants or seed mix consistent with applicable plans and conditions discussed in this order or landowner interests.

5.0 Site Certificate Conditions

The conditions of this Site Certificate are organized and coded to indicate the phase of implementation, the standard the condition is required to satisfy, and an identification number (1, 2, 3, etc.).[3] The table below presents a "key" for phase of implementation:

[3] The identification number is not representative of an order that conditions must be implemented; it is intended only to represent a numerical value for identifying the condition.

Key	Type of Conditions/Phase of Implementation
GEN	General Conditions: Design, Construction and Operation
PRE	Pre-Construction Conditions
CON	Construction Conditions
PRO	Pre-Operational Conditions
OPR	Operational Conditions
RET	Retirement Conditions

To align with the phased construction approach, preconditions requiring applicant actions prior to construction allow for phased compliance. These apply specifically to the area in which the phased activities would occur, rather than the entirety of the site.

5.1 General (GEN) Conditions: Design, Construction and Operations

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
STANDARD: GENERAL STANDARD OF REVIEW (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
GEN-GS-01	The certificate holder must design, construct, operate and retire the facility: a. Substantially as described in the site certificate; b. In compliance with the requirements of ORS Chapter 469, applicable Council rules, and applicable state and local laws, rules and ordinances in effect at the time the site certificate was issued; and c. In compliance with all applicable permit requirements of other state agencies. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(10); General Standard Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-02	The certificate holder must begin and complete construction of the facility ~~or facility phase~~ by the following dates: ~~a. Construction of the facility or first facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2027. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site.~~ ~~b.~~a. Construction of the final facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2028. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site. ~~c.~~b. All facility construction must be completed on or before November 18, 2030.~~within 2 years after the date construction of the final facility phase (under (b)) begins.~~ Within 7 days after completing construction, the certificate holder shall provide the Department written verification that it has met the deadline. [General Standard Condition 2; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
GEN-GS-03	If the certificate holder becomes aware of a significant environmental change or impact attributable to the facility, the certificate holder must, as soon as possible, submit a written report to the Department describing the impact on the facility and any affected site certificate conditions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(6); General Standard Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-04	The certificate holder must prevent the development of any conditions on the site that would preclude restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition to the extent that prevention of such site conditions is within the control of the certificate holder. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(7); General Standard Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-GS-05	Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder must restore vegetation to the extent practicable and must landscape all areas disturbed by construction in a manner compatible with the surroundings and proposed use. Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder must remove all temporary structures not required for facility operation and dispose of all timber, brush, refuse and flammable or combustible material resulting from clearing of land and construction of the facility. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(11); General Standard Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-06	~~The certificate holder is authorized to construct the 230 kV transmission lines anywhere within the approved transmission line corridors, subject to the conditions in the site certificate. The approved transmission line corridor includes:~~ ~~a. Southern transmission line: Approximately 6.3 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to four collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~ ~~b. Northern transmission line: Approximately 3.2 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to two collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~ ~~[Site Specific Condition OAR 345-025-0010(5); General Standard Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]~~[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]
GEN-GS-07	The certificate holder may operationally share the following facility components between Sunstone Solar 1, Sunstone Solar 2, Sunstone Solar 3, Sunstone Solar 5 and Sunstone Solar 6 (SS1 – SS6): the switchyard, transmission line, O&M buildings, replacement solar panel storage (as needed), access roads, SCADA system, and temporary construction areas, subject to the following: a. Within 30 days of use by certificate holders of the shared facilities, the certificate holder must provide evidence to the Department that the certificate holders of the shared facilities have an executed agreement for shared use of any constructed shared facilities. The Shared Use Agreements must allow operation and maintenance personnel and contractors access to the shared SS1 – SS6 facilities. b. If a certificate holder for SS1 - SS6 proposes to substantially modify any of the shared facilities listed in sub(a) of this condition, or supporting facility or ceases facility operation, the applicable/relevant certificate holder is obligated to submit an amendment determination request to the Department to determine the appropriate process for evaluating the change and ensuring full regulatory coverage under each site certificate, or remaining site certificate if either is terminated, in the future. [General Standard Condition 11, Final Order on AMD1]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-OE-01	Before any transfer of ownership of the facility or ownership of the site certificate holder, the certificate holder must inform the Department of the proposed new owners. The requirements of OAR 345-027-0400 apply to any transfer of ownership that requires a transfer of the site certificate. [Organizational Expertise Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-02	Any matter of non-compliance under the site certificate is the responsibility of the certificate holder. Any notice of violation issued under the site certificate will be issued to the certificate holder. Any civil penalties under the site certificate will be levied on the certificate holder. [Organizational Expertise Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-03	The certificate holder must notify the Department within 72 hours of any occurrence of the following: a. There is an attempt by anyone to interfere with the facility's safe operation. b. There is a significant nature event such as a fire, earthquake, flood, tsunami or tornado, or human-caused event such as a fire or explosion. c. There is any fatal injury at the facility. [Organizational Expertise Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-04	The certificate holder shall, as soon as reasonably possible: a. Report incidents or circumstances that may violate the terms or conditions of the site certificate, terms or conditions of any order of the Council, or the terms or conditions of any order issued under OAR 345-027-0230, to the Department. In the report to the Department, the certificate holder shall provide all pertinent facts including an estimate of how long the conditions or circumstances existed, how long they are expected to continue before they can be corrected, and whether the conditions or circumstances were discovered as a result of a regularly scheduled compliance audit; b. Initiate and complete appropriate action to correct the conditions or circumstances and to minimize the possibility of recurrence; c. Submit a written report within 30 days of discovery to the Department. The report must refer to the language in (d) of the condition and contain: i. A discussion of the cause of the reported conditions or circumstances; ii. The date of discovery of the conditions or circumstances by the responsible party; iii. A description of immediate actions taken to correct the reported conditions or circumstances; iv. A description of actions taken or planned to minimize the possibility of recurrence; and v. For conditions or circumstances that may violate the terms or conditions of a site certificate, an assessment of the impact on the resources considered under the standards of OAR Chapter 345 Divisions 22 and 24 as a result of the reported conditions or circumstances.

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
	d. Upon receipt of the written report in sub(c) of this condition, the Department may review the facility record for incidents or circumstances reported or reportable under sub(a) related to public health and safety, the environment, or other resources protected under Council standards. If these incidences are determined by the Department to impact the adequacy of the facility decommissioning cost, the Department or Council may adjust the contingencies identified in Final Order on ASC Table 4 and shall request and receive an updated bond or letter of credit from certificate holder in the adjusted amount. [Organizational Expertise Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Structural Standard (SS) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
GEN-SS-01	The certificate holder must design, engineer and construct the facility to avoid dangers to human safety and the environment presented by seismic hazards affecting the site that are expected to result from all maximum probable seismic events. "Seismic hazards" include ground shaking, ground failure, landslide, liquefaction triggering and consequences (including flow failure, settlement buoyancy, and lateral spreading), cyclic softening of clays and silts, fault rupture, directivity effects and soil-structure interaction. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(12); Structural Standard Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-02	The certificate holder must notify the Department, the State Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly if site investigations or trenching reveal that conditions in the foundation rocks differ significantly from those described in the application for a site certificate. After the Department receives the notice, the Council may require the certificate holder to consult with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building Codes Division to propose and implement corrective or mitigation actions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(13); Structural Standard Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-03	The certificate holder must notify the Department, the State Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly if shear zones, artesian aquifers, deformations or clastic dikes are found at or in the vicinity of the site. After the Department receives notice, the Council may require the certificate holder to consult with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building Codes Division to propose and implement corrective or mitigation actions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(14); Structural Standard Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-04	The certificate holder shall design, engineer, and construct the facility in accordance with the versions of the International Building Code, Oregon Structural Specialty Code, and local building codes in effect at the time of construction. [Structural Standard Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-LU-01	The certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department of coordination with the owners of adjacent lands dedicated to agricultural use. Coordination must include information about the facility that could impact agricultural activities. The certificate holder must document any recommendations made by adjacent landowners regarding measures to reduce or avoid any adverse impacts to farm practices on surrounding lands and to avoid any increase in farming costs as well as any responses made to these recommendations. [Land Use Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-LU-02	The certificate holder must adhere to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund included in Attachment F of the Final Order on the ASC, or subsequently amended. It is the certificate holder's responsibility to ensure that the Council and Department receive all reports and notifications required by the agreement. If the Memorandum of Agreement is amended, the certificate holder shall provide a copy of the amended Agreement to the Department within 30 days of it being amended. [Land Use Condition 12; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
GEN-RF-01	The certificate holder shall prevent the development of any conditions on the site that would preclude restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition to the extent that prevention of such site conditions is within the control of the certificate holder. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(7); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Siting Standards for Transmission Lines (TL) [OAR 345-024-0090]	
GEN-TL-01	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~The certificate holder shall:~~ ~~a. Design, construct and operate the transmission lines in accordance with the requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code as approved by the American National Standards Institute; and~~ ~~b. Develop and implement a program that provides reasonable assurance that all fences, gates, cattle guards, trailers, or other objects or structures of a permanent nature that could become inadvertently charged with electricity are grounded or bonded throughout the life of the line.~~ ~~[Siting Standards for Transmission Line Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]~~

5.3 Pre-Construction (PRE) Conditions

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
STANDARD: General Standard of Review (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
PRE-GS-01	Except as necessary for the initial survey, the certificate holder may not begin construction of the facility or phase, or create a clearing on any part of the site of the facility or phase, as applicable, until the certificate holder has the legal right to engage in construction activities on the relevant parts of the site for the facility or phase. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(5); General Standard Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-GS-02	At least 90 days prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable (unless otherwise agreed to by the Department), the certificate holder shall submit to the Department a compliance plan documenting and demonstrating actions completed or to be completed to satisfy the requirements of all site certificate terms and conditions and applicable statutes and rules. The plan shall be provided to the Department for review and compliance determination for each requirement. The Department may request additional information or evaluation deemed necessary to demonstrate compliance. [OAR 345-026-0048, General Standard Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
PRE-OE-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall notify the Department of the identity and qualifications of the major design, engineering and construction contractor(s). The certificate holder shall select contractors that have substantial experience in the design, engineering and construction of similar facilities. The certificate holder shall report to the Department any changes of major contractors. [Organizational Expertise Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall select a construction contractor with a low rate of historic environmental and safety compliance citations. Certificate holder shall provide the following documentation to the Department: a. Qualifications and contact information of the of the major design, engineering and construction contractor(s) and subcontractors, as applicable. b. Construction contractor compliance history. c. Contract excerpt affirming that contractors are required to comply with the terms and conditions of the site certificate, including selecting design layout and construction materials that minimize impacts to resources protected under Council standards. [Organizational Expertise Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the certificate holder's construction manager.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Organizational Expertise Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Provide the Department a list of federal, state and local permits, including any third-party permits related to facility siting; and a schedule for obtaining identified permits. b. Once obtained, provide copies of all permits, including third-party permits, required for facility siting to the Department. [Organizational Expertise Condition 12; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Structural (SS) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRE-SS-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit a site-specific geotechnical investigation report, consistent with the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners Guideline for Preparing Engineering Geologic Reports, or newer guidelines if available to the Department, for review in consultation with its third-party consultant. [Structural Standard Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRE-SP-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide a Vegetation and Grading Plan that demonstrates contractors are required to adhere to the following: a. Existing vegetation (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) and associated root systems shall be left intact to the maximum extent practicable. b. Grading within solar arrays shall be limited to areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances (typically 10% maximum on North slopes and 15% maximum in other directions). [Soil Protection Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-SP-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Obtain a NPDES 1200-C Pemit from DEQ. A copy of the approved permit and attached Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) must be submitted to the Department. b. Finalize the Fugitive Dust Control Plan, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment D. Finalization includes verification of names and contact information of individuals responsible for implementation, measures to be implemented and forms to be used for monitoring and reporting. [Soil Protection Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-SP-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must submit to the Department a Construction Spill Prevention Countermeasures and Control (SPCC) Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
PRE-LU-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must provide to the Department a copy of the approved Conditional Use Permit and applicable Zoning Permit(s). [Land Use Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-02	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~Prior to construction of the 230 kV transmission lines, the certificate holder shall demonstrate to the Department that the transmission lines will be sited within the exiting road rights-of-way, unless Morrow County Public Works Department and Oregon Department of Transportation, as applicable, confirm that use of the existing road rights-of-way is not feasible.~~ ~~[Land Use Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]~~
PRE-LU-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the draft Noxious Weed Control Plan, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment E, and submit to the Department for review and approval in consultation with the Morrow County Weed Department. [Land Use Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must submit an executed document prohibiting the certificate holder, and the certificate holder's successors in interest, from pursuing a claim for relief or cause of action alleging injury from farming or forest practices as defined in ORS 30.930(2) and (4), and provide evidence that the document has been recorded in the deed records for Morrow County. [Land Use Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-05	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall demonstrate that the final design adheres to the following setbacks: a. All facility structures and above-ground components except the perimeter fenceline must be sited: 1. At least 20 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way of a local minor collector or marginal access street, including but not limited to Sand Hollow Road, Grieb Lane, Alpine Lane, Doherty Road, or Melville Road. 2. At least 30 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way, of a major collector, including but not limited to, Bombing Range Road. 3. At least 80 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way for an arterial road, including but not limited to State Highway 207. b. All facility structures, and all on-site septic systems or other sewage disposal systems must be set back at least 100 feet from delineated waterways. [Land Use Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-06	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit a final site plan that includes all information required by MCZO 4.165.E to the County and the Department. The Department may defer review and approval to the County.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Land Use Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-07	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must complete the preconstruction requirements identified in the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment F, or subsequently amended. [Land Use Condition 11; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
PRE-RF-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon, through the Council, a bond or letter of credit naming the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as beneficiary or payee. The approved bond or letter of credit amount of $~~117,945,000~~23,896,784 ~~23,669,565.82~~ (~~Q1~~ Q3 ~~2023~~ 2025 dollars) may be adjusted based on the design configuration of the facility, or phase of the facility, as provided in Sub(a) and adjusted to the year and quarter of issuance as provided under Sub(b). a. The bond or letter of credit amount may be adjusted based on actual design/number of components of the facility or phase, as applicable, and shall use the same unit costs and contingencies presented in the Final Order on ~~the ASC~~ Sunstone Solar RFA1 Table ~~8~~5. b. Adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation. c. The bond or letter of credit must be issued by a financial institution that is included on the Council's pre-approved financial institution list. The certificate holder may request to have a financial institution added to the list at any time. d. The bond or letter of credit must be prepared using the most recent Council-approved template. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 4; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
PRE-FW-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, based on Attachment G of the Final Order on the ASC, and submit to the Department for review and approval. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 1]
PRE-FW-02	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit the draft legal agreement for review and approval by the Department, in consultation with ODFW. The legal agreement shall ensure that payment provided for long-term~~

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	~~management and enhancement of the mitigation area is adequate to cover the permanent habitat loss from the facility.~~ ~~[Fish and Wildlife Condition 4, Final Order on ASC]~~
PRE-FW-03	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Habitat Mitigation Plan, as provided in Attachment H of the Final Order on ASC, based on the impacts associated with the final facility design and the legal agreement, as approved by the Department.~~ ~~[Fish and Wildlife Condition 5, Final Order on ASC]~~
PRE-FW-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department that the design measures included in the Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Final Order on ASC Attachment I) have been included in the final facility design and construction contractor contracts, as applicable. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Threatened and Endangered Species (TE) [OAR 345-022-0070]	
PRE-TE-01	If construction commences after April 2025, certificate holder shall, prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, conduct protocol-level Washington ground squirrel (WAGS) surveys within areas of planned facility construction that are within suitable WAGS habitat. The certificate holder shall: a. Submit a protocol-level survey plan for surveys to be conducted within suitable WAGS habitat, for review and approval by the Department in consultation with ODFW. At a minimum, the survey plan shall specify the survey area (all areas of suitable habitat within 1,000 feet of ground disturbing activities except where there is a habitat barrier (e.g., a paved road) or access restrictions); and survey timing (February 15 to May 31, unless otherwise approved by ODFW). b. Complete protocol-level WAGS surveys based on the protocol approved per (a). c. Submit survey reports to the Department and ODFW. The certificate holder shall not begin construction within 1,000 feet of Category 1 or Category 2 WAGS habitat until the identified boundaries of Category 1 WAGS habitat have been approved by the Department, in consultation with ODFW. Category 1 habitat includes a 785-foot buffer from an identified active burrow, and the area within the perimeter of multiple active burrows. Category 2 WAGS habitat consists of a 4,136-foot buffer from the exterior boundary of all Category 1 WAGS habitat. The survey results are valid for 3-years. d. Develop maps and worker training materials to inform of sensitive Category 1 and Category 2 habitat. Submit to the Department final facility design maps demonstrating that Category 1 habitat, including 785-buffer from any colonies identified per (b), is avoided. e. Install flagging or other demarcation, as appropriate, to inform workers of sensitive WGS habitat and of avoidance requirement.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Threatened and Endangered Species Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
PRE-HC-01	Prior to construction of the facility, or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall update the contact information provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment K, Inadvertent Discovery Plan. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Public Services (PS) [OAR 345-022-0100]	
PRE-PS-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall execute a final Road Use Agreement, based on Final Order on ASC Attachment N, and provide a copy to the Department. [Public Services Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]
PRE-PS-02	At least 180-days prior to construction of any phase, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department and Morrow County a temporary housing plan for the construction workforce. The plan shall provide for coordination with contractors and local officials on housing options and strategies to minimize impacts to local housing supply based on an ongoing evaluation of patterns of uses and potential shortages or changes in housing demand. [Public Services Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
PRE-WF-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan, as provided in Attachment L to the Final Order on ASC. The final Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
PRE-WM-01	Prior to construction of the facility, or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require contractors to develop and submit to the Department for review and approval, Construction Waste Management Plan(s) that, at a minimum, include the following: a. All sources and quantities of construction waste and wastewater, including damaged or dysfunctional energy facility components, and where feasible, estimated quantities that can be recycled. b. Process for disposal and recycling, including use of licensed haulers and disposal/recycling facilities; names and locations of licensed recycling and disposal facilities; collection, hauling and tracking requirements. c. Process for requesting a permit exemption from DEQ pursuant to OAR 340-093-0080 to ensure that concrete washout materials reused in foundation backfill are substantially the same as clean fill. d. Process for training workers and tracking compliance with the requirements of the plan. [Waste Minimization Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
STANDARD: Noise Control Regulations (NC) [OAR 340-035-0035]	
PRE-NC-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall demonstrate that the operational noise levels comply with OAR 345-035-0035(1)(b), based on an updated acoustic modeling analysis using final design/layout and equipment specifications. [Noise Control Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Removal-Fill (WL)	
PRE-WL-01	Prior to construction of the facility, facility component or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must provide documentation of a valid jurisdictional determination from the Oregon Department of State Lands demonstrating that no waterways subject to the State Removal-Fill law under ORS 196.795 through 196.990 are present within areas to be disturbed during construction or operation. [Removal-Fill Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
PRE-WR-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Identify all water-related needs and estimate daily and annual water demand for each construction phase, as applicable. b. Provide, to the Department, a contract or purchase agreement demonstrating that adequate water supply to meet construction demand has been secured from sources with valid water rights. [Water Rights Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]

5.4 Construction (CON) Conditions

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
CON-OE-01	The certificate holder shall contractually require all contractors and subcontractors to comply with all applicable laws and regulations and with the terms and conditions of the site certificate. The contractual obligation shall be required of each contractor and subcontractor prior to that firm working on the facility. Such contractual provisions shall not operate to relieve the certificate holder of responsibility under the site certificate. [Organizational Expertise Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
CON-OE-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall: a. Maintain an onsite construction manager. b. Require that the construction manager implement and monitor all applicable construction related site certificate conditions. c. Within six months after beginning construction, and every six months thereafter during construction of the energy facility and related or supporting facilities, the certificate holder shall submit a semiannual construction progress report to the Department. In each construction progress report, the certificate holder shall describe any significant changes to major milestones for construction. The certificate holder shall report on the progress of construction and shall address the following: i. Facility Status: An overview of site conditions, the status of facilities under construction and a summary of the operating experience of facilities that are in operation. The certificate holder shall describe any unusual events, such as earthquakes, extraordinary windstorms, major accidents or the like that occurred during the year and that had a significant adverse impact on the facility. ii. Status of Surety Information: Documentation demonstrating that bonds or letters of credit as described in the site certificate are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect for the term of the next reporting period. iii. Compliance Report: A report describing the certificate holder's compliance with all site certificate conditions that are applicable during the reporting period. For ease of review, the certificate holder shall, in this section of the report, use numbered subparagraphs corresponding to the applicable sections of the site certificate. iv. Facility Modification Report: A summary of changes to the facility that the certificate holder has made during the reporting period without an amendment of the site certificate in accordance with OAR 345-027-0050. [Organizational Expertise Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
CON-SP-01	During construction, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require that contractors adhere to the requirements of the Vegetation and Grading Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-SP-02	During construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Conduct all work in compliance with the NPDES 1200-C Permit and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) or revised ESCP if applicable. The ESCP shall be revised if determined necessary by the certificate holder, certificate holder's contractor(s) or the Department. Any Department-required ESCP revisions shall be implemented within 14-days, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department based on a good faith effort to address erosion issues. b. Conduct all work in compliance with the Fugitive Dust Control Plan. The Fugitive Dust Control Plan may be amended, as needed, to ensure that control measures are effective at the site. [Soil Protection Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
CON-SP-03	During construction, the certificate holder shall require that all onsite contractors and personnel adhere to the requirements of the SPCC Plan. Any SPCC revisions and updates shall be reported to the Department. [Soil Protection Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	
CON-LU-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Noxious Weed Control Plan required under Condition PRE-LU-02. [Land Use Condition 4, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
CON-RF-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall: a. Describe the status of the bond or letter of credit in the semi-annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. b. If construction extends for more than 12 months, the certificate holder shall adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit on an annual basis thereafter as described in under Condition PRE-RF-01. c. The Department and Council reserve the right to adjust the contingencies, as necessary to ensure that costs to restore the site are adequate. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
CON-FW-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, as applicable. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 2, Final Order on ASC]
CON-FW-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Attachment I of the Final Order on the ASC). Monitoring records shall be maintained throughout construction and included in the semi-annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
STANDARD: Threatened and Endangered Species (TE) [OAR 345-022-0070]	
CON-TE-01	Prior to and during construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, any incidentally identified occurrence(s) of Lawrence's milkvetch shall be avoided using a 100-foot buffer via mapping and flagging. [Threatened and Endangered Species Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
CON-HC-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall require all onsite employees and contractors to implement and adhere to the requirements of the Inadvertent Discovery Plan, as submitted to the Department under PRE-HC-01. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Public Services (PS) [OAR 345-022-0100]	
CON-PS-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall adhere to the terms and conditions of the Road Use Agreement executed under PRE-PS-01. [Public Services Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-PS-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall report to the Department the outcomes of the work completed under the temporary housing plan required under PRE-PS-02. The report shall be included in the construction progress report required under CON-OE-02, and shall include, at a minimum: a. Outcome of coordination with construction contractors to identify housing options for incoming workers, including aggregate data on the location (i.e. city) and type of housing used by workers. b. Documentation of coordination with local officials such as the Morrow County Planning Department, nearby cities and towns such as Lexington and Ione, the Lexington Community Development Group, the Ione Community Agri-Business Organization, the Boardman Community Development Association, the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, and other housing providers to identify housing options and strategies to minimize that impacts to local housing supply. [Public Services Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
CON-WF-01	During construction of the facility of phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall implement and require all onsite contractors and employees to adhere to the Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan required under Condition PRE-WF-01. Updates to the Wildfire Mitigation Plan may be required if determined necessary by the certificate holder, certificate holder's contractor(s), or the Department to address wildfire hazard to public health and safety. Any Department required updates shall be implemented within 14 days, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department based on a good faith effort to address wildfire hazard. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
CON-WM-01	During construction, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require that contractors adhere to the requirements of the Construction Waste Management Plan(s) and maintain records of employee training and tracking compliance onsite and available upon Department request. [Waste Minimization Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-WM-02	During construction, on-site concrete washwater disposal is prohibited unless DEQ approval of a permit exemption for materials substantially similar to clean fill is obtained. If DEQ approval of a permit exemption is obtained, concrete washwater must be disposed of onsite via infiltration and evaporation in accordance with the DEQ-issued NPDES 1200-C permit required under Condition CON-SP-02. [Waste Minimization Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
CON-WR-01	During construction: a. All water used for construction activities shall be appropriated and used in accordance with the applicable provisions of ORS chapter 537 and OAR chapter 690. b. The certificate holder shall report the source and amount of water used during each month of construction under Condition CON-OE-02. The certificate holder shall maintain records adequate to substantiate reports (e.g., written logs and photographs of well meter readings, copies of invoices from water sources) and make such records available to the Department upon request. c. If a water right, limited water use license, or water rights transfer is needed and would not be obtained by a third-party, the certificate holder shall submit and obtain approval of the applicable water permit through the site certificate amendment process. [Water Rights Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]

5.5 Pre-Operational (PRO) Conditions

Condition Number	Pre-Operational (PRO) Conditions
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
PRO-OE-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the individuals responsible for monitoring facility operations, including individuals or third-party entity responsible for onsite maintenance. [Organizational Expertise Condition 10; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRO-SP-01	Following the termination of the 1200-C, the certificate holder shall update the requirements of the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, specific to the areas within the fenceline not occupied by facility infrastructure. Certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department that the permit was terminated by DEQ. [Soil Protection Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
PRO-SP-02	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall submit to the Department an Operational Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
PRO-WF-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall finalize the operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) included as Attachment M to the Final Order on ASC. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
PRO-WM-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall develop an Operational Recycling Plan or protocol requiring that damaged or nonfunctional panels and lithium-ion batteries be recycled to the extent practicable. The certificate holder shall report in its annual report to the Department the quantities of panels and lithium-ion batteries recycled, reused or disposed of in a landfill. Requirements for lithium-ion battery recycling do not apply if the BESS is not constructed. [Waste Minimization Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other - Water Rights (WR)	
PRO-WR-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall provide, to the Department, a copy of the map, well log and all other information it provided to OWRD pursuant to ORS 537.545 and ORS 537.765 to qualify for an exempt ground water use for any onsite exempt wells. [Water Rights Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]

5.6 Operational (OPR) Conditions

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
STANDARD: General Standard of Review (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
OPR-GS-01	The certificate holder must submit a legal description of the site to the Department within 90 days after beginning operation of the facility. The legal description must include a description of metes and bounds or a description of the site by reference to a map and geographic data that clearly and specifically identify the outer boundaries that contain all parts of the facility. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(2); General Standard Condition 9]
OPR-GS-02	After January 1 but no later than April 30 of each year after beginning operation of the facility, the certificate holder shall submit an annual report to the Department. The Council Secretary and the certificate holder may, by mutual agreement, change the reporting date. a. The annual report must include the following information for the calendar year preceding the date of the report: 1. Facility Status: An overview of site conditions, the status of facilities under construction and a summary of the operating experience of facilities that are in operation. The certificate holder shall describe any unusual events, such as earthquakes, extraordinary windstorms, major accidents or the like that occurred during the year and that had a significant adverse impact on the facility. 2. Reliability and Efficiency of Power Production: For electric power plants, the plant availability and capacity factors for the reporting year. The certificate holder shall describe any equipment failures or plant breakdowns that had a significant impact on those factors and shall describe any actions taken to prevent the recurrence of such problems. 3. Status of Surety Information: Documentation demonstrating that bonds or letters of credit as described in the site certificate are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect for the term of the next reporting period. 4. Monitoring Report: A list and description of all significant monitoring and mitigation activities performed during the previous year in accordance with site certificate terms and conditions, a summary of the results of those activities and a discussion of any significant changes to any monitoring or mitigation program, including the reason for any such changes. 5. Compliance Report: A report describing the certificate holder's compliance with all site certificate conditions that are applicable during the reporting period. For ease of review, the certificate holder shall, in this section of the report, use numbered subparagraphs corresponding to the applicable sections of the site certificate.

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	6. Facility Modification Report: A summary of changes to the facility that the certificate holder has made during the reporting period without an amendment of the site certificate in accordance with OAR 345-027-0350. b. To the extent that information required by this rule is contained in reports the certificate holder submits to other state, federal or local agencies, the certificate holder may submit excerpts from such other reports to satisfy this rule. The Council reserves the right to request full copies of such excerpted reports. [Mandatory Condition 345-026-0080(1); General Standard Condition 10, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
OPR-OE-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the individuals responsible for monitoring facility operations, including individuals or third-party entity responsible for onsite maintenance. [Organizational Expertise Condition 11; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
OPR-SP-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational SPCC Plan. Any SPCC updates shall be described and included in the Annual Report to the Department. Certificate holder shall report spill and cleanup activities to the Department within 72 hours and shall make inspection records available to the Department upon request. [Soil Protection Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	
OPR-LU-01	Following the fifth year of monitoring under the Noxious Weed Control Plan required under PRE-LU-03, the certificate holder shall submit a Long-term Noxious Weed Monitoring Plan to the Department, for review and approval. The certificate holder shall implement the plan for the remainder of the facility's operating life. [Land Use Condition 5, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
OPR-RF-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Annually adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation. b. Any changes to the template made by the Council must be incorporated into the bond or letter or letter of credit whenever the amount is adjusted under Sub(a). c. The Department and Council reserve the right to adjust the contingencies, as

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	necessary to ensure that costs to restore the site are adequate. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
OPR-FW-01	During operation, as applicable, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 3, Final Order on ASC]
OPR-FW-02	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~During operation, the certificate holder shall provide reports from The Nature Conservancy on the status of long-term management and enhancement of the habitat mitigation area, consistent with the Habitat Mitigation Plan.~~ ~~[Fish and Wildlife Condition 6, Final Order on ASC]~~
OPR-FW-03	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Attachment J of the Final Order on the ASC). Monitoring records shall be maintained throughout operation and included in the annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
OPR-HC-01	During operations, the certificate holder shall require all onsite employees and contractors to implement and adhere to the requirements of the Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP), as provided for Condition PRE-HC-01. The IDP shall be reviewed and updated annually for current contact information. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
OPR-WF-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Implement the Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan finalized under Condition PRO-WF-01. b. Every 5 years after the first operational year, review and update the evaluation of wildfire risk under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b) and submit the results in the annual report required under Condition CON-OE-02 for that year. c. Submit an updated Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan to the Department if substantive changes are made to the plan because of the review under sub (b) of this condition, or at any other time substantiative revisions are made. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
OPR-WM-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational Recycling Plan or protocol developed under Condition PRO-WM-01. [Waste Minimization Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
OPR-WM-02	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Prohibit use of chemicals, soaps, detergents and heated water unless Chemical Safety Data Sheets for low volatile organic compound/biodegradable cleaning

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	chemicals and solvents are submitted to the Department for review and approval prior to use. b. Ensure that washing is conducted in a manner that does not remove paint or other finishes. c. Discharge wash water through evaporation and infiltration only. [Waste Minimization Condition 6, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
OPR-WR-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall verify that any onsite exempt wells do not use more than 5,000 gallons of ground water a day, collectively, and shall monitor the volume of groundwater used on a daily basis, maintain a record of such use and make the monitoring records available to the Department upon request. [Water Rights Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]

5.7 Retirement (RET) Conditions

Condition Number	Retirement (RET) Conditions
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
RET-RF-01	The certificate holder must retire the facility if the certificate holder permanently ceases construction or operation of the facility. The certificate holder must retire the facility according to a final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0410. The certificate holder must pay the actual cost to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition at the time of retirement, notwithstanding the Council's approval in the site certificate of an estimated amount required to restore the site. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(9); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
RET-RF-02	If the Council finds that the certificate holder has permanently ceased construction or operation of the facility without retiring the facility according to a final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0410, the Council must notify the certificate holder and request that the certificate holder submit a proposed final retirement plan to the Department within a reasonable time not to exceed 90 days. If the certificate holder does not submit a proposed final retirement plan by the specified date, the Council may direct the Department to prepare a proposed final retirement plan for the Council's approval. Upon the Council's approval of the final retirement plan, the Council may draw on the bond or letter of credit described in Condition PRE-RF~~T~~-01 to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition according to the final retirement plan, in addition to any penalties the Council may impose under OAR chapter 345, division 29. If the amount of the bond or letter of credit is insufficient to pay the actual cost of retirement, the certificate holder must pay any additional cost necessary to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition. After completion of site restoration, the Council must issue an order to terminate the site certificate if the Council finds that the facility has been retired according to the approved final retirement plan. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(16); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]

6.0 Successors and Assigns

To transfer this site certificate or any portion thereof or to assign or dispose of it in any other manner, directly or indirectly, the certificate holder shall comply with OAR 345-027-0400.

7.0 Severability and Construction

If any provision of this agreement and certificate is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the agreement and certificate did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

8.0 Execution

This site certificate may be executed in counterparts and will become effective upon signature by the Chair of the Energy Facility Siting Council and the authorized representative of the certificate holder.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this site certificate has been executed by the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Energy Facility Siting Council and Sunstone Solar 4, LLC (certificate holder).

ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL	SUNSTONE SOLAR 4, LLC
By: ______________________________	By: ___________________________________
Kent Howe, Chair	XXX, Authorized Representative
Date: ____________________________	Date:_________________________________

ATTACHMENT 1: FIGURES

Figure 1: Regional Location of Facility ~~and Site Boundary~~

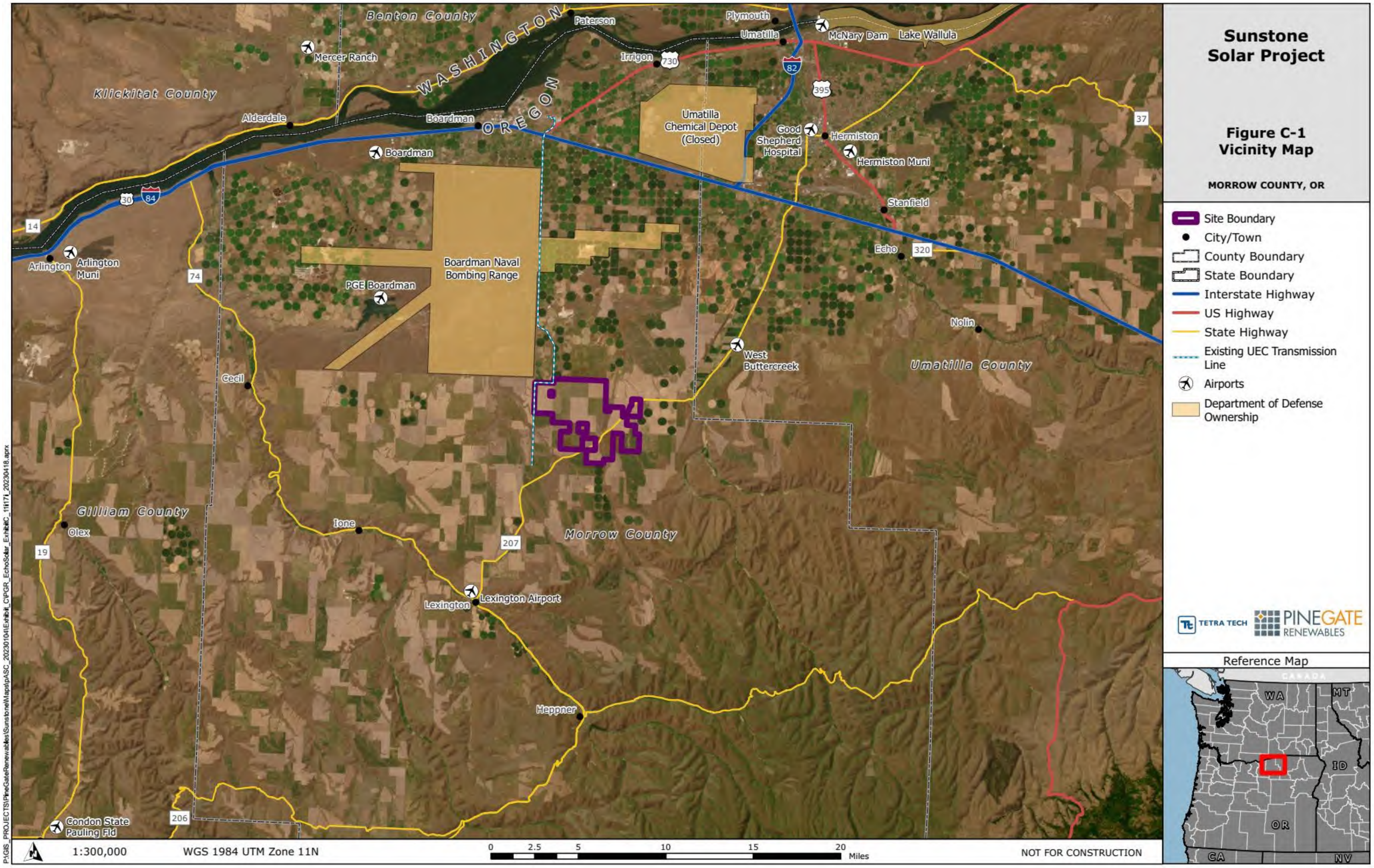


Figure 2: Original Site Boundary and RFA1 facility division (into six -facilities)

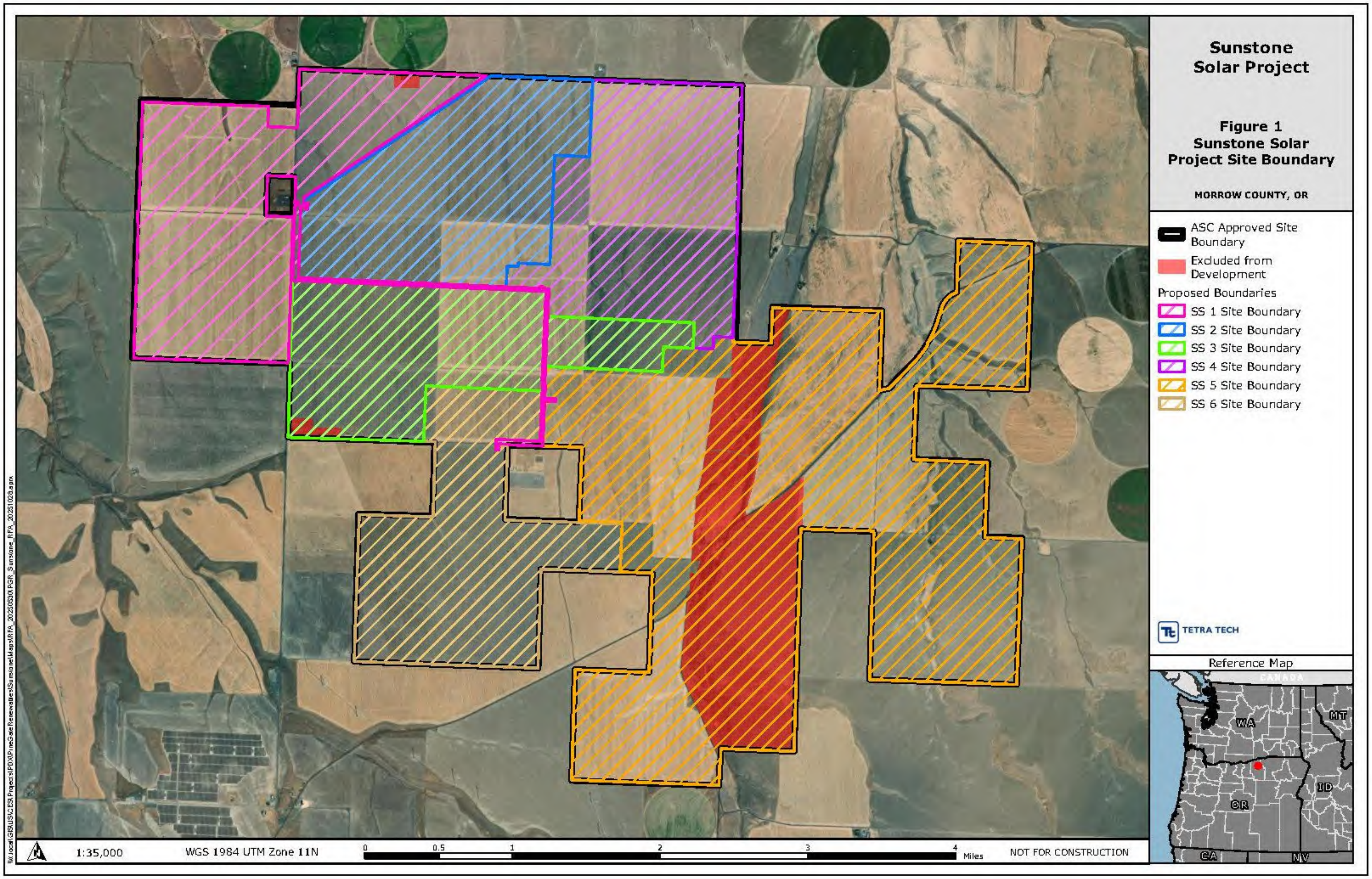
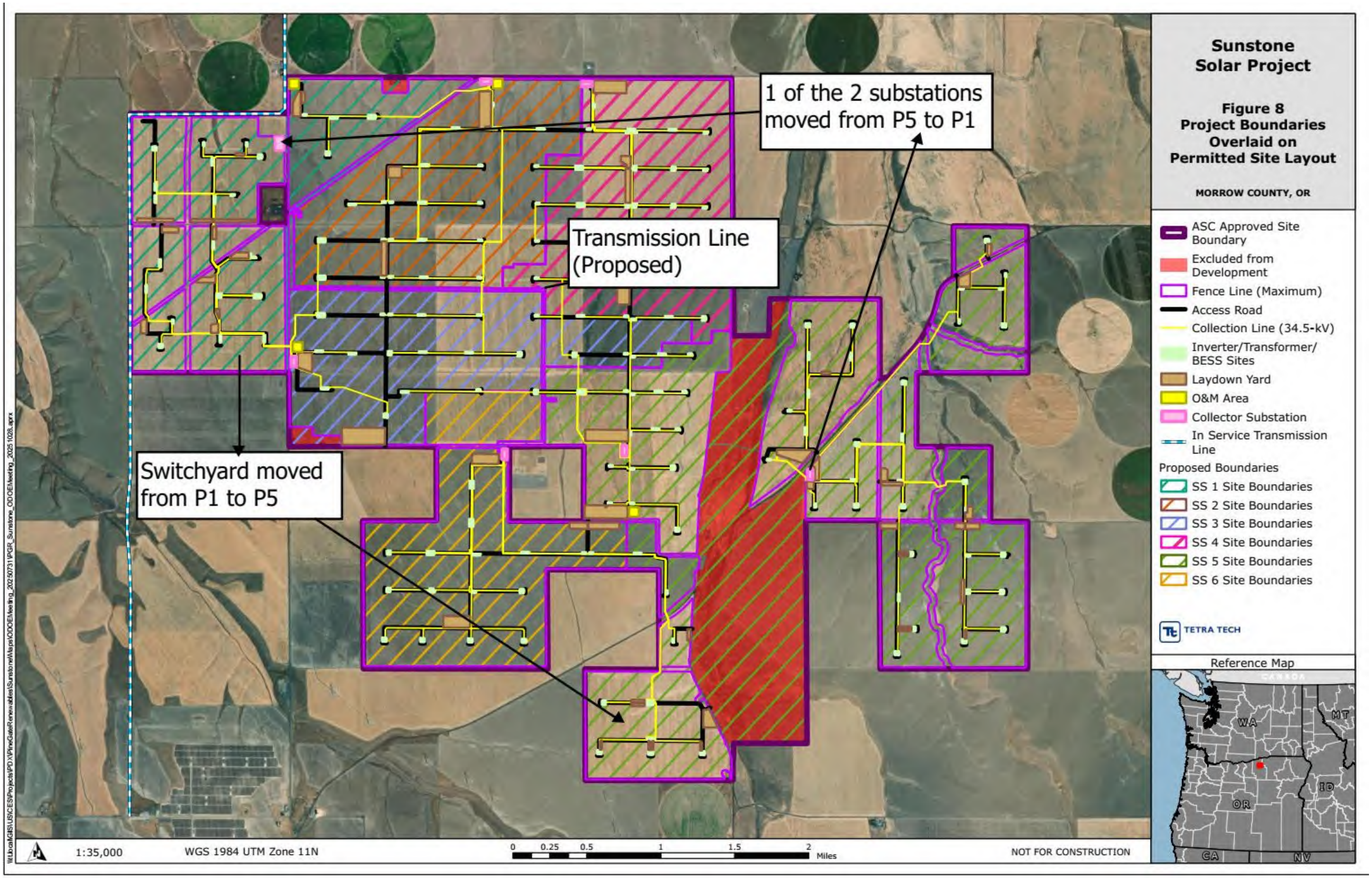


Figure 3: Sunstone Solar Project 4 (SS4) Site Boundary

Figure 4: SS4 Preliminary Facility Component Layout



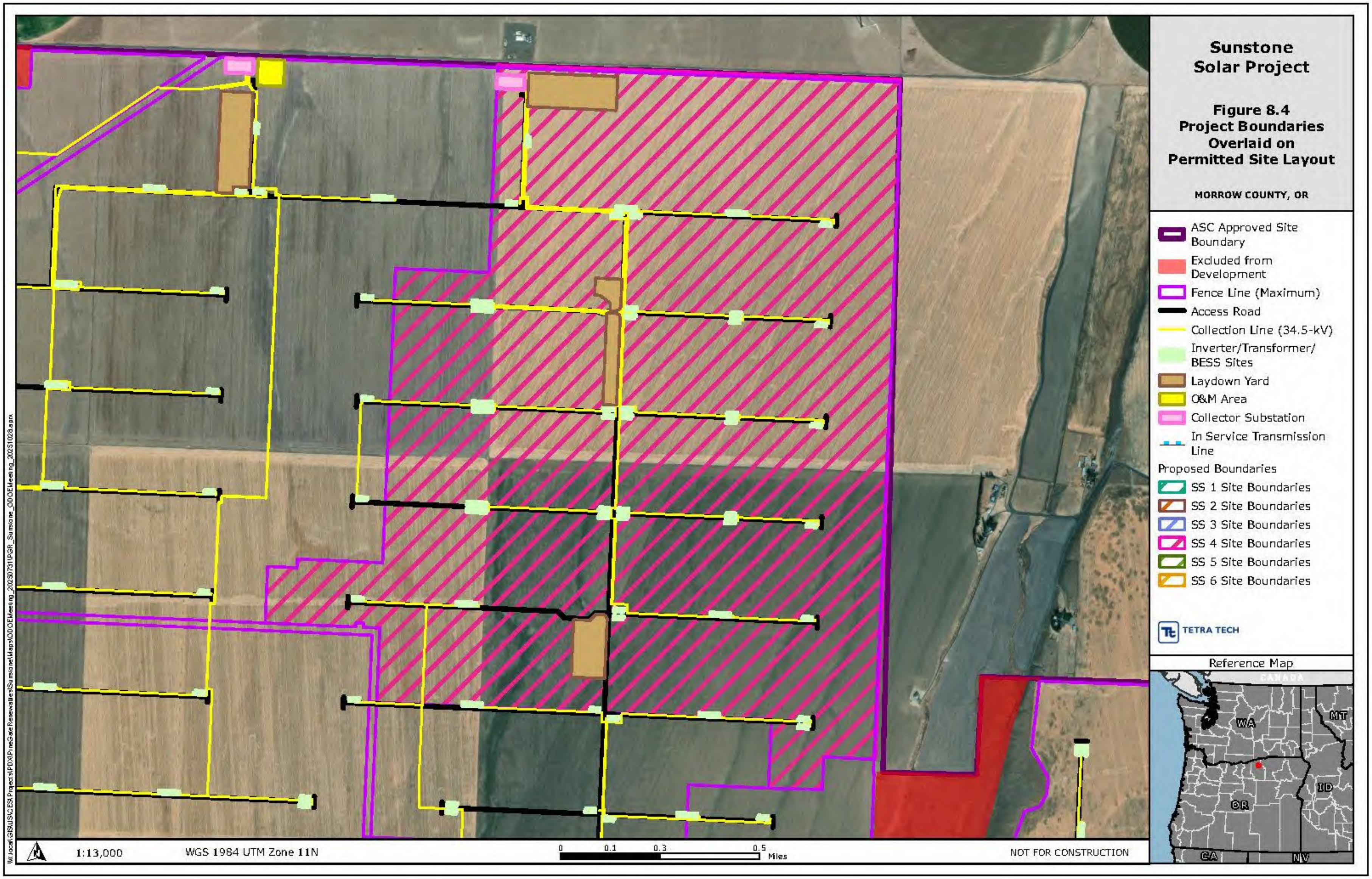

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Figure 8.4
Project Boundaries
Overlaid on
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ASC Approved Site Boundary
Excluded from Development
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Access Road
Collection Line (34.5-kV)
Inverter/Transformer/ BESS Sites
Laydown Yard
O&M Area
Collector Substation
In Service Transmission Line
Proposed Boundaries
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Attachment D: Draft Fugitive Dust Control Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 4

Draft Fugitive Dust Control Plan

Prepared for

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Prepared by

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July 2025~~November 2023~~

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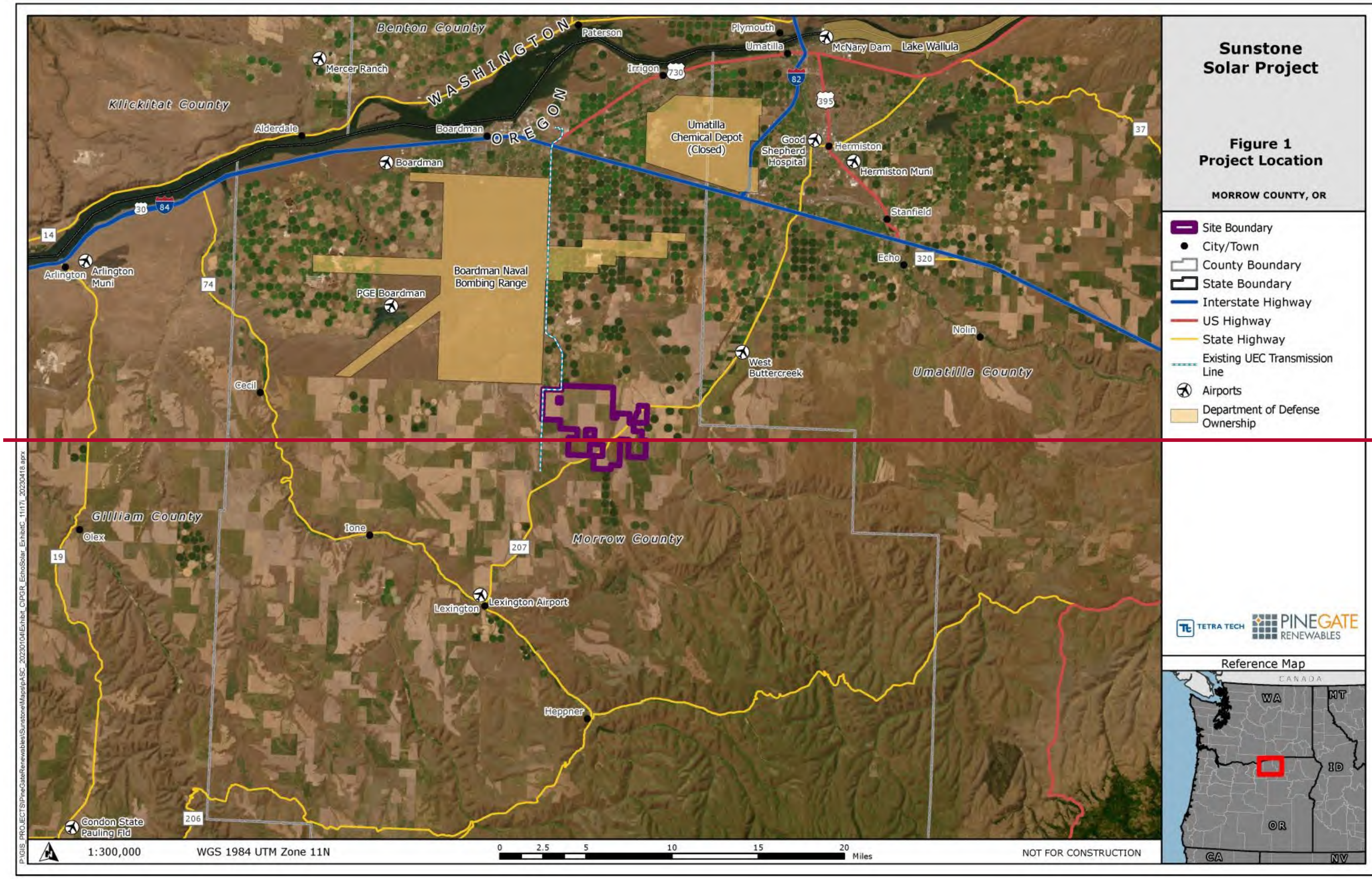
1.0 Introduction

This Fugitive Dust Control Plan (Plan) has been developed by Sunstone Solar 4, LLC (~~Sunstone Solar~~ Certificate Holder), a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC, for the ~~proposed~~ approved Sunstone Solar Project 4 (Facility) in Morrow County, Oregon ~~(Figure 1)~~. The purpose of this Plan is to reduce fugitive dust emissions associated with construction-related activities of a photovoltaic energy generation facility with up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) alternating current and related or supporting facilities, as well as a 1,200 MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system. The majority of the site consists of a mix of fallow fields and fields in small grain production, primarily dryland wheat; no farmlands within the site boundary receive irrigation (the application of water to land for purposes of growing agricultural products; Sunstone Solar 2024~~3a~~). This Plan summarizes the sources of and regulatory issues that relate to fugitive dust emissions; identifies responsibilities, monitoring, and training; and provides reasonable available control methods for fugitive dust in a table for easy reference in the field (Attachment 1).

This is an owner-imposed Plan that is expected to be implemented, maintained, and adaptively managed by the selected contractor throughout all phases of construction. The performance criteria and suggested measures identified in this Plan are minimums, and the contractor is expected to identify and implement additional measures as needed to fully meet all regulatory and public safety performance criteria. As identified in this Plan, the contractor may propose alternative approaches for consideration by the owner.

1.1 Fugitive Dust Sources

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey identified five~~13~~ major soil types within the project area (NRCS 2025~~3; see Sunstone Solar 2023b~~). Approximately 98~~64~~ percent of the site is composed of Warden silt loam ~~(Sunstone Solar 2023a)~~, which is moderately or severely susceptible to erosion from ground disturbance, wind, and vehicle traffic on unpaved roads due to its composition of hemic organic soil materials and very fine sand (~~Sunstone Solar 2023b;~~ NRCS 2025, NRCS 2011). ~~Additionally, 20 percent of the site is composed of Ritzville silt loam, which is also moderately or severely susceptible to erosion from ground disturbance, wind, and vehicle traffic due to its composition of silt and fibric organic material (Sunstone Solar 2023b; NRCS 2011).~~ Due to their composition, the retention of moisture in these sediments is thus restricted. Furthermore, these sediment particles have a low resistance to dust propagation and would be transported or drift to adjacent lands due to the lack of water through irrigation; thus, these soils are considered at high risk for fugitive dust.



~~Figure 1. Project Location~~

Fugitive dust can arise from a variety of construction and operational activities associated with solar development. The sources can be grouped into three general categories: dust created from ground-disturbing activities such as clearing and grading, dust created from wind action on bare soils and stockpiles such as those not fully stabilized post-construction with either vegetation or a tackifier, and dust created from traffic on unpaved roads. Sediment is the basis for fugitive dust, meaning that sediment particles can become fugitive dust if they are windborne. Therefore, the thresholds for treating sediment and erosion on the site will be similar if not the same as the thresholds for treating fugitive dust. Maintaining existing vegetation and root systems is the single most effective method for avoiding fugitive dust and sediment. Where existing vegetation and root systems are disturbed, quickly reestablishing vegetation is critical.

1.2 Regulatory Compliance

Fugitive dust is a source of particulate matter with a mean diameter less than 10 microns (PM_{10}) which is one of the seven air pollutants the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). To a lesser extent, fugitive dust is a source of particulate matter with a mean diameter less than 2.5 microns ($PM_{2.5}$), which has proposed regulations pending under NAAQS. These soil particles are very small, can remain suspended in the air for long periods of time, and are easily inhaled into the lungs. Increased risks of death and disease have been linked to periods of high outdoor PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations. These fine particles can potentially be lifted thousands of feet into the atmosphere and transported across continents and oceans creating global health, ecological, and climate change impacts.

The EPA shares responsibility with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) for the implementation of Clean Air Act (CAA) criteria in Oregon. ODEQ implements the CAA rules under the EPA-approved Oregon Administrative Rules (Chapter 340, Division 21 General Emission Standards for Particulate Matter). Fugitive dust is the primary concern related to the CAA at the Project. Fugitive dust is defined by ODEQ as dust that visibly leaves the project site for a period of more than **18 seconds in a 6-minute period,** determined by the attached EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019) at the downwind property boundary (Oregon Administrative Rules [OAR] 340-208-0210 (2)-a and -b).

The ODEQ Rule 340-208-0210 contains the following requirements for fugitive dust:

- Reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of water or other chemicals to control dust during construction, on unpaved roads, and during the transport of materials; enclosure of materials stockpiles and covering of open-body trucks; and prompt removal from paved streets of earth or other material.
- If fugitive dust is discovered, ODEQ may require the Facility to cease work until the fugitive dust emissions are controlled. Emissions are considered controlled when fugitive dust is no longer leaving the Facility site for more than 18 seconds in a 6-minute period.

Further, ODEQ Rule 340-208-0300 specifies that it is prohibited to cause or allow any air contaminants (e.g., fugitive dust) to create a nuisance. If ODEQ determines that a nuisance has been created, the agency may pursue informal or formal enforcement actions to abate the nuisance.

A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction Stormwater Discharge Permit (Oregon 1200-C Construction Stormwater Permit), pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 468.050 and Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act, will be obtained from ODEQ. This permit requires the permit holder to "Prevent wind-blown soil and dust from areas with exposed soil through the appropriate application of water or other dust suppression techniques to control the generation of pollutants that could be discharged in stormwater from the site" (Section 2.2.9) and requires permit holders to implement measures including monitoring, record keeping, reporting of exceedances, and installation, maintenance, and adaptive management of best management practices (BMPs) to control both stormwater and fugitive dust discharges. Implementation of these measures is intended to reduce fugitive dust to a negligible impact and ensure compliance with applicable air quality regulations.

The Morrow County Code regulates nuisances through the Oregon State Statute Chapter 203. Controlling fugitive dust emissions is required to avoid creating a public nuisance, which is defined as "any thing, substance, or act that is a threat to the public health, safety or welfare" (Morrow County Code Enforcement Ordinance ORD-2021-4).

2.0 Fugitive Dust Control Plan

2.1 Responsibility

The expectation is that the Contractor will implement and adaptively manage this Plan, controlling fugitive dust emissions and meeting all regulatory and public safety performance criteria throughout construction. As described in Section 1.2 above, the holder of the Oregon 1200-C permit is required to control fugitive dust emissions, including ensuring compliance by all subcontractors and outside service providers.

If the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ identifies that the regulatory and public safety performance criteria are not being met, the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ will implement enforcement measures, including but not limited to:

- Issuance of a Non-Conformance and/or Non-Compliance Report.
- Contractor to prepare and submit a corrective action plan.
- Contractor to document corrective actions taken and performance criteria met.
- Partial or full stoppage of work on site through activation of shut-down clause in contract.
- At ~~Sunstone Solar's~~the Certificate Holder's sole discretion, an outside contractor may be contracted to implement corrective actions, to be reimbursed by the Contractor.

Additionally, the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ may establish a Community Action Council to create an open and ongoing pathway for communication with stakeholders for the Project, including controlling fugitive dust emissions and avoiding the creation of nuisances. The Community Action Council could include representatives from the Morrow County Commissioners' Office, Morrow County Planning Department, Oregon Department of Transportation, and neighboring landowners. The Contractor will work with the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ to determine whether this Community Action Council will be established, and if so, the details of its establishment.

2.2 Monitoring

As required by the 1200-C permit, the permit holder will perform visual monitoring and recordkeeping by a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control or Storm Water Quality Inspector (inspector). The Contractor's construction site manager and inspector will be responsible for ensuring that the measures in this Plan are implemented, monitored, and adaptively managed, and that any exceedances are immediately reported to the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~.

The visual monitoring required by the 1200-C permit must occur at least once every 14 calendar days. However, because OAR 340-208-0210 restricts visible fugitive emissions on a continuous standard to a maximum of 18 seconds in a given 6-minute period, and because fugitive dust emissions may provide an immediate public safety concern in this location, this Plan requires that fugitive dust be monitored and controlled on an ongoing basis.

Monitoring for fugitive dust emissions shall include:

- Use of EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019; see Attachment 2) as specified in OAR 340-208-0210, at least once a day.
- The observation shall be performed during times of peak construction activity at the downwind property boundary.
- Recording of observations in a fugitive dust inspection log that is kept on site and shall be available digitally to the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~. This log shall include all information required in EPA Method 22 and shall also include photos and/or video taken during the observation period to document conditions.
- Installation and operation of a weather station, recording (at a minimum) wind speed and direction.

Triggers for additional, more frequent monitoring will include:

- Observation of visible fugitive dust emissions by Contractor, agency, or the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~ staff.
- Request by a member of the Community Action Council established by the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~.
- Wind speeds greater than 15 miles per hour.

- Receipt of complaints or concerns through the Project Dust Control Hotline.

2.3 Training

EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019) does not require a specific certification, but it is necessary that the person responsible for observations completed for this method be knowledgeable with respect to the general procedures for determining the presence of visible emissions. At a minimum, the observer must be trained and knowledgeable regarding the effects of background contrast, ambient lighting, observer position relative to lighting, wind, and the presence of uncombined water (condensing water vapor) on the visibility of emissions. This training is to be obtained from written materials found in the references cited in Method 22 (EPA 2019) or from the lecture portion of the EPA Method 9 certification course. The Contractor shall document in the inspection log how the person responsible for observations meets this requirement.

Construction workers will attend a Worker Environmental Awareness Program training prior to conducting construction activities. This training will include a summary of fugitive dust control measures included in this Plan and the responsibilities of personnel working on the Facility related to fugitive dust control.

2.4 Fugitive Dust Prevention and Management

This document and the attached table are intended to provide guidance to construction personnel on measures intended to minimize impacts and control fugitive dust emissions during construction. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to monitor and adaptively manage the site to maintain compliance with all local, state, and federal requirements. Additionally, this Plan is supplemental to the Contractor's Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and does not substitute for any requirements of ODEQ or other agencies.

This Plan is performance-based. As shown in the flow chart in Figure 1~~2~~, if fugitive dust emissions in excess of the ODEQ criteria of **18 seconds in a 6-minute period** occur, the Contractor shall:

- Implement adaptive management actions, including altering work operations and/or pause work until the fugitive dust emissions are controlled.
- Document that fugitive dust emissions have been controlled, including monitoring with EPA Method 22.
- In addition to any reporting requirements required in the 1200-C permit, report noncompliance incidents and adaptive management actions taken by the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ within 24 hours of occurrence.

The Contractor shall maintain and implement this Plan during all phases of construction. The table in Attachment 1 provides suggested Reasonable Available Control Measures (RACMs) for anticipated fugitive dust sources based on industry-standard BMPs and reasonable precautions specified in the Oregon 1200-C permit, ODEQ's Construction Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual (Manual) (ODEQ 2021), and OAR 340-208-0210. Supplemental RACMs are

identified in the table in case initial RACMs are not effective in controlling fugitive dust or are not feasible to implement (Attachment 1).

The Contractor shall identify and implement additional RACMs as needed to control fugitive dust emissions. Additionally, the Contractor may propose alternative approaches and RACMs for controlling fugitive dust. This proposal shall be made in writing and is subject to the approval of the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~.

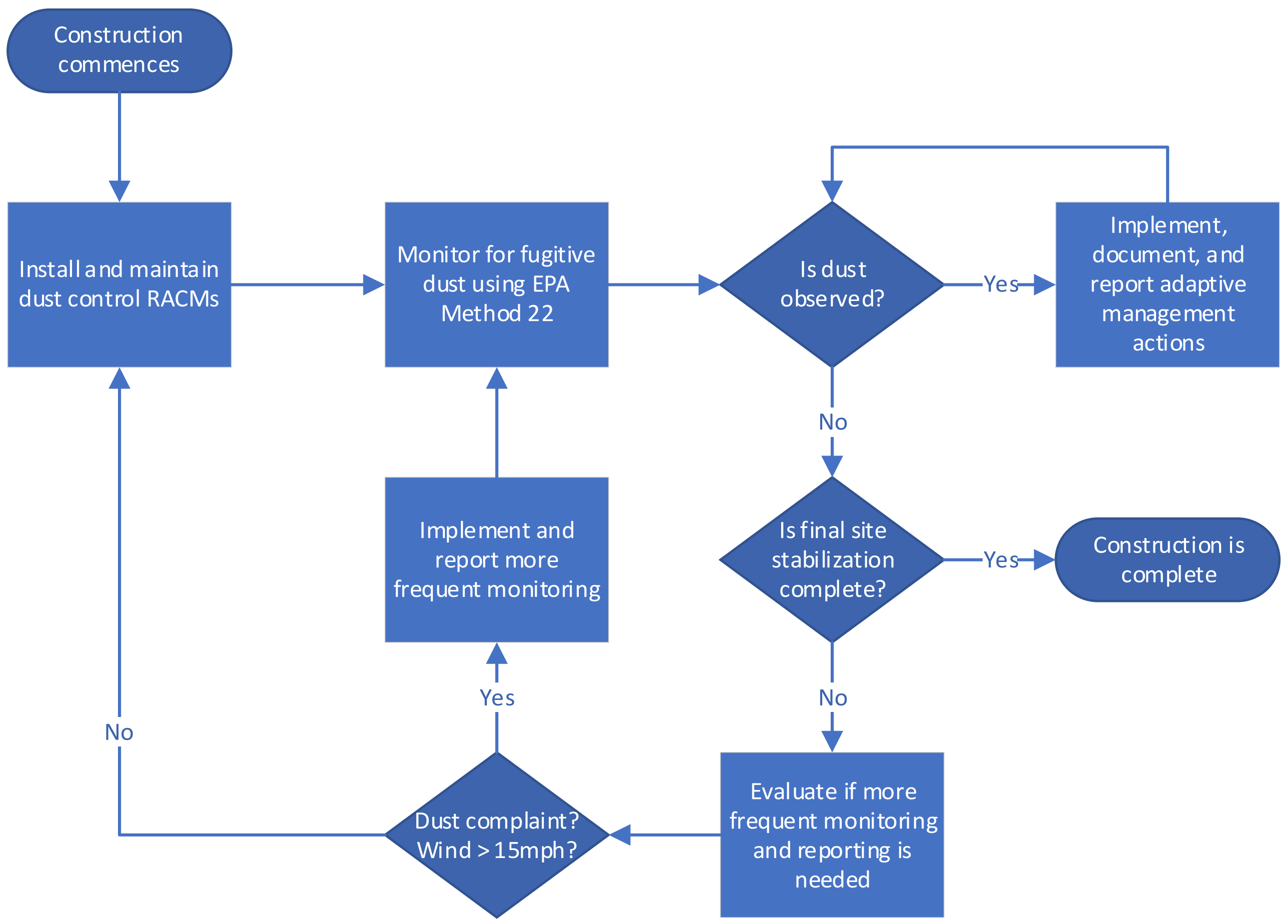


Figure 1. Dust Control Plan Flow Chart

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Attachment 1: Fugitive Dust Sources and Reasonable Available Control Measures

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Construction Phase	RACM(s)	Supplemental RACM(s)
All Phases of Construction	Daily fugitive dust monitoring and record keeping.	Increase frequency of monitoring.
	Prominent display of Dust Control Hotline signs, providing direct access to the Contractor's site manager or inspector.	If established, proactive engagement with Community Action Council.
	If established, Worker Environmental Awareness Program training for all construction employees.	Additional trainings and refreshers for employees.
	Maintain stockpile of BMPs on site, including sufficient palliatives for a single treatment of all site access roads and sufficient palliatives, mulch, and/or hydromulch for a minimum of 25 percent of the total disturbed area, and machinery for application.	Increase stockpile of palliatives, mulch, and/or hydromulch and add additional BMPs.
	Documentation and reporting of adaptive management actions.	Development and submittal of revised Fugitive Dust Control Plan.
Site Access	Install and maintain stabilized construction entrances at ingress/egress locations and restrict traffic to these locations.	Add additional construction entrance BMPs (e.g., wheel wash).
	Daily sweeping up of sediment from paved surfaces utilizing vacuum sweeper with HEPA filtration.	Increase sweeper frequency.
	Access roads shall be graveled.	Road maintenance and reapplication of gravel.
	Access roads will be stabilized with water or palliative sufficient to eliminate visible and sustained dust from vehicular travel and wind erosion. Reapply stabilization as necessary to maintain dust-free condition.	If water is unavailable or ineffective, or if water use is limited by any agency or regulation, access roads will be stabilized with longer-lasting palliatives.
	Restrict construction traffic to established and stabilized access routes.	Install fencing or barricades to prevent traffic outside of established routes.
	Limit traffic speeds to 15 miles per hour on stabilized unpaved roads within the site as long as such speeds do not create significant visible dust emissions. Traffic speed signs shall be displayed prominently at all site entrances and exits.	Limit traffic speeds within the site to 5 or 10 miles per hour.

Construction Phase	RACM(s)	Supplemental RACM(s)
Clearing, Grading, and Unstable Surfaces	Maintain the natural topography and vegetation of the site to the extent possible, including by limited grading and limited establishment of temporary access roads.	Reduce area being actively worked and stabilize unworked areas.
	Phase construction to expose the minimum amount of soil necessary.	Increase construction phasing to further minimize exposed soil.
	Leave existing vegetation intact to the extent possible.	Utilize mowing and rolling techniques to maintain plant root systems for soil stabilization.
	Minimize disturbance areas and soil exposure to the maximum extent feasible.	Limit work to a portion of the disturbed area until all disturbed areas receive temporary or final stabilization.
	When wind speeds exceed 15 miles per hour, minimize new disturbances to the extent possible and/or mobilize additional water trucks or palliatives to minimize fugitive dust from exposed surfaces.	Stop all ground disturbing activities and apply additional dust control measures until measures are effective or wind speeds slow and fugitive emissions stop.
	Separate and cover topsoil.	Increase maintenance frequency for topsoil cover. Combine methods, such as mulch plus tackifier.
	Stabilize exposed soils within the timeframes established in the 1200-C permit. Stabilize exposed soils in stages based on site conditions and weather.	Stabilize exposed soils more frequently, even if additional work is anticipated within the timeframe established in the 1200-C permit. Reapply stabilization measures following any additional disturbances.
	Temporarily stabilize exposed surfaces to prohibit significant and sustained visible fugitive dust from wind erosion. Utilize BMPs such as mulch, hydromulch with or without seeds, tackifier, spreading stone or gravel, and trackwalking.	Combine stabilization methods, such as mulch plus tackifier, or trackwalking plus hydromulch. Increase frequency of maintenance of stabilization.
	Seed exposed surfaces during the appropriate season with approved temporary or permanent seed mixes.	Reapply seed to newly disturbed areas or areas with poor germination. Use temporary seeding even if additional work is anticipated before final stabilization. Use irrigation to enhance seeding success.
	Gate seals should be tight on dump trucks. Soil load shall be kept below 6 inches of the freeboard of the truck. Drop heights shall be minimized when loaders dump soil into trucks.	Cover haul trucks with a tarp or other suitable cover.

Attachment 2: EPA Method 22

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EPA Method 22

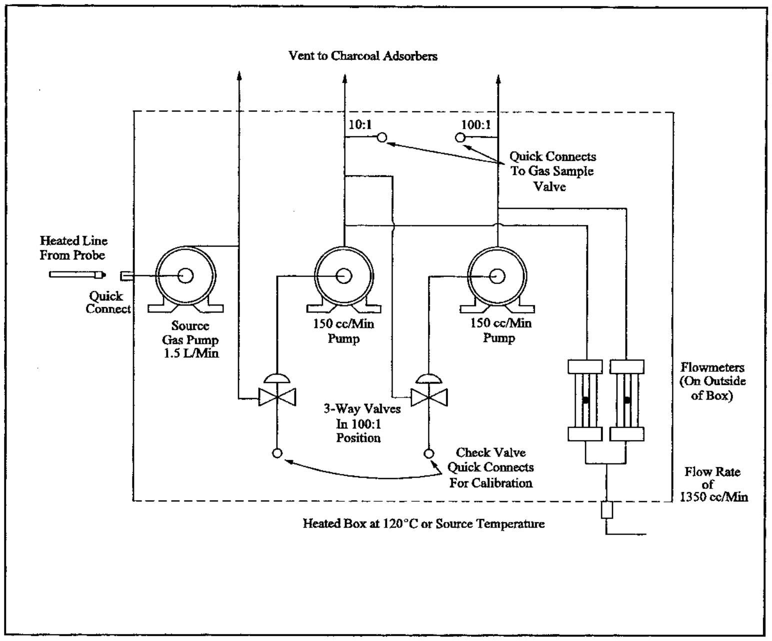

Figure 18-13. Schematic Diagram of the Heated Box Required for Dilution of Sample Gas.

GASEOUS ORGANIC SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS CHECK LIST

[Respond with initials or number as appropriate]

1. Presurvey data:		
A. Grab sample collected	☐	______
B. Grab sample analyzed for composition	☐	______
Method GC	☐	______
GC/MS	☐	______
Other	☐	______
C. GC-FID analysis performed	☐	______
2. Laboratory calibration data:		
A. Calibration curves prepared	☐	______
Number of components	☐	______
Number of concentrations/component (3 required).	☐	______
B. Audit samples (optional):		
Analysis completed	☐	______
Verified for concentration	☐	______
OK obtained for field work	☐	______
3. Sampling procedures:		
A. Method:		
Bag sample	☐	______
Direct interface	☐	______
Dilution interface	☐	______
B. Number of samples collected	☐	______
4. Field Analysis:		
A. Total hydrocarbon analysis performed	☐	______
B. Calibration curve prepared	☐	______
Number of components	☐	______
Number of concentrations per component (3 required).	☐	______

Gaseous Organic Sampling and Analysis Data

Date ____________________

Location ____________________

Plant ____________________

GASEOUS ORGANIC SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS CHECK LIST (RESPOND WITH INITIALS OR NUMBER AS APPROPRIATE)

	Date
1. Pre-survey data	
A. Grab sample collected	______
B. Grab sample analyzed for composition	______
Method GC	______
GC/MS	______
Other____________	______
C. GC–FID analysis performed	______
2. Laboratory calibration curves prepared	______
A. Number of components	______
B. Number of concentrations per component (3 required)	______
C. OK obtained for field work	______
3. Sampling procedures.	
A. Method.	
Bag sample	______
Direct interface	______
Dilution interface	______
B. Number of samples collected	______
4. Field Analysis.	
A. Total hydrocarbon analysis performed	______
B. Calibration curve prepared	______
Number of components	______
Number of concentrations per component (3 required)	______

Figure 18–14. Sampling and Analysis Sheet

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APPENDIX A–7 TO PART 60—TEST METHODS 19 THROUGH 25E

Method 19—Determination of sulfur dioxide removal efficiency and particulate, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emission rates

Method 20—Determination of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and diluent emissions from stationary gas turbines

Method 21—Determination of volatile organic compound leaks

Method 22—Visual determination of fugitive emissions from material sources and smoke emissions from flares

Method 23—Determination of Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p-Dioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans From Stationary Sources

Method 24—Determination of volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of surface coatings

Method 24A—Determination of volatile matter content and density of printing inks and related coatings

Method 25—Determination of total gaseous nonmethane organic emissions as carbon

Method 25A—Determination of total gaseous organic concentration using a flame ionization analyzer

Method 25B—Determination of total gaseous organic concentration using a nondispersive infrared analyzer

Method 25C—Determination of nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC) in MSW landfill gases

Method 25D—Determination of the Volatile Organic Concentration of Waste Samples

Method 25E—Determination of Vapor Phase Organic Concentration in Waste Samples

The test methods in this appendix are referred to in §60.8 (Performance Tests) and §60.11 (Compliance With Standards and Maintenance Requirements) of 40 CFR part 60, subpart A (General Provisions). Specific uses of these test methods are described in the standards of performance contained in the subparts, beginning with Subpart D.

Within each standard of performance, a section title "Test Methods and Procedures" is provided to: (1) Identify the test methods to be used as reference methods to the facility subject to the respective standard and (2) identify any special instructions or conditions to be followed when applying a method to the respective facility. Such instructions (for example, establish sampling rates, volumes, or temperatures) are to be used either in addition to, or as a substitute for procedures in a test method. Similarly, for sources subject to emission monitoring requirements, specific instructions pertaining to any use of a test method as a reference method are provided in the subpart or in Appendix B.

Inclusion of methods in this appendix is not intended as an endorsement or denial of their applicability to sources that are not subject to standards of performance. The methods are potentially applicable to other sources; however, applicability should be confirmed by careful and appropriate evaluation of the conditions prevalent at such sources.

The approach followed in the formulation of the test methods involves specifications for equipment, procedures, and performance. In concept, a performance specification approach would be preferable in all methods because this allows the greatest flexibility to the user. In practice, however, this approach is impractical in most cases because performance specifications cannot be established. Most of the methods described herein, therefore, involve specific equipment specifications and procedures, and only a few methods in this appendix rely on performance criteria.

Minor changes in the test methods should not necessarily affect the validity of the results and it is recognized that alternative and equivalent methods exist. section 60.8 provides authority for the Administrator to specify or approve (1) equivalent methods, (2) alternative methods, and (3) minor changes in the methodology of the test methods. It should be clearly understood that unless otherwise identified all such methods and changes must have prior approval of the Administrator. An owner employing such methods or deviations from the test methods without obtaining prior approval does so at the risk of subsequent disapproval and retesting with approved methods.

Within the test methods, certain specific equipment or procedures are recognized as being acceptable or potentially acceptable and are specifically identified in the methods. The items identified as acceptable options may be used without approval but must be identified in the test report. The potentially approvable options are cited as "subject to the approval of the Administrator" or as "or equivalent." Such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives may be used at the discretion of the owner without prior approval. However, detailed descriptions for applying these potentially approvable techniques or alternatives are not provided in the test methods. Also, the potentially approvable options are not necessarily acceptable in all applications. Therefore, an owner electing to use such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives is responsible for: (1) assuring that the techniques or alternatives are in fact applicable and are properly executed; (2) including a written description of the alternative method in the test report (the written method must be clear and must be capable of being performed without additional instruction, and the degree of detail should be similar to the detail contained in the test methods); and (3) providing any rationale or supporting data necessary to show the validity of the alternative in the particular application. Failure to meet these requirements can result in the Administrator's disapproval of the alternative.

METHOD 19—DETERMINATION OF SULFUR DIOXIDE REMOVAL EFFICIENCY AND PARTICULATE MATTER, SULFUR DIOXIDE, AND NITROGEN OXIDE EMISSION RATES

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes. This method provides data reduction procedures relating to the following pollutants, but does not include any sample collection or analysis procedures.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Nitrogen oxides (NO_X), including:		
Nitric oxide (NO)	10102–43–9	N/A
Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2)	10102–44–0.	
Particulate matter (PM)	None assigned	N/A
Sulfur dioxide (SO_2)	7499–09–05	N/A

1.2 Applicability. Where specified by an applicable subpart of the regulations, this method is applicable for the determination of (a) PM, SO_2, and NO_X emission rates; (b) sulfur removal efficiencies of fuel pretreatment and SO_2 control devices; and (c) overall reduction of potential SO_2 emissions.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Emission Rates. Oxygen (O_2) or carbon dioxide (CO_2) concentrations and appropriate F factors (ratios of combustion gas volumes to heat inputs) are used to calculate pollutant emission rates from pollutant concentrations.

2.2 Sulfur Reduction Efficiency and SO_2 Removal Efficiency. An overall SO_2 emission reduction efficiency is computed from the efficiency of fuel pretreatment systems, where applicable, and the efficiency of SO_2 control devices.

2.2.1 The sulfur removal efficiency of a fuel pretreatment system is determined by fuel sampling and analysis of the sulfur and heat contents of the fuel before and after the pretreatment system.

2.2.2 The SO_2 removal efficiency of a control device is determined by measuring the SO_2 rates before and after the control device.

2.2.2.1 The inlet rates to SO_2 control systems (or, when SO_2 control systems are not used, SO_2 emission rates to the atmosphere) are determined by fuel sampling and analysis.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety [Reserved]

6.0 Equipment and Supplies [Reserved]

7.0 Reagents and Standards [Reserved]

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport [Reserved]

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedures [Reserved]

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature

B_{wa} = Moisture fraction of ambient air, percent.

B_{ws} = Moisture fraction of effluent gas, percent.

%C = Concentration of carbon from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

C_d = Pollutant concentration, dry basis, ng/scm (lb/scf)

$\%CO_{2d}$,$\%CO_{2w}$ = Concentration of carbon dioxide on a dry and wet basis, respectively, percent.

C_w = Pollutant concentration, wet basis, ng/scm (lb/scf).

D = Number of sampling periods during the performance test period.

E = Pollutant emission rate, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_a = Average pollutant rate for the specified performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ao}, E_{ai} = Average pollutant rate of the control device, outlet and inlet, respectively, for the performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{bi} = Pollutant rate from the steam generating unit, ng/J (lb/million Btu)

E_{bo} = Pollutant emission rate from the steam generating unit, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ci} = Pollutant rate in combined effluent, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{co} = Pollutant emission rate in combined effluent, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_d = Average pollutant rate for each sampling period (*e.g.*, 24-hr Method 6B sample or 24-hr fuel sample) or for each fuel lot (*e.g.*, amount of fuel bunkered), ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{di} = Average inlet SO_2 rate for each sampling period d, ng/J (lb/million Btu)

E_g = Pollutant rate from gas turbine, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ga} = Daily geometric average pollutant rate, ng/J (lbs/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

E_{jo},E_{ji} = Matched pair hourly arithmetic average pollutant rate, outlet and inlet, respectively, ng/J (lb/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

E_h = Hourly average pollutant, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{hj} = Hourly arithmetic average pollutant rate for hour "j," ng/J (lb/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

EXP = Natural logarithmic base (2.718) raised to the value enclosed by brackets.

F_d, F_w, F_c = Volumes of combustion components per unit of heat content, scm/J (scf/million Btu).

GCV = Gross calorific value of the fuel consistent with the ultimate analysis, kJ/kg (Btu/lb).

GCV_p, GCV_r = Gross calorific value for the product and raw fuel lots, respectively, dry basis, kJ/kg (Btu/lb).

%H = Concentration of hydrogen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

H = Total number of operating hours for which pollutant rates are determined in the performance test period.

H_b = Heat input rate to the steam generating unit from fuels fired in the steam generating unit, J/hr (million Btu/hr).

H_g = Heat input rate to gas turbine from all fuels fired in the gas turbine, J/hr (million Btu/hr).

$\%H_2O$ = Concentration of water from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
H_r = Total numbers of hours in the performance test period (*e.g.*, 720 hours for 30-day performance test period).
K = Conversion factor, 10^{-5} (kJ/J)/(%) [10^6 Btu/million Btu].
K_c = (9.57 scm/kg)/% [(1.53 scf/lb)/%].
K_{cc} = (2.0 scm/kg)/% [(0.321 scf/lb)/%].
K_{hd} = (22.7 scm/kg)/% [(3.64 scf/lb)/%].
K_{hw} = (34.74 scm/kg)/% [(5.57 scf/lb)/%].
K_n = (0.86 scm/kg)/% [(0.14 scf/lb)/%].
K_o = (2.85 scm/kg)/% [(0.46 scf/lb)/%].
K_s = (3.54 scm/kg)/% [(0.57 scf/lb)/%].
K_w = (1.30 scm/kg)/% [(0.21 scf/lb)/%].
ln = Natural log of indicated value.
L_p,L_r = Weight of the product and raw fuel lots, respectively, metric ton (ton).
%N = Concentration of nitrogen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
N = Number of fuel lots during the averaging period.
n = Number of fuels being burned in combination.
n_d = Number of operating hours of the affected facility within the performance test period for each E_d determined.
n_t = Total number of hourly averages for which paired inlet and outlet pollutant rates are available within the 24-hr midnight to midnight daily period.
%O = Concentration of oxygen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
$\%O_{2d}$, $\%O_{2w}$ = Concentration of oxygen on a dry and wet basis, respectively, percent.
P_s = Potential SO_2 emissions, percent.
$\%R_f$ = SO_2 removal efficiency from fuel pretreatment, percent.
$\%R_g$ = SO_2 removal efficiency of the control device, percent.
$\%R_{ga}$ = Daily geometric average percent reduction.
$\%R_o$ = Overall SO_2 reduction, percent.
%S = Sulfur content of as-fired fuel lot, dry basis, weight percent.
S_e = Standard deviation of the hourly average pollutant rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).
$\%S_f$ = Concentration of sulfur from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
S_i = Standard deviation of the hourly average inlet pollutant rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).
S_o = Standard deviation of the hourly average emission rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).
$\%S_p$, $\%S_r$ = Sulfur content of the product and raw fuel lots respectively, dry basis, weight percent.
$t_{0.95}$ = Values shown in Table 19–3 for the indicated number of data points n.
X_k = Fraction of total heat input from each type of fuel k.

12.2 Emission Rates of PM, SO_2, and NO_X. Select from the following sections the applicable procedure to compute the PM, S_{O2}, or NO_X emission rate (E) in ng/J (lb/million Btu). The pollutant concentration must be in ng/scm (lb/scf) and the F factor must be in scm/J (scf/million Btu). If the pollutant concentration (C) is not in the appropriate units, use Table 19–1 in section 17.0 to make the proper conversion. An F factor is the ratio of the gas volume of the products of combustion to the heat content of the fuel. The dry F factor (F_d) includes all components of combustion less water, the wet F factor (F_w) includes all components of combustion, and the carbon F factor (F_c) includes only carbon dioxide.

NOTE: Since F_w factors include water resulting only from the combustion of hydrogen in the fuel, the procedures using F_w factors are not applicable for computing E from steam generating units with wet scrubbers or with other processes that add water (*e.g.*, steam injection).

12.2.1 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Dry Basis. When measurements are on a dry basis for both O ($\%O_{2d}$) and pollutant (C_d) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_d \frac{20.9}{(20.9 - \%O_{2d})} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-1}$$

12.2.2 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Wet Basis. When measurements are on a wet basis for both O_2 ($\%O_{2w}$) and pollutant (C_w) concentrations, use either of the following:

12.2.2.1 If the moisture fraction of ambient air (B_{wa}) is measured:

$$E = C_w F_w \frac{20.9}{\left[20.9(1 - B_{wa}) - \%O_{2w}\right]} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-2}$$

Instead of actual measurement, B_{wa} may be estimated according to the procedure below.

NOTE: The estimates are selected to ensure that negative errors will not be larger than −1.5 percent. However, positive errors, or over-estimation of emissions by as much as 5 percent may be introduced depending upon the geographic location of the facility and the associated range of ambient moisture.

12.2.2.1.1 B_{wa} = 0.027. This value may be used at any location at all times.

12.2.2.1.2 B_{wa} = Highest monthly average of B_{wa} that occurred within the previous calendar year at the nearest Weather Service Station. This value shall be determined annually and may be used as an estimate for the entire current calendar year.

12.2.2.1.3 B_{wa} = Highest daily average of Bwa that occurred within a calendar month at the nearest Weather Service Station, calculated from the data from the past 3 years. This value shall be computed for each month and may be used as an estimate for the current respective calendar month.

12.2.2.2 If the moisture fraction (B_{ws}) of the effluent gas is measured:

$$E = C_w F_d \frac{20.9}{\left[20.9\left(1 - B_{ws}\right) - \%O_{2w}\right]} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-3}$$

12.2.3 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Dry/Wet Basis.

12.2.3.1 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a wet basis (C_w) and O_2 concentration is measured on a dry basis ($\%O_{2d}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{\left(C_w F_d\right)(20.9)}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)\left(20.9 - \%O_{2d}\right)} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-4}$$

12.2.3.2 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a dry basis (C_d) and the O_2 concentration is measured on a wet basis ($\%O_{2w}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{C_d F_d 20.9}{\dfrac{\left(20.9 - \%O_{2w}\right)}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-5}$$

12.2.4 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Dry Basis. When measurements are on a dry basis for both CO_2 ($\%CO_{2d}$) and pollutant (C_d) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_c \frac{100}{\%CO_{2d}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-6}$$

12.2.5 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Wet Basis. When measurements are on a wet basis for both CO_2 ($\%CO_{2w}$) and pollutant (C_w) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_w F_c \frac{100}{\%CO_{2w}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-7}$$

12.2.6 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Dry/Wet Basis.

12.2.6.1 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a wet basis (C_w) and CO_2 concentration is measured on a dry basis ($\%CO_{2d}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{C_w F_c}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)} \frac{100}{\%CO_{2d}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-8}$$

12.2.6.2 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a dry basis (C_d) and CO_2 concentration is measured on a wet basis ($\%CO_{2w}$), use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_c \left(1 - B_{ws}\right) \frac{100}{\%CO_{2w}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-9}$$

12.2.7 Direct-Fired Reheat Fuel Burning. The effect of direct-fired reheat fuel burning (for the purpose of raising the temperature of the exhaust effluent from wet scrubbers to above the moisture dew-point) on emission rates will be less than 1.0 percent and, therefore, may be ignored.

12.2.8 Combined Cycle-Gas Turbine Systems. For gas turbine-steam generator combined cycle systems, determine the emissions from the steam generating unit or the percent reduction in potential SO_2 emissions as follows:

12.2.8.1 Compute the emission rate from the steam generating unit using the following equation:

$$E_{bo} = E_{co} + \frac{H_g}{H_b}\left(E_{co} - E_g\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-10}$$

12.2.8.1.1 Use the test methods and procedures section of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart GG to obtain E_{co} and E_g. Do not use F_w factors for determining E_g or E_{co}. If an SO_2 control device is used, measure E_{co} after the control device.

12.2.8.1.2 Suitable methods shall be used to determine the heat input rates to the steam generating units (H_b) and the gas turbine (H_g).

12.2.8.2 If a control device is used, compute the percent of potential SO_2 emissions (P_s) using the following equations:

$$E_{bi} = E_{ci} - \frac{H_g}{H_b}\left(E_{ci} - E_g\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-11}$$

$$P_s = 100\left(1 - \frac{E_{bo}}{E_{bi}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-12}$$

NOTE: Use the test methods and procedures section of Subpart GG to obtain E_{ci} and E_g. Do not use F_w factors for determining E_g or E_{ci}.

12.3 F Factors. Use an average F factor according to section 12.3.1 or determine an applicable F factor according to section 12.3.2. If combined fuels are fired, prorate the applicable F factors using the procedure in section 12.3.3.

12.3.1 Average F Factors. Average F factors (F_d, F_w, or F_c) from Table 19–2 in section 17.0 may be used.

12.3.2 Determined F Factors. If the fuel burned is not listed in Table 19–2 or if the owner or operator chooses to determine an F factor rather than use the values in Table 19–2, use the procedure below:

12.3.2.1 Equations. Use the equations below, as appropriate, to compute the F factors:

$$F_d = \frac{K\left(K_{hd}\%H + K_c\%C + K_s\%S + K_n\%N - K_o\%O\right)}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-13}$$

$$F_w = \frac{K\left[K_{hw}\%H + K_c\%C + K_s\%S + K_n\%N - K_o\%O + K_w\%H_2O\right]}{GCV_w} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-14}$$

$$F_c = \frac{K\left(K_{cc}\%C\right)}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-15}$$

NOTE: Omit the $\%H_2O$ term in the equations for F_w if %H and %O include the unavailable hydrogen and oxygen in the form of H_2O.)

12.3.2.2 Use applicable sampling procedures in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to obtain samples for analyses.

12.3.2.3 Use ASTM D 3176–74 or 89 (all cited ASTM standards are incorporated by reference—see § 60.17) for ultimate analysis of the fuel.

12.3.2.4 Use applicable methods in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to determine the heat content of solid or liquid fuels. For gaseous fuels, use ASTM D 1826–77 or 94 (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17) to determine the heat content.

12.3.3 F Factors for Combination of Fuels. If combinations of fuels are burned, use the following equations, as applicable unless otherwise specified in an applicable subpart:

$$F_d = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{dk}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-16}$$

$$F_w = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{wk}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-17}$$

$$F_c = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{ck}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-18}$$

12.4 Determination of Average Pollutant Rates.

12.4.1 Average Pollutant Rates from Hourly Values. When hourly average pollutant rates (E_h), inlet or outlet, are obtained (*e.g.*, CEMS values), compute the average pollutant rate (E_a) for the performance test period (*e.g.*, 30 days) specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$E_a = \frac{1}{H}\sum_{j=1}^{n} E_{hj} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-19}$$

12.4.2 Average Pollutant Rates from Other than Hourly Averages. When pollutant rates are determined from measured values representing longer than 1-hour periods (*e.g.*, daily fuel sampling and analyses or Method 6B values), or when pollutant rates are determined from combinations of 1-hour and longer than 1-hour periods (*e.g.*, CEMS and Method 6B values), compute the average pollutant rate (E_a) for the performance test period (*e.g.*, 30 days) specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$E_a = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{D}\left(n_d E_d\right)_j}{\sum_{j=1}^{D} n_{dj}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-20}$$

12.4.3 Daily Geometric Average Pollutant Rates from Hourly Values. The geometric average pollutant rate (E_{ga}) is computed using the following equation:

$$E_{ga} = \exp\left[\frac{1}{n_t}\sum_{j=1}^{n_t}\left[\ln\left(E_{hj}\right)\right]\right] \qquad \text{Eq. 19-21}$$

12.5 Determination of Overall Reduction in Potential Sulfur Dioxide Emission.

12.5.1 Overall Percent Reduction. Compute the overall percent SO_2 reduction ($\%R_o$) using the following equation:

$$\%R_o = 100\left[1.0 - \left(1.0 - \frac{\%R_f}{100}\right)\left(1.0 - \frac{\%R_g}{100}\right)\right] \qquad \text{Eq. 19-22}$$

12.5.2 Pretreatment Removal Efficiency (Optional). Compute the SO_2 removal efficiency from fuel pretreatment ($\%R_f$) for the averaging period (*e.g.*, 90 days) as specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$\%R_f = 100\left[1.0 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left(\frac{\%S_{pj}}{GCV_{pj}}\right)L_{pj}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left(\frac{\%S_{rj}}{GCV_{rj}}\right)L_{rj}}\right] \qquad \text{Eq. 19-23}$$

NOTE: In calculating $\%R_f$, include %S and GCV values for all fuel lots that are not pretreated and are used during the averaging period.

12.5.2.1 Solid Fossil (Including Waste) Fuel/Sampling and Analysis.

NOTE: For the purposes of this method, raw fuel (coal or oil) is the fuel delivered to the desulfurization (pretreatment) facility. For oil, the input oil to the oil desulfurization process (*e.g.*, hydrotreatment) is considered to be the raw fuel.

12.5.2.1.1 Sample Increment Collection. Use ASTM D 2234–76, 96, 97a, or 98 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17), Type I, Conditions A, B, or C, and systematic spacing. As used in this method, systematic spacing is intended to include evenly spaced increments in time or increments based on equal weights of coal passing the collection area. As a minimum, determine the number and weight of increments required per gross sample representing each coal lot according to Table 2 or Paragraph 7.1.5.2 of ASTM D 2234. Collect one gross sample for each lot of raw coal and one gross sample for each lot of product coal.

12.5.2.1.2 ASTM Lot Size. For the purpose of section 12.5.2 (fuel pretreatment), the lot size of product coal is the weight of product coal from one type of raw coal. The lot size of raw coal is the weight of raw coal used to produce one lot of product coal. Typically, the lot size is the weight of coal processed in a 1-day (24-hour) period. If more than one type of coal is treated and produced in 1 day, then gross samples must be collected and analyzed for each type of coal. A coal lot size equaling the 90-day quarterly fuel quantity for a steam generating unit may be used if representative sampling can be conducted for each raw coal and product coal.

NOTE: Alternative definitions of lot sizes may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.2.1.3 Gross Sample Analysis. Use ASTM D 2013–72 or 86 to prepare the sample, ASTM D 3177–75 or 89 or ASTM D 4239–85, 94, or 97 to determine sulfur content (%S), ASTM D 3173–73 or 87 to determine moisture content, and ASTM D 2015–77 (Reapproved 1978) or 96, D 3286–85 or 96, or D 5865–98 or 10 to determine gross calorific value (GCV) (all standards cited are incorporated by reference—see §60.17 for acceptable versions of the standards) on a dry basis for each gross sample.

12.5.2.2 Liquid Fossil Fuel-Sampling and Analysis. See Note under section 12.5.2.1.

12.5.2.2.1 Sample Collection. Follow the procedures for continuous sampling in ASTM D 270 or D 4177–95 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17) for each gross sample from each fuel lot.

12.5.2.2.2 Lot Size. For the purpose of section 12.5.2 (fuel pretreatment), the lot size of a product oil is the weight of product oil from one pretreatment facility and intended as one shipment (ship load, barge load, etc.). The lot size of raw oil is the weight of each crude liquid fuel type used to produce a lot of product oil.

NOTE: Alternative definitions of lot sizes may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.2.2.3 Sample Analysis. Use ASTM D 129–64, 78, or 95, ASTM D 1552–83 or 95, or ASTM D 4057–81 or 95 to determine the sulfur content (%S) and ASTM D 240–76 or 92 (all standards cited are incorporated by reference—see §60.17) to determine the GCV of each gross sample. These values may be assumed to be on a dry basis. The owner or operator of an affected facility may elect to determine the GCV by sampling the oil combusted on the first steam generating unit operating day of each calendar month and then using the lowest GCV value of the three GCV values per quarter for the GCV of all oil combusted in that calendar quarter.

12.5.2.3 Use appropriate procedures, subject to the approval of the Administrator, to determine the fraction of total mass input derived from each type of fuel.

12.5.3 Control Device Removal Efficiency. Compute the percent removal efficiency ($\%R_g$) of the control device using the following equation:

$$\%R_g = 100\left(1.0 - \frac{E_{ao}}{E_{ai}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-24}$$

12.5.3.1 Use continuous emission monitoring systems or test methods, as appropriate, to determine the outlet SO_2 rates and, if appropriate, the inlet SO_2 rates. The rates may be determined as hourly (E_h) or other sampling period averages (E_d). Then, compute the average pollutant rates for the performance test period (E_{ao} and E_{ai}) using the procedures in section 12.4.

12.5.3.2 As an alternative, as-fired fuel sampling and analysis may be used to determine inlet SO_2 rates as follows:

12.5.3.2.1 Compute the average inlet SO_2 rate (E_{di}) for each sampling period using the following equation:

$$E_{di} = K\frac{\%S}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-25}$$

Where:

$$K = 2\times10^7\left(\frac{\text{ng } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{(\text{kJ})}{\text{J}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{kg coal}}\right)\left[2\times10^4\left(\frac{\text{lb } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{million Btu}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{lb coal}}\right)\right]$$

After calculating E_{di}, use the procedures in section 12.4 to determine the average inlet SO_2 rate for the performance test period (E_{ai}).

12.5.3.2.2 Collect the fuel samples from a location in the fuel handling system that provides a sample representative of the fuel bunkered or consumed during a steam generating unit operating day. For the purpose of as-fired fuel sampling under section 12.5.3.2 or section 12.6, the lot size for coal is the weight of coal bunkered or consumed during each steam generating unit operating day. The lot size for oil is the weight of oil supplied to the "day" tank or consumed during each steam generating unit operating day. For reporting and calculation purposes, the gross sample shall be identified with the calendar day on which sampling began. For steam generating unit operating days when a coal-fired steam generating unit is operated without coal being added to the bunkers, the coal analysis from the previous "as bunkered" coal sample shall be used until coal is bunkered again. For steam generating unit operating days when an oil-fired steam generating unit is operated without oil being added to the oil "day" tank, the oil analysis from the previous day shall be used until the "day" tank is filled again. Alternative definitions of fuel lot size may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.3.2.3 Use ASTM procedures specified in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to determine %S and GCV.

12.5.4 Daily Geometric Average Percent Reduction from Hourly Values. The geometric average percent reduction ($\%R_{ga}$) is computed using the following equation:

$$\%R_{ga} = 100\left[1 - \text{EXP}\left(\frac{1}{n_t}\sum_{j=1}^{n_t} \ln\frac{E_{jo}}{E_{ji}}\right)\right] \qquad \text{Eq. 19-26}$$

NOTE: The calculation includes only paired data sets (hourly average) for the inlet and outlet pollutant measurements.

12.6 Sulfur Retention Credit for Compliance Fuel. If fuel sampling and analysis procedures in section 12.5.2.1 are being used to determine average SO_2 emission rates (E_{as}) to the atmosphere from a coal-fired steam generating unit when there is no SO_2 control device, the following equation may be used to adjust the emission rate for sulfur retention credits (no credits are allowed for oil-fired systems) (E_{di}) for each sampling period using the following equation:

$$E_{di} = 0.97K \frac{\%S}{GDV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-27}$$

Where:

$$K = 2\times10^{7}\left(\frac{\text{ng } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{J}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{kg coal}}\right)\left[2\times10^{4}\left(\frac{\text{lb } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{million Btu}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{lb coal}}\right)\right]$$

After calculating E_{di}, use the procedures in section 12.4.2 to determine the average SO_2 emission rate to the atmosphere for the performance test period (E_{ao}).

12.7 Determination of Compliance When Minimum Data Requirement Is Not Met.

12.7.1 Adjusted Emission Rates and Control Device Removal Efficiency. When the minimum data requirement is not met, the Administrator may use the following adjusted emission rates or control device removal efficiencies to determine compliance with the applicable standards.

12.7.1.1 Emission Rate. Compliance with the emission rate standard may be determined by using the lower confidence limit of the emission rate (E_{ao}*) as follows:

$$E_{ao}^{*} = E_{ao} - t_{0.95} S_o \qquad \text{Eq. 19-28}$$

12.7.1.2 Control Device Removal Efficiency. Compliance with the overall emission reduction ($\%R_o$) may be determined by using the lower confidence limit of the emission rate (E_{ao}*) and the upper confidence limit of the inlet pollutant rate (E_{ai}*) in calculating the control device removal efficiency ($\%R_g$) as follows:

$$\%R_g = 100\left(1.0 - \frac{E_{ao}^{*}}{E_{ai}^{*}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-29}$$

$$E_{ai}^{*} = E_{ai} + t_{0.95} S_i \qquad \text{Eq. 19-30}$$

12.7.2 Standard Deviation of Hourly Average Pollutant Rates. Compute the standard deviation (S_e) of the hourly average pollutant rates using the following equation:

$$S_e = \sqrt{\frac{1}{H} - \frac{1}{H_r}}\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{H}\left(E_{hj} - E_a\right)^2}{H-1}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-31}$$

Equation 19–19 through 19–31 may be used to compute the standard deviation for both the outlet (S_o) and, if applicable, inlet (S_i) pollutant rates.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References [Reserved]

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

TABLE 19–1—CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CONCENTRATION

From	To	Multiply by
g/scm	ng/scm	10^9
mg/scm	ng/scm	10^6
lb/scf	ng/scm	1.602×10^{13}

TABLE 19–1—CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CONCENTRATION—Continued

From	To	Multiply by
ppm SO_2	ng/scm	2.66×10^6
ppm NO_X	ng/scm	1.912×10^6
ppm SO_2	lb/scf	1.660×10^{-7}
ppm NO_X	lb/scf	1.194×10^{-7}

TABLE 19–2—F FACTORS FOR VARIOUS FUELS[1]

Fuel Type	F_d		F_w		F_c	
	dscm/J	dscf/10^6 Btu	wscm/J	wscf/10^6 Btu	scm/J	scf/10^6 Btu
Coal:						
Anthracite[2]	2.71×10^{-7}	10,100	2.83×10^{-7}	10,540	0.530×10^{-7}	1,970
Bituminus[2]	2.63×10^{-7}	9,780	2.86×10^{-7}	10,640	0.484×10^{-7}	1,800
Lignite	2.65×10^{-7}	9,860	3.21×10^{-7}	11,950	0.513×10^{-7}	1,910
Oil[3]	2.47×10^{-7}	9,190	2.77×10^{-7}	10,320	0.383×10^{-7}	1,420
Gas:.						
Natural	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.85×10^{-7}	10,610	0.287×10^{-7}	1,040
Propane	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.74×10^{-7}	10,200	0.321×10^{-7}	1,190
Butane	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.79×10^{-7}	10,390	0.337×10^{-7}	1,250
Wood	2.48×10^{-7}	9,240			0.492×10^{-7}	1,830
Wood Bark	2.58×10^{-7}	9,600			0.516×10^{-7}	1,920
Municipal	2.57×10^{-7}	9,570			0.488×10^{-7}	1,820
Solid Waste						

[1] Determined at standard conditions: 20 °C (68 °F) and 760 mm Hg (29.92 in Hg)
[2] As classified according to ASTM D 388.
[3] Crude, residual, or distillate.

TABLE 19–3—VALUES FOR $T_{0.95}$*

n[1]	$t_{0.95}$	n[1]	$t_{0.95}$	n[1]	$t_{0.95}$
2	6.31	8	1.89	22–26	1.71
3	2.42	9	1.86	27–31	1.70
4	2.35	10	1.83	32–51	1.68
5	2.13	11	1.81	52–91	1.67
6	2.02	12–16	1.77	92–151	1.66
7	1.94	17–21	1.73	152 or more	1.65

[1]The values of this table are corrected for n-1 degrees of freedom. Use n equal to the number (H) of hourly average data points.

METHOD 20—DETERMINATION OF NITROGEN OXIDES, SULFUR DIOXIDE, AND DILUENT EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY GAS TURBINES

1.0 Scope and Application

What is Method 20?

Method 20 contains the details you must follow when using an instrumental analyzer to determine concentrations of nitrogen oxides, oxygen, carbon dioxide, and sulfur dioxide in the emissions from stationary gas turbines. This method follows the specific instructions for equipment and performance requirements, supplies, sample collection and analysis, calculations, and data analysis in the methods listed in section 2.0.

1.1 Analytes. What does this method determine?

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Nitrogen oxides (NO_X) as nitrogen dioxide:	10102–43–9	Typically <2% of Calibration Span.
Nitric oxide (NO)	10102–44–0	
Nitrogen dioxide NO_2.		
Diluent oxygen (O_2) or carbon dioxide (CO_2)		Typically <2% of Calibration Span.
Sulfur dioxide (SO_X)	7446–09–5	Typically <2% of Calibration Span.

1.2 Applicability. When is this method required? The use of Method 20 may be required by specific New Source Performance Standards, Clean Air Marketing rules, and State Implementation Plans and permits where

measuring SO_2, NO_X, CO_2, and/or O_2 concentrations in stationary gas turbines emissions are required. Other regulations may also require its use.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. How good must my collected data be? Refer to section 1.3 of Method 7E.

2.0 Summary of Method

In this method, NO_X, O_2 (or CO_2), and SO_X are measured using the following methods found in appendix A to this part:

(a) Method 1—Sample and Velocity Traverses for Stationary Sources.

(b) Method 3A—Determination of Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(c) Method 6C—Determination of Sulfur Dioxide Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(d) Method 7E—Determination of Nitrogen Oxides Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(e) Method 19—Determination of Sulfur Dioxide Removal Efficiency and Particulate Matter, Sulfur Dioxide, and Nitrogen Oxide Emission Rates.

3.0 Definitions

Refer to section 3.0 of Method 7E for the applicable definitions.

4.0 Interferences

Refer to section 4.0 of Methods 3A, 6C, and 7E as applicable.

5.0 Safety

Refer to section 5.0 of Method 7E.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The measurement system design is shown in Figure 7E–1 of Method 7E. Refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for equipment and supplies.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for reagents and standards.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sampling Site and Sampling Points. Follow the procedures of section 8.1 of Method 7E. For the stratification test in section 8.1.2, determine the diluent-corrected pollutant concentration at each traverse point.

8.2 Initial Measurement System Performance Tests. You must refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for the measurement system performance tests as applicable.

8.3 Interference Check. You must follow the procedures in section 8.3 of Method 3A or 6C, or section 8.2.7 of Method 7E (as appropriate).

8.4 Sample Collection. You must follow the procedures of section 8.4 of the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0. A test run must have a duration of at least 21 minutes.

8.5 Post-Run System Bias Check, Drift Assessment, and Alternative Dynamic Spike Procedure. You must follow the procedures of sections 8.5 and 8.6 of the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0. A test run must have a duration of at least 21 minutes.

9.0 Quality Control

Follow quality control procedures in section 9.0 of Method 7E.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

Follow the procedures for calibration and standardization in section 10.0 of Method 7E.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

Because sample collection and analysis are performed together (see section 8), additional discussion of the analytical procedure is not necessary.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

You must follow the procedures for calculations and data analysis in section 12.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0. Follow the procedures in section 12.0 of Method 19 for calculating fuel-specific F factors, diluent-corrected pollutant concentrations, and emission rates.

13.0 Method Performance

The specifications for the applicable performance checks are the same as in section 13.0 of Method 7E.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 Alternative Procedures

Refer to section 16.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for alternative procedures.

17.0 References

Refer to section 17.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for references.

18.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

Refer to section 18.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for tables, diagrams, flowcharts, and validation data.

METHOD 21—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND LEAKS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Scope. This method is applicable for the determination of VOC leaks from process equipment. These sources include, but are not limited to, valves, flanges and other connections, pumps and compressors, pressure relief devices, process drains, open-ended valves, pump and compressor seal system degassing vents, accumulator vessel vents, agitator seals, and access door seals.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A portable instrument is used to detect VOC leaks from individual sources. The instrument detector type is not specified, but it must meet the specifications and performance criteria contained in section 6.0. A leak definition concentration based on a reference compound is specified in each applicable regulation. This method is intended to locate and classify leaks only, and is not to be used as a direct measure of mass emission rate from individual sources.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Calibration gas* means the VOC compound used to adjust the instrument meter reading to a known value. The calibration gas is usually the reference compound at a known concentration approximately equal to the leak definition concentration.

3.2 *Calibration precision* means the degree of agreement between measurements of the same known value, expressed as the relative percentage of the average difference between the meter readings and the known concentration to the known concentration.

3.3 *Leak definition concentration* means the local VOC concentration at the surface of a leak source that indicates that a VOC emission (leak) is present. The leak definition is an instrument meter reading based on a reference compound.

3.4 *No detectable emission* means a local VOC concentration at the surface of a leak source, adjusted for local VOC ambient concentration, that is less than 2.5 percent of the specified leak definition concentration. that indicates that a VOC emission (leak) is not present.

3.5 *Reference compound* means the VOC species selected as the instrument calibration basis for specification of the leak definition concentration. (For example, if a leak definition concentration is 10,000 ppm as methane, then any source emission that results in a local concentration that yields a meter reading of 10,000 on an instrument meter calibrated with methane would be classified as a leak. In this example, the leak definition concentration is 10,000 ppm and the reference compound is methane.)

3.6 *Response factor* means the ratio of the known concentration of a VOC compound to the observed meter reading when measured using an instrument calibrated with the reference compound specified in the applicable regulation.

3.7 *Response time* means the time interval from a step change in VOC concentration at the input of the sampling system to the time at which 90 percent of the corresponding final value is reached as displayed on the instrument readout meter.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Pollutants. Several of the compounds, leaks of which may be determined by this method, may be irritating or corrosive to tissues (*e.g.*, heptane) or may be toxic (*e.g.*, benzene, methyl alcohol). Nearly all are fire hazards. Compounds in emissions should be determined through familiarity with the source. Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as reference No. 4 in section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

A VOC monitoring instrument meeting the following specifications is required:

6.1 The VOC instrument detector shall respond to the compounds being processed. Detector types that may meet this requirement include, but are not limited to, catalytic oxidation, flame ionization, infrared absorption, and photoionization.

6.2 The instrument shall be capable of measuring the leak definition concentration specified in the regulation.

6.3 The scale of the instrument meter shall be readable to ±2.5 percent of the specified leak definition concentration.

6.4 The instrument shall be equipped with an electrically driven pump to ensure that a sample is provided to the detector at a constant flow rate. The nominal sample flow rate, as measured at the sample probe tip, shall be 0.10 to 3.0 l/min (0.004 to 0.1 ft^3/min) when the probe is fitted with a glass wool plug or filter that may be used to prevent plugging of the instrument.

6.5 The instrument shall be equipped with a probe or probe extension or sampling not to exceed 6.4 mm (¼ in) in outside diameter,

with a single end opening for admission of sample.

6.6 The instrument shall be intrinsically safe for operation in explosive atmospheres as defined by the National Electrical Code by the National Fire Prevention Association or other applicable regulatory code for operation in any explosive atmospheres that may be encountered in its use. The instrument shall, at a minimum, be intrinsically safe for Class 1, Division 1 conditions, and/or Class 2, Division 1 conditions, as appropriate, as defined by the example code. The instrument shall not be operated with any safety device, such as an exhaust flame arrestor, removed.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Two gas mixtures are required for instrument calibration and performance evaluation:

7.1.1 Zero Gas. Air, less than 10 parts per million by volume (ppmv) VOC.

7.1.2 Calibration Gas. For each organic species that is to be measured during individual source surveys, obtain or prepare a known standard in air at a concentration approximately equal to the applicable leak definition specified in the regulation.

7.2 Cylinder Gases. If cylinder calibration gas mixtures are used, they must be analyzed and certified by the manufacturer to be within 2 percent accuracy, and a shelf life must be specified. Cylinder standards must be either reanalyzed or replaced at the end of the specified shelf life.

7.3 Prepared Gases. Calibration gases may be prepared by the user according to any accepted gaseous preparation procedure that will yield a mixture accurate to within 2 percent. Prepared standards must be replaced each day of use unless it is demonstrated that degradation does not occur during storage.

7.4 Mixtures with non-Reference Compound Gases. Calibrations may be performed using a compound other than the reference compound. In this case, a conversion factor must be determined for the alternative compound such that the resulting meter readings during source surveys can be converted to reference compound results.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Instrument Performance Evaluation. Assemble and start up the instrument according to the manufacturer's instructions for recommended warmup period and preliminary adjustments.

8.1.1 Response Factor. A response factor must be determined for each compound that is to be measured, either by testing or from reference sources. The response factor tests are required before placing the analyzer into service, but do not have to be repeated at subsequent intervals.

8.1.1.1 Calibrate the instrument with the reference compound as specified in the applicable regulation. Introduce the calibration gas mixture to the analyzer and record the observed meter reading. Introduce zero gas until a stable reading is obtained. Make a total of three measurements by alternating between the calibration gas and zero gas. Calculate the response factor for each repetition and the average response factor.

8.1.1.2 The instrument response factors for each of the individual VOC to be measured shall be less than 10 unless otherwise specified in the applicable regulation. When no instrument is available that meets this specification when calibrated with the reference VOC specified in the applicable regulation, the available instrument may be calibrated with one of the VOC to be measured, or any other VOC, so long as the instrument then has a response factor of less than 10 for each of the individual VOC to be measured.

8.1.1.3 Alternatively, if response factors have been published for the compounds of interest for the instrument or detector type, the response factor determination is not required, and existing results may be referenced. Examples of published response factors for flame ionization and catalytic oxidation detectors are included in References 1–3 of section 17.0.

8.1.2 Calibration Precision. The calibration precision test must be completed prior to placing the analyzer into service and at subsequent 3-month intervals or at the next use, whichever is later.

8.1.2.1 Make a total of three measurements by alternately using zero gas and the specified calibration gas. Record the meter readings. Calculate the average algebraic difference between the meter readings and the known value. Divide this average difference by the known calibration value and multiply by 100 to express the resulting calibration precision as a percentage.

8.1.2.2 The calibration precision shall be equal to or less than 10 percent of the calibration gas value.

8.1.3 Response Time. The response time test is required before placing the instrument into service. If a modification to the sample pumping system or flow configuration is made that would change the response time, a new test is required before further use.

8.1.3.1 Introduce zero gas into the instrument sample probe. When the meter reading has stabilized, switch quickly to the specified calibration gas. After switching, measure the time required to attain 90 percent of the final stable reading. Perform this test sequence three times and record the results. Calculate the average response time.

8.1.3.2 The instrument response time shall be equal to or less than 30 seconds. The instrument pump, dilution probe (if any), sample probe, and probe filter that will be used

during testing shall all be in place during the response time determination.

8.2 Instrument Calibration. Calibrate the VOC monitoring instrument according to section 10.0.

8.3 Individual Source Surveys.

8.3.1 Type I—Leak Definition Based on Concentration. Place the probe inlet at the surface of the component interface where leakage could occur. Move the probe along the interface periphery while observing the instrument readout. If an increased meter reading is observed, slowly sample the interface where leakage is indicated until the maximum meter reading is obtained. Leave the probe inlet at this maximum reading location for approximately two times the instrument response time. If the maximum observed meter reading is greater than the leak definition in the applicable regulation, record and report the results as specified in the regulation reporting requirements. Examples of the application of this general technique to specific equipment types are:

8.3.1.1 Valves. The most common source of leaks from valves is the seal between the stem and housing. Place the probe at the interface where the stem exits the packing gland and sample the stem circumference. Also, place the probe at the interface of the packing gland take-up flange seat and sample the periphery. In addition, survey valve housings of multipart assembly at the surface of all interfaces where a leak could occur.

8.3.1.2 Flanges and Other Connections. For welded flanges, place the probe at the outer edge of the flange-gasket interface and sample the circumference of the flange. Sample other types of nonpermanent joints (such as threaded connections) with a similar traverse.

8.3.1.3 Pumps and Compressors. Conduct a circumferential traverse at the outer surface of the pump or compressor shaft and seal interface. If the source is a rotating shaft, position the probe inlet within 1 cm of the shaft-seal interface for the survey. If the housing configuration prevents a complete traverse of the shaft periphery, sample all accessible portions. Sample all other joints on the pump or compressor housing where leakage could occur.

8.3.1.4 Pressure Relief Devices. The configuration of most pressure relief devices prevents sampling at the sealing seat interface. For those devices equipped with an enclosed extension, or horn, place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the exhaust area to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.5 Process Drains. For open drains, place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the area open to the atmosphere. For covered drains, place the probe at the surface of the cover interface and conduct a peripheral traverse.

8.3.1.6 Open-ended Lines or Valves. Place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the opening to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.7 Seal System Degassing Vents and Accumulator Vents. Place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the opening to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.8 Access door seals. Place the probe inlet at the surface of the door seal interface and conduct a peripheral traverse.

8.3.2 Type II—''No Detectable Emission''. Determine the local ambient VOC concentration around the source by moving the probe randomly upwind and downwind at a distance of one to two meters from the source. If an interference exists with this determination due to a nearby emission or leak, the local ambient concentration may be determined at distances closer to the source, but in no case shall the distance be less than 25 centimeters. Then move the probe inlet to the surface of the source and determine the concentration as outlined in section 8.3.1. The difference between these concentrations determines whether there are no detectable emissions. Record and report the results as specified by the regulation. For those cases where the regulation requires a specific device installation, or that specified vents be ducted or piped to a control device, the existence of these conditions shall be visually confirmed. When the regulation also requires that no detectable emissions exist, visual observations and sampling surveys are required. Examples of this technique are:

8.3.2.1 Pump or Compressor Seals. If applicable, determine the type of shaft seal. Perform a survey of the local area ambient VOC concentration and determine if detectable emissions exist as described in section 8.3.2.

8.3.2.2 Seal System Degassing Vents, Accumulator Vessel Vents, Pressure Relief Devices. If applicable, observe whether or not the applicable ducting or piping exists. Also, determine if any sources exist in the ducting or piping where emissions could occur upstream of the control device. If the required ducting or piping exists and there are no sources where the emissions could be vented to the atmosphere upstream of the control device, then it is presumed that no detectable emissions are present. If there are sources in the ducting or piping where emissions could be vented or sources where leaks could occur, the sampling surveys described in section 8.3.2 shall be used to determine if detectable emissions exist.

8.3.3 Alternative Screening Procedure.

8.3.3.1 A screening procedure based on the formation of bubbles in a soap solution that is sprayed on a potential leak source may be used for those sources that do not have continuously moving parts, that do not have surface temperatures greater than the boiling point or less than the freezing point of the soap solution, that do not have open

areas to the atmosphere that the soap solution cannot bridge, or that do not exhibit evidence of liquid leakage. Sources that have these conditions present must be surveyed using the instrument technique of section 8.3.1 or 8.3.2.

8.3.3.2 Spray a soap solution over all potential leak sources. The soap solution may be a commercially available leak detection solution or may be prepared using concentrated detergent and water. A pressure sprayer or squeeze bottle may be used to dispense the solution. Observe the potential leak sites to determine if any bubbles are formed. If no bubbles are observed, the source is presumed to have no detectable emissions or leaks as applicable. If any bubbles are observed, the instrument techniques of section 8.3.1 or 8.3.2 shall be used to determine if a leak exists, or if the source has detectable emissions, as applicable.

9.0 Quality Control

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.1.2	Instrument calibration precision check	Ensure precision and accuracy, respectively, of instrument response to standard.
10.0	Instrument calibration.	

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Calibrate the VOC monitoring instrument as follows. After the appropriate warmup period and zero internal calibration procedure, introduce the calibration gas into the instrument sample probe. Adjust the instrument meter readout to correspond to the calibration gas value.

NOTE: If the meter readout cannot be adjusted to the proper value, a malfunction of the analyzer is indicated and corrective actions are necessary before use.

11.0 Analytical Procedures [Reserved]

12.0 Data Analyses and Calculations [Reserved]

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 22—VISUAL DETERMINATION OF FUGITIVE EMISSIONS FROM MATERIAL SOURCES AND SMOKE EMISSIONS FROM FLARES

NOTE: This method is not inclusive with respect to observer certification. Some material is incorporated by reference from Method 9.

1.0 Scope and Application

This method is applicable for the determination of the frequency of fugitive emissions from stationary sources, only as specified in an applicable subpart of the regulations. This method also is applicable for the determination of the frequency of visible smoke emissions from flares.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Fugitive emissions produced during material processing, handling, and transfer operations or smoke emissions from flares are visually determined by an observer without the aid of instruments.

2.2 This method is used also to determine visible smoke emissions from flares used for combustion of waste process materials.

2.3 This method determines the amount of time that visible emissions occur during the observation period (*i.e.*, the accumulated emission time). This method does not require that the opacity of emissions be determined. Since this procedure requires only the determination of whether visible emissions occur and does not require the determination of opacity levels, observer certification according to the procedures of Method 9 is not required. However, it is necessary that the observer is knowledgeable with respect to the general procedures for determining the presence of visible emissions. At a minimum, the observer must be trained and knowledgeable regarding the effects of background contrast, ambient lighting, observer position relative

to lighting, wind, and the presence of uncombined water (condensing water vapor) on the visibility of emissions. This training is to be obtained from written materials found in References 1 and 2 or from the lecture portion of the Method 9 certification course.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Emission frequency* means the percentage of time that emissions are visible during the observation period.

3.2 *Emission time* means the accumulated amount of time that emissions are visible during the observation period.

3.3 *Fugitive emissions* means emissions generated by an affected facility which is not collected by a capture system and is released to the atmosphere. This includes emissions that (1) escape capture by process equipment exhaust hoods; (2) are emitted during material transfer; (3) are emitted from buildings housing material processing or handling equipment; or (4) are emitted directly from process equipment.

3.4 *Observation period* means the accumulated time period during which observations are conducted, not to be less than the period specified in the applicable regulation.

3.5 *Smoke emissions* means a pollutant generated by combustion in a flare and occurring immediately downstream of the flame. Smoke occurring within the flame, but not downstream of the flame, is not considered a smoke emission.

4.0 Interferences

4.1 Occasionally, fugitive emissions from sources other than the affected facility (*e.g.*, road dust) may prevent a clear view of the affected facility. This may particularly be a problem during periods of high wind. If the view of the potential emission points is obscured to such a degree that the observer questions the validity of continuing observations, then the observations shall be terminated, and the observer shall clearly note this fact on the data form.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment

6.1 Stopwatches (two). Accumulative type with unit divisions of at least 0.5 seconds.

6.2 Light Meter. Light meter capable of measuring illuminance in the 50 to 200 lux range, required for indoor observations only.

7.0 Reagents and Supplies [Reserved]

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transfer [Reserved]

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedure

11.1 Selection of Observation Location. Survey the affected facility, or the building or structure housing the process to be observed, and determine the locations of potential emissions. If the affected facility is located inside a building, determine an observation location that is consistent with the requirements of the applicable regulation (*i.e.*, outside observation of emissions escaping the building/structure or inside observation of emissions directly emitted from the affected facility process unit). Then select a position that enables a clear view of the potential emission point(s) of the affected facility or of the building or structure housing the affected facility, as appropriate for the applicable subpart. A position at least 4.6 m (15 feet), but not more than 400 m (0.25 miles), from the emission source is recommended. For outdoor locations, select a position where the sunlight is not shining directly in the observer's eyes.

11.2 Field Records.

11.2.1 Outdoor Location. Record the following information on the field data sheet (Figure 22–1): Company name, industry, process unit, observer's name, observer's affiliation, and date. Record also the estimated wind speed, wind direction, and sky condition. Sketch the process unit being observed, and note the observer location relative to the source and the sun. Indicate the potential and actual emission points on the sketch.

11.2.2 Indoor Location. Record the following information on the field data sheet (Figure 22–2): Company name, industry, process unit, observer's name, observer's affiliation, and date. Record as appropriate the type, location, and intensity of lighting on the data sheet. Sketch the process unit being observed, and note the observer location relative to the source. Indicate the potential and actual fugitive emission points on the sketch.

11.3 Indoor Lighting Requirements. For indoor locations, use a light meter to measure the level of illumination at a location as close to the emission source(s) as is feasible. An illumination of greater than 100 lux (10 foot candles) is considered necessary for proper application of this method.

11.4 Observations.

11.4.1 Procedure. Record the clock time when observations begin. Use one stopwatch to monitor the duration of the observation

period. Start this stopwatch when the observation period begins. If the observation period is divided into two or more segments by process shutdowns or observer rest breaks (see section 11.4.3), stop the stopwatch when a break begins and restart the stopwatch without resetting it when the break ends. Stop the stopwatch at the end of the observation period. The accumulated time indicated by this stopwatch is the duration of observation period. When the observation period is completed, record the clock time. During the observation period, continuously watch the emission source. Upon observing an emission (condensed water vapor is not considered an emission), start the second accumulative stopwatch; stop the watch when the emission stops. Continue this procedure for the entire observation period. The accumulated elapsed time on this stopwatch is the total time emissions were visible during the observation period (*i.e.*, the emission time.)

11.4.2 Observation Period. Choose an observation period of sufficient length to meet the requirements for determining compliance with the emission standard in the applicable subpart of the regulations. When the length of the observation period is specifically stated in the applicable subpart, it may not be necessary to observe the source for this entire period if the emission time required to indicate noncompliance (based on the specified observation period) is observed in a shorter time period. In other words, if the regulation prohibits emissions for more than 6 minutes in any hour, then observations may (optional) be stopped after an emission time of 6 minutes is exceeded. Similarly, when the regulation is expressed as an emission frequency and the regulation prohibits emissions for greater than 10 percent of the time in any hour, then observations may (optional) be terminated after 6 minutes of emission are observed since 6 minutes is 10 percent of an hour. In any case, the observation period shall not be less than 6 minutes in duration. In some cases, the process operation may be intermittent or cyclic. In such cases, it may be convenient for the observation period to coincide with the length of the process cycle.

11.4.3 Observer Rest Breaks. Do not observe emissions continuously for a period of more than 15 to 20 minutes without taking a rest break. For sources requiring observation periods of greater than 20 minutes, the observer shall take a break of not less than 5 minutes and not more than 10 minutes after every 15 to 20 minutes of observation. If continuous observations are desired for extended time periods, two observers can alternate between making observations and taking breaks.

11.5 Recording Observations. Record the accumulated time of the observation period on the data sheet as the observation period duration. Record the accumulated time emissions were observed on the data sheet as the emission time. Record the clock time the observation period began and ended, as well as the clock time any observer breaks began and ended.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

If the applicable subpart requires that the emission rate be expressed as an emission frequency (in percent), determine this value as follows: Divide the accumulated emission time (in seconds) by the duration of the observation period (in seconds) or by any minimum observation period required in the applicable subpart, if the actual observation period is less than the required period, and multiply this quotient by 100.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION
OUTDOOR LOCATION

Company Location Company Rep.	Observer Affiliation Date
Sky Conditions Precipitation	Wind Direction Wind Speed
Industry	Process Unit

Sketch process unit: indicate observer position relative to source; indicate potential emission points and/or actual emission points.

OBSERVATIONS	Clock Time	Observation period duration, min:sec	Accumulated emission time, min:sec
Begin Observation	________	________	________
	________	________	________
	________	________	________
	________	________	________
	________	________	________
	________	________	________
	________	________	________
	________	________	________
	________	________	________
	________		
End Observation	________	________	________

Figure 22-1

FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION
INDOOR LOCATION

Company Location Company Rep.	Observer Affiliation Date
Industry	Process Unit

Light type (fluorescent, incandescent, natural)
Light location (overhead, behind observer, etc.)
Illuminance (lux or footcandles)
Sketch process unit: indicate observer position relative to source; indicate potential emission points and/or actual emission points.

OBSERVATIONS	Clock Time	Observation period duration, min:sec	Accumulated emission time, min:sec
Begin	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
End Observation	______		

Figure 22-2

METHOD 23—DETERMINATION OF POLYCHLORINATED DIBENZO-P-DIOXINS AND POLYCHLORINATED DIBENZOFURANS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES

1. Applicability and Principle

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable to the determination of polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDD's) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDF's) from stationary sources.

1.2 Principle. A sample is withdrawn from the gas stream isokinetically and collected in the sample probe, on a glass fiber filter, and on a packed column of adsorbent material. The sample cannot be separated into a particle vapor fraction. The PCDD's and

PCDF's are extracted from the sample, separated by high resolution gas chromatography, and measured by high resolution mass spectrometry.

2. Apparatus

2.1 Sampling. A schematic of the sampling train used in this method is shown in Figure 23–1. Sealing greases may not be used in assembling the train. The train is identical to that described in section 2.1 of Method 5 of this appendix with the following additions:

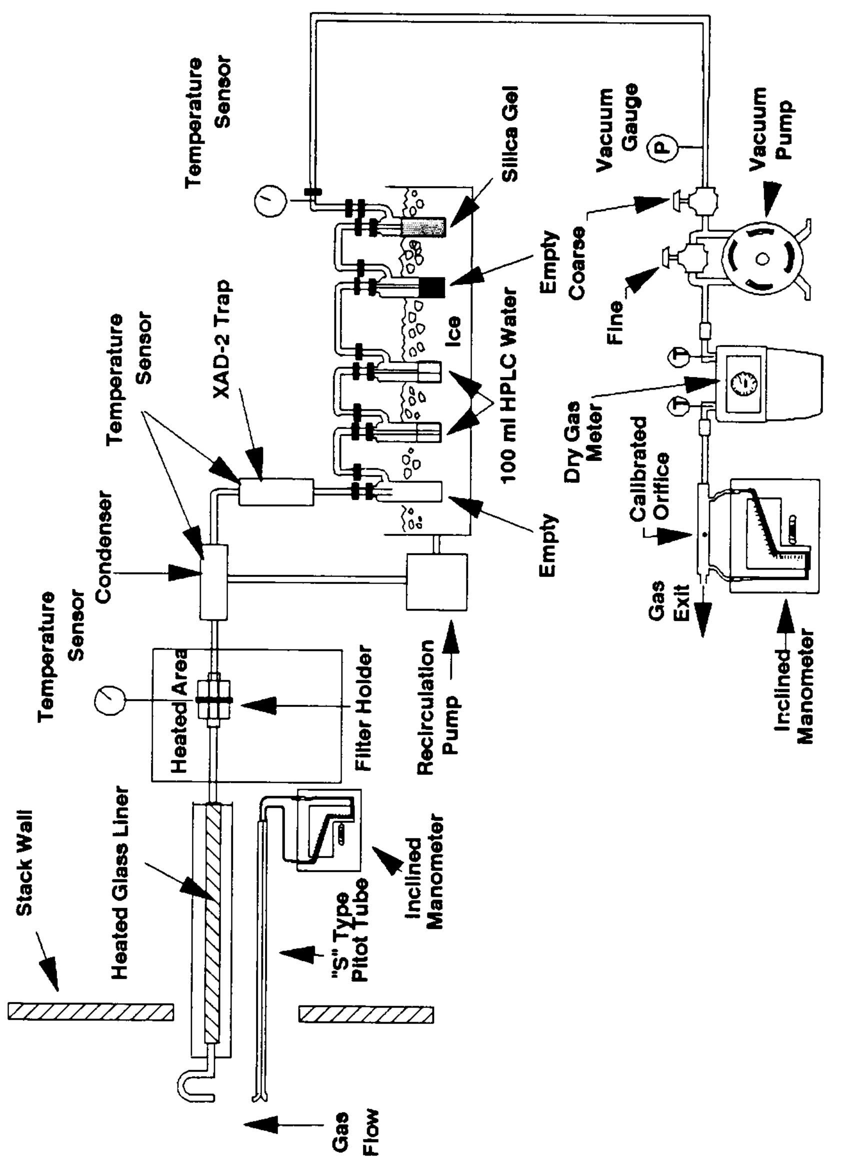

Figure 23.1 Sampling train

2.1.1 Nozzle. The nozzle shall be made of nickel, nickel-plated stainless steel, quartz, or borosilicate glass.

2.1.2 Sample Transfer Lines. The sample transfer lines, if needed, shall be heat traced, heavy walled TFE (½ in. OD with ⅛ in. wall) with connecting fittings that are capable of forming leak-free, vacuum-tight connections without using sealing greases. The line shall be as short as possible and must be maintained at 120 °C.

2.1.1 Filter Support. Teflon or Teflon-coated wire.

2.1.2 Condenser. Glass, coil type with compatible fittings. A schematic diagram is shown in Figure 23–2.

2.1.3 Water Bath. Thermostatically controlled to maintain the gas temperature exiting the condenser at <20 °C (68 °F).

2.1.4 Adsorbent Module. Glass container to hold the solid adsorbent. A shematic diagram is shown in Figure 23–2. Other physical configurations of the resin trap/condenser assembly are acceptable. The connecting fittings shall form leak-free, vacuum tight seals. No sealant greases shall be used in the sampling train. A coarse glass frit is included to retain the adsorbent.

2.2 Sample Recovery.

2.2.1 Fitting Caps. Ground glass, Teflon tape, or aluminum foil (Section 2.2.6) to cap off the sample exposed sections of the train.

2.2.2 Wash Bottles. Teflon, 500-ml.

2.2.3 Probe-Liner Probe-Nozzle, and Filter-Holder Brushes. Inert bristle brushes with precleaned stainless steel or Teflon handles. The probe brush shall have extensions of stainless steel or Teflon, at least as long as the probe. The brushes shall be properly sized and shaped to brush out the nozzle, probe liner, and transfer line, if used.

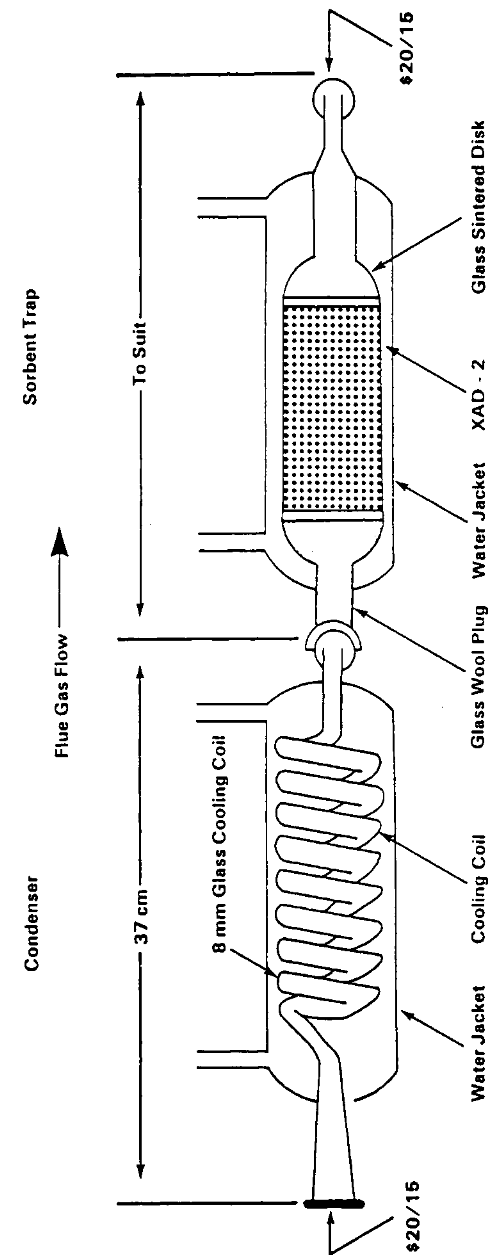

Figure 23.2. Condenser and adsorbent trap

2.2.4 Filter Storage Container. Sealed filter holder, wide-mouth amber glass jar with Teflon-lined cap, or glass petri dish.

2.2.5 Balance. Triple beam.

2.2.6 Aluminum Foil. Heavy duty, hexane-rinsed.

2.2.7 Storage Container. Air-tight container to store silica gel.

2.2.8 Graduated Cylinder. Glass, 250-ml with 2-ml graduation.

2.2.9 Glass Sample Storage Container. Amber glass bottle for sample glassware washes, 500- or 1000-ml, with leak free Teflon-lined caps.

2.3 Analysis.

2.3.1 Sample Container. 125- and 250-ml flint glass bottles with Teflon-lined caps.

2.3.2 Test Tube. Glass.

2.3.3 Soxhlet Extraction Apparatus. Capable of holding 43 × 123 mm extraction thimbles.

2.3.4 Extraction Thimble. Glass, precleaned cellulosic, or glass fiber.

2.3.5 Pasteur Pipettes. For preparing liquid chromatographic columns.

2.3.6 Reacti-vials. Amber glass, 2-ml, silanized prior to use.

2.3.7 Rotary Evaporator. Buchi/Brinkman RF–121 or equivalent.

2.3.8 Nitrogen Evaporative Concentrator. N-Evap Analytical Evaporator Model III or equivalent.

2.3.9 Separatory Funnels. Glass, 2-liter.

2.3.10 Gas Chromatograph. Consisting of the following components:

2.3.10.1 Oven. Capable of maintaining the separation column at the proper operating temperature ±°C and performing programmed increases in temperature at rates of at least 40 °C/min.

2.3.10.2 Temperature Gauge. To monitor column oven, detector, and exhaust temperatures ±1 °C.

2.3.10.3 Flow System. Gas metering system to measure sample, fuel, combustion gas, and carrier gas flows.

2.3.10.4 Capillary Columns. A fused silica column, 60 × 0.25 mm inside diameter (ID), coated with DB–5 and a fused silica column, 30 m × 0.25 mm ID coated with DB–225. Other column systems may be used provided that the user is able to demonstrate using calibration and performance checks that the column system is able to meet the specifications of section 6.1.2.2.

2.3.11 Mass Spectrometer. Capable of routine operation at a resolution of 1:10000 with a stability of ±5 ppm.

2.3.12 Data System. Compatible with the mass spectrometer and capable of monitoring at least five groups of 25 ions.

2.3.13 Analytical Balance. To measure within 0.1 mg.

3. Reagents

3.1 Sampling.

3.1.1 Filters. Glass fiber filters, without organic binder, exhibiting at least 99.95 percent efficiency (<0.05 percent penetration) on 0.3-micron dioctyl phthalate smoke particles. The filter efficiency test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM Standard Method D 2986–71 (Reapproved 1978) (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17).

3.1.1.1 Precleaning. All filters shall be cleaned before their initial use. Place a glass extraction thimble and 1 g of silica gel and a plug of glass wool into a Soxhlet apparatus, charge the apparatus with toluene, and reflux for a minimum of 3 hours. Remove the toluene and discard it, but retain the silica gel. Place no more than 50 filters in the thimble onto the silica gel bed and top with the cleaned glass wool. Charge the Soxhlet with toluene and reflux for 16 hours. After extraction, allow the Soxhlet to cool, remove the filters, and dry them under a clean N_2 stream. Store the filters in a glass petri dish sealed with Teflon tape.

3.1.2 Adsorbent Resin. Amberlite XAD–2 resin. Thoroughly cleaned before initial use.

3.1.2.1 Cleaning Procedure. This procedure may be carried out in a giant Soxhlet extractor. An all-glass filter thimble containing an extra-course frit is used for extraction of XAD–2. The frit is recessed 10–15 mm above a crenelated ring at the bottom of the thimble to facilitate drainage. The resin must be carefully retained in the extractor cup with a glass wool plug and a stainless steel ring because it floats on methylene chloride. This process involves sequential extraction in the following order.

Solvent	Procedure
Water	Initial rinse: Place resin in a beaker, rinse once with water, and discard. Fill with water a second time, let stand overnight, and discard.
Water	Extract with water for 8 hours.
Methanol	Extract for 22 hours.
Methylene Chloride	Extract for 22 hours.
Toluene	Extract for 22 hours.

3.1.2.2 Drying.

3.1.2.2.1 Drying Column. Pyrex pipe, 10.2 cm ID by 0.6 m long, with suitable retainers.

3.1.2.2.2 Procedure. The adsorbent must be dried with clean inert gas. Liquid nitrogen from a standard commercial liquid nitrogen cylinder has proven to be a reliable source of large volumes of gas free from organic contaminants. Connect the liquid nitrogen cylinder to the column by a length of cleaned copper tubing, 0.95 cm ID, coiled to pass through a heat source. A convenient heat source is a water-bath heated from a steam line. The final nitrogen temperature should only be warm to the touch and not over 40 °C. Continue flowing nitrogen through the adsorbent until all the residual solvent is removed. The flow rate should be sufficient to gently agitate the particles but not so excessive as the cause the particles to fracture.

3.1.2.3 Quality Control Check. The adsorbent must be checked for residual toluene.

3.1.2.3.1 Extraction. Weigh 1.0 g sample of dried resin into a small vial, add 3 ml of toluene, cap the vial, and shake it well.

3.1.2.3.2 Analysis. Inject a 2 µl sample of the extract into a gas chromatograph operated under the following conditions:

Column: 6 ft × ⅛ in stainless steel containing 10 percent OV–101 on 100/120 Supelcoport.

Carrier Gas: Helium at a rate of 30 ml/min.

Detector: Flame ionization detector operated at a sensitivity of 4×10^{-11} A/mV.

Injection Port Temperature: 250 °C.

Detector Temperature: 305 °C.

Oven Temperature: 30 °C for 4 min; programmed to rise at 40 °C/min until it reaches 250 °C; return to 30 °C after 17 minutes.

Compare the results of the analysis to the results from the reference solution. Prepare the reference solution by injection 2.5 µl of methylene chloride into 100 ml of toluene. This corresponds to 100 µg of methylene chloride per g of adsorbent. The maximum acceptable concentration is 1000 µg/g of adsorbent. If the adsorbent exceeds this level, drying must be continued until the excess methylene chloride is removed.

3.1.2.4 Storage. The adsorbent must be used within 4 weeks of cleaning. After cleaning, it may be stored in a wide mouth amber glass container with a Teflon-lined cap or placed in one of the glass adsorbent modules tightly sealed with glass stoppers. If precleaned adsorbent is purchased in sealed containers, it must be used within 4 weeks after the seal is broken.

3.1.3 Glass Wool. Cleaned by sequential immersion in three aliquots of methylene chloride, dried in a 110 °C oven, and stored in a methylene chloride-washed glass jar with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.1.4 Water. Deionized distilled and stored in a methylene chloride-rinsed glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.1.5 Silica Gel. Indicating type, 6 to 16 mesh. If previously used, dry at 175 °C (350 °F) for two hours. New silica gel may be used as received. Alternately other types of desiccants (equivalent or better) may be used, subject to the approval of the Administrator.

3.1.6 Chromic Acid Cleaning Solution. Dissolve 20 g of sodium dichromate in 15 ml of water, and then carefully add 400 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid.

3.2 Sample Recovery.

3.2.2 Acetone. Pesticide quality.

3.2.2 Methylene Chloride. Pesticide qualtity.

3.2.3 Toluene. Pesticide quality.

3.3 Analysis.

3.3.1 Potassium Hydroxide. ACS grade, 2-percent (weight/volume) in water.

3.3.2 Sodium Sulfate. Granulated, reagent grade. Purify prior to use by rinsing with methylene chloride and oven drying. Store the cleaned material in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.3 Sulfuric Acid. Reagent grade.

3.3.4 Sodium Hydroxide. 1.0 N. Weigh 40 g of sodium hydroxide into a 1-liter volumetric flask. Dilute to 1 liter with water.

3.3.5 Hexane. Pesticide grade.

3.3.6 Methylene Chloride. Pesticide grade.

3.3.7 Benzene. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.8 Ethyl Acetate.

3.3.9 Methanol. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.10 Toluene. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.11 Nonane. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.12 Cyclohexane. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.13 Basic Alumina. Activity grade 1, 100–200 mesh. Prior to use, activate the alumina by heating for 16 hours at 130 °C before use. Store in a desiccator. Pre-activated alumina may be purchased from a supplier and may be used as received.

3.3.14 Silica Gel. Bio-Sil A, 100–200 mesh. Prior to use, activate the silica gel by heating for at least 30 minutes at 180 °C. After cooling, rinse the silica gel sequentially with methanol and methylene chloride. Heat the rinsed silica gel at 50 °C for 10 minutes, then increase the temperature gradually to 180 °C over 25 minutes and maintain it at this temperature for 90 minutes. Cool at room temperature and store in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.15 Silica Gel Impregnated with Sulfuric Acid. Combine 100 g of silica gel with 44 g of concentrated sulfuric acid in a screw capped glass bottle and agitate thoroughly. Disperse the solids with a stirring rod until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store the mixture in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.16 Silica Gel Impregnated with Sodium Hydroxide. Combine 39 g of 1 N sodium hydroxide with 100 g of silica gel in a screw capped glass bottle and agitate thoroughly. Disperse solids with a stirring rod until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store the mixture in glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.17 Carbon/Celite. Combine 10.7 g of AX–21 carbon with 124 g of Celite 545 in a 250-ml glass bottle with a Teflon-lined screw cap. Agitate the mixture thoroughly until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store in the glass container.

3.3.18 Nitrogen. Ultra high purity.

3.3.19 Hydrogen. Ultra high purity.

3.3.20 Internal Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Internal Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

3.3.21 Surrogate Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Surrogate Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

3.3.22 Recovery Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the

isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading "Recovery Standards" in 10 ml of nonane.

4. Procedure

4.1 Sampling. The complexity of this method is such that, in order to obtain reliable results, testers should be trained and experienced with the test procedures.

4.1.1 Pretest Preparation.

4.1.1.1 Cleaning Glassware. All glass components of the train upstream of and including the adsorbent module, shall be cleaned as described in section 3A of the "Manual of Analytical Methods for the Analysis of Pesticides in Human and Environmental Samples." Special care shall be devoted to the removal of residual silicone grease sealants on ground glass connections of used glassware. Any residue shall be removed by soaking the glassware for several hours in a chromic acid cleaning solution prior to cleaning as described above.

4.1.1.2 Adsorbent Trap. The traps must be loaded in a clean area to avoid contamination. They may not be loaded in the field. Fill a trap with 20 to 40 g of XAD–2. Follow the XAD–2 with glass wool and tightly cap both ends of the trap. Add 100 µl of the surrogate standard solution (section 3.3.21) to each trap.

4.1.1.3 Sample Train. It is suggested that all components be maintained according to the procedure described in APTD–0576. Alternative mercury-free thermometers may be used if the thermometers are, at a minimum, equivalent in terms of performance or suitably effective for the specific temperature measurement application.

4.1.1.4 Silica Gel. Weigh several 200 to 300 g portions of silica gel in an air tight container to the nearest 0.5 g. Record the total weight of the silica gel plus container, on each container. As an alternative, the silica gel may be weighed directly in its impinger or sampling holder just prior to sampling.

4.1.1.5 Filter. Check each filter against light for irregularities and flaws or pinhole leaks. Pack the filters flat in a clean glass container.

4.1.2 Preliminary Determinations. Same as section 4.1.2 of Method 5.

4.1.3 Preparation of Collection Train.

4.1.3.1 During preparation and assembly of the sampling train, keep all train openings where contamination can enter, sealed until just prior to assembly or until sampling is about to begin.

NOTE: Do not use sealant grease in assembling the train.

4.1.3.2 Place approximately 100 ml of water in the second and third impingers, leave the first and fourth impingers empty, and transfer approximately 200 to 300 g of preweighed silica gel from its container to the fifth impinger.

4.1.3.3 Place the silica gel container in a clean place for later use in the sample recovery. Alternatively, the weight of the silica gel plus impinger may be determined to the nearest 0.5 g and recorded.

4.1.3.4 Assemble the train as shown in Figure 23–1.

4.1.3.5 Turn on the adsorbent module and condenser coil recirculating pump and begin monitoring the adsorbent module gas entry temperature. Ensure proper sorbent temperature gas entry temperature before proceeding and before sampling is initiated. It is extremely important that the XAD–2 adsorbent resin temperature never exceed 50 °C because thermal decomposition will occur. During testing, the XAD–2 temperature must not exceed 20 °C for efficient capture of the PCDD's and PCDF's.

4.1.4 Leak-Check Procedure. Same as Method 5, section 4.1.4.

4.1.5 Sample Train Operation. Same as Method 5, section 4.1.5.

4.2 Sample Recovery. Proper cleanup procedure begins as soon as the probe is removed from the stack at the end of the sampling period. Seal the nozzle end of the sampling probe with Teflon tape or aluminum foil.

When the probe can be safely handled, wipe off all external particulate matter near the tip of the probe. Remove the probe from the train and close off both ends with aluminum foil. Seal off the inlet to the train with Teflon tape, a ground glass cap, or aluminum foil.

Transfer the probe and impinger assembly to the cleanup area. This area shall be clean and enclosed so that the chances of losing or contaminating the sample are minimized. Smoking, which could contaminate the sample, shall not be allowed in the cleanup area.

Inspect the train prior to and during disassembly and note any abnormal conditions, e.g., broken filters, colored impinger liquid, etc. Treat the samples as follows:

4.2.1 Container No. 1. Either seal the filter holder or carefully remove the filter from the filter holder and place it in its identified container. Use a pair of cleaned tweezers to handle the filter. If it is necessary to fold the filter, do so such that the particulate cake is inside the fold. Carefully transfer to the container any particulate matter and filter fibers which adhere to the filter holder gasket, by using a dry inert bristle brush and a sharp-edged blade. Seal the container.

4.2.2 Adsorbent Module. Remove the module from the train, tightly cap both ends, label it, cover with aluminum foil, and store it on ice for transport to the laboratory.

4.2.3 Container No. 2. Quantitatively recover material deposited in the nozzle, probe transfer lines, the front half of the filter holder, and the cyclone, if used, first, by

brushing while rinsing three times each with acetone and then, by rinsing the probe three times with methylene chloride. Collect all the rinses in Container No. 2.

Rinse the back half of the filter holder three times with acetone. Rinse the connecting line between the filter and the condenser three times with acetone. Soak the connecting line with three separate portions of methylene chloride for 5 minutes each. If using a separate condenser and adsorbent trap, rinse the condenser in the same manner as the connecting line. Collect all the rinses in Container No. 2 and mark the level of the liquid on the container.

4.2.4 Container No. 3. Repeat the methylene chloride-rinsing described in section 4.2.3 using toluene as the rinse solvent. Collect the rinses in Container No. 3 and mark the level of the liquid on the container.

4.2.5 Impinger Water. Measure the liquid in the first three impingers to within ±1 ml by using a graduated cylinder or by weighing it to within ±0.5 g by using a balance. Record the volume or weight of liquid present. This information is required to calculate the moisture content of the effluent gas.

Discard the liquid after measuring and recording the volume or weight.

4.2.7 Silica Gel. Note the color of the indicating silica gel to determine if it has been completely spent and make a mention of its condition. Transfer the silica gel from the fifth impinger to its original container and seal. If a moisture determination is made, follow the applicable procedures in sections 8.7.6.3 and 11.2.3 of Method 5 to handle and weigh the silica gel. If moisture is not measured, the silica gel may be disposed.

5. Analysis

All glassware shall be cleaned as described in section 3A of the ‘‘Manual of Analytical Methods for the Analysis of Pesticides in Human and Environmental Samples.’’ All samples must be extracted within 30 days of collection and analyzed within 45 days of extraction.

5.1 Sample Extraction.

5.1.1 Extraction System. Place an extraction thimble (section 2.3.4), 1 g of silica gel, and a plug of glass wool into the Soxhlet apparatus, charge the apparatus with toluene, and reflux for a minimum of 3 hours. Remove the toluene and discard it, but retain the silica gel. Remove the extraction thimble from the extraction system and place it in a glass beaker to catch the solvent rinses.

5.1.2 Container No. 1 (Filter). Transfer the contents directly to the glass thimble of the extraction system and extract them simultaneously with the XAD–2 resin.

5.1.3 Adsorbent Cartridge. Suspend the adsorbent module directly over the extraction thimble in the beaker (See section 5.1.1). The glass frit of the module should be in the up position. Using a Teflon squeeze bottle containing toluene, flush the XAD–2 into the thimble onto the bed of cleaned silica gel. Thoroughly rinse the glass module catching the rinsings in the beaker containing the thimble. If the resin is wet, effective extraction can be accomplished by loosely packing the resin in the thimble. Add the XAD–2 glass wool plug into the thimble.

5.1.4 Container No. 2 (Acetone and Methylene Chloride). Concentrate the sample to a volume of about 1–5 ml using the rotary evaporator apparatus, at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container three times with small portions of methylene chloride and add these to the concentrated solution and concentrate further to near dryness. This residue contains particulate matter removed in the rinse of the train probe and nozzle. Add the concentrate to the filter and the XAD–2 resin in the Soxhlet apparatus described in section 5.1.1.

5.1.5 Extraction. Add 100 µl of the internal standard solution (Section 3.3.20) to the extraction thimble containing the contents of the adsorbent cartridge, the contents of Container No. 1, and the concentrate from section 5.1.4. Cover the contents of the extraction thimble with the cleaned glass wool plug to prevent the XAD–2 resin from floating into the solvent reservoir of the extractor. Place the thimble in the extractor, and add the toluene contained in the beaker to the solvent reservoir. Pour additional toluene to fill the reservoir approximately ⅔ full. Add Teflon boiling chips and assemble the apparatus. Adjust the heat source to cause the extractor to cycle three times per hour. Extract the sample for 16 hours. After extraction, allow the Soxhlet to cool. Transfer the toluene extract and three 10-ml rinses to the rotary evaporator. Concentrate the extract to approximately 10 ml. At this point the analyst may choose to split the sample in half. If so, split the sample, store one half for future use, and analyze the other according to the procedures in sections 5.2 and 5.3. In either case, use a nitrogen evaporative concentrator to reduce the volume of the sample being analyzed to near dryness. Dissolve the residue in 5 ml of hexane.

5.1.6 Container No. 3 (Toluene Rinse). Add 100 µl of the Internal Standard solution (section 3.3.2) to the contents of the container. Concentrate the sample to a volume of about 1–5 ml using the rotary evaporator apparatus at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container apparatus at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container three times with small portions of toluene and add these to the concentrated solution and concentrate further to near dryness. Analyze the extract separately according to the procedures in sections 5.2 and 5.3, but concentrate the solution in a rotary evaporator apparatus rather than a nitrogen evaporative concentrator.

5.2 Sample Cleanup and Fractionation.

5.2.1 Silica Gel Column. Pack one end of a glass column, 20 mm × 230 mm, with glass wool. Add in sequence, 1 g silica gel, 2 g of sodium hydroxide impregnated silica gel, 1 g silica gel, 4 g of acid-modified silica gel, and 1 g of silica gel. Wash the column with 30 ml of hexane and discard it. Add the sample extract, dissolved in 5 ml of hexane to the column with two additional 5-ml rinses. Elute the column with an additional 90 ml of hexane and retain the entire eluate. Concentrate this solution to a volume of about 1 ml using the nitrogen evaporative concentrator (section 2.3.7).

5.2.2 Basic Alumina Column. Shorten a 25-ml disposable Pasteur pipette to about 16 ml. Pack the lower section with glass wool and 12 g of basic alumina. Transfer the concentrated extract from the silica gel column to the top of the basic alumina column and elute the column sequentially with 120 ml of 0.5 percent methylene chloride in hexane followed by 120 ml of 35 percent methylene chloride in hexane. Discard the first 120 ml of eluate. Collect the second 120 ml of eluate and concentrate it to about 0.5 ml using the nitrogen evaporative concentrator.

5.2.3 AX–21 Carbon/Celite 545 Column. Remove the botton 0.5 in. from the tip of a 9-ml disposable Pasteur pipette. Insert a glass fiber filter disk in the top of the pipette 2.5 cm from the constriction. Add sufficient carbon/celite mixture to form a 2 cm column. Top with a glass wool plug. In some cases AX–21 carbon fines may wash through the glass wool plug and enter the sample. This may be prevented by adding a celite plug to the exit end of the column. Rinse the column in sequence with 2 ml of 50 percent benzene in ethyl acetate, 1 ml of 50 percent methylene chloride in cyclohexane, and 2 ml of hexane. Discard these rinses. Transfer the concentrate in 1 ml of hexane from the basic alumina column to the carbon/celite column along with 1 ml of hexane rinse. Elute the column sequentially with 2 ml of 50 percent methylene chloride in hexane and 2 ml of 50 percent benzene in ethyl acetate and discard these eluates. Invert the column and elute in the reverse direction with 13 ml of toluene. Collect this eluate. Concentrate the eluate in a rotary evaporator at 50 °C to about 1 ml. Transfer the concentrate to a Reacti-vial using a toluene rinse and concentrate to a volume of 200 μl using a stream of N_2. Store extracts at room temperature, shielded from light, until the analysis is performed.

5.3 Analysis. Analyze the sample with a gas chromatograph coupled to a mass spectrometer (GC/MS) using the instrumental parameters in sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2. Immediately prior to analysis, add a 20 μl aliquot of the Recovery Standard solution from Table 1 to each sample. A 2 μl aliquot of the extract is injected into the GC. Sample extracts are first analyzed using the DB–5 capillary column to determine the concentration of each isomer of PCDD's and PCDF's (tetra-through octa-). If tetra-chlorinated dibenzofurans are detected in this analysis, then analyze another aliquot of the sample in a separate run, using the DB–225 column to measure the 2,3,7,8 tetra-chloro dibenzofuran isomer. Other column systems may be used, provided that the user is able to demonstrate using calibration and performance checks that the column system is able to meet the specifications of section 6.1.2.2.

5.3.1 Gas Chromatograph Operating Conditions.

5.3.1.1 Injector. Configured for capillary column, splitless, 250 °C.

5.3.1.2 Carrier Gas. Helium, 1–2 ml/min.

5.3.1.3 Oven. Initially at 150 °C. Raise by at least 40 °C/min to 190 °C and then at 3 °C/min up to 300 °C.

5.3.2 High Resolution Mass Spectrometer.

5.3.2.1 Resolution. 10000 m/e.

5.3.2.2 Ionization Mode. Electron impact.

5.3.2.3 Source Temperature 250 °C.

5.3.2.4 Monitoring Mode. Selected ion monitoring. A list of the various ions to be monitored is summarized in Table 3.

5.3.2.5 Identification Criteria. The following identification criteria shall be used for the characterization of polychlorinated dibenzodioxins and dibenzofurans.

1. The integrated ion-abundance ratio (M/M + 2 or M + 2/M + 4) shall be within 15 percent of the theoretical value. The acceptable ion-abundance ratio ranges for the identification of chlorine-containing compounds are given in Table 4.

2. The retention time for the analytes must be within 3 seconds of the corresponding ^{13}C-labeled internal standard, surrogate or alternate standard.

3. The monitored ions, shown in Table 3 for a given analyte, shall reach their maximum within 2 seconds of each other.

4. The identification of specific isomers that do not have corresponding ^{13}C-labeled standards is done by comparison of the relative retention time (RRT) of the analyte to the nearest internal standard retention time with reference (i.e., within 0.005 RRT units) to the comparable RRT's found in the continuing calibration.

5. The signal to noise ratio for all monitored ions must be greater than 2.5.

6. The confirmation of 2, 3, 7, 8–TCDD and 2, 3, 7, 8–TCDF shall satisfy all of the above identification criteria.

7. For the identification of PCDF's, no signal may be found in the corresponding PCDPE channels.

5.3.2.6 Quantification. The peak areas for the two ions monitored for each analyte are summed to yield the total response for each analyte. Each internal standard is used to quantify the indigenous PCDD's or PCDF's in its homologous series. For example, the $^{13}C_{12}$–2,3,7,8-tetra chlorinated dibenzodioxin is used to calculate the concentrations of all

other tetra chlorinated isomers. Recoveries of the tetra- and penta- internal standards are calculated using the $^{13}C_{12}$–1,2,3,4–TCDD. Recoveries of the hexa- through octa- internal standards are calculated using $^{13}C_{12}$–1,2,3,7,8,9–HxCDD. Recoveries of the surrogate standards are calculated using the corresponding homolog from the internal standard.

6. Calibration

Same as Method 5 with the following additions.

6.1 GC/MS System.

6.1.1 Initial Calibration. Calibrate the GC/MS system using the set of five standards shown in Table 2. The relative standard deviation for the mean response factor from each of the unlabeled analytes (Table 2) and of the internal, surrogate, and alternate standards shall be less than or equal to the values in Table 5. The signal to noise ratio for the GC signal present in every selected ion current profile shall be greater than or equal to 2.5. The ion abundance ratios shall be within the control limits in Table 4.

6.1.2 Daily Performance Check.

6.1.2.1 Calibration Check. Inject on µl of solution Number 3 from Table 2. Calculate the relative response factor (RRF) for each compound and compare each RRF to the corresponding mean RRF obtained during the initial calibration. The analyzer performance is acceptable if the measured RRF's for the labeled and unlabeled compounds for the daily run are within the limits of the mean values shown in Table 5. In addition, the ion-abundance ratios shall be within the allowable control limits shown in Table 4.

6.1.2.2 Column Separation Check. Inject a solution of a mixture of PCDD's and PCDF's that documents resolution between 2,3,7,8–TCDD and other TCDD isomers. Resolution is defined as a valley between peaks that is less than 25 percent of the lower of the two peaks. Identify and record the retention time windows for each homologous series.

Perform a similar resolution check on the confirmation column to document the resolution between 2,3,7,8 TCDF and other TCDF isomers.

6.2 Lock Channels. Set mass spectrometer lock channels as specified in Table 3. Monitor the quality control check channels specified in Table 3 to verify instrument stability during the analysis.

7. Quality Control

7.1 Sampling Train Collection Efficiency Check. Add 100 µl of the surrogate standards in Table 1 to the absorbent cartridge of each train before collecting the field samples.

7.2 Internal Standard Percent Recoveries. A group of nine carbon labeled PCDD's and PCDF's representing, the tetra-through octachlorinated homologues, is added to every sample prior to extraction. The role of the internal standards is to quantify the native PCDD's and PCDF's present in the sample as well as to determine the overall method efficiency. Recoveries of the internal standards must be between 40 to 130 percent for the tetra-through hexachlorinated compounds while the range is 25 to 130 percent for the higher hepta- and octachlorinated homologues.

7.3 Surrogate Recoveries. The five surrogate compounds in Table 2 are added to the resin in the adsorbent sampling cartridge before the sample is collected. The surrogate recoveries are measured relative to the internal standards and are a measure of collection efficiency. They are not used to measure native PCDD's and PCDF's. All recoveries shall be between 70 and 130 percent. Poor recoveries for all the surrogates may be an indication of breakthrough in the sampling train. If the recovery of all standards is below 70 percent, the sampling runs must be repeated. As an alternative, the sampling runs do not have to be repeated if the final results are divided by the fraction of surrogate recovery. Poor recoveries of isolated surrogate compounds should not be grounds for rejecting an entire set of the samples.

7.4 Toluene QA Rinse. Report the results of the toluene QA rinse separately from the total sample catch. Do not add it to the total sample.

8.0 [Reserved]

9. Calculations

Same as Method 5, section 6 with the following additions.

9.1 Nomenclature.

A_{ai} = Integrated ion current of the noise at the retention time of the analyte.

A^*_{ci} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the internal standard i in the calibration standard.

A_{cij} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of compound i in the jth calibration standard.

A^*_{cij} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the internal standard i in the jth calibration standard.

A_{csi} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of surrogate compound i in the calibration standard.

A_i = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of compound i in the sample.

A^*_i = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of internal standard i in the sample.

A_{rs} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the recovery standard.

A_{si} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of surrogate compound i in the sample.

C_i = Concentration of PCDD or PCDF i in the sample, pg/M^3.

C_T = Total concentration of PCDD's or PCDF's in the sample, pg/M^3.
m_{ci} = Mass of compound i in the calibration standard injected into the analyzer, pg.
m_{rs} = Mass of recovery standard in the calibration standard injected into the analyzer, pg.
m_{si} = Mass of surrogate compound in the calibration standard, pg.
RRF_i = Relative response factor.
RRF_{rs} = Recovery standard response factor.
RRF_s = Surrogate compound response factor.

9.2 Average Relative Response Factor.

$$RRF_i = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\frac{A_{cij}\, m^*_{ci}}{A^*_{cij}\, m_{ci}} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-1}$$

9.3 Concentration of the PCDD's and PCDF's.

$$C_i = \frac{m_i * A_i}{A_i * RRF_i V_{mstd}} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-2}$$

9.4 Recovery Standard Response Factor.

$$RRF_{rs} = \frac{A_{ci} * m_{rs}}{A_{rs} m_{ci} *} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-3}$$

9.5 Recovery of Internal Standards (R*).

$$R* = \frac{A_i * m_{rs}}{A_{rs} RF_{rs} m_i *} \times 100\% \qquad \text{Eq. 23-4}$$

9.6 Surrogate Compound Response Factor.

$$RRF_s = \frac{A_{ci} * m_s}{A_{cis} m_{ci} *} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-5}$$

9.7 Recovery of Surrogate Compounds (R_s).

$$R_s = \frac{A_s m_i *}{A_i * RRF_s m_s} \times 100\% \qquad \text{Eq. 23-6}$$

9.8 Minimum Detectable Limit (MDL).

$$MDL = \frac{2.5\ A_{ai} m_i *}{A_{ci} * RRF_i} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-7}$$

9.9 Total Concentration of PCDD's and PCDF's in the Sample.

$$C_{Tr} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i \qquad \text{Eq. 23-8}$$

Any PCDD's or PCDF's that are reported as nondetected (below the MDL) shall be counted as zero for the purpose of calculating the total concentration of PCDD's and PCDF's in the sample.

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TABLE 1—COMPOSITION OF THE SAMPLE FORTIFICATION AND RECOVERY STANDARDS SOLUTIONS

Analyte	Concentration (pg/μl)
Internal Standards:	
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-OCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	100
Surrogate Standards:	
$^{37}Cl_4$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	100
Recovery Standards:	
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4-TCDD	500
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	500

TABLE 2—COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS

Compound	Concentrations (pg/μL)				
	Solution No.				
	1	2	3	4	5
Alternate Standard:					
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	2.5	5	25	250	500

TABLE 2—COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS—Continued

Compound	Concentrations (pg/μL)				
	Solution No.				
	1	2	3	4	5
Recovery Standards:					
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4-TCDD ..	100	100	100	100	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	100	100	100	100	100

TABLE 3—ELEMENTAL COMPOSITIONS AND EXACT MASSES OF THE IONS MONITORED BY HIGH RESOLUTION MASS SPECTROMETRY FOR PCDD'S AND PCDF'S

Descriptor No.	Accurate mass	Ion type	Elemental composition	Analyte
2	292.9825	LOCK	C_7F_{11}	PFK
	303.9016	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O$	TCDF
	305.8987	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl^{37}O$	TCDF
	315.9419	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O$	TCDF (S)
	317.9389	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}ClO$	TCDF (S)
	319.8965	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}ClO_2$	TCDD
	321.8936	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}ClO_2$	TCDD
	327.8847	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{37}Cl_4O_2$	TCDD (S)
	330.9792	QC	C_7F_{13}	PFK
	331.9368	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O_2$	TCDD (S)
	333.9339	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl^{37}ClO_2$	TCDD (S)
	339.8597	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO$	PECDF
	341.8567	M + 4	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}Cl_2O$	PeCDF
	351.9000	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO$	PeCDF (S)
	353.8970	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl^{3537}Cl_2O$	PeCDF (S)
	355.8546	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_337ClO_2$	PeCDD
	357.8516	M + 4	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	PeCDD
	367.8949	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO_2$	PeCDD (S)
	369.8919	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}\ Cl_2O_2$	PeCDD (S)
	375.8364	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDPE
	409.7974	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCPDE
3	373.8208	M + 2	$C_{12}H_235Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDF
	375.8178	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HxCDF
	383.8639	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_6O$	HxCDF (S)
	385.8610	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDF (S)
	389.8157	M + 2	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO_2$	HxCDD
	391.8127	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HxCDD
	392.9760	LOCK	C_9F_{15}	PFK
	401.8559	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO_2$	HxCDD (S)
	403.8529	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HxCDD (S)
	445.7555	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O$	OCDPE
	430.9729	QC	C_9F_{17}	PFK
4	407.7818	M + 2	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCDF
	409.7789	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HpCDF
	417.8253	M	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_7O$	HpCDF (S)
	419.8220	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCDF (S)
	423.7766	M + 2	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO_2$	HpCDD
	425.7737	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HpCDD
	435.8169	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO_2$	HpCDD (S)
	437.8140	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HpCDD (S)
	479.7165	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}Cl_2O$	NCPDE
	430.9729	LOCK	C_9F_{17}	PFK
	441.7428	M + 2	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO$	OCDF
	443.7399	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O$	OCDF
	457.7377	M + 2	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO_2$	OCDD
	459.7348	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	OCDD
	469.7779	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO_2$	OCDD (S)
	471.7750	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	OCDD (S)
	513.6775	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_8{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	DCDPE
	442.9728	QC	$C_{10}F_{17}$	PFK

(a) The following nuclidic masses were used:
H = 1.007825
C = 12.000000
^{13}C = 13.003355
F = 18.9984
O = 15.994915
^{35}Cl = 34.968853
^{37}Cl = 36.965903

S = Labeled Standard
QC = Ion selected for monitoring instrument stability during the GC/MS analysis.

TABLE 4—ACCEPTABLE RANGES FOR ION-ABUNDANCE RATIOS OF PCDD'S AND PCDF'S

No. of chlorine atoms	Ion type	Theoretical ratio	Control limits	
			Lower	Upper
4	M/M + 2	0.77	0.65	0.89
5	M + 2/M + 4	1.55	1.32	1.78
6	M + 2/M + 4	1.24	1.05	1.43
6 [a]	M/M + 2	0.51	0.43	0.59
7 [b]	M/M + 2	0.44	0.37	0.51
7	M + 2/M + 4	1.04	0.88	1.20
8	M + 2/M + 4	0.89	0.76	1.02

[a] Used only for ^{13}C-HxCDF.
[b] Used only for ^{13}C-HpCDF.

TABLE 5—MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL AND DAILY CALIBRATION RESPONSE FACTORS

Compound	Relative response factors	
	Initial calibration RSD	Daily calibration % difference
Unlabeled Analytes:		
2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
2,3,7,8-TCDF	25	25
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	25	25
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
1,2,4,5,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	25	25
2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	25	25
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	25	25
OCDD	25	25
OCDF	30	30
Internal Standards:		
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-OCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	30	30
Surrogate Standards:		
$^{37}Cl_4$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	25	25
Alternate Standard:		
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	25	25

METHOD 24—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER CONTENT, WATER CONTENT, DENSITY, VOLUME SOLIDS, AND WEIGHT SOLIDS OF SURFACE COATINGS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile organic compounds	No CAS Number assigned
Water.	7732–18–5

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of paint, varnish, lacquer, or other related surface coatings.

1.3 Precision and Bias. Intra-and inter-laboratory analytical precision statements are presented in section 13.1. No bias has been identified.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Standard methods are used to determine the volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of paint, varnish, lacquer, or other related surface coatings.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Waterborne coating* means any coating which contains more than 5 percent water by weight in its volatile fraction.

3.2 *Multicomponent coatings* are coatings that are packaged in two or more parts, which are combined before application. Upon combination a coreactant from one part of the coating chemically reacts, at ambient conditions, with a coreactant from another part of the coating.

3.3 *Ultraviolet (UV) radiation-cured coatings* are coatings which contain unreacted monomers that are polymerized by exposure to ultraviolet light.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Components. Several of the compounds that may be contained in the coatings analyzed by this method may be irritating or corrosive to tissues (e.g., heptane) or may be toxic (e.g., benzene, methyl alcohol). Nearly all are fire hazards.

Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as Reference 3 of section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The equipment and supplies specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17 for acceptable versions of the methods) are required:

6.1 ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90, Standard Test Method for Density of Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products.

6.2 ASTM D 2369–81, 87, 90, 92, 93, or 95, Standard Test Method for Volatile Content of Coatings.

6.3 ASTM D 3792–79 or 91, Standard Test Method for Water Content of Water Reducible Paints by Direct Injection into a Gas Chromatograph.

6.4 ASTM D 4017–81, 90, or 96a, Standard Test Method for Water in Paints and Paint Materials by the Karl Fischer Titration Method.

6.5 ASTM 4457–85 91, Standard Test Method for Determination of Dichloromethane and 1,1,1-Trichloroethane in Paints and Coatings by Direct Injection into a Gas Chromatograph.

6.6 ASTM D 5403–93, Standard Test Methods for Volatile Content of Radiation Curable Materials.

6.7 ASTM D 6419–00, Test Method for Volatile Content of Sheet-Fed and Coldset Web Offset Printing Inks.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 The reagents and standards specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6 are required.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Follow the sample collection, preservation, storage, and transport procedures described in Reference 1 of section 16.0.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Reproducibility

NOTE: Not applicable to UV radiation-cured coatings). The variety of coatings that may be subject to analysis makes it necessary to verify the ability of the analyst and the analytical procedures to obtain reproducible results for the coatings tested. Verification is accomplished by running duplicate analyses on each sample tested (Sections 11.2 through 11.4) and comparing the results with the intra-laboratory precision statements (Section 13.1) for each parameter.

9.2 Confidence Limits for Waterborne Coatings. Because of the inherent increased imprecision in the determination of the VOC content of waterborne coatings as the weight percent of water increases, measured parameters for waterborne coatings are replaced with appropriate confidence limits (Section 12.6). These confidence limits are based on measured parameters and inter-laboratory precision statements.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Perform the calibration and standardization procedures specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

Additional guidance can be found in Reference 2 of section 16.0.

11.1 Non Thin-film Ultraviolet Radiation-cured (UV radiation-cured) Coatings.

11.1.1 Volatile Content. Use the procedure in ASTM D 5403 to determine the volatile matter content of the coating except the curing test described in NOTE 2 of ASTM D 5403 is required.

11.1.2 Water Content. To determine water content, follow section 11.3.2.

11.1.3 Coating Density. To determine coating density, follow section 11.3.3.

11.1.4 Solids Content. To determine solids content, follow section 11.3.4.

11.1.5 To determine if a coating or ink can be classified as a thin-film UV cured coating or ink, use the equation in section 12.2. If C is less than 0.2 g and A is greater than or equal to 225 cm^2 (35 in^2) then the coating or ink is considered a thin-film UV radiation-cured coating and ASTM D 5403 is not applicable.

NOTE: As noted in section 1.4 of ASTM D 5403, this method may not be applicable to radiation curable materials wherein the volatile material is water.

11.2 Multi-component Coatings.

11.2.1 Sample Preparation.

11.2.1.1 Prepare about 100 ml of sample by mixing the components in a storage container, such as a glass jar with a screw top or a metal can with a cap. The storage container should be just large enough to hold the mixture. Combine the components (by weight or volume) in the ratio recommended by the manufacturer. Tightly close the container between additions and during mixing to prevent loss of volatile materials. However, most manufacturers mixing instructions are by volume. Because of possible error caused by expansion of the liquid when measuring the volume, it is recommended that the components be combined by weight. When weight is used to combine the components and the manufacturer's recommended ratio is by volume, the density must be determined by section 11.3.3.

11.2.1.2 Immediately after mixing, take aliquots from this 100 ml sample for determination of the total volatile content, water content, and density.

11.2.2 Volatile Content. To determine total volatile content, use the apparatus and

reagents described in ASTM D2369 (incorporated by reference; see §60.17 for the approved versions of the standard), respectively, and use the following procedures:

11.2.2.1 Weigh and record the weight of an aluminum foil weighing dish. Add 3 ±1 ml of suitable solvent as specified in ASTM D2369 to the weighing dish. Using a syringe as specified in ASTM D2369, weigh to 1 mg, by difference, a sample of coating into the weighing dish. For coatings believed to have a volatile content less than 40 weight percent, a suitable size is 0.3 + 0.10 g, but for coatings believed to have a volatile content greater than 40 weight percent, a suitable size is 0.5 ±0.1 g.

NOTE: If the volatile content determined pursuant to section 12.4 is not in the range corresponding to the sample size chosen repeat the test with the appropriate sample size. Add the specimen dropwise, shaking (swirling) the dish to disperse the specimen completely in the solvent. If the material forms a lump that cannot be dispersed, discard the specimen and prepare a new one. Similarly, prepare a duplicate. The sample shall stand for a minimum of 1 hour, but no more than 24 hours prior to being oven cured at 110 ±5 °C (230 ±9 °F) for 1 hour.

11.2.2.2 Heat the aluminum foil dishes containing the dispersed specimens in the forced draft oven for 60 min at 110 ±5 °C (230 ±9 °F). Caution—provide adequate ventilation, consistent with accepted laboratory practice, to prevent solvent vapors from accumulating to a dangerous level.

11.2.2.3 Remove the dishes from the oven, place immediately in a desiccator, cool to ambient temperature, and weigh to within 1 mg.

11.2.2.4 Run analyses in pairs (duplicate sets) for each coating mixture until the criterion in section 11.4 is met. Calculate W_V following Equation 24–2 and record the arithmetic average.

11.2.3 Water Content. To determine water content, follow section 11.3.2.

11.2.4 Coating Density. To determine coating density, follow section 11.3.3.

11.2.5 Solids Content. To determine solids content, follow section 11.3.4.

11.2.6 Exempt Solvent Content. To determine the exempt solvent content, follow section 11.3.5.

NOTE: For all other coatings (*i.e.*, water-or solvent-borne coatings) not covered by multicomponent or UV radiation-cured coatings, analyze as shown below:

11.3 Water-or Solvent-borne coatings.

11.3.1 Volatile Content. Use the procedure in ASTM D 2369 to determine the volatile matter content (may include water) of the coating.

11.3.1.1 Record the following information:

W_1 = weight of dish and sample before heating, g

W_2 = weight of dish and sample after heating, g

W_3 = sample weight, g.

11.3.1.2 Calculate the weight fraction of the volatile matter (W_v) for each analysis as shown in section 12.3.

11.3.1.3 Run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.1.4 Record the arithmetic average (W_v).

11.3.2 Water Content. For waterborne coatings only, determine the weight fraction of water (W_w) using either ASTM D 3792 or ASTM D 4017.

11.3.2.1 Run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.2.2 Record the arithmetic average (w_w).

11.3.3 Coating Density. Determine the density (Dc, kg/l) of the surface coating using the procedure in ASTM D 1475.

11.3.3.1 Run duplicate analyses until each value in a set deviates from the mean of the set by no more than the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.3.2 Record the arithmetic average (D_c).

11.3.4 Solids Content. Determine the volume fraction (V_s) solids of the coating by calculation using the manufacturer's formulation.

11.3.5 Exempt Solvent Content. Determine the weight fraction of exempt solvents (W_E) by using ASTM Method D4457. Run a duplicate set of determinations and record the arithmetic average (W_E).

11.4 Sample Analysis Criteria. For W_v and W_w, run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement for that parameter. For D_c, run duplicate analyses until each value in a set deviates from the mean of the set by no more than the intra-laboratory precision statement. If, after several attempts, it is concluded that the ASTM procedures cannot be used for the specific coating with the established intra-laboratory precision (excluding UV radiation-cured coatings), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will assume responsibility for providing the necessary procedures for revising the method or precision statements upon written request to: Director, Emissions, Monitoring, and Analysis Division, MD–14, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 Nomenclature.

A = Area of substrate, cm^2, (in^2).

C = Amount of coating or ink added to the substrate, g.

D_c = Density of coating or ink, g/cm^3 (g/in^3).

F = Manufacturer's recommended film thickness, cm (in).
W_o = Weight fraction of nonaqueous volatile matter, g/g.
W_s = Weight fraction of solids, g/g.
W_v = Weight fraction of the volatile matter, g/g.
W_w = Weight fraction of the water, g/g.

12.2 To determine if a coating or ink can be classified as a thin-film UV cured coating or ink, use the following equation:

$$C = F\,A\,D_c \qquad \text{Eq. 24-1}$$

12.3 Calculate W_v for each analysis as shown below:

$$W_v = \frac{W_1 - W_2}{W_3} \qquad \text{Eq. 24-2}$$

12.4 Nonaqueous Volatile Matter.

12.4.1 Solvent-borne Coatings.

$$W_o = W_v \qquad \text{Eq. 24-3}$$

12.4.2 Waterborne Coatings.

$$W_o = W_v - W_w \qquad \text{Eq. 24-4}$$

12.4.3 Coatings Containing Exempt Solvents.

$$W_o = W_v - W_E - W_w \qquad \text{Eq. 24-5}$$

12.5 Weight Fraction Solids.

$$W_s = 1 - W_v \qquad \text{Eq. 24-6}$$

12.6 Confidence Limit Calculations for Waterborne Coatings. To calculate the lower confidence limit, subtract the appropriate inter-laboratory precision value from the measured mean value for that parameter. To calculate the upper confidence limit, add the appropriate inter-laboratory precision value to the measured mean value for that parameter. For W_v and D_c, use the lower confidence limits; for W_w, use the upper confidence limit. Because W_s is calculated, there is no adjustment for this parameter.

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Analytical Precision Statements. The intra-and inter-laboratory precision statements are given in Table 24–1 in section 17.0.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as specified in section 6.0, with the addition of the following:

1. Standard Procedure for Collection of Coating and Ink Samples for Analysis by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–010. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.
2. Standard Operating Procedure for Analysis of Coating and Ink Samples by Reference Methods 24 and 24A.
EPA–340/1–91–011. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.
3. Handbook of Hazardous Materials: Fire, Safety, Health. Alliance of American Insurers. Schaumberg, IL. 1983.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

TABLE 24–1—ANALYTICAL PRECISION STATEMENTS

	Intra-laboratory	Inter-laboratory
Volatile matter content, W_v	±0.015 $\overline{W}_v$	±0.047 $\overline{W}_v$
Water content, W_w	±0.029 $\overline{W}_w$	±0.075 $\overline{W}_w$
Density, D_c	±0.001 kg/l	±0.002 kg/l

METHOD 24A—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER CONTENT AND DENSITY OF PUBLICATION ROTOGRAVURE INKS AND RELATED PUBLICATION ROTOGRAVURE COATINGS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile organic compounds (VOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of the VOC content and density of solvent-borne (solvent-reducible) publication rotogravure inks and related publication rotogravure coatings.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Separate procedures are used to determine the VOC weight fraction and density of the ink or related coating and the density of the solvent in the ink or related coating. The VOC weight fraction is determined by measuring the weight loss of a known sample quantity which has been heated for a specified length of time at a specified temperature. The density of both the ink or related coating and solvent are measured by a standard procedure. From this information, the VOC volume fraction is calculated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Components. Some of the compounds that may be contained in the inks or related coatings analyzed by this method may be irritating or corrosive to tissues or may be toxic. Nearly all are fire hazards. Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as Reference 6 of section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The following equipment and supplies are required for sample analysis:

6.1 Weighing Dishes. Aluminum foil, 58 mm (2.3 in.) in diameter by 18 mm (0.7 in.) high, with a flat bottom. There must be at least three weighing dishes per sample.

6.2 Disposable Syringe. 5 ml.

6.3 Analytical Balance. To measure to within 0.1 mg.

6.4 Oven. Vacuum oven capable of maintaining a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) and an absolute pressure of 510 ±51 mm Hg (20 ±2 in. Hg) for 4 hours. Alternatively, a forced draft oven capable of maintaining a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) for 24 hours.

6.5 The equipment and supplies specified in ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90 (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17).

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 The reagents and standards specified in ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90 are required.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Follow the sample collection, preservation, storage, and transport procedures described in Reference 4 of section 16.0.

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedure

Additional guidance can be found in Reference 5 of section 16.0.

11.1 VOC Weight Fraction. Shake or mix the ink or related coating sample thoroughly to assure that all the solids are completely suspended. Label and weigh to the nearest 0.1 mg a weighing dish and record this weight (M_{x1}). Using a 5 ml syringe, without a needle, extract an aliquot from the ink or related coating sample. Weigh the syringe and aliquot to the nearest 0.1 mg and record this weight (M_{cy1}). Transfer 1 to 3 g of the aliquot to the tared weighing dish. Reweigh the syringe and remaining aliquot to the nearest 0.1 mg and record this weight (M_{cy2}). Heat the weighing dish with the transferred aliquot in a vacuum oven at an absolute pressure of 510 ±51 mm Hg (20 ±2 in. Hg) and a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) for 4 hours. Alternatively, heat the weighing dish with the transferred aliquot in a forced draft oven at a temperature of 120 ±2 °C for 24 hours. After the weighing dish has cooled, reweigh it to the nearest 0.1 mg and record the weight (M_{x2}). Repeat this procedure two times for each ink or related coating sample, for a total of three samples.

11.2 Ink or Related Coating Density. Determine the density of the ink or related coating (D_c) according to the procedure outlined in ASTM D 1475. Make a total of three determinations for each ink or related coating sample. Report the ink or related coating density as the arithmetic average (D_c) of the three determinations.

11.3 Solvent Density. Determine the density of the solvent (D_o) according to the procedure outlined in ASTM D 1475. Make a total of three determinations for each ink or related coating sample. Report the solvent density as the arithmetic average (D_o) of the three determinations.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 VOC Weight Fraction. For each determination, calculate the volatile organic content weight fraction (W_o) using the following equation:

$$W_o = \frac{M_{x1} + M_{cy1} - M_{cy2} - M_{x2}}{M_{cy1} - M_{cy2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 24A-1}$$

Make a total of three determinations. Report the VOC weight fraction as the arithmetic average ($\bar{W}_o$) of the three determinations.

12.2 VOC Volume Fraction. Calculate the volume fraction volatile organic content (V_o) using the following equation:

$$V_o = \frac{\overline{W}_o \overline{D}_c}{\overline{D}_o} \qquad \text{Eq. 24A-2}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

1. Standard Test Method for Density of Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products. ASTM Designation D 1475.

2. Teleconversation. Wright, Chuck, Inmont Corporation with Reich, R., A., Radian Corporation. September 25, 1979, Gravure Ink Analysis.

3. Teleconversation. Oppenheimer, Robert, Gravure Research Institute with Burt, Rick, Radian Corporation, November 5, 1979, Gravure Ink Analysis.

4. Standard Procedure for Collection of Coating and Ink Samples for Analysis by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–010. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.

5. Standard Operating Procedure for Analysis of Coating and Ink Samples by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–011. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.

6. Handbook of Hazardous Materials: Fire, Safety, Health. Alliance of American Insurers. Schaumberg, IL. 1983.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 25—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS NONMETHANE ORGANIC EMISSIONS AS CARBON

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total gaseous nonmethane organic compounds (TGNMO)	N/A	Dependent upon analytical equipment.

1.2 Applicability.

1.2.1 This method is applicable for the determination of volatile organic compounds (VOC) (measured as total gaseous nonmethane organics (TGNMO) and reported as carbon) in stationary source emissions. This method is not applicable for the determination of organic particulate matter.

1.2.2 This method is not the only method that applies to the measurement of VOC. Costs, logistics, and other practicalities of source testing may make other test methods more desirable for measuring VOC contents of certain effluent streams. Proper judgment is required in determining the most applicable VOC test method. For example, depending upon the molecular composition of the organics in the effluent stream, a totally automated semicontinuous nonmethane organics (NMO) analyzer interfaced directly to the source may yield accurate results. This approach has the advantage of providing emission data semicontinuously over an extended time period.

1.2.3 Direct measurement of an effluent with a flame ionization detector (FID) analyzer may be appropriate with prior characterization of the gas stream and knowledge that the detector responds predictably to the organic compounds in the stream. If present, methane (CH_4) will, of course, also be measured. The FID can be used under any of the following limited conditions: (1) Where only one compound is known to exist; (2) when the organic compounds consist of only hydrogen and carbon; (3) where the relative percentages of the compounds are known or can be determined, and the FID responses to the compounds are known; (4) where a consistent mixture of the compounds exists before and after emission control and only the relative concentrations are to be assessed; or (5) where the FID can be calibrated against mass standards of the compounds emitted (solvent emissions, for example).

1.2.4 Another example of the use of a direct FID is as a screening method. If there is enough information available to provide a rough estimate of the analyzer accuracy, the FID analyzer can be used to determine the VOC content of an uncharacterized gas stream. With a sufficient buffer to account for possible inaccuracies, the direct FID can be a useful tool to obtain the desired results without costly exact determination.

1.2.5 In situations where a qualitative/quantitative analysis of an effluent stream is desired or required, a gas chromatographic FID system may apply. However, for sources emitting numerous organics, the time and expense of this approach will be formidable.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 An emission sample is withdrawn from the stack at a constant rate through a heated filter and a chilled condensate trap by means of an evacuated sample tank. After sampling is completed, the TGNMO are determined by independently analyzing the condensate trap and sample tank fractions and combining the analytical results. The organic content of the condensate trap fraction is determined by oxidizing the NMO to carbon dioxide (CO_2) and quantitatively collecting in the effluent in an evacuated vessel; then a portion of the CO_2 is reduced to CH_4 and measured by an FID. The organic content of the sample tank fraction is measured by injecting a portion of the sample into a gas chromatographic column to separate the NMO from carbon monoxide (CO), CO_2, and CH_4; the NMO are oxidized to CO_2, reduced to CH_4, and measured by an FID. In this manner, the variable response of the FID associated with different types of organics is eliminated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

4.1 Carbon Dioxide and Water Vapor. When carbon dioxide (CO_2) and water vapor are present together in the stack, they can produce a positive bias in the sample. The magnitude of the bias depends on the concentrations of CO_2 and water vapor. As a guideline, multiply the CO_2 concentration, expressed as volume percent, times the water vapor concentration. If this product does not exceed 100, the bias can be considered insignificant. For example, the bias is not significant for a source having 10 percent CO_2 and 10 percent water vapor, but it might be significant for a source having 10 percent CO_2 and 20 percent water vapor.

4.2. Particulate Matter. Collection of organic particulate matter in the condensate trap would produce a positive bias. A filter is included in the sampling equipment to minimize this bias.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sample Collection. The sampling system consists of a heated probe, heated filter, condensate trap, flow control system, and sample tank (see Figure 25–1). The TGNMO sampling equipment can be constructed from commercially available components and components fabricated in a machine shop. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Heated Probe. 6.4-mm (¼-in.) OD stainless steel tubing with a heating system capable of maintaining a gas temperature at the exit end of at least 129 °C (265 °F). The probe shall be equipped with a temperature sensor at the exit end to monitor the gas temperature. A suitable probe is shown in Figure 25–1. The nozzle is an elbow fitting attached to the front end of the probe while the temperature sensor is inserted in the side arm of a tee fitting attached to the rear of the probe. The probe is wrapped with a suitable length of high temperature heating tape, and then covered with two layers of glass cloth insulation and one layer of aluminum foil or an equivalent wrapping.

NOTE: If it is not possible to use a heating system for safety reasons, an unheated system with an in-stack filter is a suitable alternative.

6.1.2 Filter Holder. 25-mm (15⁄16-in.) ID Gelman filter holder with 303 stainless steel body and 316 stainless steel support screen with the Viton O-ring replaced by a Teflon O-ring.

6.1.3 Filter Heating System.

6.1.3.1 A metal box consisting of an inner and an outer shell separated by insulating material with a heating element in the inner shell capable of maintaining a gas temperature at the filter of 121 ±3 °C (250 ±5 °F). The heating box shall include temperature sensors to monitor the gas temperature immediately upstream and immediately downstream of the filter.

6.1.3.2 A suitable heating box is shown in Figure 25–2. The outer shell is a metal box that measures 102 mm × 280 mm × 292 mm (4 in. × 11 in. × 11½ in.), while the inner shell is a metal box measuring 76 mm × 229 mm × 241 mm (3 in. × 9 in. × 9½ in.). The inner box is supported by 13-mm (½-in.) phenolic rods. The void space between the boxes is filled with ceramic fiber insulation which is sealed in place by means of a silicon rubber bead around the upper sides of the box. A removable lid made in a similar manner, with a 25-mm (1-in.) gap between the parts is used to cover the heating chamber. The inner box is heated with a 250-watt cartridge heater, shielded by a stainless steel shroud. The heater is regulated by a thermostatic temperature controller which is set to maintain a gas temperature of 121 °C (250 °F) as measured by the temperature sensor upstream of the filter.

NOTE: If it is not possible to use a heating system for safety reasons, an unheated system with an in-stack filter is a suitable alternative.

6.1.4 Condensate Trap. 9.5-mm (⅜-in.) OD 316 stainless steel tubing bent into a U-shape. Exact dimensions are shown in Figure

25–3. The tubing shall be packed with coarse quartz wool, to a density of approximately 0.11 g/cm^3 before bending. While the condensate trap is packed with dry ice in the Dewar, an ice bridge may form between the arms of the condensate trap making it difficult to remove the condensate trap. This problem can be prevented by attaching a steel plate between the arms of the condensate trap in the same plane as the arms to completely fill the intervening space.

6.1.5 Valve. Stainless steel control valve for starting and stopping sample flow.

6.1.6 Metering Valve. Stainless steel valve for regulating the sample flow rate through the sample train.

6.1.7 Rate Meter. Rotameter, or equivalent, capable of measuring sample flow in the range of 60 to 100 cm^3/min (0.13 to 0.21 ft^3/hr).

6.1.8 Sample Tank. Stainless steel or aluminum tank with a minimum volume of 4 liters (0.14 ft^3).

NOTE: Sample volumes greater than 4 liters may be required for sources with low organic concentrations.

6.1.9 Mercury Manometer. U-tube manometer or absolute pressure gauge capable of measuring pressure to within 1 mm Hg in the range of 0 to 900 mm.

6.1.10 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg.

6.2 Condensate Recovery. The system for the recovery of the organics captured in the condensate trap consists of a heat source, an oxidation catalyst, a nondispersive infrared (NDIR) analyzer, and an intermediate collection vessel (ICV). Figure 25–4 is a schematic of a typical system. The system shall be capable of proper oxidation and recovery, as specified in section 10.1.1. The following major components are required:

6.2.1 Heat Source. Sufficient to heat the condensate trap (including probe) to a temperature of 200 °C (390 °F). A system using both a heat gun and an electric tube furnace is recommended.

6.2.2 Heat Tape. Sufficient to heat the connecting tubing between the water trap and the oxidation catalyst to 100 °C (212 °F).

6.2.3 Oxidation Catalyst. A suitable length of 9.5 mm (3⁄8-in.) OD Inconel 600 tubing packed with 15 cm (6 in.) of 3.2 mm (3⁄8-in.) diameter 19 percent chromia on alumina pellets. The catalyst material is packed in the center of the catalyst tube with quartz wool packed on either end to hold it in place.

6.2.4 Water Trap. Leak-proof, capable of removing moisture from the gas stream.

6.2.5 Syringe Port. A 6.4-mm (1⁄4-in.) OD stainless steel tee fitting with a rubber septum placed in the side arm.

6.2.6 NDIR Detector. Capable of indicating CO_2 concentration in the range of zero to 5 percent, to monitor the progress of combustion of the organic compounds from the condensate trap.

6.2.7 Flow-Control Valve. Stainless steel, to maintain the trap conditioning system near atmospheric pressure.

6.2.8 Intermediate Collection Vessel. Stainless steel or aluminum, equipped with a female quick connect. Tanks with nominal volumes of at least 6 liters (0.2 ft^3) are recommended.

6.2.9 Mercury Manometer. Same as described in section 6.1.9.

6.2.10 Syringe. 10-ml gas-tight glass syringe equipped with an appropriate needle.

6.2.11 Syringes. 10-μl and 50-μl liquid injection syringes.

6.2.12 Liquid Sample Injection Unit. 316 Stainless steel U-tube fitted with an injection septum (see Figure 25–7).

6.3 Analysis.

6.3.1 NMO Analyzer. The NMO analyzer is a gas chromatograph (GC) with backflush capability for NMO analysis and is equipped with an oxidation catalyst, reduction catalyst, and FID. Figures 25–5 and 25–6 are schematics of a typical NMO analyzer. This semicontinuous GC/FID analyzer shall be capable of: (1) Separating CO, CO_2, and CH_4 from NMO, (2) reducing the CO_2 to CH_4 and quantifying as CH_4, and (3) oxidizing the NMO to CO_2, reducing the CO_2 to CH_4 and quantifying as CH_4, according to section 10.1.2. The analyzer consists of the following major components:

6.3.1.1 Oxidation Catalyst. A suitable length of 9.5-mm (3⁄8-in.) OD Inconel 600 tubing packed with 5.1 cm (2 in.) of 19 percent chromia on 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) alumina pellets. The catalyst material is packed in the center of the tube supported on either side by quartz wool. The catalyst tube must be mounted vertically in a 650 °C (1200 °F) furnace. Longer catalysts mounted horizontally may be used, provided they can meet the specifications of section 10.1.2.1.

6.3.1.2 Reduction Catalyst. A 7.6-cm (3-in.) length of 6.4-mm (1⁄4-in.) OD Inconel tubing fully packed with 100-mesh pure nickel powder. The catalyst tube must be mounted vertically in a 400 °C (750 °F) furnace.

6.3.1.3 Separation Column(s). A 30-cm (1-ft) length of 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) OD stainless steel tubing packed with 60/80 mesh Unibeads 1S followed by a 61-cm (2-ft) length of 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) OD stainless steel tubing packed with 60/80 mesh Carbosieve G. The Carbosieve and Unibeads columns must be baked separately at 200 °C (390 °F) with carrier gas flowing through them for 24 hours before initial use.

6.3.1.4 Sample Injection System. A single 10-port GC sample injection valve or a group of valves with sufficient ports fitted with a sample loop properly sized to interface with the NMO analyzer (1-cc loop recommended).

6.3.1.5 FID. An FID meeting the following specifications is required:

6.3.1.5.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.1.2.3.

6.3.1.5.2 Range. A full scale range of 10 to 50,000 ppm CH_4. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.3.1.6 Data Recording System. Analog strip chart recorder or digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the analytical results.

6.3.2 Barometer. Mercury, aneroid, or other barometer capable of measuring atmospheric pressure to within 1 mm Hg.

6.3.3 Temperature Sensor. Capable of measuring the laboratory temperature within 1 °C (2 °F).

6.3.4 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Sample Collection. The following reagents are required for sample collection:

7.1.1 Dry Ice. Solid CO2, crushed.

7.1.2 Coarse Quartz Wool. 8 to 15 um.

7.1.3 Filters. Glass fiber filters, without organic binder, exhibiting at least 99.95 percent efficiency (<0.05 percent penetration) on 0.3 micron dioctyl phthalate smoke particles. The filter efficiency test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM Method D2986–71, 78, or 95a (incorporated by reference—see §60.17). Test data from the supplier's quality control program are sufficient for this purpose.

7.2 NMO Analysis. The following gases are required for NMO analysis:

7.2.1 Carrier Gases. Helium (He) and oxygen (O_2) containing less than 1 ppm CO_2 and less than 0.1 ppm hydrocarbon.

7.2.2 Fuel Gas. Hydrogen (H_2), at least 99.999 percent pure.

7.2.3 Combustion Gas. Either air (less than 0.1 ppm total hydrocarbon content) or O_2 (purity 99.99 percent or greater), as required by the detector.

7.3 Condensate Analysis. The following are required for condensate analysis:

7.3.1 Gases. Containing less than 1 ppm carbon.

7.3.1.1 Air.

7.3.1.2 Oxygen.

7.3.2 Liquids. To conform to the specifications established by the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society.

7.3.2.1 Hexane.

7.3.2.2 Decane.

7.4 Calibration. For all calibration gases, the manufacturer must recommend a maximum shelf life for each cylinder (i.e., the length of time the gas concentration is not expected to change more than ±5 percent from its certified value). The date of gas cylinder preparation, certified organic concentration, and recommended maximum shelf life must be affixed to each cylinder before shipment from the gas manufacturer to the buyer. The following calibration gases are required:

7.4.1 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check Calibration Gas. Gas mixture standard with nominal concentration of 1 percent methane in air.

7.4.2 FID Linearity and NMO Calibration Gases. Three gas mixture standards with nominal propane concentrations of 20 ppm, 200 ppm, and 3000 ppm, in air.

7.4.3 CO_2 Calibration Gases. Three gas mixture standards with nominal CO_2 concentrations of 50 ppm, 500 ppm, and 1 percent, in air.

NOTE: Total NMO less than 1 ppm required for 1 percent mixture.

7.4.4 NMO Analyzer System Check Calibration Gases. Four calibration gases are needed as follows:

7.4.4.1 Propane Mixture. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 50 ppm CO, 50 ppm CH_4, 1 percent CO_2, and 20 ppm C_3H_8, prepared in air.

7.4.4.2 Hexane. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 50 ppm hexane in air.

7.4.4.3 Toluene. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 20 ppm toluene in air.

7.4.4.4 Methanol. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 100 ppm methanol in air.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Transport, and Storage

8.1 Sampling Equipment Preparation.

8.1.1 Condensate Trap Cleaning. Before its initial use and after each use, a condensate trap should be thoroughly cleaned and checked to ensure that it is not contaminated. Both cleaning and checking can be accomplished by installing the trap in the condensate recovery system and treating it as if it were a sample. The trap should be heated as described in section 11.1.3. A trap may be considered clean when the CO_2 concentration in its effluent gas drops below 10 ppm. This check is optional for traps that most recently have been used to collect samples which were then recovered according to the procedure in section 11.1.3.

8.1.2 Sample Tank Evacuation and Leak-Check. Evacuate the sample tank to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure or less. Then close the sample tank valve, and allow the tank to sit for 60 minutes. The tank is acceptable if a change in tank vacuum of less than 1 mm Hg is noted. The evacuation and leak-check may be conducted either in the laboratory or the field.

8.1.3 Sampling Train Assembly. Just before assembly, measure the tank vacuum using a mercury manometer. Record this vacuum, the ambient temperature, and the barometric pressure at this time. Close the sample tank valve and assemble the sampling

system as shown in Figure 25–1. Immerse the condensate trap body in dry ice at least 30 minutes before commencing sampling to improve collection efficiency. The point where the inlet tube joins the trap body should be 2.5 to 5 cm (1 to 2 in.) above the top of the dry ice.

8.1.4 Pretest Leak-Check. A pretest leak-check is required. Calculate or measure the approximate volume of the sampling train from the probe tip to the sample tank valve. After assembling the sampling train, plug the probe tip, and make certain that the sample tank valve is closed. Turn on the vacuum pump, and evacuate the sampling system from the probe tip to the sample tank valve to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg or less. Close the purge valve, turn off the pump, wait a minimum period of 10 minutes, and recheck the indicated vacuum. Calculate the maximum allowable pressure change based on a leak rate of 1 percent of the sampling rate using Equation 25–1, section 12.2. If the measured pressure change exceeds the allowable, correct the problem and repeat the leak-check before beginning sampling.

8.2 Sample Collection.

8.2.1 Unplug the probe tip, and place the probe into the stack such that the probe is perpendicular to the duct or stack axis; locate the probe tip at a single preselected point of average velocity facing away from the direction of gas flow. For stacks having a negative static pressure, seal the sample port sufficiently to prevent air in-leakage around the probe. Set the probe temperature controller to 129 °C (265 °F) and the filter temperature controller to 121 °C (250 °F). Allow the probe and filter to heat for about 30 minutes before purging the sample train.

8.2.2 Close the sample valve, open the purge valve, and start the vacuum pump. Set the flow rate between 60 and 100 cm^3/min (0.13 and 0.21 ft^3/hr), and purge the train with stack gas for at least 10 minutes.

8.2.3 When the temperatures at the exit ends of the probe and filter are within the corresponding specified ranges, check the dry ice level around the condensate trap, and add dry ice if necessary. Record the clock time. To begin sampling, close the purge valve and stop the pump. Open the sample valve and the sample tank valve. Using the flow control valve, set the flow through the sample train to the proper rate. Adjust the flow rate as necessary to maintain a constant rate (±10 percent) throughout the duration of the sampling period. Record the sample tank vacuum and flowmeter setting at 5-minute intervals. (See Figure 25–8.) Select a total sample time greater than or equal to the minimum sampling time specified in the applicable subpart of the regulations; end the sampling when this time period is reached or when a constant flow rate can no longer be maintained because of reduced sample tank vacuum.

NOTE: If sampling had to be stopped before obtaining the minimum sampling time (specified in the applicable subpart) because a constant flow rate could not be maintained, proceed as follows: After closing the sample tank valve, remove the used sample tank from the sampling train (without disconnecting other portions of the sampling train). Take another evacuated and leak-checked sample tank, measure and record the tank vacuum, and attach the new tank to the sampling train. After the new tank is attached to the sample train, proceed with the sampling until the required minimum sampling time has been exceeded.

8.3 Sample Recovery. After sampling is completed, close the flow control valve, and record the final tank vacuum; then record the tank temperature and barometric pressure. Close the sample tank valve, and disconnect the sample tank from the sample system. Disconnect the condensate trap at the inlet to the rate meter, and tightly seal both ends of the condensate trap. Do not include the probe from the stack to the filter as part of the condensate sample.

8.4 Sample Storage and Transport. Keep the trap packed in dry ice until the samples are returned to the laboratory for analysis. Ensure that run numbers are identified on the condensate trap and the sample tank(s).

9.0 Quality Control

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
10.1.1	Initial performance check of condensate recovery apparatus.	Ensure acceptable condensate recovery efficiency.
10.1.2, 10.2	NMO analyzer initial and daily performance checks.	Ensure precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Initial Performance Checks.

10.1.1 Condensate Recovery Apparatus. Perform these tests before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown of 6 months or more, and after any major modification of the system, or at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer.

10.1.1.1 Carrier Gas and Auxiliary O_2 Blank Check. Analyze each new tank of carrier gas or auxiliary O_2 with the NMO analyzer to

check for contamination. Treat the gas cylinders as noncondensible gas samples, and analyze according to the procedure in section 11.2.3. Add together any measured CH_4, CO, CO_2, or NMO. The total concentration must be less than 5 ppm.

10.1.1.2 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check.

10.1.1.2.1 With a clean condensate trap installed in the recovery system or a ⅛″ stainless steel connector tube, replace the carrier gas cylinder with the high level methane standard gas cylinder (Section 7.4.1). Set the four-port valve to the recovery position, and attach an ICV to the recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in vent position and the flow-control and ICV valves fully open, evacuate the manometer or gauge, the connecting tubing, and the ICV to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure. Close the flow-control and vacuum pump valves.

10.1.1.2.2 After the NDIR response has stabilized, switch the sample recovery valve from vent to collect. When the manometer or pressure gauge begins to register a slight positive pressure, open the flow-control valve. Keep the flow adjusted such that the pressure in the system is maintained within 10 percent of atmospheric pressure. Continue collecting the sample in a normal manner until the ICV is filled to a nominal gauge pressure of 300 mm Hg. Close the ICV valve, and remove the ICV from the system. Place the sample recovery valve in the vent position, and return the recovery system to its normal carrier gas and normal operating conditions. Analyze the ICV for CO_2 using the NMO analyzer; the catalyst efficiency is acceptable if the CO_2 concentration is within 2 percent of the methane standard concentration.

10.1.1.3 System Performance Check. Construct a liquid sample injection unit similar in design to the unit shown in Figure 25–7. Insert this unit into the condensate recovery and conditioning system in place of a condensate trap, and set the carrier gas and auxiliary O_2 flow rates to normal operating levels. Attach an evacuated ICV to the system, and switch from system vent to collect. With the carrier gas routed through the injection unit and the oxidation catalyst, inject a liquid sample (see sections 10.1.1.3.1 to 10.1.1.3.4) into the injection port. Operate the trap recovery system as described in section 11.1.3. Measure the final ICV pressure, and then analyze the vessel to determine the CO_2 concentration. For each injection, calculate the percent recovery according to section 12.7. Calculate the relative standard deviation for each set of triplicate injections according to section 12.8. The performance test is acceptable if the average percent recovery is 100 ±5 percent and the relative standard deviation is less than 2 percent for each set of triplicate injections.

10.1.1.3.1 50 μl hexane.

10.1.1.3.2 10 μl hexane.

10.1.1.3.3 50 μl decane.

10.1.1.3.4 10 μl decane.

10.1.2 NMO Analyzer. Perform these tests before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown longer than 6 months, and after any major modification of the system.

10.1.2.1 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check. Turn off or bypass the NMO analyzer reduction catalyst. Make triplicate injections of the high level methane standard (Section 7.4.1). The oxidation catalyst operation is acceptable if the FID response is less than 1 percent of the injected methane concentration.

10.1.2.2 Reduction Catalyst Efficiency Check. With the oxidation catalyst unheated or bypassed and the heated reduction catalyst bypassed, make triplicate injections of the high level methane standard (Section 7.4.1). Repeat this procedure with both catalysts operative. The reduction catalyst operation is acceptable if the responses under both conditions agree within 5 percent of their average.

10.1.2.3 NMO Analyzer Linearity Check Calibration. While operating both the oxidation and reduction catalysts, conduct a linearity check of the analyzer using the propane standards specified in section 7.4.2. Make triplicate injections of each calibration gas. For each gas (*i.e.*, each set of triplicate injections), calculate the average response factor (area/ppm C) for each gas, as well as and the relative standard deviation (according to section 12.8). Then calculate the overall mean of the response factor values. The instrument linearity is acceptable if the average response factor of each calibration gas is within 2.5 percent of the overall mean value and if the relative standard deviation gas is less than 2 percent of the overall mean value. Record the overall mean of the propane response factor values as the NMO calibration response factor (RF_{NMO}). Repeat the linearity check using the CO_2 standards specified in section 7.4.3. Make triplicate injections of each gas, and then calculate the average response factor (area/ppm C) for each gas, as well as the overall mean of the response factor values. Record the overall mean of the response factor values as the CO_2 calibration response factor (RF_{CO2}). The RF_{CO2} must be within 10 percent of the RF_{NMO}.

10.1.2.4 System Performance Check. Check the column separation and overall performance of the analyzer by making triplicate injections of the calibration gases listed in section 7.4.4. The analyzer performance is acceptable if the measured NMO value for each gas (average of triplicate injections) is within 5 percent of the expected value.

10.2 NMO Analyzer Daily Calibration. The following calibration procedures shall be performed before and immediately after the

analysis of each set of samples, or on a daily basis, whichever is more stringent:

10.2.1 CO_2 Response Factor. Inject triplicate samples of the high level CO_2 calibration gas (Section 7.4.3), and calculate the average response factor. The system operation is adequate if the calculated response factor is within 5 percent of the RF_{CO2} calculated during the initial performance test (Section 10.1.2.3). Use the daily response factor (DRF_{CO2}) for analyzer calibration and the calculation of measured CO_2 concentrations in the ICV samples.

10.2.2 NMO Response Factors. Inject triplicate samples of the mixed propane calibration cylinder gas (Section 7.4.4.1), and calculate the average NMO response factor. The system operation is adequate if the calculated response factor is within 10 percent of the RF_{NMO} calculated during the initial performance test (Section 10.1.2.4). Use the daily response factor (DRF_{NMO}) for analyzer calibration and calculation of NMO concentrations in the sample tanks.

10.3 Sample Tank and ICV Volume. The volume of the gas sampling tanks used must be determined. Determine the tank and ICV volumes by weighing them empty and then filled with deionized distilled water; weigh to the nearest 5 g, and record the results. Alternatively, measure the volume of water used to fill them to the nearest 5 ml.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

11.1 Condensate Recovery. See Figure 25–9. Set the carrier gas flow rate, and heat the catalyst to its operating temperature to condition the apparatus.

11.1.1 Daily Performance Checks. Each day before analyzing any samples, perform the following tests:

11.1.1.1 Leak-Check. With the carrier gas inlets and the sample recovery valve closed, install a clean condensate trap in the system, and evacuate the system to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure or less. Monitor the system pressure for 10 minutes. The system is acceptable if the pressure change is less than 2 mm Hg.

11.1.1.2 System Background Test. Adjust the carrier gas and auxiliary oxygen flow rate to their normal values of 100 cc/min and 150 cc/min, respectively, with the sample recovery valve in vent position. Using a 10-ml syringe, withdraw a sample from the system effluent through the syringe port. Inject this sample into the NMO analyzer, and measure the CO_2 content. The system background is acceptable if the CO_2 concentration is less than 10 ppm.

11.1.1.3 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check. Conduct a catalyst efficiency test as specified in section 10.1.1.2. If the criterion of this test cannot be met, make the necessary repairs to the system before proceeding.

11.1.2 Condensate Trap CO_2 Purge and Sample Tank Pressurization.

11.1.2.1 After sampling is completed, the condensate trap will contain condensed water and organics and a small volume of sampled gas. This gas from the stack may contain a significant amount of CO_2 which must be removed from the condensate trap before the sample is recovered. This is accomplished by purging the condensate trap with zero air and collecting the purged gas in the original sample tank.

11.1.2.2 Begin with the sample tank and condensate trap from the test run to be analyzed. Set the four-port valve of the condensate recovery system in the CO_2 purge position as shown in Figure 25–9. With the sample tank valve closed, attach the sample tank to the sample recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in the vent position and the flow control valve fully open, evacuate the manometer or pressure gauge to the vacuum of the sample tank. Next, close the vacuum pump valve, open the sample tank valve, and record the tank pressure.

11.1.2.3 Attach the dry ice-cooled condensate trap to the recovery system, and initiate the purge by switching the sample recovery valve from vent to collect position. Adjust the flow control valve to maintain atmospheric pressure in the recovery system. Continue the purge until the CO_2 concentration of the trap effluent is less than 5 ppm. CO_2 concentration in the trap effluent should be measured by extracting syringe samples from the recovery system and analyzing the samples with the NMO analyzer. This procedure should be used only after the NDIR response has reached a minimum level. Using a 10-ml syringe, extract a sample from the syringe port prior to the NDIR, and inject this sample into the NMO analyzer.

11.1.2.4 After the completion of the CO_2 purge, use the carrier gas bypass valve to pressurize the sample tank to approximately 1,060 mm Hg absolute pressure with zero air.

11.1.3 Recovery of the Condensate Trap Sample (See Figure 25–10).

11.1.3.1 Attach the ICV to the sample recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in a closed position, between vent and collect, and the flow control and ICV valves fully open, evacuate the manometer or gauge, the connecting tubing, and the ICV to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure. Close the flow-control and vacuum pump valves.

11.1.3.2 Begin auxiliary oxygen flow to the oxidation catalyst at a rate of 150 cc/min, then switch the four-way valve to the trap recovery position and the sample recovery valve to collect position. The system should now be set up to operate as indicated in Figure 25–10. After the manometer or pressure gauge begins to register a slight positive pressure, open the flow control valve. Adjust the flow-control valve to maintain atmospheric pressure in the system within 10 percent.

11.1.3.3 Remove the condensate trap from the dry ice, and allow it to warm to ambient temperature while monitoring the NDIR response. If, after 5 minutes, the CO_2 concentration of the catalyst effluent is below 10,000 ppm, discontinue the auxiliary oxygen flow to the oxidation catalyst. Begin heating the trap by placing it in a furnace preheated to 200 °C (390 °F). Once heating has begun, carefully monitor the NDIR response to ensure that the catalyst effluent concentration does not exceed 50,000 ppm. Whenever the CO_2 concentration exceeds 50,000 ppm, supply auxiliary oxygen to the catalyst at the rate of 150 cc/min. Begin heating the tubing that connected the heated sample box to the condensate trap only after the CO_2 concentration falls below 10,000 ppm. This tubing may be heated in the same oven as the condensate trap or with an auxiliary heat source such as a heat gun. Heating temperature must not exceed 200 °C (390 °F). If a heat gun is used, heat the tubing slowly along its entire length from the upstream end to the downstream end, and repeat the pattern for a total of three times. Continue the recovery until the CO_2 concentration drops to less than 10 ppm as determined by syringe injection as described under the condensate trap CO_2 purge procedure (Section 11.1.2).

11.1.3.4 After the sample recovery is completed, use the carrier gas bypass valve to pressurize the ICV to approximately 1060 mm Hg absolute pressure with zero air.

11.2 Analysis. Once the initial performance test of the NMO analyzer has been successfully completed (see section 10.1.2) and the daily CO_2 and NMO response factors have been determined (see section 10.2), proceed with sample analysis as follows:

11.2.1 Operating Conditions. The carrier gas flow rate is 29.5 cc/min He and 2.2 cc/min O_2. The column oven is heated to 85 °C (185 °F). The order of elution for the sample from the column is CO, CH_4, CO_2, and NMO.

11.2.2 Analysis of Recovered Condensate Sample. Purge the sample loop with sample, and then inject the sample. Under the specified operating conditions, the CO_2 in the sample will elute in approximately 100 seconds. As soon as the detector response returns to baseline following the CO_2 peak, switch the carrier gas flow to backflush, and raise the column oven temperature to 195 °C (380 °F) as rapidly as possible. A rate of 30 °C/min (90 °F) has been shown to be adequate. Record the value obtained for the condensible organic material (C_{cm}) measured as CO_2 and any measured NMO. Return the column oven temperature to 85 °C (185 °F) in preparation for the next analysis. Analyze each sample in triplicate, and report the average C_{cm}.

11.2.3 Analysis of Sample Tank. Perform the analysis as described in section 11.2.2, but record only the value measured for NMO (C_{tm}).

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

Carry out the calculations, retaining at least one extra significant figure beyond that of the acquired data. Round off figures after final calculations. All equations are written using absolute pressure; absolute pressures are determined by adding the measured barometric pressure to the measured gauge or manometer pressure.

12.1 Nomenclature.

C = TGNMO concentration of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.
C_c = Calculated condensible organic (condensate trap) concentration of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.
C_{cm} = Measured concentration (NMO analyzer) for the condensate trap ICV, ppm CO_2.
C_t = Calculated noncondensible organic concentration (sample tank) of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.
C_{tm} = Measured concentration (NMO analyzer) for the sample tank, ppm NMO.
F = Sampling flow rate, cc/min.
L = Volume of liquid injected, μl.
M = Molecular weight of the liquid injected, g/g-mole.
M_c = TGNMO mass concentration of the effluent, mg C/dsm^3.
N = Carbon number of the liquid compound injected (N = 12 for decane, N = 6 for hexane).
n = Number of data points.
P_f = Final pressure of the intermediate collection vessel, mm Hg absolute.
P_b = Barometric pressure, cm Hg.
P_{ti} = Gas sample tank pressure before sampling, mm Hg absolute.
P_t = Gas sample tank pressure after sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.
P_{tf} = Final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.
q = Total number of analyzer injections of intermediate collection vessel during analysis (where k = injection number, 1 * * * q).
r = Total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j = injection number, 1 * * * r).
r = Density of liquid injected, g/cc.
T_f = Final temperature of intermediate collection vessel, °K.
T_{ti} = Sample tank temperature before sampling, °K.
T_t = Sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, °K.
T_{tf} = Sample tank temperature after pressurizing, °K.
V = Sample tank volume, m^3.
V_t = Sample train volume, cc.
V_v = Intermediate collection vessel volume, m^3.
V_s = Gas volume sampled, dsm^3.
x_i = Individual measurements.
$\bar{x}$ = Mean value.

ΔP = Allowable pressure change, cm Hg.
Θ = Leak-check period, min.

12.2 Allowable Pressure Change. For the pretest leak-check, calculate the allowable pressure change using Equation 25–1:

$$\Delta P = 0.01\ \frac{FP_b\Theta}{V_t} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-1}$$

12.3 Sample Volume. For each test run, calculate the gas volume sampled using Equation 25–2:

$$V_s = 0.3857\ V\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-2}$$

12.4 Noncondensible Organics. For each sample tank, determine the concentration of nonmethane organics (ppm C) using Equation 25–3:

$$C_t = \left(\frac{\dfrac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\dfrac{P_t}{T_t} - \dfrac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm_j}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-3}$$

12.5 Condensible Organics. For each condensate trap determine the concentration of organics (ppm C) using Equation 25–4:

$$C_c = 0.3857\frac{V_v P_f}{V_s T_f}\left(\frac{1}{q}\sum_{k=1}^{q} C_{cm_k}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-4}$$

12.6 TGNMO Mass Concentration. Determine the TGNMO mass concentration as carbon for each test run, using Equation 25–5:

$$M_c = 0.4993\left(C_t + C_c\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-5}$$

12.7 Percent Recovery. Calculate the percent recovery for the liquid injections to the condensate recovery and conditioning system using Equation 25–6:

$$\text{Percent Recovery} = K\ \frac{M\,V_v P_t C_{cm}}{L\,P\,T_f N} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-6}$$

where K = 1.604 (°K)(g-mole)(%)/(mm Hg)(ml)(m^3)(ppm).

12.8 Relative Standard Deviation. Use Equation 25–7 to calculate the relative standard deviation (RSD) of percent recovery and analyzer linearity.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{\bar{x}}\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_i - \bar{x}\right)^2}{n-1}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-7}$$

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Range. The minimum detectable limit of the method has been determined to be 50 parts per million by volume (ppm). No upper limit has been established.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

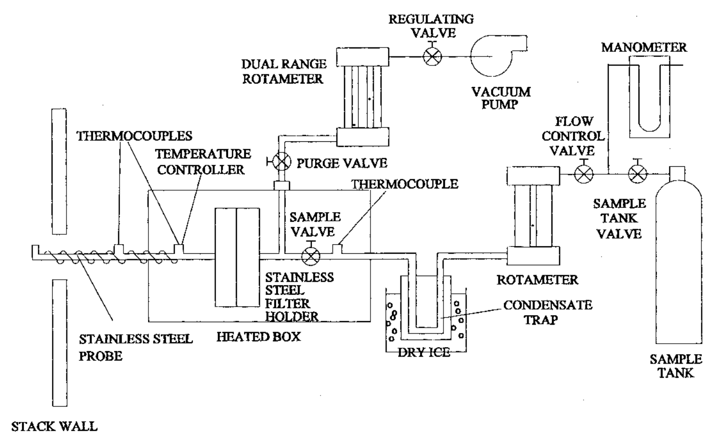

Figure 25-1. Sampling Train

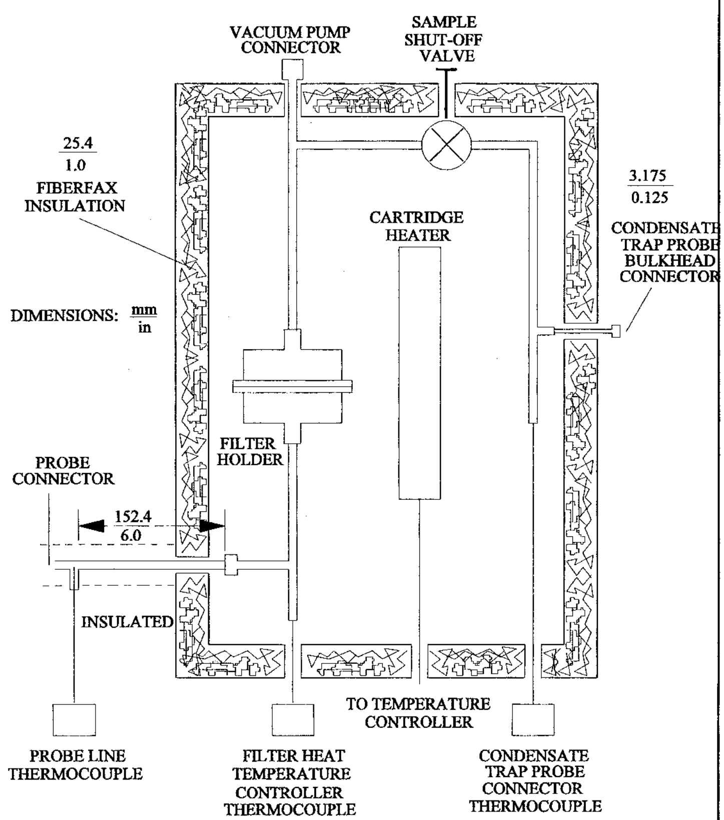

Figure 25-2. Out-of-stack Filter Box

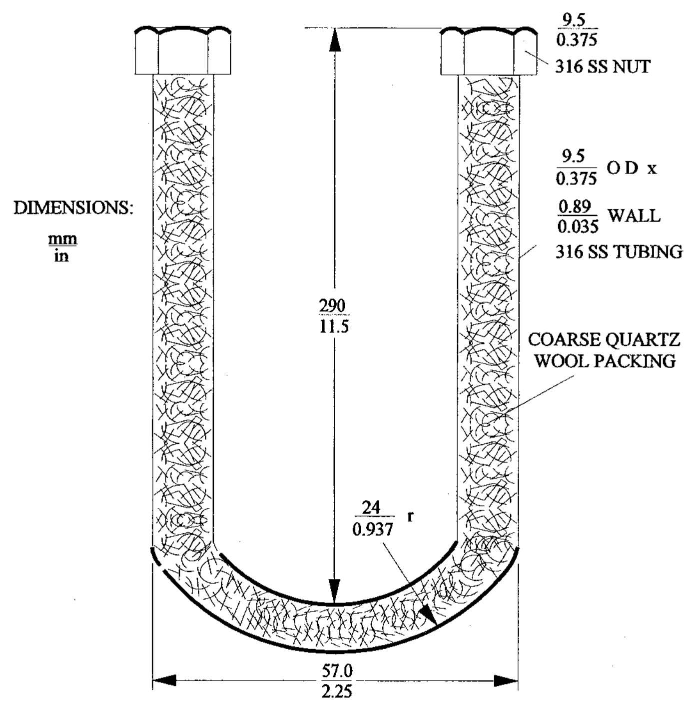

Figure 25-3. Condensate Trap

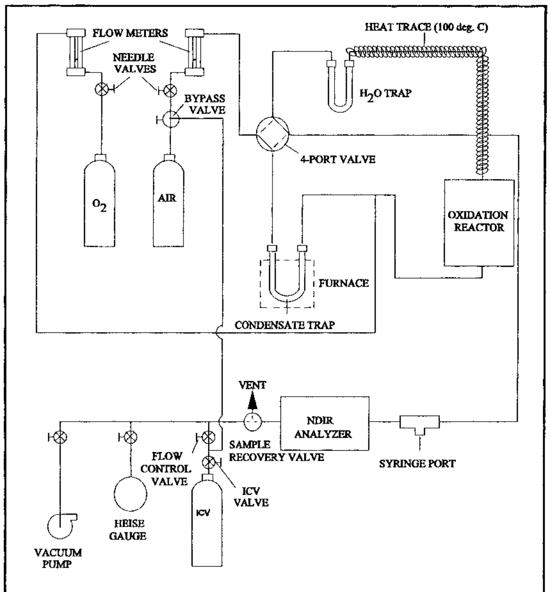

Figure 25-4. Condensate Recovery System

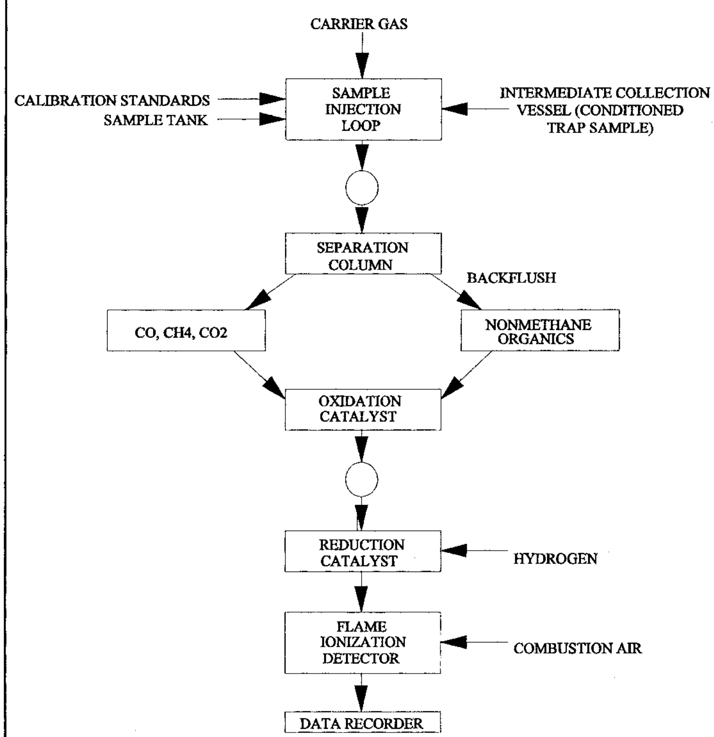

Figure 25-5. Simplified Schematic of Nonmethane Organic (NMO) Analyzer

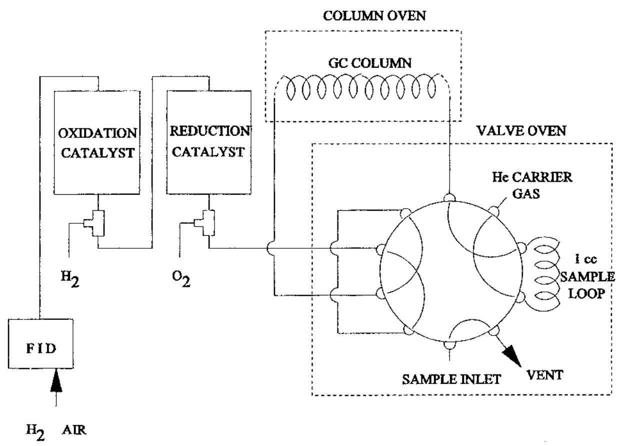

Figure 25-6. Nonmethane Organic Analyzer (NMO)

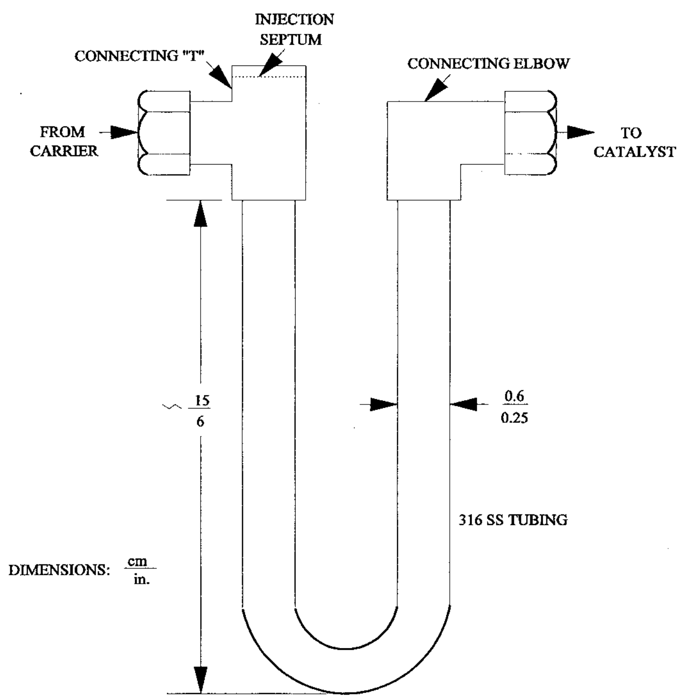

Figure 25-7. Liquid Sample Injection Unit

VOLATILE ORGANIC CARBON

FACILITY ______ SAMPLE LOCATION ______

LOCATION ______ OPERATOR ______

DATE ______ RUN NUMBER ______

TANK NUMBER ______ TRAP NUMBER ______ SAMPLE ID NUMBER ______

TANK VACUUM mm HG	cm Hg	BAROMETRIC PRESSURE mm Hg	AMBIENT TEMPERATURE °C
PRETEST (MANOMETER) ______	(GAUGE) ______		
POST-TEST (MANOMETER) ______	(GAUGE) ______		

LEAK RATE ______ cm Hg / 1.0 min. ______

PRETEST ______

TIME CLOCK/SAMPLE	VACUUM cm Hg	FLOWMETER SETTINGS	COMMENTS

Figure 25-8. Example Field Data Form

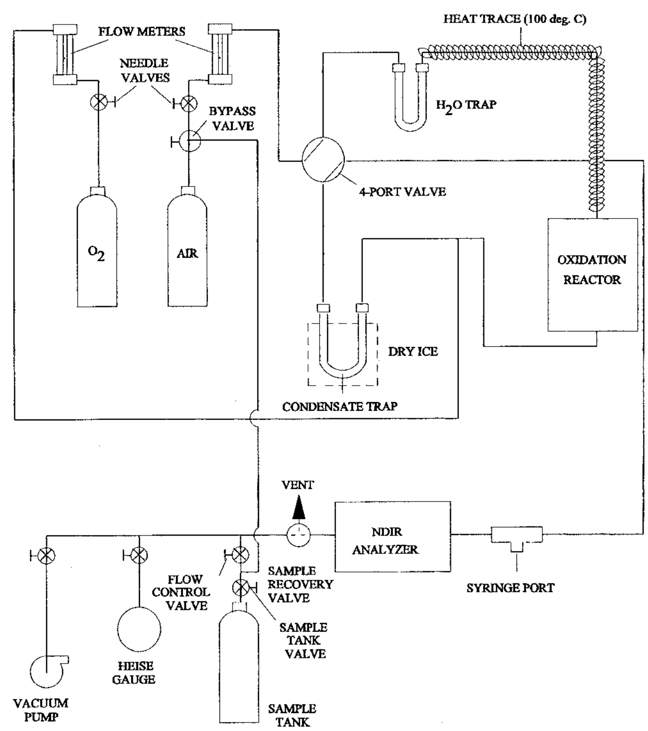

Figure 25-9. Condensate Recovery System, CO2 Purge

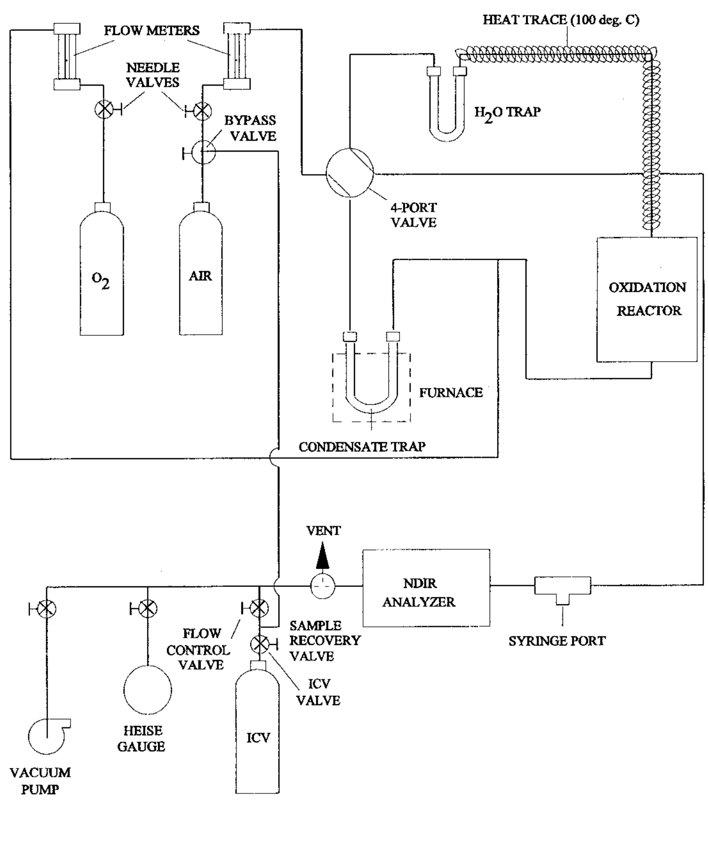

Figure 25-10. Condensate Recovery System, Collection of Trap Organics

METHOD 25A—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS ORGANIC CONCENTRATION USING A FLAME IONIZATION ANALYZER

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total Organic Compounds	N/A	<2% of span.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of total gaseous organic concentration of vapors consisting primarily of alkanes, alkenes, and/or arenes (aromatic hydrocarbons). The concentration is expressed in terms of propane (or other appropriate organic calibration gas) or in terms of carbon.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line and glass fiber filter to a flame ionization analyzer (FIA). Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of the calibration gas or as carbon equivalents.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Calibration drift* means the difference in the measurement system response to a midlevel calibration gas before and after a stated period of operation during which no unscheduled maintenance, repair, or adjustment took place.

3.2 *Calibration error* means the difference between the gas concentration indicated by the measurement system and the know concentration of the calibration gas.

3.3 *Calibration gas* means a known concentration of a gas in an appropriate diluent gas.

3.4 *Measurement system* means the total equipment required for the determination of the gas concentration. The system consists of the following major subsystems:

3.4.1 *Sample interface* means that portion of a system used for one or more of the following: sample acquisition, sample transportation, sample conditioning, or protection of the analyzer(s) from the effects of the stack effluent.

3.4.2 *Organic analyzer* means that portion of the measurement system that senses the gas to be measured and generates an output proportional to its concentration.

3.5 *Response time* means the time interval from a step change in pollutant concentration at the inlet to the emission measurement system to the time at which 95 percent of the corresponding final value is reached as displayed on the recorder.

3.6 *Span Value* means the upper limit of a gas concentration measurement range that is specified for affected source categories in the applicable part of the regulations. The span value is established in the applicable regulation and is usually 1.5 to 2.5 times the applicable emission limit. If no span value is provided, use a span value equivalent to 1.5 to 2.5 times the expected concentration. For convenience, the span value should correspond to 100 percent of the recorder scale.

3.7 *Zero drift* means the difference in the measurement system response to a zero level calibration gas before or after a stated period of operation during which no unscheduled maintenance, repair, or adjustment took place.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method. The analyzer users manual should be consulted for specific precautions to be taken with regard to the analytical procedure.

5.2 Explosive Atmosphere. This method is often applied in highly explosive areas. Caution and care should be exercised in choice of equipment and installation.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Measurement System. Any measurement system for total organic concentration that meets the specifications of this method. A schematic of an acceptable measurement system is shown in Figure 25A–1. All sampling components leading to the analyzer shall be heated ≥110 °C (220 °F) throughout the sampling period, unless safety reasons are cited (Section 5.2) The essential components of the measurement system are described below:

6.1.1 Organic Concentration Analyzer. A flame ionization analyzer (FIA) capable of meeting or exceeding the specifications of this method. The flame ionization detector block shall be heated >120 °C (250 °F).

6.1.2 Sample Probe. Stainless steel, or equivalent, three-hole rake type. Sample holes shall be 4 mm (0.16-in.) in diameter or smaller and located at 16.7, 50, and 83.3 percent of the equivalent stack diameter. Alternatively, a single opening probe may be used so that a gas sample is collected from the centrally located 10 percent area of the stack cross-section.

6.1.3 Heated Sample Line. Stainless steel or Teflon'' tubing to transport the sample gas

to the analyzer. The sample line should be heated (≥110 °C) to prevent any condensation.

6.1.4 Calibration Valve Assembly. A three-way valve assembly to direct the zero and calibration gases to the analyzers is recommended. Other methods, such as quick-connect lines, to route calibration gas to the analyzers are applicable.

6.1.5 Particulate Filter. An in-stack or an out-of-stack glass fiber filter is recommended if exhaust gas particulate loading is significant. An out-of-stack filter should be heated to prevent any condensation.

6.1.6 Recorder. A strip-chart recorder, analog computer, or digital recorder for recording measurement data. The minimum data recording requirement is one measurement value per minute.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Calibration Gases. The calibration gases for the gas analyzer shall be propane in air or propane in nitrogen. Alternatively, organic compounds other than propane can be used; the appropriate corrections for response factor must be made. Calibration gases shall be prepared in accordance with the procedure listed in Citation 2 of section 16. Additionally, the manufacturer of the cylinder should provide a recommended shelf life for each calibration gas cylinder over which the concentration does not change more than ±2 percent from the certified value. For calibration gas values not generally available (*i.e.*, organics between 1 and 10 percent by volume), alternative methods for preparing calibration gas mixtures, such as dilution systems (Test Method 205, 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix M), may be used with prior approval of the Administrator.

7.1.1 Fuel. A 40 percent H_2/60 percent N_2 gas mixture is recommended to avoid an oxygen synergism effect that reportedly occurs when oxygen concentration varies significantly from a mean value.

7.1.2 Zero Gas. High purity air with less than 0.1 part per million by volume (ppmv) of organic material (propane or carbon equivalent) or less than 0.1 percent of the span value, whichever is greater.

7.1.3 Low-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 25 to 35 percent of the applicable span value.

7.1.4 Mid-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 45 to 55 percent of the applicable span value.

7.1.5 High-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 80 to 90 percent of the applicable span value.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Selection of Sampling Site. The location of the sampling site is generally specified by the applicable regulation or purpose of the test (*i.e.*, exhaust stack, inlet line, etc.). The sample port shall be located to meet the testing requirements of Method 1.

8.2 Location of Sample Probe. Install the sample probe so that the probe is centrally located in the stack, pipe, or duct and is sealed tightly at the stack port connection.

8.3 Measurement System Preparation. Prior to the emission test, assemble the measurement system by following the manufacturer's written instructions for preparing sample interface and the organic analyzer. Make the system operable (Section 10.1).

8.4 Calibration Error Test. Immediately prior to the test series (within 2 hours of the start of the test), introduce zero gas and high-level calibration gas at the calibration valve assembly. Adjust the analyzer output to the appropriate levels, if necessary. Calculate the predicted response for the low-level and mid-level gases based on a linear response line between the zero and high-level response. Then introduce low-level and mid-level calibration gases successively to the measurement system. Record the analyzer responses for low-level and mid-level calibration gases and determine the differences between the measurement system responses and the predicted responses. These differences must be less than 5 percent of the respective calibration gas value. If not, the measurement system is not acceptable and must be replaced or repaired prior to testing. No adjustments to the measurement system shall be conducted after the calibration and before the drift check (Section 8.6.2). If adjustments are necessary before the completion of the test series, perform the drift checks prior to the required adjustments and repeat the calibration following the adjustments. If multiple electronic ranges are to be used, each additional range must be checked with a mid-level calibration gas to verify the multiplication factor.

8.5 Response Time Test. Introduce zero gas into the measurement system at the calibration valve assembly. When the system output has stabilized, switch quickly to the high-level calibration gas. Record the time from the concentration change to the measurement system response equivalent to 95 percent of the step change. Repeat the test three times and average the results.

8.6 Emission Measurement Test Procedure.

8.6.1 Organic Measurement. Begin sampling at the start of the test period, recording time and any required process information as appropriate. In particulate, note on the recording chart, periods of process interruption or cyclic operation.

8.6.2 Drift Determination. Immediately following the completion of the test period and hourly during the test period, reintroduce the zero and mid-level calibration gases, one at a time, to the measurement system at the calibration valve assembly. (Make no adjustments to the measurement system until both the zero and calibration drift checks are made.) Record the analyzer response. If the drift values exceed the specified limits, invalidate the test results preceding the check and repeat the test following corrections to the measurement system. Alternatively, recalibrate the test measurement system as in section 8.4 and report the results using both sets of calibration data (i.e., data determined prior to the test period and data determined following the test period).

NOTE: Note on the recording chart periods of process interruption or cyclic operation.

9.0 Quality Control

Method section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.4	Zero and calibration drift tests	Ensures that bias introduced by drift in the measurement system output during the run is no greater than 3 percent of span.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 FIA equipment can be calibrated for almost any range of total organic concentrations. For high concentrations of organics (>1.0 percent by volume as propane), modifications to most commonly available analyzers are necessary. One accepted method of equipment modification is to decrease the size of the sample to the analyzer through the use of a smaller diameter sample capillary. Direct and continuous measurement of organic concentration is a necessary consideration when determining any modification design.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

The sample collection and analysis are concurrent for this method (see section 8.0).

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 Determine the average organic concentration in terms of ppmv as propane or other calibration gas. The average shall be determined by integration of the output recording over the period specified in the applicable regulation. If results are required in terms of ppmv as carbon, adjust measured concentrations using Equation 25A–1.

$$C_c = K C_{meas} \qquad \text{Eq. 25A-1}$$

Where:

C_c = Organic concentration as carbon, ppmv.

C_{meas} = Organic concentration as measured, ppmv.

K = Carbon equivalent correction factor.

= 2 for ethane.

= 3 for propane.

= 4 for butane.

= Appropriate response factor for other organic calibration gases.

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Measurement System Performance Specifications.

13.1.1 Zero Drift. Less than ±3 percent of the span value.

13.1.2 Calibration Drift. Less than ±3 percent of span value.

13.1.3 Calibration Error. Less than ±5 percent of the calibration gas value.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

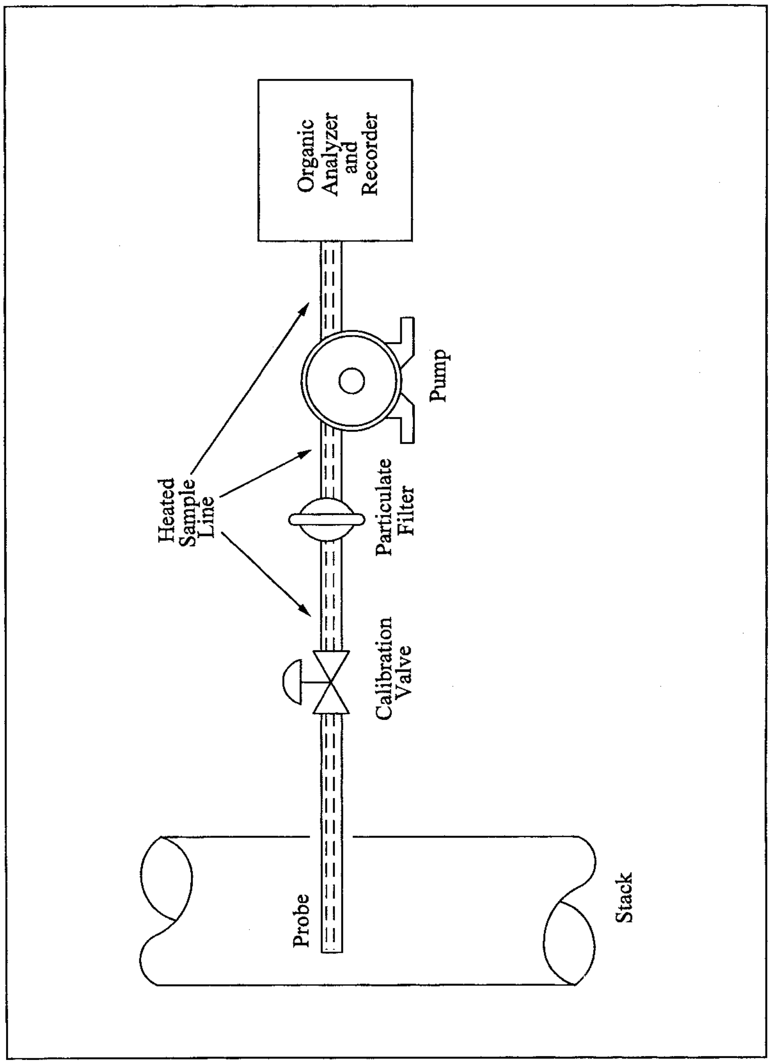

Figure 25A-1. Organic Concentration Measurement System.

METHOD 25B—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS ORGANIC CONCENTRATION USING A NONDISPERSIVE INFRARED ANALYZER

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 1, Method 6C, and Method 25A.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total Organic Compounds	N/A	<2% of span.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of total gaseous organic concentration of vapors consisting primarily of alkanes. Other organic materials may be measured using the general procedure in this method, the appropriate calibration gas, and an analyzer set to the appropriate absorption band.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line, if necessary, and glass fiber filter to a nondispersive infrared analyzer (NDIR). Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of the calibration gas or as carbon equivalents.

3.0 Definitions

Same as Method 25A, section 3.0.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method. The analyzer users manual should be consulted for specific precautions to be taken with regard to the analytical procedure.

5.2 Explosive Atmosphere. This method is often applied in highly explosive areas. Caution and care should be exercised in choice of equipment and installation.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

Same as Method 25A, section 6.0, with the exception of the following:

6.1 Organic Concentration Analyzer. A nondispersive infrared analyzer designed to measure alkane organics and capable of meeting or exceeding the specifications in this method.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Same as Method 25A, section 7.1. No fuel gas is required for an NDIR.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

Same as Method 25A, section 8.0.

9.0 Quality Control

Same as Method 25A, section 9.0.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

Same as Method 25A, section 10.0.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

The sample collection and analysis are concurrent for this method (see section 8.0).

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

Same as Method 25A, section 12.0.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as Method 25A, section 16.0.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 25C—DETERMINATION OF NONMETHANE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (NMOC) IN LANDFILL GASES

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling and analytical) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should also have a thorough knowledge of EPA Method 25.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable to the sampling and measurement of NMOC as carbon in landfill gases (LFG).

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A sample probe that has been perforated at one end is driven or augured to a depth of 0.9 m (3 ft) below the bottom of the landfill cover. A sample of the landfill gas is extracted with an evacuated cylinder. The NMOC content of the gas is determined by

injecting a portion of the gas into a gas chromatographic column to separate the NMOC from carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO_2), and methane (CH_4); the NMOC are oxidized to CO_2, reduced to CH_4, and measured by a flame ionization detector (FID). In this manner, the variable response of the FID associated with different types of organics is eliminated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Since this method is complex, only experienced personnel should perform this test. LFG contains methane, therefore explosive mixtures may exist on or near the landfill. It is advisable to take appropriate safety precautions when testing landfills, such as refraining from smoking and installing explosion-proof equipment.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sample Probe. Stainless steel, with the bottom third perforated. Teflon probe liners and sampling lines are also allowed. Non-perforated probes are allowed as long as they are withdrawn to create a gap equivalent to having the bottom third perforated. The sample probe must be capped at the bottom and must have a threaded cap with a sampling attachment at the top. The sample probe must be long enough to go through and extend no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. If the sample probe is to be driven into the landfill, the bottom cap should be designed to facilitate driving the probe into the landfill.

6.2 Sampling Train.

6.2.1 Rotameter with Flow Control Valve. Capable of measuring a sample flow rate of 100 ±10 ml/min. The control valve must be made of stainless steel.

6.2.2 Sampling Valve. Stainless steel.

6.2.3 Pressure Gauge. U-tube mercury manometer, or equivalent, capable of measuring pressure to within 1 mm Hg (0.5 in H_2O) in the range of 0 to 1,100 mm Hg (0 to 590 in H_2O).

6.2.4 Sample Tank. Stainless steel or aluminum cylinder, equipped with a stainless steel sample tank valve.

6.3 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg (5.4 in H_2O).

6.4 Purging Pump. Portable, explosion proof, and suitable for sampling NMOC.

6.5 Pilot Probe Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 8.2.1.

6.5.1 Pilot Probe. Tubing of sufficient strength to withstand being driven into the landfill by a post driver and an outside diameter of at least 6 mm (0.25 in.) smaller than the sample probe. The pilot probe shall be capped on both ends and long enough to go through the landfill cover and extend no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) into the landfill.

6.5.2 Post Driver and Compressor. Capable of driving the pilot probe and the sampling probe into the landfill. The Kitty Hawk portable post driver has been found to be acceptable.

6.6 Auger Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 8.2.2.

6.6.1 Auger. Capable of drilling through the landfill cover and to a depth of no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) into the landfill.

6.6.2 Pea Gravel.

6.6.3 Bentonite.

6.7 NMOC Analyzer, Barometer, Thermometer, and Syringes. Same as in sections 6.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.33, and 6.2.10, respectively, of Method 25.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 NMOC Analysis. Same as in Method 25, section 7.2.

7.2 Calibration. Same as in Method 25, section 7.4, except omit section 7.4.3.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sample Tank Evacuation and Leak-Check. Conduct the sample tank evacuation and leak-check either in the laboratory or the field. Connect the pressure gauge and sampling valve to the sample tank. Evacuate the sample tank to 10 mm Hg (5.4 in H_2O) absolute pressure or less. Close the sampling valve, and allow the tank to sit for 30 minutes. The tank is acceptable if no change more than ±2 mm is noted. Include the results of the leak-check in the test report.

8.2 Sample Probe Installation. The tester may use the procedure in section 8.2.1 or 8.2.2.

8.2.1 Pilot Probe Procedure. Use the post driver to drive the pilot probe at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. Alternative procedures to drive the probe into the landfill may be used subject to the approval of the Administrator's designated representative.

8.2.1.1 Remove the pilot probe and drive the sample probe into the hole left by the pilot probe. The sample probe shall extend at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover and shall protrude about 0.3 m (1 ft) above the landfill cover. Seal around the sampling probe with bentonite and cap the sampling probe with the sampling probe cap.

8.2.2 Auger Procedure. Use an auger to drill a hole to at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. Place the sample probe in the hole and backfill with pea gravel to a level 0.6 m (2 ft) from the surface. The sample probe shall protrude at least 0.3 m (1 ft) above the landfill cover. Seal the remaining area around the probe with bentonite. Allow 24

hours for the landfill gases to equilibrate inside the augured probe before sampling.

8.2.3 Driven Probes. Closed-point probes may be driven directly into the landfill in a single step. This method may not require backfilling if the probe is adequately sealed by its insertion. Unperforated probes that are inserted in this manner and withdrawn at a distance from a detachable tip to create an open space are also acceptable.

8.3 Sample Train Assembly. Just before assembling the sample train, measure the sample tank vacuum using the pressure gauge. Record the vacuum, the ambient temperature, and the barometric pressure at this time. Assemble the sampling probe purging system as shown in Figure 25C–1.

8.4 Sampling Procedure. Open the sampling valve and use the purge pump and the flow control valve to evacuate at least two sample probe volumes from the system at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less. Close the sampling valve and replace the purge pump with the sample tank apparatus as shown in Figure 25C–2. Open the sampling valve and the sample tank valve and, using the flow control valve, sample at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less until either a constant flow rate can no longer be maintained because of reduced sample tank vacuum or the appropriate composite volume is attained. Disconnect the sampling tank apparatus and pressurize the sample cylinder to approximately 1,060 mm Hg (567 in. H_2O) absolute pressure with helium, and record the final pressure. Alternatively, the sample tank may be pressurized in the lab.

8.4.1 The following restrictions apply to compositing samples from different probe sites into a single cylinder: (1) Individual composite samples per cylinder must be of equal volume; this must be verified by recording the flow rate, sampling time, vacuum readings, or other appropriate volume measuring data, (2) individual composite samples must have a minimum volume of 1 liter unless data is provided showing smaller volumes can be accurately measured, and (3) composite samples must not be collected using the final cylinder vacuum as it diminishes to ambient pressure.

8.4.2 Use Method 3C to determine the percent N_2 in each cylinder. The presence of N_2 indicates either infiltration of ambient air into the landfill gas sample or an inappropriate testing site has been chosen where anaerobic decomposition has not begun. The landfill gas sample is acceptable if the concentration of N_2 is less than 20 percent. Alternatively, Method 3C may be used to determine the oxygen content of each cylinder as an air infiltration test. With this option, the oxygen content of each cylinder must be less than 5 percent.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.4.2	Verify that landfill gas sample contains less than 20 percent N_2 or 5 percent O_2.	Ensures that ambient air was not drawn into the landfill gas sample and gas was sampled from an appropriate location.
10.1, 10.2	NMOC analyzer initial and daily performance checks.	Ensures precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Initial NMOC Analyzer Performance Test. Same as in Method 25, section 10.1, except omit the linearity checks for CO_2 standards.

10.2 NMOC Analyzer Daily Calibration.

10.2.1 NMOC Response Factors. Same as in Method 25, section 10.2.2.

10.3 Sample Tank Volume. The volume of the gas sampling tanks must be determined. Determine the tank volumes by weighing them empty and then filled with deionized water; weigh to the nearest 5 g, and record the results. Alternatively, measure the volume of water used to fill them to the nearest 5 ml.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 The oxidation, reduction, and measurement of NMOC's is similar to Method 25. Before putting the NMOC analyzer into routine operation, conduct an initial performance test. Start the analyzer, and perform all the necessary functions in order to put the analyzer into proper working order. Conduct the performance test according to the procedures established in section 10.1. Once the performance test has been successfully completed and the NMOC calibration response factor has been determined, proceed with sample analysis as follows:

11.1.1 Daily Operations and Calibration Checks. Before and immediately after the analysis of each set of samples or on a daily basis (whichever occurs first), conduct a calibration test according to the procedures established in section 10.2. If the criteria of the daily calibration test cannot be met, repeat

the NMOC analyzer performance test (Section 10.1) before proceeding.

11.1.2 Operating Conditions. Same as in Method 25, section 11.2.1.

11.1.3 Analysis of Sample Tank. Purge the sample loop with sample, and then inject the sample. Under the specified operating conditions, the CO_2 in the sample will elute in approximately 100 seconds. As soon as the detector response returns to baseline following the CO_2 peak, switch the carrier gas flow to backflush, and raise the column oven temperature to 195 °C (383 °F) as rapidly as possible. A rate of 30 °C/min (54 °F/min) has been shown to be adequate. Record the value obtained for any measured NMOC. Return the column oven temperature to 85 °C (185 °F) in preparation for the next analysis. Analyze each sample in triplicate, and report the average as C_{tm}.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

NOTE: All equations are written using absolute pressure; absolute pressures are determined by adding the measured barometric pressure to the measured gauge or manometer pressure.

12.1 Nomenclature

B_w = Moisture content in the sample, fraction.

C_{N2} = N_2 concentration in the diluted sample gas.

C_{mN2} = Measured N_2 concentration, fraction in landfill gas.

C_{mOx} = Measured Oxygen concentration, fraction in landfill gas.

C_{Ox} = Oxygen concentration in the diluted sample gas.

C_t = Calculated NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent.

C_{tm} = Measured NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent.

P_b = Barometric pressure, mm Hg.

P_t = Gas sample tank pressure after sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{tf} = Final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{ti} = Gas sample tank pressure after evacuation, mm Hg absolute.

P_w = Vapor pressure of H_2O (from Table 25C–1), mm Hg.

r = Total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j = injection number, 1 . . . r).

T_t = Sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, °K.

T_{ti} = Sample tank temperature before sampling, °K.

T_{tf} = Sample tank temperature after pressuring, °K.

12.2 Water Correction. Use Table 25C–1 (Section 17.0), the LFG temperature, and barometric pressure at the sampling site to calculate B_w.

$$B_w = \frac{P_w}{P_b} \qquad \text{Eq. 25C-1}$$

12.3 Nitrogen Concentration in the landfill gas. Use equation 25C–2 to calculate the measured concentration of nitrogen in the original landfill gas.

$$C_{N2} = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}\right)}{\left(\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}\right)-\left(\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\right)}\right] C_{mN2} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-2}$$

12.4 Oxygen Concentration in the landfill gas. Use equation 25C–3 to calculate the measured concentration of oxygen in the original landfill gas.

$$C_{Ox} = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}\right)}{\left(\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}\right)-\left(\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\right)}\right] C_{mOx} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-3}$$

12.5 You must correct the NMOC Concentration for the concentration of nitrogen or oxygen based on which gas or gases passes the requirements in section 9.1.

12.5.1 NMOC Concentration with nitrogen correction. Use Equation 25C–4 to calculate the concentration of NMOC for each sample tank when the nitrogen concentration is less than 20 percent.

$$C_t = \frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}-\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\left(1-\frac{99}{78}C_{N2}\right)-B_w}\frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm^{(j)}} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-4}$$

12.5.2 NMOC Concentration with oxygen correction. Use Equation 25C–5 to calculate the concentration of NMOC for each sample tank if the landfill gas oxygen is less than 5 percent and the landfill gas nitrogen concentration is greater than 20 percent.

$$C_t = \frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}-\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\left(1-\frac{99}{21}C_{Ox}\right)-B_w}\frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm^{(j)}} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-5}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

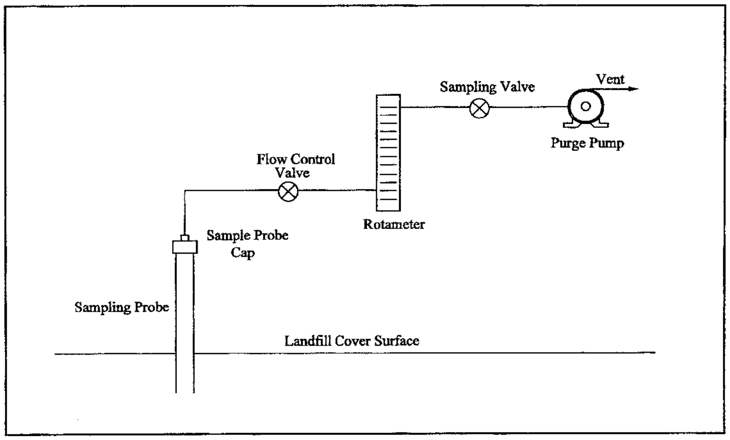

Figure 25C-1. Schematic of Sampling Probe Purging System

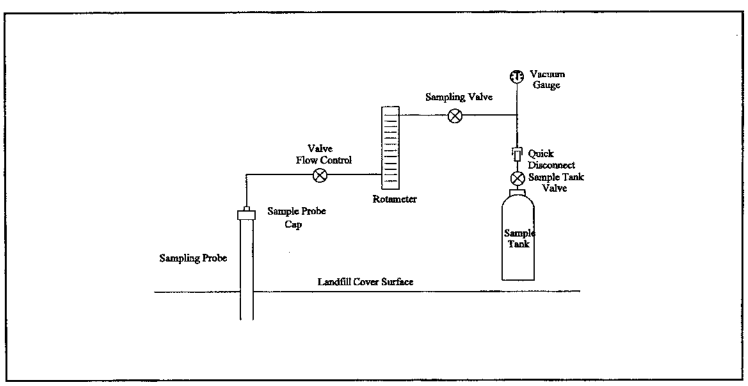

Figure 25C-2. Schematic of Sampling Train.

TABLE 25C–1—MOISTURE CORRECTION

Temperature, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg	Tempera-ture, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg
4	6.1	18	15.5
6	7.0	20	17.5
8	8.0	22	19.8
10	9.2	24	22.4
12	10.5	26	25.2
14	12.0	28	28.3

TABLE 25C–1—MOISTURE CORRECTION—Continued

Temperature, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg	Tempera-ture, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg
16	13.6	30	31.8

METHOD 25D—DETERMINATION OF THE VOLATILE ORGANIC CONCENTRATION OF WASTE SAMPLES

NOTE: Performance of this method should not be attempted by persons unfamiliar with the operation of a flame ionization detector (FID) or an electrolytic conductivity detector (ELCD) because knowledge beyond the scope of this presentation is required.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analyte. Volatile Organic Compounds. No CAS No. assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for determining the volatile organic (VO) concentration of a waste sample.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Principle. A sample of waste is obtained at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to the atmosphere). The sample is suspended in an organic/aqueous matrix, then heated and purged with nitrogen for 30 min. in order to separate certain organic compounds. Part of the sample is analyzed for carbon concentration, as methane, with an FID, and part of the sample is analyzed for chlorine concentration, as chloride, with an ELCD. The VO concentration is the sum of the carbon and chlorine content of the sample.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Well-mixed* in the context of this method refers to turbulent flow which results in multiple-phase waste in effect behaving as single-phase waste due to good mixing.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1 Sampling. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Sampling Tube. Flexible Teflon, 0.25 in. ID (6.35 mm).

6.1.2 Sample Container. Borosilicate glass, 40-mL, and a Teflon-lined screw cap capable of forming an air tight seal.

6.1.3 Cooling Coil. Fabricated from 0.25 in (6.35 mm). ID 304 stainless steel tubing with a thermocouple at the coil outlet.

6.2 Analysis. The following equipment is required.

6.2.1 Purging Apparatus. For separating the VO from the waste sample. A schematic of the system is shown in Figure 25D–1. The purging apparatus consists of the following major components.

6.2.1.1 Purging Flask. A glass container to hold the sample while it is heated and purged with dry nitrogen. The cap of the purging flask is equipped with three fittings: one for a purging lance (fitting with the #7 Ace-thread), one for the Teflon exit tubing (side fitting, also a #7 Ace-thread), and a third (a 50-mm Ace-thread) to attach the base of the purging flask as shown in Figure 25D–2. The base of the purging flask is a 50-mm ID (2 in) cylindrical glass tube. One end of the tube is open while the other end is sealed. Exact dimensions are shown in Figure 25D–2.

6.2.1.2 Purging Lance. Glass tube, 6-mm OD (0.2 in) by 30 cm (12 in) long. The purging end of the tube is fitted with a four-arm bubbler with each tip drawn to an opening 1 mm (0.04 in) in diameter. Details and exact dimensions are shown in Figure 25D–2.

6.2.1.3 Coalescing Filter. Porous fritted disc incorporated into a container with the same dimensions as the purging flask. The details of the design are shown in Figure 25D–3.

6.2.1.4 Constant Temperature Chamber. A forced draft oven capable of maintaining a uniform temperature around the purging flask and coalescing filter of 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F).

6.2.1.5 Three-way Valve. Manually operated, stainless steel. To introduce calibration gas into system.

6.2.1.6 Flow Controllers. Two, adjustable. One capable of maintaining a purge gas flow rate of 6 ±0.06 L/min (0.2 ±0.002 ft^3/min) The other capable of maintaining a calibration gas flow rate of 1–100 mL/min (0.00004–0.004 ft^3/min).

6.2.1.7 Rotameter. For monitoring the air flow through the purging system (0–10 L/min)(0–0.4 ft^3/min).

6.2.1.8 Sample Splitters. Two heated flow restrictors (placed inside oven or heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F)). At a purge rate of 6 L/min (0.2 ft^3/min), one will supply a constant flow to the first detector (the rest of the flow will be directed to the second sample splitter). The second splitter will split the analytical flow between the second detector and the flow restrictor. The approximate flow to the FID will be 40 mL/min (0.0014 ft^3/min) and to the ELCD will be 15 mL/min (0.0005 ft^3/min), but the exact flow must be adjusted to be compatible with the individual detector and to meet its linearity requirement. The two sample splitters will be connected to each other by 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm) stainless steel tubing.

6.2.1.9 Flow Restrictor. Stainless steel tubing, 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm), connecting the second sample splitter to the ice bath. Length is determined by the resulting pressure in the purging flask (as measured by the pressure gauge). The resulting pressure from the use of the flow restrictor shall be 6–7 psig.

6.2.1.10 Filter Flask. With one-hole stopper. Used to hold ice bath. Excess purge gas is vented through the flask to prevent condensation in the flowmeter and to trap volatile organic compounds.

6.2.1.11 Four-way Valve. Manually operated, stainless steel. Placed inside oven, used to bypass purging flask.

6.2.1.12 On/Off Valves. Two, stainless steel. One heat resistant up to 130 °C (266 °F) and placed between oven and ELCD. The other a toggle valve used to control purge gas flow.

6.2.1.13 Pressure Gauge. Range 0–40 psi. To monitor pressure in purging flask and coalescing filter.

6.2.1.14 Sample Lines. Teflon, 1/4′ OD (6.35 mm), used inside the oven to carry purge gas to and from purging chamber and to and from coalescing filter to four-way valve. Also used to carry sample from four-way valve to first sample splitter.

6.2.1.15 Detector Tubing. Stainless steel, 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm), heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F) . Used to carry sample gas from each sample splitter to a detector. Each piece of tubing must be wrapped with heat tape and insulating tape in order to insure that no cold spots exist. The tubing leading to the ELCD will also contain a heat-resistant on-off valve (Section 6.2.1.12) which shall also be wrapped with heat-tape and insulation.

6.2.2 Volatile Organic Measurement System. Consisting of an FID to measure the carbon concentration of the sample and an ELCD to measure the chlorine concentration.

6.2.2.1 FID. A heated FID meeting the following specifications is required.

6.2.2.1.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.1.1.

6.2.2.1.2 Range. A full scale range of 50 pg carbon/sec to 50 μg carbon/sec. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.2.1.3 Data Recording System. A digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the output of the detector. The recorder shall have the capability to start and stop integration at points selected by the operator or it shall be capable of the ‘‘integration by slices’’ technique (this technique involves breaking down the chromatogram into smaller increments, integrating the area under the curve for each portion, subtracting the background for each portion, and then adding all of the areas together for the final area count).

6.2.2.2 ELCD. An ELCD meeting the following specifications is required. 1-propanol must be used as the electrolyte. The electrolyte flow through the conductivity cell shall be 1 to 2 mL/min (0.00004 to 0.00007 ft^3/min).

NOTE: A ¼-in. ID (6.35 mm) quartz reactor tube is strongly recommended to reduce carbon buildup and the resulting detector maintenance.

6.2.2.2.1 Linearity. A linear response (±10 percent) over the response range as demonstrated by the procedures in section 10.1.2.

6.2.2.2.2 Range. A full scale range of 5.0 pg/sec to 500 ng/sec chloride. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.2.2.3 Data Recording System. A digital integration system compatible with the output voltage range of the ELCD. The recorder must have the capability to start and stop integration at points selected by the operator or it shall be capable of performing the ‘‘integration by slices’’ technique.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Sampling.

7.1.1 Polyethylene Glycol (PEG). Ninety-eight percent pure with an average molecular weight of 400. Before using the PEG, remove any organic compounds that might be detected as volatile organics by heating it to 120 °C (248 °F) and purging it with nitrogen at a flow rate of 1 to 2 L/min (0.04 to 0.07 ft^3/min) for 2 hours. The cleaned PEG must be stored under a 1 to 2 L/min (0.04 to 0.07 ft^3/min) nitrogen purge until use. The purge apparatus is shown in Figure 25D–4.

7.2 Analysis.

7.2.1 Sample Separation. The following are required for the sample purging step.

7.2.1.1 PEG. Same as section 7.1.1.

7.2.1.2 Purge Gas. Zero grade nitrogen (N_2), containing less than 1 ppm carbon.

7.2.2 Volatile Organics Measurement. The following are required for measuring the VO concentration.

7.2.2.1 Hydrogen (H_2). Zero grade H_2, 99.999 percent pure.

7.2.2.2 Combustion Gas. Zero grade air or oxygen as required by the FID.

7.2.2.3 Calibration Gas. Pressurized gas cylinder containing 10 percent propane and 1 percent 1,1-dichloroethylene by volume in nitrogen.

7.2.2.4 Water. Deionized distilled water that conforms to American Society for Testing and Materials Specification D 1193–74, Type 3, is required for analysis. At the option of the analyst, the $KMnO_4$ test for oxidizable organic matter may be omitted when high concentrations are not expected to be present.

7.2.2.5 1-Propanol. ACS grade or better. Electrolyte Solution. For use in the ELCD.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sampling.

8.1.1 Sampling Plan Design and Development. Use the procedures in chapter nine of Reference 1 in section 16 as guidance in developing a sampling plan.

8.1.2 Single Phase or Well-mixed Waste.

8.1.2.1 Install a sampling tap to obtain the sample at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to the atmosphere). Assemble the sampling apparatus as shown in Figure 25D–5.

8.1.2.2 Prepare the sampling containers as follows: Pour 30 mL of clean PEG into the container. PEG will reduce but not eliminate the loss of organics during sample collection. Weigh the sample container with the screw cap, the PEG, and any labels to the nearest 0.01 g and record the weight (m_{st}). Store the containers in an ice bath until 1 hour before sampling (PEG will solidify at ice bath temperatures; allow the containers to reach room temperature before sampling).

8.1.2.3 Begin sampling by purging the sample lines and cooling coil with at least four volumes of waste. Collect the purged material in a separate container and dispose of it properly.

8.1.2.4 After purging, stop the sample flow and direct the sampling tube to a preweighed sample container, prepared as described in section 8.1.2.2. Keep the tip of the tube below the surface of the PEG during sampling to minimize contact with the atmosphere. Sample at a flow rate such that the temperature of the waste is less than 10 °C (50 °F). Fill the sample container and immediately cap it (within 5 seconds) so that a minimum headspace exists in the container. Store immediately in a cooler and cover with ice.

8.1.3 Multiple-phase Waste. Collect a 10 g sample of each phase of waste generated using the procedures described in section 8.1.2 or 8.1.5. Each phase of the waste shall be analyzed as a separate sample. Calculate the weighted average VO concentration of the waste using Equation 25D–13 (Section 12.14).

8.1.4 Solid waste. Add approximately 10 g of the solid waste to a container prepared in the manner described in section 8.1.2.2, minimizing headspace. Cap and chill immediately.

8.1.5 Alternative to Tap Installation. If tap installation is impractical or impossible, fill a large, clean, empty container by submerging the container into the waste below the surface of the waste. Immediately fill a container prepared in the manner described in section 8.1.2.2 with approximately 10 g of the waste collected in the large container. Minimize headspace, cap and chill immediately.

8.1.6 Alternative sampling techniques may be used upon the approval of the Administrator.

8.2 Sample Recovery.

8.2.1 Assemble the purging apparatus as shown in Figures 25D–1 and 25D–2. The oven shall be heated to 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F). The sampling lines leading from the oven to the detectors shall be heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F) with no cold spots. The flame ionization detector shall be operated with a heated block. Adjust the purging lance so that it reaches the bottom of the chamber.

8.2.2 Remove the sample container from the cooler, and wipe the exterior of the container to remove any extraneous ice, water, or other debris. Reweigh the sample container to the nearest 0.01 g, and record the weight (m_{sf}). Pour the contents of the sample container into the purging flask, rinse the sample container three times with a total of 20 mL of PEG (since the sample container originally held 30 mL of PEG, the total volume of PEG added to the purging flask will be 50 mL), transferring the rinsings to the purging flask after each rinse. Cap purging flask between rinses. The total volume of PEG in the purging flask shall be 50 mL. Add 50 mL of water to the purging flask.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Quality Control Samples. If audit samples are not available, prepare and analyze the two types of quality control samples (QCS) listed in Sections 9.1.1 and 9.1.2. Before placing the system in operation, after a shutdown of greater than six months, and after any major modifications, analyze each QCS in triplicate. For each detector, calculate the percent recovery by dividing measured concentration by theoretical concentration and multiplying by 100. Determine the mean percent recovery for each detector for each QCS triplicate analysis. The RSD for any triplicate analysis shall be ≤10 percent. For QCS 1 (methylene chloride), the percent recovery shall be ≥90 percent for carbon as methane, and ≥55 percent for chlorine as chloride. For QCS 2 (1,3-dichloro-2-propanol), the percent recovery shall be ≤15 percent for carbon as methane, and ≤6 percent for chlorine as chloride. If the analytical system does not meet the above-mentioned criteria for both detectors, check the system parameters (temperature, system pressure, purge rate, etc.), correct the problem, and repeat the triplicate analysis of each QCS.

9.1.1 QCS 1, Methylene Chloride. Prepare a stock solution by weighing, to the nearest 0.1 mg, 55 μL of HPLC grade methylene chloride in a tared 5 mL volumetric flask. Record the weight in milligrams, dilute to 5 mL with cleaned PEG, and inject 100 μL of the stock solution into a sample prepared as a water blank (50 mL of cleaned PEG and 60 mL of water in the purging flask). Analyze

the QCS according to the procedures described in sections 10.2 and 10.3, excluding section 10.2.2. To calculate the theoretical carbon concentration (in mg) in QCS 1, multiply mg of methylene chloride in the stock solution by 3.777×10^{-3}. To calculate the theoretical chlorine concentration (in mg) in QCS 1, multiply mg of methylene chloride in the stock solution by 1.670×10^{-2}.

9.1.2 QCS 2, 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol. Prepare a stock solution by weighing, to the nearest 0.1 mg, 60 μL of high purity grade 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in a tared 5 mL volumetric flask. Record the weight in milligrams, dilute to 5 mL with cleaned PEG, and inject 100 μL of the stock solution into a sample prepared as a water blank (50 mL of cleaned PEG and 60 mL of water in the purging flask). Analyze the QCS according to the procedures described in sections 10.2 and 10.3, excluding section 10.2.2. To calculate the theoretical carbon concentration (in mg) in QCS 2, multiply mg of 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in the stock solution by 7.461×10^{-3}. To calculate the theoretical chlorine concentration (in mg) in QCS 2, multiply mg of 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in the stock solution by 1.099×10^{-2}.

9.1.3 Routine QCS Analysis. For each set of compliance samples (in this context, set is per facility, per compliance test), analyze one QCS 1 and one QCS 2 sample. The percent recovery for each sample for each detector shall be ±13 percent of the mean recovery established for the most recent set of QCS triplicate analysis (Section 9.4). If the sample does not meet this criteria, check the system components and analyze another QCS 1 and 2 until a single set of QCS meet the ±13 percent criteria.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Initial Performance Check of Purging System. Before placing the system in operation, after a shutdown of greater than six months, after any major modifications, and at least once per month during continuous operation, conduct the linearity checks described in sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2. Install calibration gas at the three-way calibration gas valve. See Figure 25D–1.

10.1.1 Linearity Check Procedure. Using the calibration standard described in section 7.2.2.3 and by varying the injection time, it is possible to calibrate at multiple concentration levels. Use Equation 25D–3 to calculate three sets of calibration gas flow rates and run times needed to introduce a total mass of carbon, as methane, (m_c) of 1, 5, and 10 mg into the system (low, medium and high FID calibration, respectively). Use Equation 25D–4 to calculate three sets of calibration gas flow rates and run times needed to introduce a total chloride mass (m_{ch}) of 1, 5, and 10 mg into the system (low, medium and high ELCD calibration, respectively). With the system operating in standby mode, allow the FID and the ELCD to establish a stable baseline. Set the secondary pressure regulator of the calibration gas cylinder to the same pressure as the purge gas cylinder and set the proper flow rate with the calibration flow controller (see Figure 25D–1). The calibration gas flow rate can be measured with a flowmeter attached to the vent position of the calibration gas valve. Set the four-way bypass valve to standby position so that the calibration gas flows through the coalescing filter only. Inject the calibration gas by turning the calibration gas valve from vent position to inject position. Continue the calibration gas flow for the appropriate period of time before switching the calibration valve to vent position. Continue recording the response of the FID and the ELCD for 5 min after switching off calibration gas flow. Make triplicate injections of all six levels of calibration.

10.1.2 Linearity Criteria. Calculate the average response factor (Equations 25D–5 and 25D–6) and the relative standard deviation (RSD) (Equation 25D–10) at each level of the calibration curve for both detectors. Calculate the overall mean of the three response factor averages for each detector. The FID linearity is acceptable if each response factor is within 5 percent of the overall mean and if the RSD for each set of triplicate injections is less than 5 percent. The ELCD linearity is acceptable if each response factor is within 10 percent of the overall mean and if the RSD for each set of triplicate injections is less than 10 percent. Record the overall mean value of the response factors for the FID and the ELCD. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.2 Daily Calibrations.

10.2.1 Daily Linearity Check. Follow the procedures outlined in section 10.1.1 to analyze the medium level calibration for both the FID and the ELCD in duplicate at the start of the day. Calculate the response factors and the RSDs for each detector. For the FID, the calibration is acceptable if the average response factor is within 5 percent of the overall mean response factor (Section 10.1.2) and if the RSD for the duplicate injection is less than 5 percent. For the ELCD, the calibration is acceptable if the average response factor is within 10 percent of the overall mean response factor (Section 10.1.2) and if the RSD for the duplicate injection is less than 10 percent. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.2.2 Calibration Range Check.

10.2.2.1 If the waste concentration for either detector falls below the range of calibration for that detector, use the procedure outlined in section 10.1.1 to choose two calibration points that bracket the new target

concentration. Analyze each of these points in triplicate (as outlined in section 10.1.1) and use the criteria in section 10.1.2 to determine the linearity of the detector in this ''mini-calibration'' range.

10.2.2.2 After the initial linearity check of the mini-calibration curve, it is only necessary to test one of the points in duplicate for the daily calibration check (in addition to the points specified in section 10.2.1). The average daily mini-calibration point should fit the linearity criteria specified in section 10.2.1. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat the calibration procedure mentioned in the first paragraph of section 10.2.2. A mini-calibration curve for waste concentrations above the calibration curve for either detector is optional.

10.3 Analytical Balance. Calibrate against standard weights.

11.0 Analysis

11.1 Sample Analysis.

11.1.1 Turn on the constant temperature chamber and allow the temperature to equilibrate at 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F). Turn the four-way valve so that the purge gas bypasses the purging flask, the purge gas flowing through the coalescing filter and to the detectors (standby mode). Turn on the purge gas. Allow both the FID and the ELCD to warm up until a stable baseline is achieved on each detector. Pack the filter flask with ice. Replace ice after each run and dispose of the waste water properly. When the temperature of the oven reaches 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F), start both integrators and record baseline. After 1 min, turn the four-way valve so that the purge gas flows through the purging flask, to the coalescing filter and to the sample splitters (purge mode). Continue recording the response of the FID and the ELCD. Monitor the readings of the pressure gauge and the rotameter. If the readings fall below established setpoints, stop the purging, determine the source of the leak, and resolve the problem before resuming. Leaks detected during a sampling period invalidate that sample.

11.1.2 As the purging continues, monitor the output of the detectors to make certain that the analysis is proceeding correctly and that the results are being properly recorded. Every 10 minutes read and record the purge flow rate, the pressure and the chamber temperature. Continue the purging for 30 minutes.

11.1.3 For each detector output, integrate over the entire area of the peak starting at 1 minute and continuing until the end of the run. Subtract the established baseline area from the peak area. Record the corrected area of the peak. See Figure 25D–6 for an example integration.

11.2 Water Blank. A water blank shall be analyzed for each batch of cleaned PEG prepared. Transfer about 60 mL of water into the purging flask. Add 50 mL of the cleaned PEG to the purging flask. Treat the blank as described in sections 8.2 and 8.3, excluding section 8.2.2. Calculate the concentration of carbon and chlorine in the blank sample (assume 10 g of waste as the mass). A VO concentration equivalent to ≤10 percent of the applicable standard may be subtracted from the measured VO concentration of the waste samples. Include all blank results and documentation in the test report.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature.

A_b = Area under the water blank response curve, counts.

A_c = Area under the calibration response curve, counts.

A_s = Area under the sample response curve, counts.

C = Concentration of volatile organics in the sample, ppmw.

C_c = Concentration of carbon, as methane, in the calibration gas, mg/L.

C_{ch} = Concentration of chloride in the calibration gas, mg/L.

C_j = VO concentration of phase j, ppmw.

DR_t = Average daily response factor of the FID, mg CH_4/counts.

Dr_{th} = Average daily response factor of the ELCD, mg Cl^-/counts.

F_j = Weight fraction of phase j present in the waste.

m_c = Mass of carbon, as methane, in a calibration run, mg.

m_{ch} = Mass of chloride in a calibration run, mg.

m_s = Mass of the waste sample, g.

m_{sc} = Mass of carbon, as methane, in the sample, mg.

m_{sf} = Mass of sample container and waste sample, g.

m_{sh} = Mass of chloride in the sample, mg.

m_{st} = Mass of sample container prior to sampling, g.

m_{VO} = Mass of volatile organics in the sample, mg.

n = Total number of phases present in the waste.

P_p = Percent propane in calibration gas (L/L).

P_{vc} = Percent 1,1-dichloroethylene in calibration gas (L/L).

Q_c = Flow rate of calibration gas, L/min.

t_c = Length of time standard gas is delivered to the analyzer, min.

W = Weighted average VO concentration, ppmw.

12.2 Concentration of Carbon, as Methane, in the Calibration Gas.

$$C_c = \left(19.681 \times P_p\right) + \left(13.121 \times P_{vc}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-1}$$

12.3 Concentration of Chloride in the Calibration Gas.

$$C_{ch} = 28.998 \times P_{vc} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-2}$$

12.4 Mass of Carbon, as Methane, in a Calibration Run.

$$M_c = C_c \times Q_c \times t_c \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-3}$$

12.5 Mass of Chloride in a Calibration Run.

$$m_{ch} = C_{ch} \times Q_c \times t_c \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-4}$$

12.6 FID Response Factor, mg/counts.

$$DR_t = \frac{m_c}{A_c} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-5}$$

12.7 ELCD Response Factor, mg/counts.

$$DR_{th} = \frac{m_{ch}}{A_c} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-6}$$

12.8 Mass of Carbon in the Sample.

$$m_{sc} = DR_t\left(A_s - A_b\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-7}$$

12.9 Mass of Chloride in the Sample.

$$m_{sh} = DR_{th}\left(A_s - A_b\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-8}$$

12.10 Mass of Volatile Organics in the Sample.

$$m_{vo} = m_{sc} + m_{sh} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-9}$$

12.11 Relative Standard Deviation.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{\overline{x}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_i - \overline{x}\right)^2}{n-1}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-10}$$

12.12 Mass of Sample.

$$m_s = m_{sf} - m_{st} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-11}$$

12.13 Concentration of Volatile Organics in Waste.

$$C = \frac{\left(m_{vo} \times 1000\right)}{m_s} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-12}$$

12.14 Weighted Average VO Concentration of Multi-phase Waste.

$$W = \sum_{j=1}^{n} F_j \, x \, \overline{C}_j \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-13}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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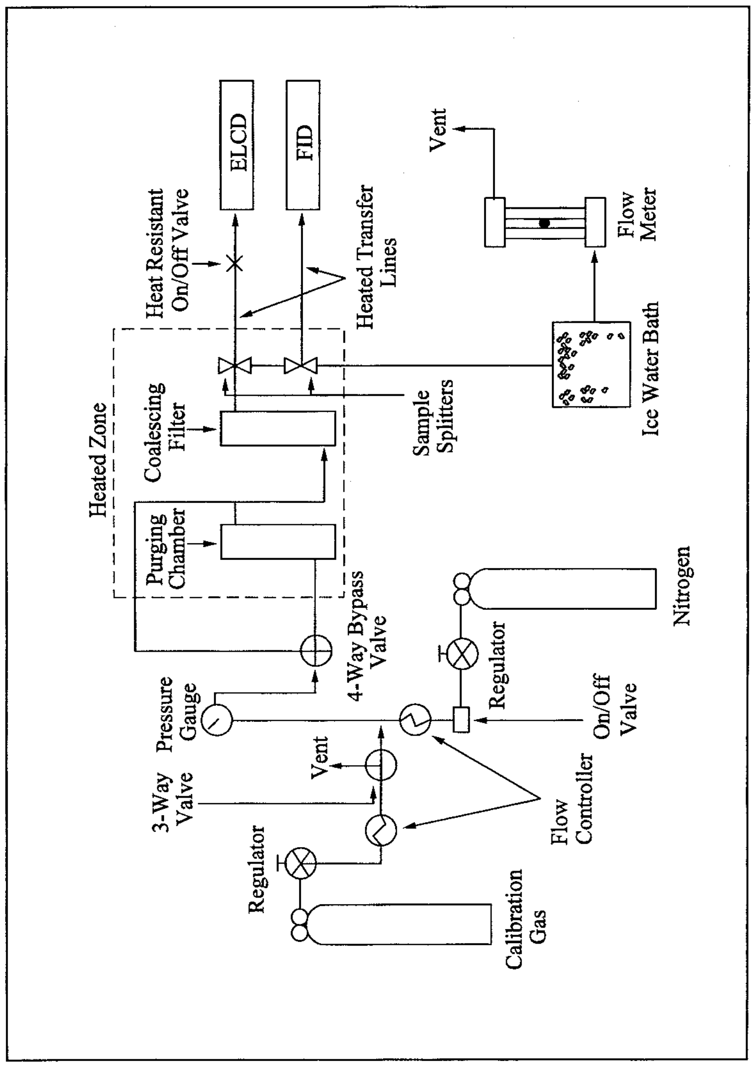

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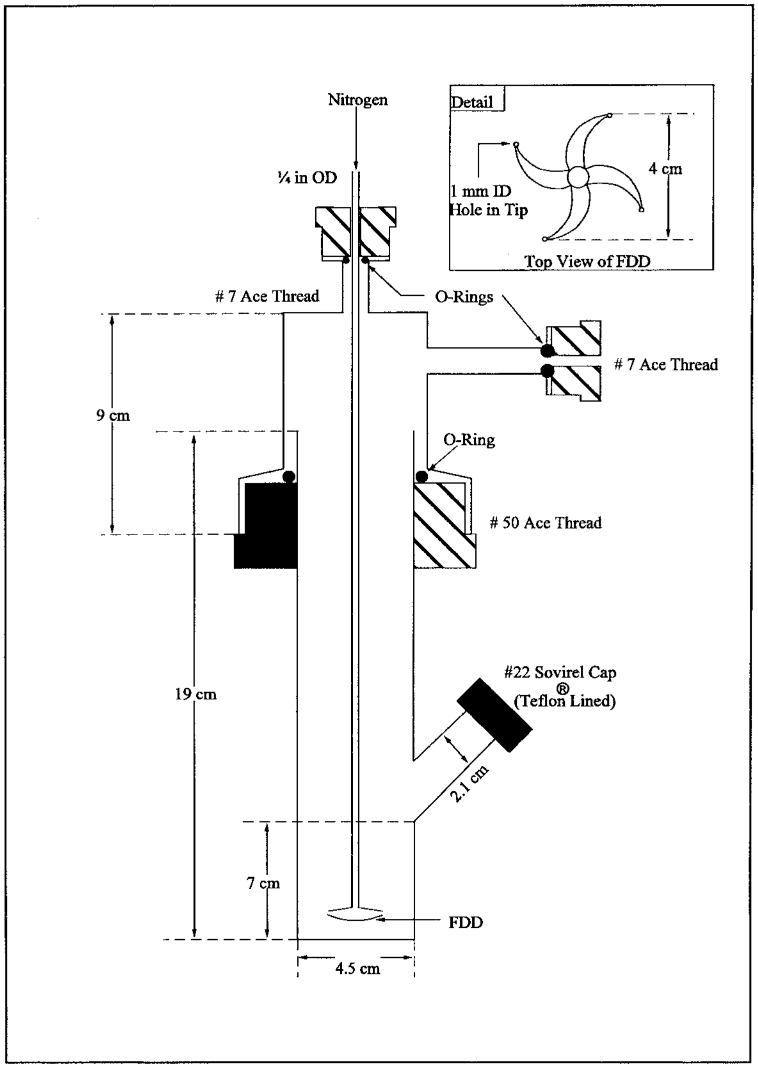

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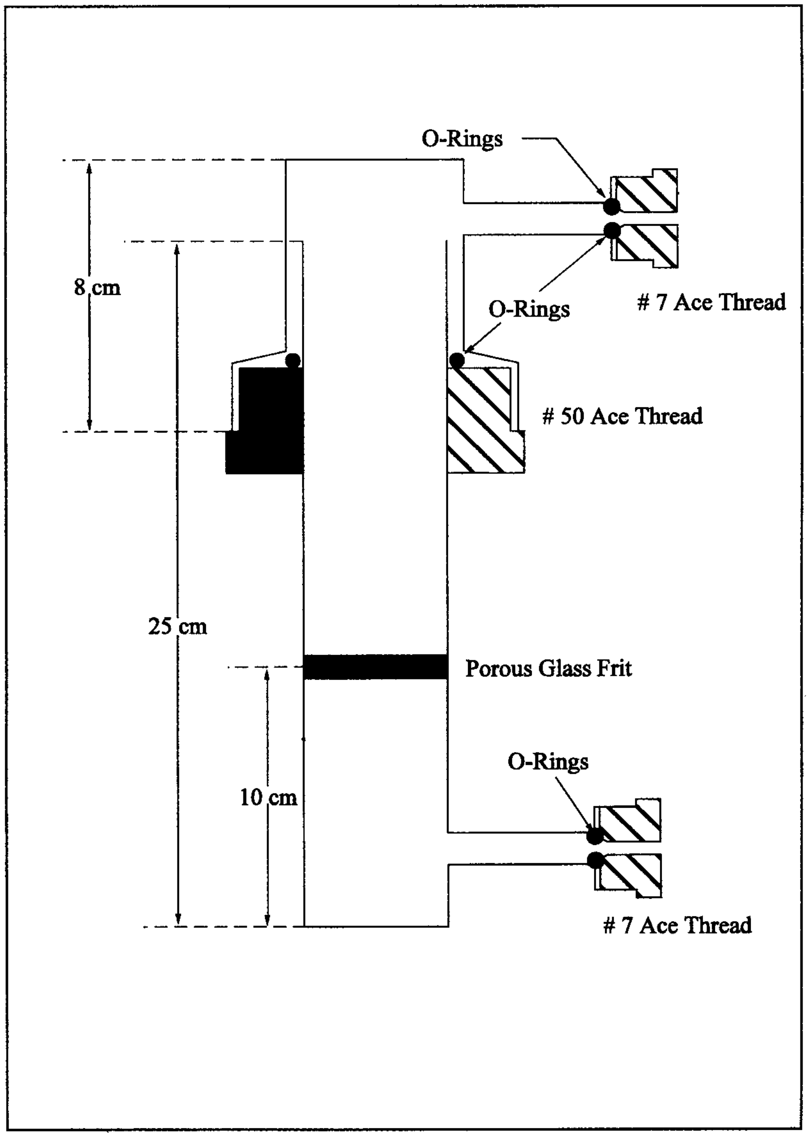
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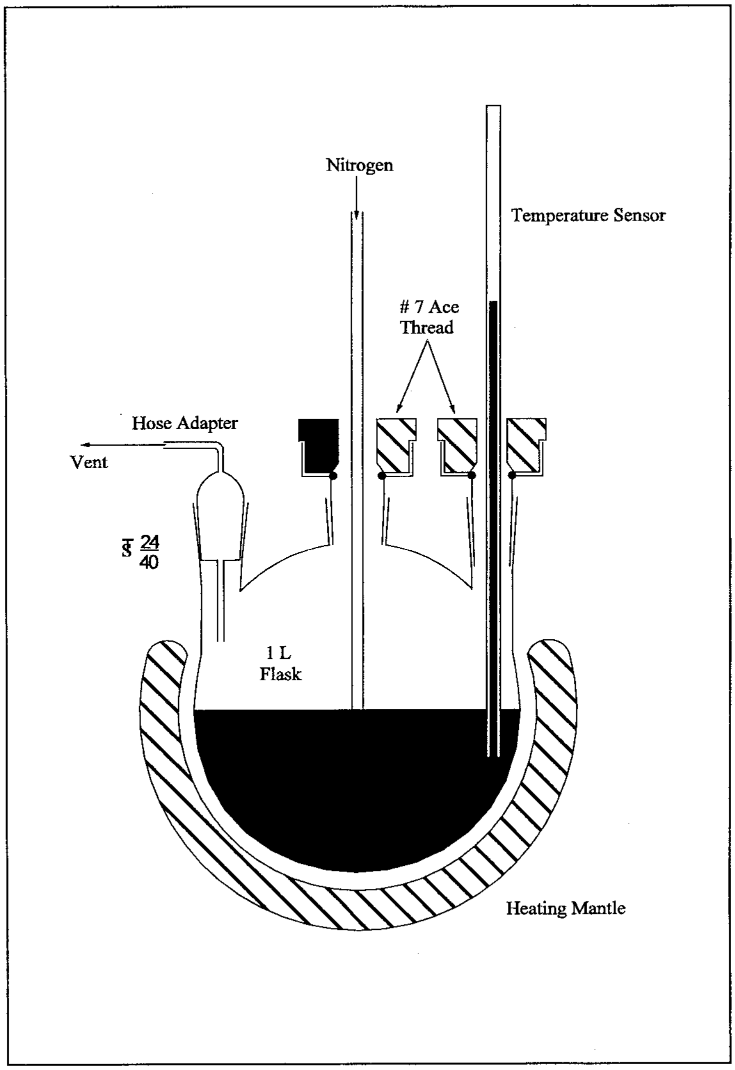

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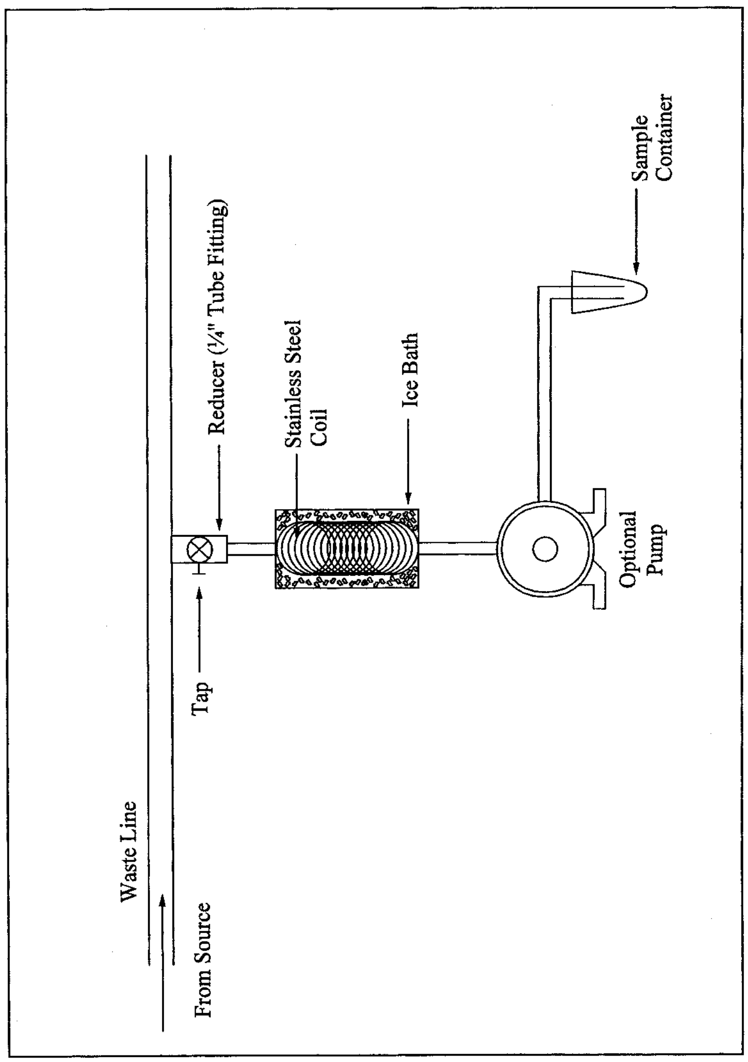

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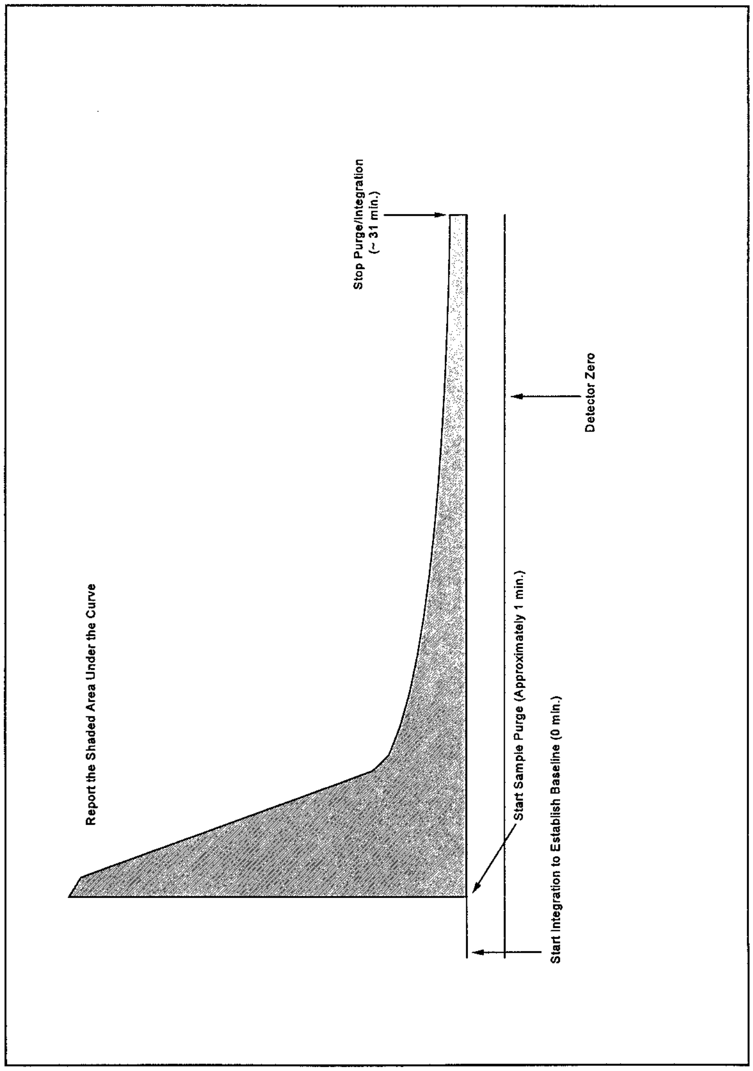

Figure 25D-6. Example Integration of Either Detector.

METHOD 25E—DETERMINATION OF VAPOR PHASE ORGANIC CONCENTRATION IN WASTE SAMPLES

NOTE: Performance of this method should not be attempted by persons unfamiliar with the operation of a flame ionization detector (FID) nor by those who are unfamiliar with source sampling because knowledge beyond the scope of this presentation is required. This method is not inclusive with respect to specifications (*e.g.*, reagents and standards) and calibration procedures. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 106, part 61, Appendix B, and Method 18, part 60, Appendix A.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable for determining the vapor pressure of waste cited by an applicable regulation.

1.2 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 The headspace vapor of the sample is analyzed for carbon content by a headspace analyzer, which uses an FID.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

4.1 The analyst shall select the operating parameters best suited to the requirements for a particular analysis. The analyst shall produce confirming data through an adequate supplemental analytical technique and have the data available for review by the Administrator.

5.0 Safety [Reserved]

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sampling. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Sample Containers. Vials, glass, with butyl rubber septa, Perkin-Elmer Corporation Numbers 0105–0129 (glass vials), B001–0728 (gray butyl rubber septum, plug style), 0105–0131 (butyl rubber septa), or equivalent. The seal must be made from butyl rubber. Silicone rubber seals are not acceptable.

6.1.2 Vial Sealer. Perkin-Elmer Number 105–0106, or equivalent.

6.1.3 Gas-Tight Syringe. Perkin-Elmer Number 00230117, or equivalent.

6.1.4 The following equipment is required for sampling.

6.1.4.1 Tap.

6.1.4.2 Tubing. Teflon, 0.25-in. ID.

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1.4.3 Cooling Coil. Stainless steel (304), 0.25 in.-ID, equipped with a thermocouple at the coil outlet.

6.2 Analysis. The following equipment is required.

6.2.1 Balanced Pressure Headspace Sampler. Perkin-Elmer HS–6, HS–100, or equivalent, equipped with a glass bead column instead of a chromatographic column.

6.2.2 FID. An FID meeting the following specifications is required.

6.2.2.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.2.

6.2.2.2 Range. A full scale range of 1 to 10,000 parts per million (ppm) propane (C_3H_8). Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.3 Data Recording System. Analog strip chart recorder or digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the output of the detector.

6.2.4 Temperature Sensor. Capable of reading temperatures in the range of 30 to 60 °C (86 to 140 °F) with an accuracy of ±0.1 °C (±0.2 °F).

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Analysis. The following items are required for analysis.

7.1.1 Hydrogen (H_2). Zero grade hydrogen, as required by the FID.

7.1.2 Carrier Gas. Zero grade nitrogen, containing less than 1 ppm carbon (C) and less than 1 ppm carbon dioxide.

7.1.3 Combustion Gas. Zero grade air or oxygen as required by the FID.

7.2 Calibration and Linearity Check.

7.2.1 Stock Cylinder Gas Standard. 100 percent propane. The manufacturer shall: (a) Certify the gas composition to be accurate to ±3 percent or better (see section 7.2.1.1); (b) recommend a maximum shelf life over which the gas concentration does not change by greater than ±5 percent from the certified value; and (c) affix the date of gas cylinder preparation, certified propane concentration, and recommended maximum shelf life to the cylinder before shipment to the buyer.

7.2.1.1 Cylinder Standards Certification. The manufacturer shall certify the concentration of the calibration gas in the cylinder by (a) directly analyzing the cylinder and (b) calibrating his analytical procedure on the day of cylinder analysis. To calibrate his analytical procedure, the manufacturer shall use, as a minimum, a three-point calibration curve.

7.2.1.2 Verification of Manufacturer's Calibration Standards. Before using, the manufacturer shall verify each calibration standard by (a) comparing it to gas mixtures prepared in accordance with the procedure described in section 7.1 of Method 106 of Part 61, Appendix B, or by (b) calibrating it against Standard Reference Materials (SRM's) prepared by the National Bureau of Standards, if such SRM's are available. The agreement between the initially determined concentration value and the verification concentration value must be within ±5 percent. The manufacturer must reverify all calibration standards on a time interval consistent with the shelf life of the cylinder standards sold.

8.0 Sampling Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Install a sampling tap to obtain a sample at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to

the atmosphere). Assemble the sampling apparatus as shown in Figure 25E–1.

8.2 Begin sampling by purging the sample lines and cooling coil with at least four volumes of waste. Collect the purged material in a separate container and dispose of it properly.

8.3 After purging, stop the sample flow and transfer the Teflon sampling tube to a sample container. Sample at a flow rate such that the temperature of the waste is <10 °C (<50 °F). Fill the sample container halfway (±5 percent) and cap it within 5 seconds. Store immediately in a cooler and cover with ice.

8.4 Alternative sampling techniques may be used upon the approval of the Administrator.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
10.2, 10.3	FID calibration and response check	Ensure precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Use the procedures in sections 10.2 to calibrate the headspace analyzer and FID and check for linearity before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown longer than 6 months, and after any modification of the system.

10.2 Calibration and Linearity. Use the procedures in section 10 of Method 18 of Part 60, Appendix A, to prepare the standards and calibrate the flowmeters, using propane as the standard gas. Fill the calibration standard vials halfway (±5 percent) with deionized water. Purge and fill the airspace with calibration standard. Prepare a minimum of three concentrations of calibration standards in triplicate at concentrations that will bracket the applicable cutoff. For a cutoff of 5.2 kPa (0.75 psi), prepare nominal concentrations of 30,000, 50,000, and 70,000 ppm as propane. For a cutoff of 27.6 kPa (4.0 psi), prepare nominal concentrations of 200,000, 300,000, and 400,000 ppm as propane.

10.2.1 Use the procedures in section 11.3 to measure the FID response of each standard. Use a linear regression analysis to calculate the values for the slope (k) and the y-intercept (b). Use the procedures in sections 12.3 and 12.2 to test the calibration and the linearity.

10.3 Daily FID Calibration Check. Check the calibration at the beginning and at the end of the daily runs by using the following procedures. Prepare 2 calibration standards at the nominal cutoff concentration using the procedures in section 10.2. Place one at the beginning and one at the end of the daily run. Measure the FID response of the daily calibration standard and use the values for k and b from the most recent calibration to calculate the concentration of the daily standard. Use an equation similar to 25E–2 to calculate the percent difference between the daily standard and C_s. If the difference is within 5 percent, then the previous values for k and b can be used. Otherwise, use the procedures in section 10.2 to recalibrate the FID.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 Allow one hour for the headspace vials to equilibrate at the temperature specified in the regulation. Allow the FID to warm up until a stable baseline is achieved on the detector.

11.2 Check the calibration of the FID daily using the procedures in section 10.3.

11.3 Follow the manufacturer's recommended procedures for the normal operation of the headspace sampler and FID.

11.4 Use the procedures in sections 12.4 and 12.5 to calculate the vapor phase organic vapor pressure in the samples.

11.5 Monitor the output of the detector to make certain that the results are being properly recorded.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature.

A = Measurement of the area under the response curve, counts.

b = y-intercept of the linear regression line.

C_a = Measured vapor phase organic concentration of sample, ppm as propane.

C_{ma} = Average measured vapor phase organic concentration of standard, ppm as propane.

C_m = Measured vapor phase organic concentration of standard, ppm as propane.

C_s = Calculated standard concentration, ppm as propane.

k = Slope of the linear regression line.

P_{bar} = Atmospheric pressure at analysis conditions, mm Hg (in. Hg).

P* = Organic vapor pressure in the sample, kPa (psi).

PD = Percent difference between the average measured vapor phase organic concentration (C_m) and the calculated standard concentration (C_s).

RSD = Relative standard deviation.

β = 1.333×10^{-7} kPa/[(mm Hg)(ppm)], (4.91×10^{-7} psi/[(in. Hg)(ppm)])

12.2 Linearity. Use the following equation to calculate the measured standard concentration for each standard vial.

$$C_m = kA + b \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-1}$$

12.2.1 Calculate the average measured standard concentration (C_{ma}) for each set of triplicate standards and use the following equation to calculate PD between C_{ma} and C_s. The instrument linearity is acceptable if the PD is within five for each standard.

$$PD = \frac{C_s - C_{ma}}{C_s} \times 100 \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-2}$$

12.3. Relative Standard Deviation (RSD). Use the following equation to calculate the RSD for each triplicate set of standards.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{C_{ma}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum \left(C_m - C_{ma}\right)^2}{2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-3}$$

The calibration is acceptable if the RSD is within five for each standard concentration.

12.4 Concentration of organics in the headspace. Use the following equation to calculate the concentration of vapor phase organics in each sample.

$$C_a = kA + b \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-4}$$

12.5 Vapor Pressure of Organics in the Headspace Sample. Use the following equation to calculate the vapor pressure of organics in the sample.

$$P^* = \beta P_{bar} C_a \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-5}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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Attachment E: Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 4
Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 4, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 4 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The ~~proposed~~ approved Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan has been prepared to comply with Oregon Administrative Rule 660-033-0130 (38)(h)(D), which states, in regard to photovoltaic solar power generation facilities, that:

> "C*onstruction or maintenance activities will not result in the unabated introduction or spread of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species. This provision may be satisfied by the submittal and county approval of a weed control plan prepared by an adequately qualified individual that includes a long-term maintenance agreement. The approved plan shall be attached to the decision as a condition of approval*."

Noxious weeds are non-native, aggressive plants with the potential to cause significant damage to native ecosystems and/or cause significant economic losses. Noxious weeds are opportunistic plant species that readily flourish in disturbed areas, are difficult to control, and thereby can compete with and/or prevent native plant species from re-establishing. Notably, the likelihood of introduction or explosion of noxious weeds is correlated with new disturbances in a region, such as large-scale construction projects. In addition, noxious weed species can adversely affect the structure, composition, and success of revegetation efforts associated with construction-related temporary disturbances.

The intent of this Plan is to provide clear methods to prevent the introduction and spread of designated noxious weeds from the construction and operation of the Facility, control existing populations of noxious weeds within construction areas, and monitor the success of efforts to prevent and control noxious weeds. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and its contractors will be responsible for implementing the methods detailed in this Plan.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall finalize this plan by completing the following:

- Conduct an additional pre-construction noxious weed survey to identify the noxious weeds present at the Facility to inform pre-construction weed treatment.
- Develop final noxious weed monitoring methods in consultation with ODOE and incorporate as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.
- Update Table 2 in consultation with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department.
- Provide records demonstrating all personnel have been trained on noxious weed control.
- Provide evidence that existing noxious weed infestations have been identified and treated in a manner consistent with Morrow County recommendations.
- Consult with the Morrow County Weed Department on timing, method, and application rates for each identified weed species of concern.

2.0 Regulatory Framework

2.1 State of Oregon

In Oregon, a noxious weed is defined under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 569.175 as "a terrestrial, aquatic, or marine plant designated by the State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.". Noxious weeds have been declared by ORS 569.350 as a menace to public welfare, and control of these plants is the responsibility of private landowners and operators, as well as county, state, and federal governments.

The Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) was created by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) under ORS 569.600. OSWB provides recommendations for noxious weed control at the state-level and is responsible for updating the State Noxious Weed List. The OSWB and the ODA classify noxious weeds in Oregon in accordance with the ODA Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System (ODA ~~2022~~2024). There are three designations under the State's system:

- **A Listed Weed:** A weed of known economic importance that occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent.
    - **Recommended Action:** Focus on prevention of new infestations through vector control, certification programs, education, outreach and surveys. New and existing infestations are prioritized for eradication or intensive control when and where found. Regionally focused, species-specific Statewide Management Strategies for A-listed weeds may be developed as necessary.~~Infestations are subject to eradication or intensive control when found.~~

- **B Listed Weed:** A weed of economic importance that is regionally abundant~~,~~ but may have limited distribution in some counties.
  - **Recommended Action:** Limited to intensive control at the state, county, or regional level as determined on a site-specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.
- **T-Designated Weed:** A designated group of weed species selected from the B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and management actions are prioritized and informed by species-specific T-List Statewide Management Strategies created and maintained by the ODA. Action against these weeds will receive priority in accordance with the recommendations of the Statewide Management Strategy. ~~A designated group of weed species selected from either the A or B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. Action against these weeds will receive priority. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the OSWB, which directs ODA to develop and implement a statewide management plan.~~

2.2 Morrow County

The Morrow County Code Enforcement Ordinance establishes procedures for enforcing Morrow County Code through the authority granted to general law counties by ORS Chapter 203. Section 11 of the county Code Enforcement Ordinance, updated on July 5, 2021, establishes Morrow County as a weed control district, defines what is considered a noxious weed or weed of economic importance, identifies the responsibility of private landowners to control weeds, and outlines the authority of the weed control district and Morrow County Weed Program Manager/Inspector to administer and enforce weed control in the ordinance (Morrow County 2021).

Morrow County has its own weed classification system that differs from the state. Morrow County defines two classifications of weeds (Morrow County ~~2022~~2025):

- **Noxious Weeds - "A List":** Any plant that is determined by the weed advisory board and so declared by the County Board of Commissioners to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land, or property under provisions of Oregon State Statute and thus mandated for control.
- **Weeds of Economic Importance - "B List":** Weeds of limited distribution in the county and subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible.

2.3 State and County Weed Lists

The ODA lists 46 Class A species and ~~98~~ 88 Class B species for the state of Oregon, ~~47~~ 19 of which are T-designated (ODA ~~2022~~2024; Appendix A). Morrow County specifically recognizes 36 species of noxious weeds (Appendix B; Morrow County ~~2021~~2025). Although not all ~~of~~ the Morrow County listed noxious weeds noted in Appendix B occur in the vicinity of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and its contractors should be aware of the entire list while monitoring

and controlling weeds. Noxious weeds known to occur in the vicinity of the site boundary are discussed in Section 3.0.

3.0 Noxious Weeds Identified at the Facility

In June, 2022 Tetra Tech completed rare plant and habitat categorization surveys within and adjacent to the original Sunstone Solar Project~~Facility~~ site boundary[2]. During those surveys, four listed noxious weed species were documented, including three ODA-listed noxious weed species and four Morrow County listed species noxious weed species. Table 1 lists the noxious weed species observed, their noxious weed designation (i.e., status), and the frequency of observations. Locations of these noxious weeds documented during surveys are included in Exhibit P, Attachment P-1 of the ASC[3]. Three of the four noxious weed species observed were state and/or County "B" listed weeds (Table 1; Morrow County ~~2021~~2025, ODA ~~2022~~2024). One species, rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*), is an "A" List Weed in Morrow County and a state "T"-designated weed, meaning that ODA has targeted this species for prevention and control (Morrow County ~~2021~~2025; ODA ~~2022~~2024). Note that none of these noxious weed species observations are located within the Sunstone Solar Project 4/Facility site boundary, however, due to the likelihood that these species could be found at the Facility in the future, they are retained for awareness and noxious weed prevention purposes.

Cereal rye (*Secale cereale*) was abundant in the previously disturbed areas outside of active crop fields and was generally found in previously disturbed ground. Rush skeletonweed was found in isolated small populations or single individuals on the hillside between active cropland and a gravel county road. Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*) and jointed goatgrass (*Aegilops cylindrica*) were found in the highly disturbed border in between active cropland and roads. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct an additional pre-construction noxious weed survey to identify the noxious weeds present at the Facility ~~at the time of construction~~ to inform management actions. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may coordinate with landowners regarding noxious weed presence. Identified noxious weed infestations will be treated prior to construction.

Table 1. Noxious Weeds Observed during Surveys in 2022

Scientific Name	Common Name	Oregon State Status[1]	Morrow County Status[1]	Frequency
Aegilops cylindrica	Jointed goatgrass	B	B	Few small patches.
Chondrilla juncea	Rush skeletonweed	B*, T	A	Occasional single plants.
Secale cereale	Cereal rye	Not listed	B	Scattered large-sized patches.
Tribulus terrestris	Puncturevine	B*	B	Few small to large-sized patches.

1. Definitions for state and county noxious weed status are provided in Sections 2.1 and 2.2, respectively. Species marked with a (*) are targeted for biocontrol (ODA ~~2022~~2024).

[2] Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project, November 18, 2024.
[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

In addition to noxious weeds, cheatgrass, an invasive annual grass, was identified in grassland habitats within the site boundary. While this species is not listed as a noxious weed by the state or county, it and other invasive annual grasses can adversely impact habitat and can increase fire risk. To address these issues and maintain compliance with the requirements of the Revegetation Plan required under Condition PRE-FW-01, the certificate holder will monitor the spread of these species as explained in Section 4.3 and 4.4.

4.0 Noxious Weed Management

This section of this Plan describes the steps the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will take to prevent and control the establishment and spread of noxious weed species during both construction and operation of the Facility. Noxious weed control methods for the Facility described in this Plan have been developed utilizing information from the ODA Noxious Weed Control Program and the Morrow County Weed Department.

The management of noxious weeds will be considered throughout all stages of construction and operation of the Facility and will include:

- **Prevention:** Implementing measures to prevent the spread of noxious weeds during construction, operation, and maintenance activities.
- **Treatment:** Treating noxious weed populations with their appropriate control methods, at appropriate time intervals.
- **Monitoring:** Assessing noxious weed changes within the Facility site boundary over time and ensuring that legacy as well as new weed populations are not increasing their distributions.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's objective is to prevent the introduction of new noxious weed populations and the spread of existing noxious weed populations. The methods described below will be implemented to minimize the spread of noxious weeds during construction activities. New noxious weeds detected during post-construction revegetation will be considered a result of construction activities and will be controlled accordingly.

4.1 Prevention

Prior to the start of construction, all personnel will be trained on the importance of noxious weed control. As part of start-up activities, and to help facilitate the avoidance of existing infestations and identification of new infestations, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their construction contractor will provide information and training to all construction personnel regarding noxious weed identification and prevention strategies. Operations and maintenance personnel will be similarly informed. The importance of preventing the spread of noxious weeds in areas not currently infested and controlling the proliferation of noxious weeds already present within or near the Facility will be emphasized.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following best management practices to minimize the spread of noxious weeds during construction activities, revegetation efforts, and operation and maintenance activities. The following practices center around ensuring that noxious weed seeds or reproductive plant fragments are not unintentionally dispersed within or outside of the Facility boundaries by personnel or their vehicles. These practices allow for responsible movement around sites with noxious weeds already present, and ensure that new populations or species are not accidentally introduced into the Facility boundaries.

- Flagging and treating areas of noxious weed infestations prior to construction to alert construction personnel;
- Limiting vehicle access to designated routes, whether existing roads or newly constructed roads, and the outer limits of construction disturbances per the final design for the Facility;
- Limiting vehicle traffic in noxious weed-infested areas;
- Cleaning construction vehicles each time they enter or exit the Facility at a wash station located inside the Facility at vehicle ingress/egress points;
- Cleaning vehicles and equipment associated with ground disturbance and movement of topsoil utilizing a mobile wash station after performing work in noxious weed-infested areas and prior to performing work in non-infested areas;
- Where feasible, not moving topsoil and other soils from noxious weed infested areas outside of the infested areas and returning them to their previous location during reclamation activities;
- Treating soils from infested areas with a pre-emergent herbicide prior to initiation of revegetation efforts;
- Providing information regarding target noxious weed species at the operations and maintenance buildings;
- Treating noxious weeds via biological, mechanical or chemical control (see Section 4.2);
- Preventing conditions favorable for noxious weed germination and spread by revegetating temporarily disturbed areas as soon as practicable;
- Monitoring areas of disturbance for noxious weeds after construction (see Section 4.3), during the normal course of revegetation maintenance of temporary workspaces, and implementing control measures as appropriate;
- Revegetating the site with appropriate, local native seed or native plants; when these are not available, non-invasive, and non-persistent non-native species may be used; and
- Ensuring that seed and straw mulch used for site rehabilitation and revegetation are certified free of noxious weed seed and propagules.

4.2 Treatment

Control of noxious weeds and other invasive weed species will be implemented through biological, mechanical, chemical, or biological control measures. The control method used will depend on the

weed species and size of infestation, time of year, proximity to intact native habitats, and resources available (Tu et al. 2003). Generally, mechanical control is best suited for small infestations of tap-rooted weeds that can be hand pulled or large occurrences in areas where mowing or soil disturbance is acceptable. Chemical control is used for most occurrences of perennial weeds with rhizomes or stolons and large occurrences of any weed in areas where mowing or soil disturbance are not recommended. Successful noxious weed control programs typically combine mechanical and chemical treatment strategies (USEPA 2008).

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will be responsible for hiring a qualified contractor to implement the treatment of noxious weeds. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ensure that noxious weed management actions will be conducted by specialists with the following qualifications:

- Experience in native plant, non-native and invasive plants, and noxious weed identification;
- Experience in noxious weed mapping;
- If chemical control is used, specialists must possess a Commercial or Public Pesticide Applicator License from the ODA or possess an Immediately Supervised Pesticide Trainee License and be supervised by a licensed applicator;
- Training in noxious weed management or Integrated Pest Management with an emphasis in noxious weeds;~~ and~~
- Experience in coordination with agencies and private landowners; and~~.~~
- No recent (within one year) violations on the contractor's record.

Existing noxious weed populations will be prevented from expanding in size and density and will not be spread to new sites. Existing populations of A listed noxious weeds will be eliminated. If it is determined that noxious weeds have invaded areas immediately adjacent to the Facility (e.g., areas visible just beyond the outer limits of construction disturbances associated with the Facility or along access roads) as a result of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will contact the landowner and seek approval to treat those noxious weed populations.

Long-term weed control methods will be described in a long-term monitoring plan as described in Section 4.3. The main factor in long-term weed control is successful revegetation with non-weedy species as described in the Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). If feasible, long-term management of vegetation within the Facility solar array fence line may include prescriptive sheep and goat grazing by an authorized contractor, if approved by Morrow County, ODFW and ODOE. As noted above, short-term noxious weed control will be done through mechanical or chemical treatment. However, it will be important to ensure that the short-term treatment does not affect the establishment of the native perennial cover that will help provide the long-term control. Additionally, early detection and control of small noxious weed populations before they can expand into larger populations is extremely important for successful weed control efforts.

Noxious weed control will continue for the life of the Facility to meet the identified success criteria described in Section 4.3. Supplemental seeding of desirable species may be needed to meet and/or

maintain compliance with success criteria. Fertilizer application will be limited in areas treated for noxious weeds, as fertilizer can stimulate the growth of noxious weeds, and the timing of revegetation activities will need to be coordinated with noxious weed treatments.

4.2.1 *Biological*

Biological control involves the use of prescribed insects, fungi and livestock to control noxious weeds to achieve management objectives. Biological control methods are typically targeted to a specific species or plant to control its persistence. They are also used for maintenance in targeted areas for vegetation management control in height and density that includes mitigating fire risk and erosion. Biological control is environmentally friendly and should be the first consideration when applicable.

4.2.2 *Mechanical Treatment*

Mechanical treatment will be the ~~primary~~ preferred method of treatment for existing noxious weed populations where appropriate within the boundaries of the Facility. Mechanical control methods rely on removal of plants, seed heads, and/or cutting roots with a shovel or other hand tools or equipment that can be used to remove, mow, or disc noxious weed populations. Hand removal of plants is also included under this treatment method. Mechanical methods are useful for smaller, isolated populations of noxious weeds in areas of sensitive habitats. Additionally, hand removal of small infestations can minimize soil disturbance, allowing desirable species to remain and limiting conditions favorable for noxious weeds.

For some large noxious weed occurrences, mowing, tilling, discing, or other mechanical techniques may be used to reduce thatch prior to chemical application so that herbicide can more effectively make contact with the target species. However, ~~S~~some rhizomatous plants can spread by discing or tillage. In addition, rush skeletonweed, which ~~has been~~was identified ~~within~~ near the Facility ~~site boundary~~ (Section 3.0), can reproduce vegetatively from small segments of root, and discing or tilling can facilitate the spread of this species. As such, implementation of discing will be species-specific and avoided in areas where rush skeletonweed individuals have been found.

If tilling or discing is employed in areas that will be revegetated following construction, subsequent seeding will be conducted to re-establish desirable vegetative cover that will stabilize the soils and slow the potential re-invasion of noxious weeds. Discing, tilling, or other mechanical treatments that disturb the soil surface within native habitats will also be avoided in favor of herbicide application, which is an effective means of reducing the size of noxious weed populations as well as preventing the establishment of new infestations. Previously unbroken ground or fallow areas should not be tilled or rod-weeded to maintain native biocrusts and prevent exposing weed seeds.

4.2.3 *Chemical Treatment*

Chemical control can effectively remove noxious weeds through use of selective herbicide when mechanical control is not feasible~~s~~. The specific herbicide used and the timing of application will be

chosen based on the specific noxious weed being treated, as appropriate herbicides differ between species and types of plants (i.e., dicots such as rush skeletonweed versus monocots such as jointed goatgrass). Example treatment methods, as well as the recommended timing of treatments for the four target noxious weeds identified within the Facility, are summarized in Table 2. The status of herbicide approval (e.g., confirming herbicides are approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] and ODA) will be checked annually.

Prior to construction and every fall season during facility operation, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or its contractor will consult with the Morrow County Weed Department on timing, method, and application rates for each identified weed species of concern, to allow for adaptive weed management given changes in weed control effectiveness from noxious weed species tolerance to herbicide treatment over time. Results of the consultation shall be reported in the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's annual monitoring report. Any alternative control methods can be proposed by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or its contractors after consulting with the Morrow County Weed Department and included in the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's annual monitoring report.

Herbicides will be applied on identified, treatable, noxious weed infestations. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder~~-~~ or their contractors will coordinate with the Morrow County Weed Department to determine which populations are treatable and will notify landowners of proposed herbicide use on their lands prior to application. If a noxious weed population is deemed to be untreatable (e.g., too widespread and established in an area to successfully control), the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the applicable prevention measures discussed in Section 4.1, except for treatment with herbicides.

Table 2. ~~Recommended~~ Example Treatment for Target Noxious Weed Species

Scientific Name	Common Name	Treatment Method and Timing
Aegilops cylindrica	Jointed goatgrass	**Glyphosate** – Apply to actively growing plants emerged before bolt stage (i.e., stage of growth where growth is focused on seed development versus leaf development). • Rate: 0.38 to 0.75 lb ae/a[1] **Imazapic –** Apply pre-emergence in fall. Due to the residual effect of this herbicide, it will not be used in areas to be revegetated. • Rate: 0.063 to 0.188 lb/a[1] **Sulfometuron** – Apply in fall or in late winter before jointed goatgrass is 3 inches tall. • Rate: 1 to 1.5 oz ai/a (1.33 to 2 oz/a)[1]
Chondrilla juncea	Rush skeletonweed	**2,4-D or MCPA –** Apply to rosettes in the spring immediately before or during bolting. • Rate: 2 lb ae/a[1] **Aminopyralid (Milestone) –** Spring or fall when rosettes are present. • Rate: 1.75 oz ae/a (7 fluid oz/a Milestone)[1] **Clopyralid –** Apply to rosettes in fall or up to early bolting in spring.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Treatment Method and Timing
		• Rate: 0.25 to 0.375 lb ae/a (0.66 to 1 pint/a)[1] **Picloram –** Apply from late fall to early spring. For best results, apply just before or during bolting. • Rate: 1 lb ae/a[1]
Secale cereale	Cereal rye	Postemergence, non-selective herbicides such as glyphosate can control cereal rye. Glyphosate does not provide residual weed control, so any plants that emerge after treatment will not be controlled. Other herbicides that have found to provide control include Clethodim, Hexazinone, Rimsulfuron, Sethoxydim, and Sulfometuron.
Tribulus terrestris	Puncturevine	**2,4-D amine or 2,4-D LV ester–** Apply every 3 weeks during growing season or when new seedlings appear. • Rate: 1 to 2 lb ae in 10 to 20 gal water for spot treatments **Bentazon (Basagran) + imazamox (Raptor)–** Apply to small, actively growing puncture vine • Rate: 0.75 to 1 lb ai/A bentazon + 0.031 lb ai/a imazamox (4 oz/A Raptor) **Bromacil + diuron–** Apply before weeds emerge. • Rate: 8 lb ai/A (10 lb/a)[1] **Chlorsulfuron–** Apply late fall or late winter preemergence to growth. Needs moisture to activate. • Rate: 1 oz ai/a (1.5 oz/a)[1] **Fomesafen –** Apply pre- and postemergence, depending on crop. • Rate: 1 to 2 pints/A (0.25 to 0.5 lb ai/a)[1] **Imazapic –** Apply early postemergence when plants are cracking. • Rate: 0.125 to 0.188 lb ai/a[1] **Indaziflam –** Apply at least several weeks prior to expected germination of puncture vine. Apply to dry soils when rain is not expected for at least 48 hours. Can be successfully applied several months in advance of weed germination. • Rate: Grazed areas 0.046 to 0.065 lb ai/a (3.5 to 5 oz/a Rejuvra); areas not grazed or cut for hay 0.046 to 0.09 lb ai/A (3.5 to 7 oz/a Rejuvra). Use lower rates only where weed pressure is light and shorter period of residual activity is desired. **Norflurazon –** Apply in fall to spring, before puncture vine emerges. • Rate: Refer to label. Adjust rates depending on soil texture and organic matter **Paraquat –** Apply as a postemergence spray to puncture vine foliage • Rate: 0.38 to 0.49 lb ai/a[1] •

Sources: DiTomaso e al. 2013; LCNWCB 2022; Prather and Peachey 2022.

[1] a = acre; ae = acid equivalent; ai = active ingredient; lb= pound; oz = ounces

4.2.3.1 Herbicide Application and Handling

Herbicide application will occur within the appropriate season and during the appropriate timeframe to achieve desired results, as approved by ODOE and the county weed departments. Herbicide application will adhere to EPA and ODA standards. Only those herbicides that are approved by the EPA and ODA will be used. In general, application of herbicides will not occur when the following conditions exists:

- Wind velocity exceeds 15 miles per hour for granular application, or exceeds 10 miles per hour for liquid applications;
- Snow or ice covers the foliage of target species; or
- Adverse weather conditions are forecasted within the next few days.

Hand application methods (e.g., backpack spraying) may be used in roadless areas or in rough terrain. Vehicle-mounted sprayers (e.g., handgun, boom, and injector) will be used mainly in open areas that are readily accessible by vehicle. Calibration checks of equipment will be conducted prior to spraying activities, as well as periodically throughout use, to ensure that appropriate application rates are achieved.

Herbicides will be transported to the Facility daily with the following stipulations:

- Only the quantity needed for that day's work will be transported.
- Concentrate will be transported in approved containers only, and in a manner that will prevent spilling, stored separately from food, clothing, and safety equipment.
- Mixing will be done off-site and at a distance greater than 200 feet from open or flowing water, wetlands, or other sensitive species' habitat. No herbicides will be applied at these areas unless authorized by the appropriate regulatory agencies.
- All herbicide equipment and containers will be inspected daily for leaks.
- Herbicides use will be in accordance with all manufacture's label recommendations and warnings.

4.2.3.2 Herbicide Spills and Cleanups

All appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid herbicide spills. In the event of a spill, cleanup will be immediate. Contractors will keep spill kits in their vehicles and in an appropriate storage shed to allow for quick and effective response to spills. Items included in the spill kit will be:

- Protective clothing and gloves;
- Adsorptive clay, "kitty litter," or other commercial adsorbent;
- Plastic bags and a bucket;
- A shovel;
- A fiber brush and screw-in handle;
- A dustpan;

- Caution tape;
- Highway flares (use on existing hard-top roads only); and
- Detergent.

Response to an herbicide spill will vary with the size and location of the spill, but general procedures include:

- Stopping the leak;
- Containing the spilled material;
- Traffic control;
- Dressing the clean-up team in protective clothing;
- Cleaning up and removing the spilled herbicide, as well as the contaminated adsorptive material and soil; and
- Transporting the spilled herbicide and contaminated material to an authorized disposal site.

4.2.3.3 Herbicide Spill Reporting

All herbicide contractors will have readily available copies of the appropriate material safety data sheets for the herbicides used at their disposal and will keep copies of the material safety data sheets in the application vehicle. ~~All herbicide spills will be reported in accordance with applicable laws and requirements.~~ If an herbicide spill of any size ~~If a spill~~ occurs, the appropriate agency and spill coordinators will be notified promptly. In case of a spill into wetlands and waterbodies, the appropriate federal, state, and county agencies will be notified immediately. All herbicide spills equal to or greater than 200 pounds or 25 gallons of pesticide residue will be reported to the Oregon Emergency Response System in accordance with applicable laws and requirements (OAR 340-142-0050; ODEQ 2024). The Certificate Holder will report all herbicide spills to ODOE by phone or email within 24 hours with follow up reporting as appropriate.

4.3 Monitoring

Weed inspections will occur across the entire Facility through visual inspection of the site while driving and/or walking. Final monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval. Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or weed specialist and will begin in the first growing season after seeding. Monitoring for noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species will occur at least five times per year including in the spring, June, July, and August for summer annuals and in the fall during the first two years following construction to capture the different life cycles of noxious weed species. This will allow real-time assessment of weed growth and inform proactive weed control measures to prevent large scale infestations. Frequent checks during early revegetation efforts will enable the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder to respond to new weed infestations in a timely manner and ensure the success of the site's revegetation. These inspections will be used to inform ongoing weed control efforts.

The initial monitoring survey will be scheduled slightly before herbicide application, as applicable, to identify any noxious weed species within the areas to be treated, with a focus on target noxious weed species observed prior to construction (Table 1), or other populations of target noxious weeds not previously observed.

Monitoring will assess the success of noxious weed treatments and will document any new noxious weed infestations observed. During the first two years following construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department at least once per season to provide updates on weed infestations and control measures at the Facility. These results will also be summarized in annual monitoring reports that describe the treatments performed, treatment success, make recommendations to improve treatment success (if necessary), and note any new target noxious weed species or emergence. Reports will be submitted to the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and Morrow County annually.

Based on the success of control efforts after the second year of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE and ODFW to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced for years three to five. After five years of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will design a long-term weed control plan in consultation with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will maintain ongoing communication with individual landowners, the Morrow County Weed Department, and ODOE regarding noxious weeds within the Facility. Landowners may also contact the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder directly to report the presence of noxious weeds related to Facility activity. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will control the noxious weeds on a case-by-case basis and prepare a summary of measures taken for that landowner. During the operational period of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will control noxious weeds as described in the long-term weed control plan. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report the investigator's findings and recommendations regarding weed control in the Facility's annual report required per OAR 345-026-0080.

The following contact information for the Morrow County Weed Program Manager will be used and updated as needed:

Corey Sweeney, Weed Program Manager
Morrow County Public Works
365 West Highway 74
Lexington, OR 97839
(541) 989-9502
mcweed@co.morrow.or.us

4.4 Success Criteria

Success criteria outlined below are designed to demonstrate compliance with OAR 660-033-0130(38)(D) to prevent the introduction and spread of noxious weed species. In each annual monitoring report, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include an assessment of whether the Facility is meeting or trending toward meeting the noxious weed control success criteria.

Compliance with the Facility Site Certificate will be demonstrated through documentation of meeting these success criteria for the life of the Facility.

- Class A and Class B noxious weed presence within the solar array fence line will not exceed 15 total populations (i.e., contiguous patches of individuals), and each respective population will not exceed 20 individuals or 20 square feet.
- Class T noxious weed presence within the solar array fence line will not exceed 5 total populations (i.e., contiguous patches of individuals), and each respective population will not exceed 20 individuals or 20 square feet.
- Invasive Annual Grasses and other Undesirable Species will not exceed more then 50 percent cover within any 1 acre area or more than 30 percent cover within the solar array fence line.
- During revegetation of temporary disturbance areas outside of the solar array fence line presence and cover of noxious weeds is 75 percent or less than that of the reference site.

5.0 Roles and Responsibilities

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is the overall responsible party for construction and operation of the Facility and implementation of the noxious weed management activities described in this Plan. However, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may use contractors to complete tasks associated with noxious weed management and monitoring. Example responsible parties and their roles may include:

Monitoring Contractor

- Perform site visits to document noxious weed occurrences.
- Provide summary memo after each visit to ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's operations manager outlining findings and treatment recommendations.
- Communicate directly with Weed Management Contractor and provide maps, and photos of noxious weed species locations to Weed Management Contractor.
- Communicate with Morrow County Weed Program Manager, and ODA about noxious weed survey findings and treatment plans.
- Prepare annual report for the Facility describing noxious weed monitoring findings and treatments.
- Organize and attend quarterly calls with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and Weed Management Contractor.
- Attend calls with ODOE, ODA, and Morrow County as needed.

~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder Site Manager

- Communicate findings and recommendations from Monitoring Contractor to the Weed Management Contractor.
- Document the work performed by the Weed Management Contractor and provide documentation to Monitoring Contractor. Documentation should include type and quantity of herbicides applied, dates applied, and any associated EPA/U.S. Department of Environmental Quality licensing/documentation of chemicals used.
- Reviews annual reports to ensure all treatments performed by the Weed Management Contractor are documented.
- Maintain landowner communications, providing guidance to the Monitoring Contractor and Weed Management Contractor regarding landowner restrictions/requests for performing noxious weed monitoring/treatment on their properties.
- Attend quarterly calls with Monitoring Contractor and the Weed Management Contractor.
- Attend calls with ODOE, ODA, and Morrow County as needed.

Weed Management Contractor

- Review Monitoring Contractor memos describing noxious weed occurrences and recommendations and plan appropriate treatment to address those issues.
- Communicate treatment plan to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder.
- Maintain records of when, where, and what type of noxious weed treatments are being performed.
- Maintain all appropriate documentation of chemicals applied. Shares documentation during the quarterly calls with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and Monitoring Contractor, and prior to Annual Report preparation.
- Attend quarterly calls with Monitoring Contractor and ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder.

Morrow County

- Review Monitoring Contractor memos describing weed occurrences and recommendations.
- Attend quarterly calls and provide recommendations.

6.0 Plan Amendment

This Plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE. This Plan may also be amended periodically

as the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder continues to evaluate and modify, as needed, agricultural dual use activities at the Facility.

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Appendix A: Oregon State Noxious Weed List

Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System 2024

Noxious Weed Control Program

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Mission Statement

To protect Oregon's natural resources and agricultural economy from the invasion and proliferation of invasive noxious weeds.

Program Overview

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Noxious Weed Control Program provides statewide leadership for coordination and management of state listed noxious weeds. The state program focuses on noxious weed control efforts by implementing early detection and rapid response projects for new invasive noxious weeds, implementing biological control, implementing statewide inventory and survey, assisting the public and cooperators through technology transfer and noxious weed education, maintaining noxious weed data and maps for priority listed noxious weeds, and assisting land managers and cooperators with integrated weed management projects. The Noxious Weed Control Program also supports the Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) with administration of the OSWB Grant Program, developing statewide management objectives, developing weed risk assessments, and maintaining the state noxious weed list.

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Noxious Weed Control Policy and Classification System

Definition

"Noxious weed" means a terrestrial, aquatic or marine plant designated by the Oregon State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.

Noxious weeds have become so thoroughly established and are spreading so rapidly on private, state, county, and federally owned lands, that they have been declared by ORS 569.350 to be a menace to public welfare. Steps leading to eradication, where possible, and intensive control are necessary. It is further recognized that the responsibility for eradication and intensive control rests not only on the private landowner and operator, but also on the county, state, and federal governments.

Weed Control Policy

Therefore, it shall be the policy of ODA to:

1. Assess non-native plants through risk assessment processes and make recommendations to the Oregon State Weed Board for potential listing.
2. Rate and classify weeds at the state level.
3. Prevent the establishment and spread of listed noxious weeds.
4. Encourage and implement the control or containment of infestations of listed noxious weed species and, if possible, eradicate them.
5. Develop and manage a biological weed control program.
6. Increase awareness of potential economic losses and other undesirable effects of existing and newly invading noxious weeds, and to act as a resource center for the dissemination of information.
7. Encourage and assist in the organization and operation of noxious weed control programs with government agencies and other weed management entities.
8. Develop partnerships with county weed control districts, universities, and other cooperators in the development of control methods.
9. Conduct statewide noxious weed surveys and weed control efficacy studies.

Weed Classification System

The purpose of this Classification System is to:

1. Act as the ODA's official guideline for prioritizing and implementing noxious weed control projects.
2. Assist the ODA in the distribution of available funds through the Oregon State Weed Board to assist county weed programs, cooperative weed management groups, private landowners, and other weed management entities.
3. Serve as a model for private and public sectors in developing noxious weed classification systems that aid in setting effective noxious weed control strategies.

Criteria for Determining Economic and Environmental Significance

Detrimental Effects

1. A plant species that causes or has the potential to cause severe negative impacts to Oregon's agricultural economy and natural resources.
2. A plant species that has the potential to or does endanger native flora and fauna by its encroachment into forest, range, aquatic and conservation areas.
3. A plant species that has the potential or does hamper the full utilization and enjoyment of recreational areas.
4. A plant species that is poisonous, injurious, or otherwise harmful to humans and/or animals.

Plant Reproduction

1. A plant that reproduces by seed capable of being dispersed over wide areas or that is long-lived, or produced in large numbers.
2. A plant species that reproduces and spreads by tubers, creeping roots, stolons, rhizomes, or other natural vegetative means.

Distribution

1. A weed of known economic importance which occurs in Oregon in small enough infestations to make eradication/containment possible; or not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states makes future occurrence seem imminent.
2. A weed of economic or ecological importance and of limited distribution in Oregon.
3. A weed that has not infested the full extent of its potential habitat in Oregon.

Difficulty of Control

A plant species that is not easily controlled with current management practices such as chemical, cultural, biological, and physical methods.

Noxious Weed Control Classification Definitions

Noxious weeds, for the purpose of this system, shall be listed as either A or B, and may also be designated as T, which are priority targets for control, as directed by the Oregon State Weed Board.

- **A Listed Weed**:
  A weed of known economic importance which occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent (Table I).
  Recommended action: Focus on prevention of new infestations through vector control, certification programs, education, outreach and surveys. New and existing infestations are prioritized for eradication or intensive control when and where found. Regionally focused, species-specific Statewide Management Strategies for A-listed weeds may be developed as necessary.
- **B Listed Weed**:
  A weed of economic importance which is regionally abundant, but which may have limited distribution in some counties (Table II).
  Recommended action: Limited to intensive control at the state, county or regional level as determined on a site specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.
- **T-Designated Weed (T)**:
  A designated group of weed species selected from the B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and management actions are prioritized and informed by species-specific T-List Statewide Management Strategies created and maintained by the ODA. Action against these weeds will receive priority in accordance with the recommendations of the Statewide Management Strategy.

Weed Biological Control

Oregon implements biological control, or "biocontrol" as part of its integrated pest management approach to managing noxious weeds. This is the practice of using host-specific natural enemies such as insects or pathogens to control noxious weeds. The Oregon Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program has adopted the International Code of Best Practices for biological control of weeds. Only safe, effective, and federally-approved natural enemies will be used for biocontrol.

Table I: A Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
African rue	*Peganum harmala*
Camelthorn	*Alhagi pseudalhagi*
Cape-ivy	*Delairea odorata*
Coltsfoot	*Tussilago farfara*
Common frogbit	*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*
Cordgrass	
Common	*Spartina anglica*
Dense-flowered	*Spartina densiflora*
Saltmeadow	*Spartina patens*
Smooth	*Spartina alterniflora*
Delta arrowhead	*Sagittaria platyphyla*
European water chestnut	*Trapa natans*
Flowering rush	*Butomus umbellatus*
Garden yellow loosestrife	*Lysimachia vulgaris*
Giant hogweed	*Heracleum mantegazzianum*
Goatgrass	
Barbed	*Aegilops triuncialis*
Ovate	*Aegilops ovata*
Goatsrue	*Galega officinalis*
Hawkweed	
King-devil	*Hieracium piloselloides*
Mouse-ear	*Hieracium pilosella*
Orange	*Hieracium aurantiacum*
Yellow	*Hieracium floribundum*
Hoary alyssum	*Berteroa incana*
Hydrilla	*Hydrilla verticillata*
Japanese dodder	*Cuscuta japonica*
Kudzu	*Pueraria lobata*
Matgrass	*Nardus stricta*
Oblong spurge	*Euphorbia oblongata*
Palmer amaranth	*Amaranthus palmeri*
Paterson's curse	*Echium plantagineum*
Purple nutsedge	*Cyperus rotundus*
Ravennagrass	*Saccharum ravennae*
Squarrose knapweed	*Centaurea virgata*

(Continued) Table I: A Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
Starthistle	
Iberian	*Centaurea iberica*
Purple	*Centaurea calcitrapa*
Thistle	
Plumeless	*Carduus acanthoides*
Smooth distaff	*Carthamus baeticus*
Taurian	*Onopordum tauricum*
Turkish	*Carduus cinereus*
Welted (curly plumeless)	*Carduus crispus*
Woolly distaff	*Carthamus lanatus*
Water soldiers	*Stratiotes aloides*
West Indian spongeplant	*Limnobium laevigatum*
White bryonia	*Bryonia alba*
Yellow floating heart	*Nymphoides peltata*
Yellowtuft	*Alyssum murale, A. corsicum*

Table II: B Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
Armenian (Himalayan) blackberry	*Rubus armeniacus (R. procerus, R. discolor)*
Biddy-biddy	*Acaena novae-zelandiae*
Broom French***** Portuguese (T) Scotch***** Spanish	 *Genista monspessulana* *Cytisus striatus* *Cytisus scoparius* *Spartium junceum*
Butterfly bush	*Buddleja davidii (B. variabilis)*
Common bugloss (T)	*Anchusa officinalis*
Common crupina **(T)**	*Crupina vulgaris*
Common reed	*Phragmities australis ssp. australis*
Common viper's bugloss (T)	*Echium vulgare*
Cutleaf teasel	*Dipsacus laciniatus*
Dyer's woad (T)	*Isatis tinctoria*
English hawthorn	*Crataegus monogyna*
Eurasian watermilfoil	*Myriophyllum spicatum*
False brome	*Brachypodium sylvaticum*
Field bindweed	*Convolvulus arvensis*
Garlic mustard (T)	*Alliaria petiolata*
Geranium Herb Robert Shiny leaf	 *Geranium robertianum* *Geranium lucidum*
Giant reed (T)	*Arundo donax*
Gorse***** (T)	*Ulex europaeus*
Halogeton	*Halogeton glomeratus*
Houndstongue	*Cynoglossum officinale*

* Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) **Table II: B Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Indigo bush	*Amorpha fruticosa*
Ivy Atlantic English	 *Hedera hibernica* *Hedera helix*
Jointed goatgrass	*Aegilops cylindrica*
Jubata grass	*Cortaderia jubata*
Knapweed Diffuse***** Meadow***** Russian***** Spotted*****	 *Centaurea diffusa* *Centaurea pratensis* *Acroptilon repens* *Centaurea stoebe (C. maculosa)*
Knotweed Bohemian***** Giant***** Himalayan Japanese*****	 *Fallopia x bohemica* *Fallopia sachalinensis (Polygonum)* *Polygonum polystachyum* *Fallopia japonica (Polygonum)*
Kochia	*Kochia scoparia*
Lesser celandine	*Ranunculus ficaria*
Meadow hawkweed (T)	*Pilosella caespitosum (Hieracium)*
Mediterranean sage*	*Salvia aethiopis*
Medusahead rye	*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*
Old man’s beard	*Clematis vitalba*
Parrot feather	*Myriophyllum aquaticum*
Perennial peavine	*Lathyrus latifolius*
Perennial pepperweed (T)	*Lepidium latifolium*
Pheasant’s eye	*Adonis aestivalis*
Pine echium (T)	*Echium pininana*
Poison hemlock*****	*Conium maculatum*
Policeman’s helmet	*Impatiens glandulifera*
Primrose-willow Large-flower (T) Water primrose (T) Floating (T)	 *Ludwigia grandiflora* *Ludwigia hexapetala* *Ludwigia peploides*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) **Table II: B Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Puncturevine*	*Tribulus terrestris*
Purple loosestrife*	*Lythrum salicaria*
Ribbongrass (T)	*Phalaris arundinacea var. Picta*
Rose	
Dog	*Rosa canina*
Sweetbriar	*Rosa rubiginosa*
Rush skeletonweed* (T)	*Chondrilla juncea*
Saltcedar* (T)	*Tamarix ramosissima*
Small broomrape	*Orabanche minor*
South American waterweed	*Egeria densa (Elodea)*
Spanish heath	*Erica lusitanica*
Spurge laurel	*Daphne laureola*
Spurge	
Leafy* (T)	*Euphorbia esula*
Myrtle	*Euphorbia myrsinites*
St. Johnswort	*Hypericum perforatum*
Sulfur cinquefoil	*Potentilla recta*
Swainsonpea	*Sphaerophysa salsula*
Tansy ragwort* (T)	*Senecio jacobaea (Jacobaea vulgaris)*
Thistle	
Bull	*Cirsium vulgare*
Canada*	*Cirsium arvense*
Italian	*Carduus pycnocephalus*
Milk	*Silybum marianum*
Musk	*Carduus nutans*
Scotch	*Onopordum acanthium*
Slender-flowered	*Carduus tenuiflorus*
Toadflax	
Dalmatian*	*Linaria dalmatica*
Yellow*	*Linaria vulgaris*
Tree of heaven	*Ailanthus altissima*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) Table II: B Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
Ventenata grass	*Ventenata dubia*
Whitetop	
Hairy	*Lepidium pubescens*
Lens-podded	*Lepidium chalepensis*
Whitetop (hoary cress)*	*Lepidium draba*
Yellow archangel	*Lamiastrum galeobdolon*
Yellow flag iris	*Iris pseudacorus*
Yellow nutsedge	*Cyperus esculentus*
Yellow starthistle*	*Centaurea solstitialis*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

Appendix B: Morrow County Noxious Weed List

Morrow County Weed List:

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Noxious Weeds – "A" List" – Any plant that is determined by the weed advisory board, and so declared by the County Board of Commissioners to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land or property under provisions of Oregon State Statute and thus mandated for control.

Rush Skeletonweed

Yellow Starthistle

Tansy Ragwort

Yellow Toadflax

Dalmatian Toadflax

Mediterranean Sage

Leafy Spurge

Spikeweed

Musk Thistle

Scotch Thistle

Purple Loosestrife

Common Crupina

Whitetop (Hoary Cress)

Houndstongue

Flowering Rush

Yellow Flag Iris

Plumeless Thistle

WEEDS OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

Weeds of Economic Importance – "B" List – Weeds of limited distribution in the county and subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible.

Poison Hemlock

Canada Thistle

Jointed Goatgrass

St. Johnswort

Perennial Sowthistle

Field Bindweed

Cereal Rye

Johnsongrass

Russian Knapweed

Diffuse Knapweed

Spotted Knapweed

Field Dodder

Water Hemlock

Medusahead Rye

Puncturevine

Kochia

Perennial Pepperweed

Myrtle Spurge

Ventenata

Morrow County Weed Advisory Board

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Board also serves as the Weed Advisory Board

Attachment F: Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund/Agricultural Mitigation Plan

Attachment G: Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 4
Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan

Prepared for

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September 2025~~April 2024~~

~~Revised by Department July 2024~~

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 4, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 4 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar ~~photovoltaic solar~~ energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon (Figure 1). The proposed Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a ~~1,~~200-hour -MW distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (Plan) has been prepared to guide ~~restoration~~revegetation of areas temporarily disturbed during construction of the Facility, as well as revegetation ~~of areas~~ within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ in compliance with Site Certificate Conditions PRE-FW-01 and PRE-SP-01. This Plan will be updated, as necessary, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and Morrow County Weed Department ~~and will be updated as needed~~ to reflect the final layout of the Facility.

Prior to construction, this ~~plan~~ Plan shall be finalized based on the following:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall finalize the ~~plan~~ Plan based on ~~impacts~~disturbance associated with the final design/layout by disturbance level and habitat type and category.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall develop and incorporate maps showing anticipated construction disturbance levels along with the total acreage and major activities associated with each level.
3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall update Table 1 prior to construction to reflect the ~~final impact~~disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout.
4. ~~Applicant shall provide the number and location of reference sites to be utilized during short- and long-term monitoring of temporary impact areas for review and approval by ODOE in consultation with ODFW.~~
5. ~~5.~~4. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall develop and incorporate revegetation methods for each disturbance level in consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, and the Morrow County Weed Department.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

~~6. Applicant shall develop and incorporate monitoring methods for both temporary and permanent impact areas in consultation with ODOE.~~

Prior to construction, the following shall be completed:

1. ~~Applicant~~<u>Certificate Holder</u> shall provide shapefiles showing anticipated construction disturbance levels at the site as a submittal to ODOE.
2. ~~Applicant~~<u>Certificate Holder</u> shall provide the ~~restoration~~<u>revegetation</u> and seeding contractor's qualifications and scope of work as a submittal to ODOE.
3. ~~Applicant shall conduct pre-construction habitat surveys at the approved reference sites for the purpose of collecting baseline quantitative data (vascular plant species present, native/non-native species present, percent cover of dominant species, percent cover of state and county listed noxious weed, and evidence of disturbance).~~

~~4.~~<u>3.</u> ~~Applicant~~<u>Certificate Holder</u> shall submit baseline soil compaction sample locations and baseline compaction results to ODOE.

~~5.~~<u>4.</u> ~~Applicant~~<u>Certificate Holder</u> shall hold a kick-off meeting with their environmental contractor, construction contractor, and ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~<u>revegetation</u> activities.

~~6.~~<u>5.</u> ~~Applicant~~<u>Certificate Holder</u> shall prepare a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan for use by the construction contractor. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to all participating parties prior to the kick-off meeting date.

Prior to initiation of revegetation, the following shall be completed:

1. ~~Applicant~~<u>Certificate Holder</u> shall hold a kick-off meeting with their environmental contractor, ~~restoration~~<u>revegetation and seeding</u> contractor, and ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~<u>revegetation</u> activities.

2. ~~Applicant~~<u>Certificate Holder</u> shall prepare a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan for use by the ~~restoration~~<u>revegetation</u> <u>and seeding</u> contractor. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to all participating parties prior to the kick-off meeting date.

3. ~~Applicant~~<u>Certificate Holder</u> shall complete post-construction soil compaction testing and submit results for review and approval to ODOE.

Throughout construction, revegetation, and operation activities, the ~~Applicant~~<u>Certificate Holder</u> will take appropriate actions to prevent the spread of state and county listed noxious weeds. A stand-alone Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan has also been prepared (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-3<u>[2]; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6</u>), which contains information on state and Morrow County listed noxious weeds, noxious weeds observed during surveys, and treatment and monitoring of noxious weeds.

<u>[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.</u>

2.0 Site Description

The Facility includes a 1,273~~10,960~~-acre site boundary within which all Facility components will be located. The Facility lies within the Columbia Plateau Ecoregion at elevations from ~~approximately 879~~ 1,020 to 1,~~440~~120 feet. The Facility is sited entirely on private land, which primarily consists of agriculture land used for growing dryland wheat. Native vegetation within the site boundary has been modified primarily through agricultural conversion, but also through the introduction of exotic grasses and other non-native vegetation.

Habitat mapping and categorization of the site boundary were conducted for the Facility in 2022. Habitat types within the site boundary include Agriculture, Pasture, and Mixed Environs (habitat subtype: Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops~~); Urban and Mixed Environs; Upland Grassland, Shrub-steppe, and Shrubland (habitat subtypes: Eastside Grasslands, Sagebrush Shrub-steppe~~)~~; Wetlands (habitat subtype: Emergent Wetlands); and Open Water-Lakes, Rivers, Streams (habitat subtype: Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams)~~. Details on habitat types, subtypes, and categories can be found in Exhibit P of the Facility's ASC, especially Attachment P-1 which contains the biological survey reports. Details on potential ~~impacts~~disturbance to habitat from construction and operation of the Facility, as well as avoidance and minimization measures, can be found in the ASC Exhibits P and Q[3].

3.0 Description of ~~Impacts~~Disturbance

Construction of the Facility will result in ~~up to about 58 acres of~~ temporary and ~~9,442 acres of~~ permanent ~~impacts~~disturbance (see Exhibits C[4] and P). ~~Although actual impacts may change depending on the final layout, solar modules, and other associated facilities, this value represents the estimated maximum acreage of impact. Exhibit P~~ Section 3.1.1 (below) details the acres of each habitat subtype that will be temporarily and permanently disturbed during construction and operation of the Facility.

All areas within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ are considered a permanent ~~impact~~disturbance and will be revegetated for the purposes of site stabilization to reduce erosion, dust pollution, and topsoil depletion, and to reduce potential for invasion by noxious and invasive plants. The entire solar array fence ~~line area~~ will occupy approximately ~~9,441~~1,267 acres~~ within 20 fenced areas~~. As noted above, this area is considered permanently ~~impacted~~disturbed; however, vegetation within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ will be retained and/or revegetated and this area would be reclaimed upon retirement.

Temporary ~~impacts~~disturbance will occur in areas outside the solar array fence ~~line area~~ that will be disturbed during construction activities, but which will not be occupied by permanent facilities.

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit Q, May 16, 2024.
[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit C, May 16, 2024.

Temporary disturbance will occur in association with the construction of aboveground and underground collector and transmission lines, new roads, and perimeter fence ~~line~~.

Prior to construction, a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan will be prepared for use by the construction contractor ~~prior to construction~~ to facilitate Plan implementation and ensure ground disturbance is minimized to the extent practicable. A kick-off meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder, their environmental contractor, construction contractor, and ODOE will be held at least 14 days prior to construction. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to ODOE staff prior to the kick-off meeting date. Staff from either the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their environmental contractor will field-verify that anticipated disturbance levels are followed to the extent possible~~,~~ and will document any variances and ~~the~~ justifications for those variances for ODOE review.

3.1 Disturbance Levels

Revegetation needs will be determined by a combination of disturbance level and existing vegetative cover. Disturbance levels will primarily be determined by site conditions such as slope, gradient, and existing vegetation. Disturbance levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 - Mowing: Mowing is used to conserve vegetative resources within a ~~large project area~~facility while mitigating risk of fire and facilitating construction activities. Vegetation ~~is mowed~~will be limited to a height of ~~generally~~ 12 inches~~, but~~ and mowed to no less than 6 inches during construction. Mowing to no less than 6 inches protects perennial grass crowns and allows grasses to regenerate. Depending on ~~site~~ facility objectives, vegetation can be allowed to reach a normal height or kept trimmed to a height between 6 -inches and the plant's full height potential. Crushing of vegetation will be minimal and this disturbance level is designed to have a minimal impact on existing vegetation. This method is least likely to result in invasions of undesirable plant species.

Level 2 – Overland Drive and Crush: Disturbance caused by accessing a ~~site~~ facility without significantly modifying the landscape. Vegetation is crushed to the ground, but no surface soil is removed so root structures are left intact~~but not cropped~~. ~~No surface soil is removed.~~ Even though vegetation may be damaged or~~and even~~ destroyed, the surface soil and seed bank remain~~s~~ in place. Some crushed vegetation will likely sprout after disturbance ceases. These activities would result in minimal to moderate disturbance. This type of disturbance will result in ~~the fastest~~a faster recovery time for vegetation compared to Levels 3 and 4. Soil seed banks remain largely in place, perennial vegetation can grow back, and minimal external efforts are necessary. This method is less likely to result in invasions of undesirable plant species compared to Levels 3 and 4. ~~This would involve crushing or mowing vegetation typically to the ground surface.~~

Level 3 – Clear and Cut: Disturbance caused by accessing the ~~project site but~~facility including having to remove all vegetation in order to improve or provide suitable access for other equipment. All vegetation is removed, soils are compacted, and the root zone or soil A-horizon may be disturbed, but no sub-surface soil is removed. Clear and cut activities would result in moderate disturbance. This type of disturbance will result in moderate recovery times for vegetation. This method has a moderate risk for invasion of undesirable plant species. An example is imprinting to crush vegetation down into the soil or incidental grading and smoothing of surface soils.

Level 4 – Clear and Cut with Soil Removal: Disturbance is caused by removing all vegetation in the impact zone, ~~the~~ soils are compacted, and ~~the~~ surface soil ~~is~~ and subsoil are displaced~~, and for Facility components requiring underground installation, the subsurface soils are displaced as well~~. These activities result in heavy disturbance. This type of disturbance results in an extensive recovery time for vegetation, and is most likely to lead to invasions of undesirable plant species, which can result in lengthy and expensive control efforts. Includes disc-and-roll construction, and other traditional construction methods where soils are disturbed and no vegetation is left intact. This category includes all work requiring the segregation and replacement of topsoils.

3.1.1 Facility Disturbance

To the maximum extent practicable, Level 1 and Level 2 disturbance will be used during Facility construction. Existing vegetation root systems (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) will be left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable, although construction vehicles driving across the site may affect ~~these~~ existing root systems by compacting soils. Grading within solar arrays will be limited to areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances (typically, but not exclusively, 10 percent maximum on North slopes and 15 percent maximum in other directions). Areas where the slope and gradient are within ~~the solar~~ panel and racking tolerances will only ~~will receive minimal grading, with grading in those areas limited to the~~ be graded in road~~s~~, inverter, and energy storage footprints ~~only~~where possible. ~~This p~~Preservation of existing root systems will minimize soil erosion, providing both improved compliance with stormwater and dust management requirements, facilitate revegetation success, and preserve soil productivity for future agricultural use. Construction will be coordinated and sequenced to the extent practicable with landowners to maintain land in current production and weed control until just prior to construction. This will avoid land being left unmanaged and minimize weed issues that can complicate revegetation.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide maps and shapefiles showing anticipated construction disturbance levels at the Facility, along with ~~the~~ total acreage and major activities associated with each level. This will serve to demonstrate the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's avoidance and minimization of ground disturbing activities to the extent practicable.

Table 1 presents the estimated maximum acreage of temporary and permanent ~~impacts~~disturbance to habitat subtypes associated with Facility construction and operation based on the permitted layout. Table 1 will be updated prior to construction to reflect the final ~~impact~~disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout. Figures depicting the location of Facility infrastructure are included in Exhibit C, and a figure depicting habitat subtypes within the site boundary is available in Exhibit P.

Table 1. Maximum Temporary and Permanent ~~Impacts~~Disturbance by Habitat Subtype

ODFW Habitat Category	Habitat Subtype	Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance (Acres)[1, 2]	Temporary Disturbance (Acres) [1]
~~2~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~<0.1~~	~~0.4~~
~~4~~	~~Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams~~	~~-~~	~~<0.1~~
~~4~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~17.9~~	~~2.7~~
~~5~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~18.5~~4.7	~~2.2~~<0.1
	~~Category 2, 4, and 5 Habitat T~~Subtotal	**~~36.4~~4.7**	**~~5.3~~<0.1**
6	Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops	~~9,397.4~~1,267	~~51.3~~1.4
	~~Urban and Mixed Environs~~	~~7.7~~	~~1.2~~
	~~Category 6 Habitat Subtotal~~	**~~9,405.1~~**	**~~52.6~~**
	Grand Total[1]	**~~9,441.5~~1,267**	**~~57.8~~1.4**

~~Note: Totals in this table may not appear to sum correctly due to rounding. "-" means no impact while <0.1 means greater than zero but less than 0.05 acre impact.~~

1. Additional details associated with temporary and permanent ~~impacts~~disturbance are provided in Exhibit C of the ASC. Disturbances were calculated based on the layout permitted in the ASC and will be updated prior to construction based on an updated layout.
2. Acres of permanent ~~impact~~disturbance includes the entire area within the solar array area fence ~~line~~ including the footprints of all solar components and supporting facilities, as well as the areas outside of the footprint of permanent components and facilities (e.g., areas underneath and between rows of solar panels).

4.0 Reclamation and Revegetation Methods

This plan addresses revegetation methods for temporary ~~impacts~~disturbance to agricultural lands ~~non-agriculture (i.e., Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops habitat subtype) and non-developed (i.e., Urban and Mixed Environs habitat subtype) habitat types~~, as well as revegetation and vegetation management of lands within the solar array fence ~~line area~~. ~~Restoration~~ Revegetation of temporarily disturbed developed habitat (i.e., Urban and Mixed Environs habitat subtype) will be determined on a case-by-case basis and is not covered further in this plan. Temporary ~~disturbances~~disturbance to agricultural habitat (i.e., Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops habitat subtype) will be restored as described in Section 4.5.1. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will restore temporarily disturbed areas by re-establishing slope, surface stability, and drainage features, as needed, followed by soil preparation and seeding. Soil preparation and seeding techniques are described below.

Revegetation will begin as soon as feasible after completion of each construction phase. Seeding and planting will be done in a timely manner and in the appropriate season to facilitate germination and establishment of seeded species.

Prior to construction, final revegetation methods will be developed for each disturbance level in consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, and the Morrow County Weed Department and will be incorporated as an amendment to this Plan upon ODOE approval.

4.1 Roles and Responsibilities

A construction contractor qualified to perform ~~restoration and~~ revegetation and seeding will be responsible for implementing ~~the~~ measures in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 1200-C permit, as well as ~~the~~ revegetation activities discussed herein during and immediately after construction. A qualified botanist or revegetation specialist will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on revegetation success. Remedial revegetation actions, if needed during the operation phase, will be performed by a qualified contractor. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will be responsible for ensuring that all contractors perform work in accordance with permit requirements and all agreed upon methods for revegetation.

The goal of this ~~plan~~ Plan is to increase the probability of revegetation success, reduce early weed establishment, reduce erosion and dust pollution, ~~and~~ protect topsoil for future agricultural use in permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas, and ensure no loss of habitat quality for temporary ~~disturbances~~disturbance to wildlife habitat. To ensure this goal is met, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ensure that the contractor selected for revegetation will be a qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor with demonstrated experience in the Columbia Plateau. Options for contracting and managing this work include:

- Having the construction contractor subcontract ~~the~~ revegetation work out to a qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor. The contract will stipulate the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's right to dictate the timing, methods, and management of seeding.
- Contracting directly with the qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, with the power to contractually enforce seed timing and methods.
- Having the environmental contractor contract with the qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, with the power to contractually enforce seed timing and methods.

The ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor's qualifications and scope of work will be provided as a submittal to ODOE prior to construction. Additionally, a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan will be prepared for use by the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor prior to initiation of revegetation to facilitate Plan implementation. A kick-off meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder, their environmental contractor, ~~restoration~~ revegetation and seeding contractor, and ODOE will be held at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to ODOE staff prior to the kick-off meeting date. Staff from either the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their environmental contractor will field-verify seeding methods and timing requirements are followed appropriately~~,~~ and will document any variances and the justifications for those variances. Monitoring and follow-up will be provided as described in Section 6.0 to ensure oversight and increase the probability of revegetation success.

4.2 Soil Reclamation

Soil scientists use a soil penetrometer to field measure subsurface compaction in soil. This tool measures resistance (pressure) to the advance of a cone-tipped rod with a T-handle, vertically through the soil column. The metric intends to measure soil compaction that can inhibit the ability

of plants to penetrate the soil. An operator pushes the penetrometer rod with a cone base into the ground with consistent force. A pressure gauge records pressure in pounds per square inch (psi), equaling levels of resistance at differing soil layers. Resistance is measured at 3-inch intervals until the meter goes above 300 psi, which is a level of soil compaction most roots cannot penetrate. For this test compaction would be measured at 3, 6, 9, and 12 inches if the soils allow~~ed~~. Soil compaction testing must be completed in spring or late fall when soils are at field capacity (approximately 24 hours after a soaking rain). Baseline soil compaction measurements will be taken prior to construction. Baseline soil compaction sample locations and baseline compaction results will be submitted to ODOE prior to construction.

1. Baseline and post-construction soil compaction measurements and testing must be done in conditions favorable to soil testing (e.g. non-saturated or frozen soils).
2. Baseline soil compaction measurements will be documented and established by using the above protocol, or other protocol as approved by ODOE, to establish baseline soil conditions within temporary ~~impact~~disturbance areas.
3. Recordation of the baseline soil plots must be represented on a map based on final Facility design.
4. Post-construction soil compaction testing following the above protocols must be completed in spring or late fall when soil conditions are favorable to soil testing (non-saturated or frozen soils). Compaction testing will occur after soil stockpiles are replaced and grading is complete but prior to initiation of revegetation activities.~~Prior to construction completion at the Facility site and prior to the initiation of revegetation activities, soil compaction testing following the above protocols must be completed.~~
5. If soil ~~measurements~~ monitoring demonstrates that ~~the~~ soils are compacted more than 300- psi~~within the work areas are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~, then remediation activities must be completed prior to initiation of revegetation activities. See Section ~~6.4~~ 4.3 below, the Facility NPDES 1200-C permit, and applicable S~~s~~ite C~~c~~ertificate C~~c~~onditions.

In addition, in areas where soil is removed during construction, the following measures will be taken where appropriate:

- During construction, excavated topsoil will be stockpiled separately from subsoil and replaced in proper order with topsoil on the surface to maintain soil productivity. Stockpiled soil will be put back in place prior to revegetation activities.~~During construction, excavated soils will be stockpiled by soil horizon, so that they can be replaced in proper order with the topsoil on the surface, preventing mixing of topsoil and subsoils and maintaining soil productivity. The conserved soil will be put back in place as topsoil prior to revegetation activities. The conserved soil will be put back in place as topsoil prior to revegetation activities.~~

- Soils will be stabilized during construction using the appropriate best management practices as determined by the onsite stormwater pollution prevention plan implementor.
- Soil preparation will involve standard, commonly used methods (i.e. tracking, decompaction, and tilling), and will consider all relevant site-specific factors, including slope, size of area, and erosion potential. Soils will be de-compacted if necessary to create a uniform seedbed using an agricultural disc, soil ripper, or similar equipment. Additional details regarding soil preparation are in Section 4.3.
- Topsoil and other soils from noxious weed infested areas will not be moved outside of the infested areas and will be returned to their previous location during reclamation activities to eliminate the transport of weed seeds, roots, or rhizomes.
- Soils from weed-infested areas will be treated with a non-persistent, pre-emergent herbicide prior to initiation of revegetation efforts, depending on site-specific conditions.
- Prior to final regrade and revegetation efforts, any weeds that have grown during periods of construction dormancy should be treated as described in the Noxious Weed Control Plan~~removed mechanically or treated with an herbicide in consultation with the Morrow County Weed Department~~.
- The construction contractor will use appropriate erosion and sediment control practices (i.e., seeded or unseeded hydromulch, tackifier, weed-free erosion control blankets, weed-free or locally sourced straw mulch) to maintain topsoil during construction in both temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas.

4.3 Site Preparation

~~As noted above, e~~Existing vegetation root systems (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) will be left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable. Areas where the slope and gradient are within the solar panel and racking tolerances will receive minimal grading, with grading in those areas limited to the roads, inverter, and energy storage footprints~~ only~~. In areas where soil is removed during construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will demonstrate adequate soil stabilization to prevent erosion and dust pollution. The following measures will be taken where appropriate:

- Site preparation ~~will involve standard, commonly used methods, and ~~will take into account all relevant site-specific factors, including slope, size of area, and erosion potential.
- Areas of severe machine or vehicle tracking that would hinder seeding success and are unnecessary for soil stabilization will be regraded.
- In the spring, fall or winter of the year prior to when construction would occur, areas of high erosion risk (e.g., slopes, areas with low vegetative cover) should be seeded with a non-invasive, non-persistent cover crop such as triticale to ~~demonstrate ~~stabilize soils ~~stabilization~~.

- ~~Prior to seeding and/or planting of revegetation areas, soils will be prepared to facilitate revegetation success.~~
- If soils are not suitable for revegetation, soil amendments may be required. Any imported topsoil, if required, will be demonstrated to be suitable for vegetative success.
- Where soil compaction testing demonstrates that soils are compacted greater than 300 psi~~Where applicable~~, soils will be mechanically scarified (e.g., tilling or ripping the soil) to an appropriate depth to reduce the potential effects of compaction, to maintain soil productivity, and reduce the potential for erosion on compacted soils. Dry soils should be de-compacted using an agricultural disc, soil ripper, or similar equipment.
- Prior to seeding and/or planting of revegetation areas, ~~In general, the~~ soils ~~needs to~~will be prepared into a firm, fine-textured seedbed that is relatively free of debris ~~before seeding or planting~~. Shallow tilling with a disc, followed by a harrow or drag if necessary, can typically achieve this. If replaced soil is too soft, then seeds may be buried too deep to properly germinate; a roller or culti-packer should be used to pack down the soil.
- In non-cropland temporary disturbance areas, site complexity will be considered during soil preparation. For instance, it may be desirable to purposely create an uneven, patchy site that allows for depressions and other microsites that result in small variations in aspect and moisture holding to promote complexity.
- Seeded areas will be temporarily stabilized to facilitate establishment. This can be accomplished by application of seedless, certified weed-free hydromulch containing a tackifier or straw mulch crimping. Alternate methods ~~such~~ may be proposed by the revegetation and seeding contractor but will require prior written approval by ODOE and must provide demonstrated success in sites with similar wind and soil conditions.
- The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or a designated construction contractor will use mulching and other appropriate practices, as required by the anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit, to control erosion and sediment during construction and revegetation work.

4.4 Revegetation of Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance Areas

During construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement site stabilization measures, including seeding of all disturbed areas according to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit. Approximately 6 months prior to commercial operation of each phase of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODFW, ODOE, and Morrow County Weed Department personnel to review the actual extent and conditions of ~~impacted~~disturbed areas and confirm the revegetation methods to be implemented.

As portions of the Facility are ~~After the site has been~~ prepared for installation of ~~facility~~ Facility components (i.e., grading is complete), but prior to installation, all areas with less than 70 percent vegetative cover should be seeded with a non-invasive, non-persistent cover crop ~~(e.g., triticale)~~. The cover crop will be selected based on the time of year and site conditions; for example, winter wheat or sterile triticale can be seeded from fall to early spring, while peas should be seeded in

spring. Tillage radish and sunflowers can be seeded in spring to break up compaction but are not suitable options for soil stability. ~~Establishment of a~~A cover crop ~~at this stage of construction~~ will stabilize soils and suppress noxious weed infestations to reduce erosion and facilitate revegetation of desired plant species.

Following the completion of each construction phase, permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas will be reseeded with a mix of native or non-invasive, non-native grasses and forbs as appropriate based on disturbance level and actual site conditions (see Section 4.4). All seeds will be obtained from a reputable supplier in compliance with the Oregon Seed Law (OAR 603-056). The final seed mix for permanent disturbance areas ~~within the solar array fence line area~~ will include low~~er~~ growing grasses and pollinator-friendly forbs compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). Table 3~~Table 3~~ in Section 4.7 includes an example of low-growing seed mix for permanent disturbance areas.

4.5 ~~Restoration~~ Revegetation of Temporary Disturbance Areas

4.5.1 Agricultural Lands

Temporarily disturbed agricultural lands will be reseeded with the appropriate crop or maintained as fallow in consultation with the landowner or farm operator. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ~~also~~ consult with the landowner or farm operator to determine the seed mix, application methods, and rates for seed and fertilizer. Success of cropland revegetation will have been achieved when production of the revegetated area is comparable to that of adjacent, non-disturbed croplands of the same type.

~~Dryland crop~~Agricultural lands will be reseeded to match the timing of the crop rotation on adjacent cropland ~~in order~~ to facilitate easy harvest and re-establish the appropriate crop rotation ~~on that land~~. ~~Dryland crop~~Agricultural lands that will be seeded in the year that construction is complete can be temporarily hydromulched or otherwise stabilized until seeding can occur in the fall; agricultural lands ~~dryland cropland~~ that will be fallow for a year (i.e., fallow rather than reseeded the year construction is complete) will be planted with a cover crop (dependent on timing of construction closeout) or have continued stabilization with hydromulch, straw mulch crimping, or other best management practices ~~(BMPs)~~ through the fallow year.

Soil compaction as a result of construction activity is a concern for restoring agricultural soils to their pre-construction productivity. Within temporary disturbance areas, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will excavate and store ~~soils~~ topsoil separately from subsoil~~by soil horizon~~, so that topsoil~~s~~ ~~are~~ is replaced and restored appropriately~~, including replacing topsoil~~. During post-construction ~~restoration~~revegetation of temporary ~~impacts~~disturbance to agricultural ~~areas~~lands, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will loosen agricultural soil by mechanical scarification (tilling or ripping the soil) to an appropriate depth to reduce the potential effects of compaction. Soil amendment, by addition of organic matter (e.g., compost), may also be necessary to alleviate compaction.

Success determination will involve consultation with the landowner or farm operator, and the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report to ODOE on the success of ~~cropland~~ agricultural land ~~restoration~~revegetation efforts. Noxious weed control is necessary for successful revegetation of agricultural ~~crop~~lands and will be implemented per the methods described in the Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan (Exhibit P, Attachment P-3; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6).

4.5.2 Wildlife Habitat

There is no temporary disturbance to wildlife habitat because no wildlife habitat will be disturbed by Facility construction. Revegetation of wildlife habitat is not discussed in this Plan.~~During construction, the ApplicantCertificate Holder will implement site stabilization measures, including seeding of temporarily disturbed areas according to the ApplicantCertificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit. Approximately 6 months prior to commercial operation of each phase of construction, the ApplicantCertificate Holder will meet with ODFW, ODOE, and Morrow County Weed Department personnel to review the actual extent and conditions of temporarily impacted areas, confirm the revegetation methods to be implemented, and to revisit reference sites as necessary.~~

~~Following each construction phase, all areas, with the exception of temporarily disturbed agricultural lands, will be reseeded with a mix of native or non-invasive, non-native grasses and forbs (see Section 4.6). All seeds will be obtained from a reputable supplier in compliance with the Oregon Seed Law (OAR 603-056). The methods used and timing of planting will be appropriate to the seed mixes, weather conditions, and site conditions (including area size, slope, and erosion potential) based upon consultation with ODOE, ODFW, ODA, and the Morrow County Weed Department.~~

~~The seed mixes may include species selected to enhance soil health, such as nitrogen-fixing species, if determined to be appropriate based on coordination with ODOE, ODA, and ODFW. Including these species in the seed mix would help the other plant species thrive and increase long-term survival of desired species. Additionally, the seed mixes include species intended to provide broader ecosystem benefits, such as pollinator species, that will benefit the surrounding landscape. The seed mix for temporarily disturbed areas outside of the solar array fence line area will include taller native species of grasses and pollinator-friendly forbs to increase overall site biodiversity and increase benefits to wildlife and pollinators. Using native, or non-invasive non-native pollinator-friendly, plants as ground cover under solar panels can also help recharge groundwater, reduce erosion, and improve soil carbon sequestration (Neale and Atre 2020).~~

4.6 Seeding Methods

The seeding method~~s~~ and timing of planting will be appropriate to the seed mixes (see Section 4.7~~4.6~~), weather conditions (e.g., precipitation, wind speed, temperature, etc.), and site conditions (including area size, slope, and erosion potential) based upon consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, the Morrow County Weed Department, and the seed supplier. Seeding ~~between late-fall and late-~~

~~winter/early-spring~~from late September to March is typically recommended; however, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE, ODFW, ODA, Morrow County Weed Department, and/or the seed supplier to determine the optimal timing for seed application based on climatic conditions of the particular year when construction and revegetation efforts are implemented.

~~The three c~~Common seed application methods that may be used for revegetation are broadcast seeding, drill seeding, imprint seeding, and hydroseeding; each of these are discussed further below. Other seeding methods may be proposed for review and approval prior to revegetation efforts.

4.6.1 Broadcast Seeding

Broadcast seeding is the application of seed directly to the ground surface. This method may be chosen for areas with shallow and rocky soils, and the type of broadcast spreader would depend on the size of the area to be seeded and the terrain. Broadcast seeding may be completed before or after panel and fence installation.

In this method, the seed mix is typically broadcast at a rate of 20 to 24 pounds pure live seed per acre, or twice the recommended rate for drill seeding; this rate may be adjusted depending on the recommendation of the actual seed supplier and agencies~~would be broadcast using at least the application rates specified by the seed supplier for broadcast seeding~~. When feasible, due to the seasonality of when planting can occur, the entire area will be seeded after grading is complete but before placement of Facility components, providing more flexibility in seed application. In those instances where seeding occurs prior to installation of components, follow-up seeding will occur in areas temporarily disturbed by installation and any areas that are deficient in vegetation from the first round of seeding. Immediately following seed application, hydromulch or certified weed-free straw would be applied. Broadcast seeding will not be employed if winds exceed 5 miles per hour. If certified weed-free straw is unavailable, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or a designated construction contractor will identify a local source of straw. The local source of the straw will be approved by the county weed master and ODFW prior to purchase. This straw will either be crimped into the ground or applied with a tackifier.

4.6.2 Drill Seeding

Drill seeding can be used for larger areas with deeper soils and moderate to gentle terrain to accommodate mechanical equipment. This method provides the advantage of planting the seed at a uniform depth and may provide better soil to seed contact. Drill seeding plants seeds using an agricultural or range seed drill at a rate of 12 to 14 pounds pure live seed per acre, per discussions with a seed supplier and ODFW. The rate may be adjusted depending on the recommendations of the actual seed supplier.~~Using a range seed drill, seeds will be sown according to the application rates recommended by the seed supplier.~~ Drill seeding will be difficult after Facility components have been installed so it will primarily be used if seeding occurs after grading is complete but

before components are installed or in areas that were temporarily disturbed during construction that do not have any permanent infrastructure (e.g., temporary access roads, laydown areas).

4.6.3 Imprint Seeding

Imprint seeding is a no-till drill seeding method used to restore grasslands in areas with low annual precipitation. Seeds will be sown at 20 to 24 pounds pure live seed per acre or according to application rates recommended by the seed supplier. The seeder consists of a heavy metal drum roller with V-shaped, angled teeth and a seed agitator box. The teeth create V-shaped troughs with a depth of 4-7 inches to collect rainwater. The rolling drum presses the seed into the soil, insuring good seed-to-soil contact. The troughs collect rainwater for seed germination and seedling growth. Imprint seeders can be used on steep slopes and generally do not require seed bed preparation before seeding. Seeding can occur on soils with light to moderate vegetative cover, with vegetation acting as a mulch to prevent soil erosion until seedlings are established. Imprint seeders do not work well in areas with shrubs or heavy vegetation cover. Heavily compacted soils may need to be ripped or de-compacted before seeding. Imprint seeding will be difficult after solar components have been installed, so it will primarily be used if seeding occurs after grading is complete but before components are installed, or in areas that were temporarily disturbed during construction that do not have any permanent infrastructure (e.g., temporary access roads, laydown areas).

~~4.6.3~~4.6.4 Hydroseeding

Hydroseeding is a method of hydraulically applying seeds, stabilizers, and soil amendments to the surface of the soil. Hydroseeding is most applicable for areas where drill or broadcast seeding machinery cannot access~~,~~; this usually includes steeper sloped or narrow terrain~~,~~ but can be used in all terrains. Hydroseeding is feasible after panel installation but before the Facility is fenced. Soil bed preparation is also crucial for growth success and frequently includes tracking perpendicular to the slope to create micro conditions for seed. Flat grading and compaction are not recommended. Seeding rates increase by 30 to 50 percent of broadcast seeding rates (i.e., 30 pounds pure live seed per acre) ~~or single applications~~ per consultation with the seed supplier and ODFW. Prior to hydroseeding the tackifier and fertilizer, if included, will be reviewed and approved in consultation with ODOE. Fertilizer should not be used when hydroseeding wildlife habitat.

4.7 Seed Mixes

Two seed mixes are proposed for revegetation efforts: one for revegetation of ~~temporarily~~ temporary disturbance~~disturbed~~ areas outside the solar array fence ~~line~~, and one for revegetation of permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas within the solar array fence ~~line~~. Tables 2 and 3 present example seed mixes that would be considered for revegetation. However, the number of seed mixes and composition of ~~the~~ final seed mixes will be determined in consultation with ODOE and ODFW and will be based on pre-construction conditions and ~~the~~ availability of seed at the time of procurement.

Grassland Seed Mix #1 would be appropriate for revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas outside the solar array fence ~~line area~~, with the exception of areas that would be returned to agricultural production following construction (as noted in Section 4.5.1). The example seed mix is presented in Table 2 and contains a mixture of native grasses and native, pollinator-friendly forbs. This seed mix includes a mixture of deep-rooted grasses and flowering plants as these types of species can capture and filter stormwater, build topsoil, and provide food sources and for native insects (Davis 2021). Forbs included in this seed mix were also chosen based on their bloom period. Including plants that flower throughout the growing season provides a continuous source of nectar and pollen and can attract a variety of pollinators (NRCS 2011).

Table 2. Example Grassland Seed Mix #1

Growth Habit	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Percent of Mix
Grasses	Bluebunch wheatgrass[1]	*Pseudoroegneria spicata*	35
	Sandberg's bluegrass[2]	*Poa secunda* ssp. *secunda*	15
	Bottlebrush squirreltail	*Elymus elymoides*	10
	Needle-and-thread grass[3]	*Hesperostipa comata*	10
Forbs	~~Curlycup~~ Low gumweed	*Grindelia ~~squarrosa~~nana*	5
	Hoary aster	*Dieteria* (*Machaeranthera*) *canescens*	5
	Clover~~Lupine~~	*Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens~~Lupinus leucophyllus, L. sericeus, L. sulphureus~~*	5
	Munro's globemallow[4]	*Sphaeralcea munroana*	5
	Western blue flax	*Linum lewisii*	5
	Yarrow	*Achillea millefolium*	5

1. An alternative to bluebunch wheatgrass is Snake River wheatgrass (*Elymus wawawaiensis*; also sold as "Secar" bluebunch wheatgrass).
2. An alternative to Sandberg's bluegrass is big bluegrass (*Poa secunda* subsp. *juncifolia*; also sold as *P. ampla*).
3. Alternatives to needle-and-thread grass include ~~the native bunchgrass Indian ricegrass (*Achnatherum* [*Oryzopsis*] *hymenoides*) or~~ the non-native bunchgrasses crested wheatgrass (*Agropyron cristatum*) and sheep/hard fescue (*Festuca ovina/F. trachyphylla*).
4. An alternative to Munro's globemallow is blanketflower (*Gaillardia aristata*)

A second grassland seed mix, Grassland Seed Mix #2, is suggested for post-construction revegetation within the solar array fence ~~line area~~, including areas that previously consisted of agricultural lands. The example seed mix presented in Table 3 contains a mixture of low-growing native and non-native grasses and native and non-native pollinator friendly forbs which would be compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). Similar to Grassland Seed Mix #1, this

seed mix includes a mixture of deep-rooted grasses and flowering plants that flower throughout the growing season.

Table 3. Example Grassland Seed Mix #2

Growth Habit	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Percent of Mix
Grasses	Sandberg's bluegrass	*Poa secunda* ssp. *secunda*	35
	Bottlebrush squirreltail, common squirreltail	*Elymus elymoides* ssp. *elymoides*	15
	Desert fescue[1]	*Vulpia microstachys*	10
	Thurber's needlegrass	*Eriocoma (Achnatherum) thurberianum*	10
Forbs	~~Pacific lupine[2]~~Clover	~~*Lupinus lepidus*~~ *Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens*	5
	Bigseed bisuitroot~~[3]~~[2]	*Lomatium macrocarpum*	5
	Erigeron/fleabane	*Erigeron filifolius, E. linearis,* or *E. pumilus*	5
	Oregon sunshine	*Eriophyllum lanatum*	5
	Snow buckwheat	*Eriogonum niveum*	5
	Wollypod milkvetch	*Astragalus purshii*	5

1. Alternatives to desert fescue are sixweeks fescue (*Vulpia octoflora*) or sheep/hard fescue (*Festuca ovina*/*F. trachyphylla*).

~~2 Alternatives to Pacific lupine are American vetch (*Vicia americana*) or clover (*Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens*).~~

~~3~~2. An alternative to bigseed biscuitroot is longleaf phlox (*Phlox longifolia*).

4.8 Revegetation Methods by Disturbance Level

Revegetation methods for each disturbance level were developed to tailor revegetation to specific conditions (Table 4). Revegetation should follow soil reclamation, site preparation, and seeding methods described in Sections 4.2 through 4.7.

Table 4. Revegetation Methods by Disturbance Level

Disturbance Level	Soil Reclamation	Site Preparation	Seeding
1 – Mowing	Ensure vegetation remains intact.	Retain existing vegetation root systems to prevent erosion. Control weeds.	Seed if necessary to achieve success criteria
2 – Overland Drive and Crush	Measure soil compaction in areas of high vehicle traffic.	Retain existing vegetation root systems and/or mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil in areas of high vehicle traffic if necessary. Control weeds.	Seed if necessary to achieve success criteria
3 – Clear and Cut	Measure soil compaction.	Mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil if necessary. Control weeds.	Required
4 – Clear and Cut with Soil Removal	Measure soil compaction. Stockpile topsoil separately	Mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil. Regrade and replace subsoil then	Required

Disturbance Level	Soil Reclamation	Site Preparation	Seeding
	from subsoil and stabilize during construction.	topsoil prior to seeding. Control weeds.	

5.0 Revegetation Documentation

Records will be kept of revegetation efforts in all temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas. Records will include:

- Date construction phase was completed;
- Acreage of each disturbance level;
- Description and photos of the affected area;
- Date revegetation was initiated;
- Description of the revegetation effort, including methods and timing;
- Supporting figures representing the location, acres affected, and pre-disturbance condition of the revegetation area; and
- Confirmation from the landowner that temporary ~~disturbances~~disturbance in cropland have been satisfactorily restored.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of revegetation efforts. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will update ODOE with these records monthly as revegetation work occurs~~,~~ and will provide ODOE with copies of these records along with submission of the monitoring report that is required by the Site Certificate.

6.0 Monitoring

6.1 Monitoring of Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance Areas

In accordance with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit all areas within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ must be revegetated to stabilize soils for the purposes of erosion and dust pollution control. Pursuant to OAR 345-022-0022, construction and operation of the Facility must not result in significant adverse impacts to soils, including but not limited to, erosion. Pursuant to MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(3), construction or maintenance activities shall not result in the unabated introduction or spread of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species. Therefore, monitoring is required to demonstrate compliance with the above site stabilization and weed control requirements. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ~~conduct~~ monitor~~ing within~~ permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas to assess the following:

- Dominant species composition;

- Relative cover of desirable and undesirable forbs and grasses;
- Percent cover of bare soil;
- Degree of erosion;
- Presence noxious weeds; and
- Qualitative assessment of overall vigor of vegetation within revegetated areas.

~~Monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.~~ Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or revegetation specialist and will begin within 60 days of the completion of ~~the~~ initial site ~~restoration~~revegetation ~~effort~~. Permanent disturbance areas will be monitored using a meander survey. During the meander survey, the surveyor will walk within the solar array fence and document the assessment items listed above using photos and spatial data collection. Areas of erosion and significant patches of bare soil will be mapped and photographed. The surveyor will record dominant species, overall percent cover of forbs and grasses, and general notes about plant vigor.

Monitoring will be conducted at least once per season during the first year following construction. After the first complete year of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced based on revegetation progress. After five years of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE.

6.1.1 Success Criteria

Success criteria outlined below will demonstrate compliance with the soil protection standard (OAR 345-022-0022); NPDES 1200-C permit requirements; and the requirements of MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(4):

- Establish uniform (i.e., evenly distributed, without large bare areas) perennial, non-invasive vegetation that provides 70 percent or more cover on all exposed areas.

Requirements of the soil protection standard and MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(4) apply to the construction and operation of the Facility. Therefore, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall maintain compliance with ~~the~~ revegetation success criteria for all areas within the solar array fence ~~line~~ for the life of the Facility. In each monitoring report, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include an assessment of whether the area within the solar array fence ~~line~~ is meeting or trending toward meeting the revegetation success criteria. Final determination of whether the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is in compliance with the revegetation obligations will be made by ODOE. Remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas may be required in areas that have been determined by ODOE not to have met the success criteria.

6.1.2 Reporting

Monitoring reports will be prepared and submitted to ODOE once per season during the first year following construction. After the first year of monitoring is complete, the reporting cycle will be modified to align with the new monitoring cycle determined in consultation with ODOE. The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of revegetation methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of seed applications and dates revegetation work was performed.

Each monitoring report will include:

- ~~The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of site restoration~~revegetation ~~methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of the seed applications and dates restoration~~revegetation ~~work was performed;~~
- GIS maps of revegetation areas and disturbance levels;
- Monitoring methods;
- Local climatic data (i.e., precipitation, temperature) for the monitoring month and year and percent deviation from the historical average;
- ~~The r~~Results of ~~the~~ monitoring efforts;
- The investigator's assessment of whether the revegetated areas are trending toward meeting the success criteria;
- Assessments of factors impacting the ability of ~~the~~ revegetated area to trend towards meeting the success criteria; and
- Recommendations ~~of~~ for ~~remedial actions~~adaptive management, if any.

6.2 Monitoring of Temporary Disturbance Areas

Per ODFW recommendations on other projects, temporary disturbance monitoring is not required for temporary disturbance areas less than 0.5 acres or when the area is not sufficiently large to accommodate a monitoring site. Because there are no non-agricultural habitat types with temporary disturbance areas greater than 0.5 acres, no monitoring or reference sites will be established for this Facility.~~Following implementation of revegetation efforts, the Applicant will monitor the temporarily disturbed areas that have been revegetated as described in this section, unless the landowner has converted the area to land uses that preclude meeting revegetation success criteria. Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or revegetation specialist and will begin within 60 days of the completion of the initial site restoration effort. Monitoring will be conducted at least once per season during the first year following construction. After the first complete year of monitoring, the Applicant will consult with ODOE to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced based on revegetation progress. After five years of monitoring, the Applicant will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE. Monitoring methods will be~~

~~determined in consultation with ODOE and ODFW prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.~~

~~This may include remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas that have been determined by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW, not to have met the success criteria.~~

~~Reference and Monitoring Sites~~

~~To determine if the revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas are meeting success criteria, (see Section 6.1.1), paired monitoring and reference sites will be established in each of the habitat subtypes that will be temporarily disturbed by construction (with the exception of agricultural land). Reference sites are intended to represent target conditions for the revegetation effort. Vegetation within monitoring sites in revegetation areas will be compared with those in the associated reference sites to measure success of the revegetation activities. During each assessment, revegetated areas will be compared to reference sites based on the success criteria defined in Section 6.2.1.~~

~~Per ODFW recommendations on other projects, a minimum of one monitoring site will be located within habitats where temporary disturbances will be less than 5 acres in size. Therefore, one monitoring site and one reference site will be established within each habitat category of temporarily disturbed Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype for a total of three monitoring sites and three reference sites. Preliminary locations of monitoring and reference sites are provided on Figure 1. No monitoring site is proposed for the less than 0.1 acre of temporary impact anticipated to the Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams habitat subtype, although this area will be revegetated if not avoided during final design. Monitoring and reference sites within each habitat subtype and category were selected using existing habitat mapping. Additional monitoring locations were also chosen within areas of temporarily disturbed Category 4 and 5 Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype as alternative locations in case one of the selected monitoring or reference site locations is deemed unacceptable during the first revegetation monitoring effort. No alternative monitoring or reference site locations were chosen for temporarily disturbed Category 2 Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype because all 0.4 acres of temporary impacts to this habitat subtype and category are located in one area.~~

~~Success Criteria~~

~~In each monitoring report, the Applicant will include an assessment of whether the temporarily disturbed revegetated areas are meeting or trending toward meeting the success criteria. Revegetation areas would be deemed successfully revegetated when the success criteria outlined below are met. Success criteria were based on pre-disturbance conditions observed during habitat mapping conducted for the Facility (Exhibit P, Attachment P-1). Final determination of whether the Applicant has met the revegetation obligations will be made by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW.~~

~~Temporarily disturbed areas will be deemed successfully revegetated when the habitat quality at a monitoring site is equal to or surpasses the habitat quality at the associated reference site, as follows:~~

~~**Native Forbs:** Cover of native and desirable (i.e., species included in seed mixes and/or native species that have naturally colonized) forbs will be at least 75 percent of the reference site within 5 years. Richness of native and desirable forbs will be at least equal to the richness of native forbs measured on the reference site within 5 years.~~

~~**Native and Desirable Grasses:** Cover and richness of native and desirable (i.e., species included in seed mixes and/or native species that have naturally colonized) grass species will be at least 85 percent of the reference site within 5 years.~~

~~**Noxious Weeds:** Presence and cover of noxious weeds is 75 percent or less than that of the reference site.~~

~~Reporting~~

~~Monitoring reports will be prepared and submitted to ODOE once per season during the first year following construction. Each report will be delivered within the same season that the monitoring was conducted. After the first year of monitoring is complete, the reporting cycle will be modified to align with the new monitoring cycle determined in consultation with ODOE.~~

~~Each monitoring report will include:~~

~~The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of site restoration methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of the seed applications and dates restoration work was performed;~~

~~GIS maps of revegetation areas and disturbance levels;~~

~~Monitoring methods;~~

~~Local climatic data (i.e., precipitation, temperature) for the monitoring month and year and percent deviation from the historical average;~~

~~The results of the monitoring efforts;~~

~~Photos of sample plots and representative overview photos of restoration areas;~~

~~The investigator's assessment of whether the revegetated areas are trending toward meeting the success criteria;~~

~~Assessments of factors impacting the ability of the revegetated area to trend towards meeting the success criteria; and~~

~~Recommendations of remedial actions, if any.~~

6.3 ~~Remedial Action in Revegetation Areas~~Adaptive Management

After each revegetation monitoring visit in either temporary or permanent disturbance areas, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's qualified investigator will report to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder regarding the revegetation progress of each revegetation area. If applicable, the investigator will make recommendations to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder for reseeding, weed control, or other remedial measures for areas that are not showing progress toward achieving revegetation success.

The investigator will provide a description of factors that may be contributing to the lack of revegetation success. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include the investigator's recommendations for ~~remedial actions~~adaptive management and the measures taken in the next monitoring report. ODOE may require reseeding or other remedial measures in cases where success criteria have not been met.

If a revegetation area is damaged by wildfire during the first 5 years following initial seeding, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will amend this ~~plan~~Plan, subject to ODOE approval, to restore the damaged area. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will continue to monitor and report on revegetation progress during the remainder of the 5-year period. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report to ODOE and ODFW the area impacted by the fire (with a map or figure) within 72 hours of discovery.

6.4 Soil Reclamation Monitoring

Soil measurements conducted per Section 4.2 shall be evaluated to determine whether soils within disturbance areas have compaction readings of greater than 300 psi~~are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~. If results show soils have compaction readings of greater than 300 psi, ~~are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~ then remediation activities must be completed before revegetation ~~activities~~ can begin. Prior to initiation of revegetation, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide the results of soil compaction testing to ODOE. ~~ODOE will authorize revegetation to begin when soils are 10 percent or less compacted than the baseline plot.~~

7.0 Plan Amendment

This Plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.~~.~~

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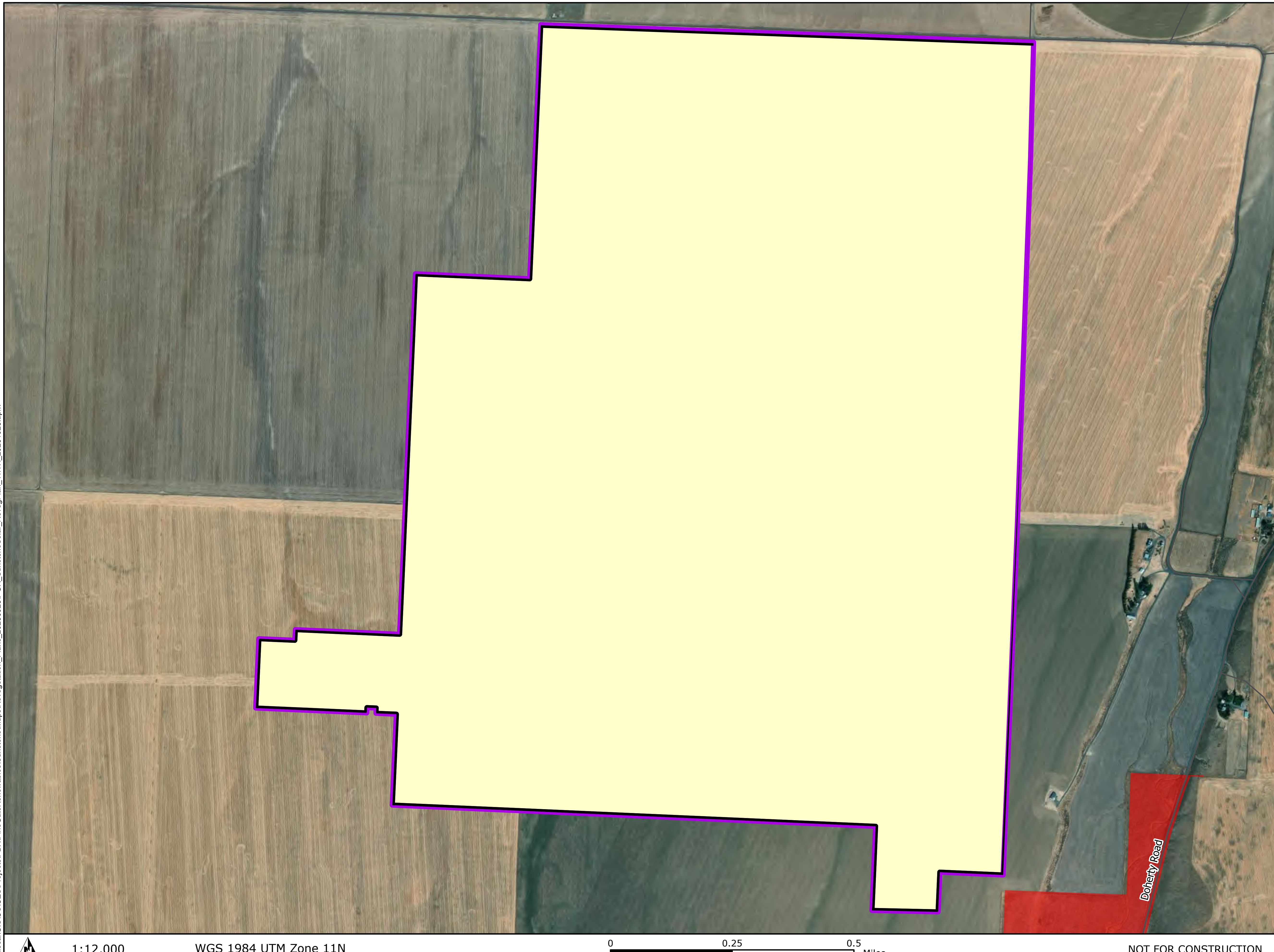

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Figure 1
Sunstone Solar Project 4

MORROW COUNTY, OR

SS 4 Site Boundary
Permitted Fenceline
Excluded from Development
Local Roads
Habitat Subtypes by Category
Category 4
Intermittent or Ephemeral Stream
Category 6
Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crop

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Reference Map

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Attachment I: Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 4
Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan

This plan identifies the minimization measures that will be implemented during facility construction to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential adverse impacts to state sensitive species with a potential to occur within the site.

> Note: several measures that would minimize potential impacts to wildlife species, including noxious weed control, vegetation management and habitat mitigation, are not included in this plan because they are covered in other conditions of the site certificate.

The measures included in this plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the certificate holder and EFSC. Such amendments may be made without an amendment of the Site Certificate. The Council authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan and to mitigation actions that may be required under this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of -all amendments and mitigation actions, and the Council retains the authority to approve, reject or modify any amendment of this plan or mitigation action agreed to by ODOE.

1. During facility construction, 20 mile per hour speed limit signs shall be posted within the perimeter fence line; onsite contractors and personnel shall adhere to the 20 miles per hour speed limit on all facility access roads (excluding public roads).

2. Prior to and during facility construction, the certificate holder shall require all onsite contractors and personnel to complete site specific worker environmental training. This training shall include information regarding the sensitive biological resources including potentially occurring listed and sensitive species, individual responsibilities associated with the facility, and the consequences of non-compliance. Written material will be provided to employees at orientation and participants will sign an attendance sheet documenting their participation.

3. If construction will occur between March 1 and August 15 the certificate holder shall:
   a. Complete raptor nest occupancy surveys at least once per month between March 1 and May 31 to identify active nests. Surveys shall be based on a protocol approved by the Department in consultation with ODFW; and,
   b. Submit to the Department a construction plan (schedule) that demonstrates construction activities will not occur within the buffer zones established in 4) during the sensitive nesting and breeding season.

4. During construction, the certificate holder shall flag and avoid, or develop constraints mapping to ensure avoidance, of ground-disturbing activities within the buffer of any active nest site. Active nest sites shall be determined based on the preconstruction raptor nest surveys, as applicable, depending on the duration of construction.

Special Status Species	Buffer Size (Radius Around Nest Site):	Sensitive Nesting and Breeding Season
American kestrel	500 feet	March 1 to June 15

Ferruginous hawk	0.5 mile	March 15 to August 15
Golden eagle	0.5 – 1 mile	February 1 to August 15
Peregrine falcon	0.25 mile	January 1 to July 1
Red-tailed hawk	0.10 mile	March 1 to August 15
Swainson's hawk	0.25 mile	April 1 to August 15
Western burrowing owl	0.25 mile	April 1 to August 15
Other hawks and owls	0.25 mile	March 1 to August 15

Attachment J: Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 4
Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan

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Table of Contents

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 4, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 4 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The ~~proposed~~ approved Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities and the anticipated phasing of construction are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan (WMP) describes wildlife monitoring the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct during operation of the Facility. This WMP has the following components:

1. Raptor nest surveys
2. Washington ground squirrel (WAGS; *Urocitellus washingtoni)* monitoring
3. Wildlife Reporting and Handling System (WRHS)
4. Data reporting

This WMP will be updated, as necessary, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and will be updated as needed to reflect the final layout of the Facility.

2.0 Raptor Nest Surveys

The objectives of raptor nest surveys are: (1) to count raptor nests on the ground or above ground at the Facility; and (2) to determine whether there are noticeable changes in nesting activity in the local populations of raptor species, with particular focus on Swainson's hawks (*Buteo swainsoni*), the only state sensitive raptor species documented nesting during baseline surveys.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct long-term ground-based monitoring of nests identified during the baseline raptor nest surveys, as well as any other nests identified subsequently. The ground-based surveys will be used to evaluate nest success by gathering data on nest occupancy. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ qualified personnel to perform raptor nest surveys.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

2.1 Initial Monitoring

The first monitoring season will be in the first full raptor nesting season after the commercial operating date. During the first monitoring season, the surveyor will conduct one ground survey for raptor nests in late May or early June and additional surveys as described in this section. The ground surveys will be conducted within the site boundary to determine nest occupancy.

All nests discovered during the anticipated pre-construction surveys and any nests discovered during post-construction surveys, whether active or inactive, will be given identification numbers. Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates will be recorded for each nest. Locations of inactive nests will be recorded because they could become occupied during future years.

After the first monitoring season, the surveyor will analyze this one year of data compared to the baseline data. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide a summary of the first-year results in the monitoring report described in Section 5.0.

2.2 Long-Term Monitoring

The surveyor will conduct raptor nest surveys at 5-year intervals for the life of the Facility.[2] The surveyor will conduct~~-~~ long-term raptor nest surveys following the methods described in Section ~~-~~2.3 every 5 years after the first monitoring season in years divisible by 5. This may result in a greater than 5-year period between the initial monitoring season and the first long-term monitoring season (e.g., if the initial monitoring season is 2028, the first long-term monitoring season would be 2035 rather than 2033). During each long-term monitoring event biologists will visit all previously identified nest locations in addition to searching the survey area for new nest sites.

In conducting long-term surveys, the surveyor will follow the same survey protocols as the initial survey (Section 2.3), unless the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes alternative protocols that are approved by ODOE. In developing an alternative protocol, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODFW and ODOE and will take into consideration other raptor nest monitoring conducted in adjacent or overlapping areas.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will analyze the data to identify any trends in the number of raptor breeding attempts the Facility supports and the success of those attempts. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will submit a report after each year of long-term raptor nest surveys.

2.3 Monitoring Protocol

Qualifications of surveyors: Surveys and nest monitoring will be conducted by professional, qualified biologists with a relevant academic background and sufficient field experience pertaining to avian biology and species identification.

[2] As used in this plan, "life of the Facility" means continuously until the Facility is restored and the site certificate is terminated in accordance with OAR 345-027-0110.

Survey period: Occupancy surveys will be conducted between March 1 and May 31. The survey period may be extended in consultation with ODFW and ODOE.

Survey area: The survey area will be limited to leased parcels within the Site Boundary, where surveyor access is granted. Surveys will be performed from public roads and project roads, or from participating landowner parcels only, as site conditions safely permit (e.g. snow, mud).

Survey protocol: Biologists will conduct a ground-based search for raptor nest activity using binoculars and/or spotting scopes to search potential nest sites. Previously identified nests will be surveyed to determine the occupancy status of nests. New nests that are discovered will also be surveyed~~,~~ and visited in future monitoring years. A log will be kept to track nest occupancy status on all nests. ArcGIS Online or similar GIS program will be used to locate and track the nests.

Data collection: Data collected during the survey will include, at a minimum, the location, occupancy status, occupying species, activity observed, and condition of each nest.

<u>Nest Location:</u> Nest/Burrow Identification Number: Existing IDs will be used where possible in addition to corresponding GPS waypoint numbers.

<u>Occupying Species:</u> Using four-letter American Ornithologists' Union codes (e.g., SWHA = Swainson's hawk).

<u>Raptor Activity:</u>

- Adult Present: Proximity of the adult to the nest (e.g., on nest, nearby, or unknown).
- Eggs or Young: Number of eggs or young observed.
- Nest Substrate: Structure in which nest was located (e.g., broadleaf tree, cut bank, transmission
  pole, etc.).
- Nest Height: Height relative to the structure it is on (e.g., on top of transmission pole, 3/4 of height of tree).

<u>Nest Condition:</u> To assess nest condition the following criteria will be used:

- No Longer Present: For nests that are no longer present.
- Unknown: The nest cannot be found, was not surveyed, or the nest is present, but because of its
  location a determination cannot be made.
- Excellent: Defined cup or nest bowl with a well-maintained rim; adult or young present.
- Good: Nest bowl intact and rim defined; minor repair needed for nest to be used; margins of nest in loose configuration, minor slumping occurring.
- Fair: Nest bowl intact and nest not dilapidated; but needs significant repair in order to be used;
  material is slumping or sliding.
- Poor: Loose structure of nest bowl still present; nest walls and side falling out; nest is in need of
  major repair to be used.
- Remnant: Nest bowl not defined; scant material remaining and not usable unless fully rebuilt.

Determination of active nests: Nest occupancy status will be determined using the definitions below.

Active: Defined by the presence of one or more eggs, dependent young, or adults on the nest in the past 10 days during the breeding season, including the period when adults are displaying courtship behaviors and are building or adding to the nest in preparation for egg-laying.

Potentially Active: There is not observable activity during the visit, but active status cannot be confirmed.

Inactive: The inactive status will only be determined if the nest is observed for at least one hour each time over the course of two consecutive visits separated by at least one day.

3.0 Washington Ground Squirrel Monitoring

No WAGS were detected during baseline surveys, but any new colonies that are detected incidentally during other surveys, such as raptor nest monitoring, will be documented and the extent of those colonies delineated and included in future WAGS monitoring and reporting activities.

If any incidental WAGS are detected, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ qualified personnel to monitor these locations every 5 years thereafter in years divisible by five for the life of the Facility (i.e., on the same monitoring schedule as the raptor nest surveys). The survey area will include the colonies (i.e., groups of active burrows) and a buffer of 785 feet in suitable habitat, if accessible. The surveyors will walk linear transects spaced 165 to 230 feet (50 to 70 meters) apart two times between February 15 and May 31. Surveys of each location will be spaced at least 2 weeks apart. Surveyors will record locations of activity centers and colony boundaries using a sub-meter accuracy GPS unit; approximate number of burrows; and representative photographs of burrows and scat. Surveyors will describe habitat characteristics at each location and note any noticeable land use or habitat changes that may have occurred since detection.

After each survey, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report the results to ODFW and ODOE and will include maps of the areas surveyed and detection locations. WAGS surveys will not be conducted if there are barriers to WAGS dispersal (i.e., active agriculture fields, highways, perennial waterbodies) or no suitable habitat.

4.0 Wildlife Reporting and Handling System

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will document fatalities found during routine maintenance activities and any other incidentally detected fatalities. However, systematic post-construction fatality monitoring studies are not likely to produce significant findings or provide meaningful data on impacts based on the attributes of this Facility (especially relative to the costs that they incur to implement) as described below, and therefore no systematic post-construction fatality monitoring study is proposed for the Facility nor is one needed to meet the standards under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-022-0060. In a December 2023 meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and ODOE, ODFW stated they are not requesting a post-construction fatality monitoring study for the Facility. If evidence of significant fatality events is detected by operations and maintenance (O&M) staff, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will coordinate with

ODOE and ODFW regarding the need for systematic post-construction fatality monitoring and adaptive management.

Although mortality at the Facility due to collision with infrastructure is possible, as it is with most human development (e.g., buildings), the available literature on avian mortality at utility-scale photovoltaic solar energy sites suggests that mortality at these facilities is comparatively low (Walston et al. 2016, Loss et al. 2014, Kosciuch et al. 2020, Smith et al. 2021). In Oregon, results of a fatality study at a 56-MW photovoltaic facility near Prineville detected only three bird fatalities, only two of which were native birds (i.e., a horned lark [*Eremophila alpestris*] and a dark-eyed junco [*Junco hyemalis*]), during 1 year of standardized searches (ODOE 2020). These results suggest that large fatality events are unlikely at photovoltaic solar facilities in the region but that low numbers of fatalities of common ground-dwelling bird species could be detected at the Facility (ODOE 2020), and may be similar to background mortality levels. Post-construction fatality monitoring studies conducted at utility-scale photovoltaic solar facilities to date have reported lower fatality rates compared to other human development types, with fatalities in general primarily composed of resident ground-nesting birds.

In contrast to wind energy development, impacts to wildlife from photovoltaic solar development are primarily associated with habitat loss rather than direct mortality from collisions. The Facility is located almost entirely on wheat fields, and impacts to wildlife habitat will be minimal, restricted primarily to small tracts of disturbed grasslands. This habitat will be mitigated in accordance with ODFW's Habitat Mitigation Policy (OAR 635-415-0025), as described in the Facility's Exhibit P and Habitat Mitigation Plan (Attachment P-2 to Exhibit P; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will adhere to standard best management practices including following Avian Powerline Interaction Committee guidelines for minimizing avian collisions and electrocutions (APLIC 2006, 2012), primarily burying the medium voltage collector line system, and implementing down-shield lighting for permanent lighting at the substations and O&M buildings, and identifying a licensed local wildlife rehabilitator capable of responding to the Facility in the event of injured wildlife. Based on coordination with ODFW, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will additionally install flight diverters on the overhead collector line that crosses Sand Hollow. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will use wildlife-friendly fencing that does not include a top strand. Thus, the Facility has already minimized the risk of avian collision fatalities, based on known risk factors such as lighting (Gehring et al. 2009; Kerlinger et al. 2010; USFWS 2012, 2013).

Additionally, post-construction fatality monitoring is not necessary for the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder to meet the standards under OAR 345-022-0060 (i.e., that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are consistent with the general fish and wildlife habitat mitigation goals and standards of OAR 635-415-0025, ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy) because the mitigation goals and standards relate to fish and wildlife habitat quality and quantity rather than fatalities of fish and wildlife individuals. OAR 635-415-0025 goals and standards for impacts to Category 2, 3, 4, and 5 habitat (i.e., the habitat categories addressed in the Facility's Habitat Mitigation Plan) include avoidance and, where impacts are unavoidable, mitigation to achieve the goal of no net loss of either habitat quantity or quality (Category 2, 3 and 4 habitat) and/or a net benefit in habitat quantity or quality (Category 2 and 5

habitat). Fatality monitoring, in itself, does not improve or maintain habitat quantity or quality, nor would the results of monitoring affect the habitat mitigation ratios or the size of the mitigation need described in the Facility's Habitat Mitigation Plan attached to Exhibit P and Attachment 6 for RFA 1. Therefore, a systematic post-construction fatality monitoring study is not necessary for the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) to determine that the Facility is consistent with OAR 635-415-0025

Although standardized fatality searches will not be implemented, all incidentally detected fatalities will be reported in the WRHS. The WRHS is a program for O&M staff to report wildlife (including bird and bat) casualties found during operation of the Facility. O&M staff will be trained in the methods needed to carry out this program. This monitoring program includes the initial response, handling, and reporting of bird and bat carcasses discovered incidental to maintenance operations ("incidental finds"). Approximately 10 permanent O&M staff are anticipated to be on-site for Facility operations and be responsible for WRHS program implementation. If a battery energy storage system is installed, additional workers will be on-site, but they will likely be contract employees and will not be included in WRHS program implementation. As part of routine O&M activities, O&M staff will visit each inverter pad approximately every 6 months to visually inspect equipment. If evidence of significant fatality events is detected by O&M staff, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will coordinate with ODOE and ODFW regarding the need for systematic post-construction fatality monitoring.

All carcasses discovered by O&M staff will be photographed and recorded. If O&M staff find a carcass at the Facility, they will notify qualified personnel who will identify the carcass. If the qualified personnel determines that a carcass is a state or federally threatened or endangered or otherwise protected species, agency reporting procedures and timelines specified in Section 5.0 shall be followed. Information recorded for each carcass and reported to ODFW and ODOE will include the location, date of discovery, species if known, as well as any evidence that might assist in determination of cause of death, such as evidence of electrocution, vehicular strike, wire strike, predation, or disease. Based on coordination with ODFW, feather spots[3] will be documented if found as well, consistent with industry standards; however, feather spots will not necessarily be attributed to a Facility-caused fatality (personal communication with J. Thompson, ODFW, December 13, 2023). Fatalities documented by O&M staff will be reported to ODOE and ODFW annually, as described in Section 5.0.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will develop and implement a protocol for handling injured birds. Any injured native birds found at the Facility may be carefully captured by trained qualified personnel and transported to a qualified rehabilitation specialist approved by ODOE. Alternatively, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may contact a qualified rehabilitation specialist approved by ODOE to respond to injured wildlife. Blue Mountain Wildlife (https://bluemountainwildlife.org/, 541.278.0215), located in Pendleton, Oregon, has confirmed the ability to respond to injured native wildlife, especially migratory birds, at the Facility (Lynn Tompkins, personal communication, April 11, 2023). The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will pay costs,

[3] Feather spots are defined as at least 5 tail feathers, or 2 primary feathers, or a total of at least 10 feathers with no attached bone or tissue, within 5 meters of each other (CEC and CDFG 2007).

if any, charged for time and expenses related to care and rehabilitation of injured native birds found on the site, unless the cause of injury is clearly demonstrated to be unrelated to Facility operations.

5.0 Data Reporting

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report wildlife monitoring methods, data, and data analysis to ODOE for each calendar year in which wildlife monitoring occurs. Monitoring data include raptor nest survey data, WAGS monitoring data (if applicable), and WRHS data. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may include the reporting of wildlife monitoring data and analysis in the annual report required under OAR 345-026-0080 or submit this information as a separate document at the same time the annual report is submitted. In addition, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide to ODOE data or records generated in carrying out this WMP upon request by ODOE.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and ODFW if any federal or state endangered or threatened species are killed or injured at the Facility within 24 hours of species identification.

6.0 Plan Amendment

This WMP may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and EFSC. Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this WMP. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.

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Attachment K: Draft Inadvertent Discovery Plan

Inadvertent Discovery Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 4

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Pine Gate Renewables (PGR) proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 4 (Facility), a solar energy generation facility with related or supporting facilities including an energy storage system on private lands in Morrow County, Oregon. PGR seeks a Site Certificate through the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) for the Facility. The Facility will include an up to ~~1,~~200-megawatt (MW) solar project, battery energy storage system, and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1). The ~~proposed~~ approved solar facility siting area (Facility site boundary) ~~will include approximately 10,960 acres of~~is located on privately owned agricultural land with areas of sage brush near the drainages and along Sand Hollow Canyon.

To meet the requirements for site certification, PGR must develop an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) for monitoring construction activities and responding to the discovery of archaeological resources or buried human remains.

2.0 CULTURAL RESOURCES IN THE PROJECT AREA

The entirety of the Facility site boundary and a 2-mile viewshed was surveyed for cultural resources, including pedestrian surveys along with subsurface shovel probing within the Facility site boundary. ~~A total of seven archaeological sites, one archaeological site with standing structures, and three isolated finds were identified in the Facility site boundary. All have been recommended as not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). In addition, two~~One Historic Propert~~ies~~y of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSIT~~s~~), Sand Hollow Battleground ~~and Sisupa~~, is~~are~~ identified in the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) archaeological database as overlapping a portion of the Facility site boundary. The HPRCSITs are eligible for listing on the NRHP.

Due to the presence of two culturally important resource areas to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) within the Facility site boundary and its viewshed, the CTUIR has recommended monitoring to protect potential HPRCSIT-associated subsurface resources. The CTUIR has recommended that monitoring occur in the following areas:

- Within the HPR~~S~~CSIT boundaries and a 100-foot surrounding buffer area, monitoring should occur for all ground disturbing activities, except driving posts for the solar modules; and
- Monitoring should occur within the Facility site boundary for all excavation work related to the proposed 3-foot-deep collector cable system.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

Prior to construction, PGR will develop a Monitoring Plan that incorporates this IDP and includes necessary staff, agency, and tribal contact information once determined. This plan should include monitoring protocols and staffing roles and incorporate input from the CTUIR.

3.0 PROCEDURES FOR THE DISCOVERY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

If any staff, contractors, or subcontractors, including archaeological and/or tribal monitors, believe that they have encountered cultural or archaeological remains of any kind, all work at and adjacent to the discovery shall immediately cease. The area of work stoppage will be adequate to provide for the security, protection, and integrity of the archaeological discovery. A cultural resource discovery may be pre-contact period or historic period in age and consist of (but not limited to):

- Areas of charcoal or charcoal-stained soil and stones;
- Stone tools or waste flakes (i.e., an arrowhead or stone chips);
- Bone, burned rock, or shell, whether or not seen in association with stone tools or chips;
- Clusters of tin cans, ceramics, flat glass, or bottles; and
- Concentrations of brick, railway tracks, or logging or agricultural equipment.

In the event unrecorded archaeological resources are identified during the construction or operation of the Sunstone Solar Project 4, work within 100 feet of the find shall be halted and directed away from the discovery until a Qualified Archaeologist[2] assesses the resource and its significance for inclusion on the NRHP. This assessment will include coordination with the CTUIR. (A wider avoidance area will be required for human remains; see below.) The archaeologist, in coordination with ODOE, the SHPO, Facility personnel, CTUIR, and the landowner, shall make the necessary plans for treatment of the finds and for the evaluation and mitigation of impacts if the finds are found to be eligible for listing on the NRHP.

A Qualified Archaeologist will determine if the resources are archaeological and greater than 50 years old. If the archaeologist believes that the discovery is a cultural resource, he or she in coordination with the PGR Construction Manager will establish a 100-foot avoidance buffer to protect the discovery site where construction activities will be suspended until treatment of the discovery can be determined. Vehicles, equipment, and unauthorized personnel will not be permitted to traverse the discovery site or avoidance area. Any newly discovered archaeological resource will be considered eligible to the NRHP until determined otherwise. Work in the immediate area will not resume until treatment of the discovery has been completed.

If archaeological artifacts are observed during construction, the Qualified Archaeologist will ensure proper documentation and assessment of any discovered cultural resources. All precontact and

[2] *Qualified Archaeologist* - means a person with qualifications meeting the federal secretary of the interior's standards for a Professional Archaeologist . An individual who has: (A) A post-graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, history, classics or other germane discipline with a specialization in archaeology, or a documented equivalency of such a degree; (B) Twelve weeks of supervised experience in basic archaeological field research, including both survey and excavation and four weeks of laboratory analysis or curating; and (C) Has designed and executed an archaeological study, as evidenced by a Master of Arts or Master of Science thesis, or report equivalent in scope and quality, dealing with archaeological field research.

historic cultural material discovered during project construction will be recorded by the archaeologist in SHPO's online archaeological site form database. Site overviews, features, and artifacts will be photographed; stratigraphic profiles and soil/sediment descriptions will be prepared for subsurface exposure. Discovery locations will be documented on scaled site plans and site location maps.

If the Qualified Archaeologist in consultation with the SHPO and CTUIR determines that the discovery is an NRHP-eligible cultural resource, they will consult to determine appropriate treatment to be presented and agreed upon in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or other appropriate documentation. Mitigation measures will be developed in consultation with PGR, ODOE, SHPO, CTUIR, and the landowner, and could include avoidance through redesign, conducting data recovery, and/or relocating materials. Treatment measures performed may include protecting in place or data recovery such as mapping, photography, limited probing, and sample collection, or other activity deemed appropriate through an MOA or other appropriate documentation.

If human remains are inadvertently discovered, ODOE, SHPO, the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS), and CTUIR will decide when construction may continue at the discovery location. Where cultural resources are encountered during construction, but additional project effects to the resources are not anticipated, Facility construction may continue while documentation and assessment of the cultural resources proceed. If continued construction is likely to cause additional impacts to such resources, Facility activities within a radius of 100 feet of the discovery will cease until the Qualified Archaeologist has documented the site, evaluated its significance in consultation with CTUIR, and assessed potential effects to the site.

Discovery Procedures: What to do if you find something

1) **Immediately Discontinue All Ground Disturbing Activity. Do Not Touch Or Move The Objects, and Maintain Confidentiality of the Site. Do Not Take Photos.** Removing bone fragments, artifacts, and other items from any archaeological site, without proper authorization, is against the law. Violators could be charged in state or federal court resulting in a fine or imprisonment.
2) Do not draw any attention to the area with obvious flagging or markers. Maintain confidentiality concerning the discovery of the cultural resource, and do not discuss with anyone other than the contact people listed above. Secure and protect area of inadvertent discovery with 100 foot buffer—work may continue outside of this buffer.
3) Notify PGR Project Manager and ODOE (see Attachment A).
4) Construction Manager will need to contact a Qualified Archaeologist to assess the find.
5) If archaeologist determines the find is an archaeological site or object, contact SHPO. If it is determined to *not* be archaeological, you may continue work.

4.0 PROCEDURES FOR THE DISCOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS

If human remains and/or associated grave goods are inadvertently encountered during Project activities, the Oregon State legislature protocol for inadvertent discovery of human remains will be

followed (Oregon State Legislature 202~~5~~3). All activity that may cause further disturbance to the remains shall cease and the area secured and protected from further disturbance. A 200-foot avoidance buffer will be utilized for human remains and associated grave goods until appropriate treatment is completed. The presence of skeletal remains will be immediately reported to the County Medical Examiner, Oregon State Police, SHPO, and LCIS. The remains will not be touched, moved, or further disturbed. The County Medical Examiner or LCIS State Physical Anthropologist will assume jurisdiction over the human skeletal remains and determine whether those remains are forensic or non-forensic. If the remains are non-forensic, then they will report that finding to SHPO and the State Physical Anthropologist with the LCIS, who will then take jurisdiction over the remains and will notify CTUIR.

Although excavation work in the immediate area of a human remains find will not resume until assessment has been completed, excavation work may continue in other parts of the Facility that have been surveyed for cultural resources. Due to the sensitive nature of such a find, human remains should never be left unattended. No work will resume in the area of a human remains discovery until written authorization has been received from the LCIS and SHPO.

Discovery Procedures: What to do if you find something

1) **Immediately Discontinue All Ground Disturbing Activity. Do Not Touch Or Move The Objects, and Maintain Confidentiality of the Site. Do Not Take Photos.** Removing bone fragments, artifacts, and other items from any archaeological site, without proper authorization, is against the law. Violators could be charged in state or federal court resulting in a fine or imprisonment.
2) Do not draw any attention to the area with obvious flagging or markers. Maintain confidentiality concerning the inadvertent discovery, and do not discuss with anyone other than the contact people listed above. Secure and protect area of inadvertent discovery with 60-meter/200-foot buffer, then work may continue outside of this buffer with caution.
3) Cover remains from view and protect them from damage or exposure, restrict access, and leave in place until directed otherwise. Do not take photographs. Do not speak to the media.
4) Notify (refer to Attachment A for contact information):
   - PGR Project Manager
   - ODOE
   - Oregon State Police **DO NOT CALL 911**
   - SHPO
   - LCIS State Physical Anthropologist
   - CTUIR and other appropriate Native American Tribes determined by LCIS
5) If the site is determined not to be a crime scene by the Oregon State Police, do not move anything! The remains will continue to be secured in place along with any associated funerary objects, and protected from weather, water runoff, and shielded from view.

6) Do not resume any work in the buffered area until a plan is developed and carried out between ODOE, SHPO, LCIS, and appropriate Native American Tribes and you are directed that work may proceed.

5.0 CONFIDENTIALITY

The Facility and employees shall make their best efforts, in accordance with federal and state law, to ensure that its personnel and contractors keep the discovery confidential. The media, or any third-party member or members of the public are not to be contacted or have information regarding the discovery, and any public or media inquiry is to be reported to ODOE. Prior to any release, the responsible agencies and Tribes shall concur on the amount of information, if any, to be released to the public.

To protect fragile, vulnerable, or threatened sites, the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (Section 304 [16 U.S.C. 470s-3]), and Oregon State law (Oregon Revised Statute 192.501(11)) establishes that the location of archaeological sites, both on land and underwater, shall be confidential.

6.0 REFERENCES

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ATTACHMENT A: CONTACTS

1. Pine Gate Renewables

Project Manager	To be determined prior to construction

2. Cultural Resource Contacts

Qualified Archaeologist	Lara Rooke, Tetra Tech (425) 217 7625 (Cell)
Oregon SHPO State Archaeologist	John Pouley (503) 480-9164
State Physical Anthropologist, LCIS	Dr. Elissa Bullion (971) 707-1372 or (503) 986-1067

3. Agency Contacts

ODOE	Christopher Clark (503) 871-7254
Oregon State Police	Craig Heuberger (503) 731-0079 or (503) 731-3030 (dispatch)
Morrow County Medical Examiner	(541) 676-5421

4. Tribal Contacts

CTUIR	Teara Farrow Ferman (Human Remains) (541) 429-7230 or (541) 377-2959 (cell) Ashley Morton (Archaeological Resources) (541) 429-7214

Attachment L: Draft Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 4

Draft Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 4

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APLIC	Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~	Sunstone Solar 4, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC
BMP	best management practice
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
Facility	Sunstone Solar Project 4
Li-ion	lithium-ion
MW	megawatt
O&M	operations and maintenance
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
Plan	Wildfire Mitigation Plan
RACE	Rescue, Alarm, Contain, Extinguish
RFA	Request for Amendment
SCADA	supervisory, control, and data acquisition
UL	Underwriters Laboratories

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 4, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct the approved Sunstone Solar Project 4 (Facility), a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate~~with~~ up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal electric generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. ~~In addition to solar arrays, the proposed Facility would include up to 17.2 gigawatt hours of distributed battery storage capacity, an interconnection substation, up to seven collector substations, an operations and maintenance building, and other structures including roads, perimeter fencing, and gates. The Facility is proposed to be sited within an approximately 10,960-acre (17 square mile) site boundary in Morrow County. All land within the proposed site boundary is privately owned and zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.~~ The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan) is attached to Exhibit V – Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation[2] and updated for Request for Amendment (RFA) 1 (see Attachment 6) which~~that~~ was prepared to meet the submittal requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-021-0010(1)(v), including providing evidence that the Facility complies with the approval standard in OAR 345-022-0115.

2.0 Wildfire Risk Minimization Procedures

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source;*

In addition to the measures described in this plan, the risk of a wildfire affecting the public safety, first responders, or Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council–protected resources would be minimized by the procedures listed in Table 1.

The Certificate H~~h~~older will contact local fire districts, as well as local emergency management agencies to request and incorporate any input into final Construction WMP, as appropriate, about

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit V, May 16, 2024.

the location and types of temporary fire breaks needed in the event of a fire on or off site. The final WMP shall designate:

- Estimated response times for on-site staff and local emergency service providers (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Protocols for staff or emergency providers to erect or create fire breaks in the event of a fire (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Identify and provide maps of:
  - Primary access points and facility components.
  - Important safety features or hazards such as shut-offs and hazardous material storage areas.
  - Priority areas where fire breaks would be prioritized to protect fires spreading off site or impacting the facility site.

During construction, the C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older or its contractor will work directly with local emergency responders, if available, to compile and maintain a current list of adjacent landowners/property owners with contact information. The final Wildfire Mitigation Plan will identify the best notification procedures of adjacent landowners/property owners to provide to local and regional emergency services for emergency notifications, in the event of an ignition or fire at the facility.

Table 1: Procedures to Minimize Wildfire Risk

Topic	Procedures
Public health and safety	The public will be excluded from the solar array, substation, and battery energy storage system facilities by fencing. Ground-mounted inverters and junction boxes will be surrounded by bollards to minimize inadvertent vehicle/farm equipment collisions with electrical equipment.
First Responders	The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will offer annual training to local first responders. Training will cover the firefighting responses to electrical fires. Response to fires in the facility should focus on controlling spread to adjacent lands. Operational staff will be trained in the use of fire extinguishers for responding to incipient stage fires on site.
Resource Protection	Resources covered by Energy Facility Siting Council standards near the site boundary include agricultural land, shrub steppe habitat, and cultural resources. The existing county roads will form a fire break between fields that will discourage the spread of wildfire between fields into wildlife habitat or cultural resources. ~~According to Exhibit S, within the analysis area there are four cultural resources that are listed or likely eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The four cultural resources include two historic sites, ES-KB-03 and ES-KB-07, and two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes, Sand Hollow Battle Ground and Sisupa. ES-KB-03 is a Dutch barn that was constructed in the late 19th to early 20th century.~~

3.0 Wildfire Risk Assessment

This Plan has been prepared to meet the approval standard under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b), which requires:

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;*

Prior to construction of the facility provide a summary update of wildfire risk at the site as designated under OAR 345-022-0115, if significantly different from Final Order on ASC and the Request for Amendment 1.

4.0 Inspection and Management

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;*

4.1 Vegetation Management

The Certificate Holder and contractor(s) will maintain vegetation within the Site Boundary and will also maintain a defensible space clearance along Facility features. Defensible space will be free of combustible vegetation or other materials. Roads and parking areas will be maintained to be free of vegetation tall enough to contact the undercarriage of the vehicle.

The following best management practices to minimize fire risk from vehicle travel and fueling activities would be implemented at the site during construction:

- The movement of vehicles will be planned and managed to minimize fire risk.
- The contractor(s) will be responsible for identifying and marking paths for all off-road vehicle travel. All off-road vehicle travel will be required to stay on the identified paths. No off-road vehicle travel will be permitted while working alone. Travel off road or parking in vegetated areas will be restricted during fire season.
- Areas with grass that are as tall or taller than the exhaust system of a vehicle must be wetted before vehicles travel through it.
- Workers will be instructed to shut off the engine of any vehicle that gets stuck, and periodically inspect the area adjacent to the exhaust system for evidence of ignition of vegetation. Stuck vehicles will be pulled out rather than "rocked" free and the area will be inspected again after the vehicle has been moved.
- All combustion engines (including but not limited to off road vehicles, chainsaws, and generators) will be equipped with a spark arrester that meets U.S. Forest Service Standard 5100-1.

- The contractor(s) will designate a location for field fueling operations at the temporary construction yards. Any fueling of generators, pumps, etc. shall take place at this location only.
- Fuel containers, if used, shall remain in a vehicle or equipment trailer, parked at a designated location alongside a county right-of-way. No fuel containers shall be in the vehicles that exit the right-of-way except the five-gallon container that is required for the water truck pump.
- Smoking shall only be allowed in designated smoking areas at the Facility.

5.0 Preventative and Minimization Actions for Wildfire Risk

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;

5.1 Preventative Actions

Unless already paved, access roads will be graveled. Facility roads will be sufficiently sized for emergency vehicle access in accordance with 2019 Oregon Fire Code requirements, including Section 503 and Appendix D - Fire Apparatus Access Roads[3]. Specifically, roads will primarily be 10 feet wide in the solar array area with roads up to 20 feet wide near the substation, with an internal turning radius of 28 feet and less than 10 percent grade, or a similar profile depending on siting, to provide access to emergency vehicles. The areas immediately around the ~~O&M buildings,~~ substations~~,~~ and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present. See Exhibit U[4] for additional discussion of Project fire prevention measures and coordination with local emergency responders.

5.2 Preventative Programs

The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will implement the following programs to minimize fire risk during construction of the Facility, as applicable.

5.2.1 Occupational Safety and Health Act–Compliant Fire Prevention Plan

To assure safe and healthful working conditions under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, all workers, contracting employees, and other personnel performing official duties at the Facility will conduct work under a Fire Prevention Plan that meets applicable portions of 29 CFR 1910.39, 29 CFR 1910.155, and 29 CFR 1910, subpart L. The plan will ensure that:

- Workers are trained in fire prevention, good housekeeping, and use of a fire extinguisher.

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit D, May 16, 2024.
[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit U, May 16, 2024.

- Necessary equipment is available to fight incipient stage fires. Fire beyond incipient stage shall be managed using local fire response organizations.
- Provide necessary safety equipment for handling and storing combustible and flammable material.
- Ensure equipment is maintained to prevent and control sources of ignition.
- Do not allow smoking or open flames in an area where combustible materials are located.
- Implement a Hot Work Procedure program.

5.2.2 Fire Weather Monitoring and Hot Work

Burn probability, expected flame length, and overall risk may increase during periods of the fire season. Personnel on site will monitor Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings. A fire weather watch indicates the potential for weather conducive to large fore spread in the next 12 to 72 hours. A Red Flag Warning is issued when current weather conditions are conducive to large fire growth in the next 24 hours. Personnel monitoring these conditions shall halt work in high risk locations, designated in this plan, and employ additional mitigation measures designated in this plan. Mitigation measures during a Red Flag Warning include, but are not limited to, communicating to on-site staff of the Red Flag Warning, communicating with local fire protection agency personnel of on-going conditions, driving or parking on roads to avoid sparking a fire in grass or brush, and halting construction activities that may increase fire risk such as hot work. All hot work (any cutting, welding, or other activity that creates spark or open flame) must be conducted on roads or on non-combustible surfaces, and fire suppression equipment will be immediately available during hot work activities. Following the completion of hot work, the Certificate Holder or contractor(s) must maintain a fire watch for 60 minutes to monitor for potential ignition.

5.2.3 Emergency Management Plan

The EMP will be prepared prior to construction by the Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ and construction contractor and will contain policies and procedures for preparing for and responding to a range of potential emergencies, including fires. Implementation of the EMP will ensure risks to public health and safety and risks to emergency responders are minimized. Any potential fires inside the solar array will be controlled by trained staff who will be able to access the Facility around the clock. These measures will help keep external fires out or internal fires in. The EMP will cover response procedures that consider the dry nature of the region and address risks on a seasonal basis. The plan will also specify communication channels the Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ intends to pursue with local fire protection agency personnel, for example, a construction kickoff meeting to discuss emergency planning, and invitations to observe any emergency drill conducted at the Facility.

In addition to the emergency responses to be stipulated in the EMP, personnel will be trained on the RACE (Rescue, Alarm,~~,~~ Contain, Extinguish) procedure to implement in the event of a fire start. The RACE procedure includes:

- **Rescue** anyone in danger (if safe to do so);
- **Alarm** – call the control room, who will then determine if 911 should be alerted;
- **Contain** the fire (if safe to do so); and
- **Extinguish** the incipient fire stage (if safe to do so).

Vehicles on-site will carry fire suppression equipment during the fire season. This equipment shall include, at a minimum:

- Fire Extinguisher: Dry chemical, 2.5 or 2.8 pound, 1A-10B: C U/L rating, properly mounted or secured;
- Shovel;
- Collapsible Pail or Backpack Pump: 5-gallon capacity; and
- Drip Can.

Another safety mitigation measure is to have available on site during construction is a water truck, water buffalo, or tank with minimum 500 gallon capacity.

Personnel will receive training on use of suppression equipment. All personnel shall also be equipped with communication equipment capable of reaching the control room from all locations within the site boundary.

6.0 Plan Updates and Modifications

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.

The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will track the industry groups and applicable design standards outlined in Table 2 to identify future technologies or best practices that could be implemented at the Facility.

Table 2: Resources for Future Best Practices

Reference	Description	Method
American Clean Power (ACP)	Industry group that establishes best practices for renewable energy projects	The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ is a member of ACP and participates in best practice development[1].

Reference	Description	Method
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)	National Energy Reliability Corporation develops electrical standards for large energy facilities.	The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will follow NERC Standard FAC-003-0 for its vegetation management program of transmission lines[2], or updates to this standard as approved by NERC.
Oregon Specialty Building Codes (OSBC)	Building codes applicable to inhabitable spaces, including ~~the O&M building and~~ the substation enclosure.	Remodeling to the ~~O&M and~~ enclosure structure that requires permits will follow any updates to the OSBC at that time.
APLIC	Avian protection methods for electrical facility reduce fires related to bird/mammal nests on electrical equipment	The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ is a member of APLIC[3]. An operational wildlife monitoring program will inspect for wildlife nesting on facilities that could cause fire, and take actions following applicable laws (e.g., Migratory Bird Treaty Act).

1. Link to ACP Standards & Practices: https://cleanpower.org/resources/types/standards-and-practices/.
2. NERC FAC-003-0: https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Reliability%20Standards/FAC-003-0.pdf.
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Attachment M: Draft Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 4

Draft Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 4

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APLIC	Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~	Sunstone Solar 4, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC
BMP	best management practice
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
Facility	Sunstone Solar Project 4
Li-ion	lithium-ion
MW	megawatt
O&M	operations and maintenance
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
Plan	Wildfire Mitigation Plan
RACE	Rescue, Alarm, Contain, Extinguish
RFA	Request for Amendment
SCADA	supervisory, control, and data acquisition
UL	Underwriters Laboratories

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 4, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct the approved Sunstone Solar Project 4 (Facility), a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate~~with~~ up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal electric generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. ~~In addition to solar arrays, the proposed Facility would include up to 7.2 gigawatt hours of distributed battery storage capacity, an interconnection substation, up to seven collector substations, an operations and maintenance building, and other structures including roads, perimeter fencing, and gates. The Facility is proposed to be sited within an approximately 10,960-acre (17 square mile) site boundary in Morrow County. All land within the proposed site boundary is privately owned and zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.~~ The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan) wa~~i~~s attached to Exhibit V – Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation[2] and updated for Request for Amendment (RFA) 1 (see Attachment 6) which~~that~~ was prepared to meet the submittal requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-021-0010(1)(v), including providing evidence that the Facility complies with the approval standard in OAR 345-022-0115.

2.0 Wildfire Risk Minimization Procedures

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source;

In addition to the measures described above, the risk of a wildfire affecting the public safety, first responders, or Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council–protected resources would be minimized by the procedures listed in Table 1.

The Certificate H~~h~~older will contact local fire districts, as well as local emergency management agencies to request and incorporate any input into final WMP, as appropriate, about the location

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit V, May 16, 2024.

and types of temporary fire breaks needed in the event of a fire on or off site. The final WMP shall designate:

- Estimated response times for on-site staff and local emergency service providers, (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Protocols for staff or emergency providers to erect or create fire breaks in the event of a fire, (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Identify and provide maps of:
    - Primary access points and facility components.
    - Important safety features or hazards such as shut-offs, battery components, and hazardous material storage areas.
    - Priority areas where fire breaks would be prioritized to protect fires spreading off site or impacting the facility site.

During operation, the C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older or its contractor will work directly with local emergency responders, if available, to compile and maintain a current list of adjacent landowners/property owners with contact information. The final Wildfire Mitigation Plan will identify the best notification procedures of adjacent landowners/property owners to provide to local and regional emergency services for emergency notifications, in the event of an ignition or fire at the facility.

Table 1: Procedures to Minimize Wildfire Risk

Topic	Procedures
Public health and safety	The public will be excluded from the solar array, substation, and battery energy storage system facilities by fencing. Ground-mounted inverters and junction boxes will be surrounded by bollards to minimize inadvertent vehicle/farm equipment collisions with electrical equipment.
First Responders	The C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older will offer annual training to local first responders. Training will cover the firefighting responses to electrical fires and how to safely respond to fires involving BESS components. Response to fires in the facility should focus on controlling spread to adjacent lands. Operational staff will be trained in the use of fire extinguishers for responding to incipient stage fires on site.
Resource Protection	Resources covered by Energy Facility Siting Council standards near the site boundary include agricultural land, shrub steppe habitat, and cultural resources. The existing county roads will form a fire break between fields that will discourage the spread of wildfire between fields into wildlife habitat or cultural resources. ~~According to Exhibit S, within the analysis area there are four cultural resources that are listed or likely eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The four cultural resources include two historic sites, ES-KB-03 and ES-KB-07, and two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes, Sand Hollow Battle Ground and Sisupa. ES-KB-03 is a Dutch barn that was constructed in the late 19th to early 20th century.~~

3.0 Wildfire Risk Assessment Update

This Plan has been prepared to meet the approval standard under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b), which requires:

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;

Prior to operation of the facility provide a summary update of wildfire risk at the site as designated under OAR 345-022-0115.

4.0 Inspection and Management

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;

4.1 Facility Inspections

Facility components will be inspected quarterly. The supervisory, control, and data acquisition (SCADA) system collects operating and performance data from the Facility as a whole and allows remote operation. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will monitor the Facility components, such as the substation and solar arrays, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including shutdown capabilities. These operational monitoring and maintenance measures are also discussed in Section 4.0.

The battery energy storage system may consist of either zinc-based batteries or lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries and will be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules. The modules will be stored on a concrete pad to capture any leaks that may occur. Operations and maintenance (O&M) employees will conduct inspections of the battery energy storage systems according to the manufacturer's recommendations, which are assumed to be monthly inspections.

The zinc-based batteries under consideration for this Facility are non-flammable and tolerate wide temperature ranges. As a result, the manufacturer affirms that they are not anticipated to present a fire hazard and do not require on-site fire suppression systems. Section 2.7.1 of Exhibit B summarizes the information pertinent to fire prevention and control for a Li-ion battery energy storage system, if selected.

Table 2 below provides draft operational inspections for electrical facility components from similar types of facilities. As part of finalizing the final operational WMP, the Certificate Holder~~applicant~~ may update this table as applicable to facility equipment, standards, and inspections.

Table 2: Draft Operational Inspections for Electrical Components

Inspection	Procedure	Standard	Time frame
Solar Inverter	Visual inspection of inverter and surrounding area.	SPCC Plan[1] Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations	Monthly SPCC Bi-annual Preventative Maintenance

Inspection	Procedure	Standard	Time frame
Substation	Visual inspection of MPT, Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC) measures, and surrounding area.	Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations APLIC[2]	Monthly Yearly (APLIC)
BESS	Visual inspection of BESS, PCS, and surrounding areas	SPCC Plan Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations	Monthly
Overhead electrical lines	Visual inspection of components, grounding, APLIC measures, vertical clearance distance between conductor and vegetation.	National Energy reliability Corporation (NERC)[3] APLIC	Bi-annual
1. The Operational Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan for the facility will require these components to be inspected monthly for spills. During these inspections, Operational Staff will also visually inspect the component and surrounding area. 2. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will develop an inspection checklist and program of electrical equipment based on manufacturer's recommendations for individual components. 3. Vegetation maintenance standard FAC-003-0 .			

4.2 Vegetation Management

Vegetation within areas temporarily disturbed during construction of the Facility, as well as revegetation of areas within the solar array fence line area, will be revegetated as outlined in the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4[3]; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). As noted in the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, areas within the solar array fence line area will be revegetated with a mixture of low-growing grasses and forbs which would be compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). In addition, vegetation within the solar array fence line area will be managed as needed to reduce fuels for fire. This would include mowing vegetation under solar panels periodically, if required. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will also maintain a 5-foot noncombustible, defensible space clearance along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary. Defensible space will be free of combustible vegetation or other materials. Roads and parking areas will be maintained to be free of vegetation tall enough to contact the undercarriage of the vehicle.

A physical vegetation survey assessment of the fenced area will be completed at least twice a year to monitor for vegetation clearances, maintain fire breaks, as applicable, and monitor for wildfire hazards. One of the vegetation survey assessments will occur in May or June, prior to the start of the dry season, a time when wildfire risk begins to become heightened. The survey will be conducted by the Site Operations Manager and will be used to assess the frequency of any upcoming vegetation maintenance required and identify areas that may need additional attention. The Site

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

Operations Manager will visually assess and document vegetation height, abundance, and areas where vegetation should not be present such as crushed rock bed around collector substations. The vegetation survey assessment will determine that clearances and fire breaks (vegetative clearance areas and areas determined to remain clear to act as permanent fire breaks or areas where temporary fire breaks may be deployed in the event of a fire) are satisfactory, and if not, the mitigation procedures will be implemented (e.g., vegetation management) to ensure clearances and fire breaks are satisfactory The vegetation survey will document::

- Location of observations
- Species
- Estimated growth rate
- Abundance
- Clearance / Setbacks
- Risk of fire hazard

Additional vegetation surveys may be required throughout the season based on seasonally heightened fire risk. Vegetation Maintenance procedures and BMPs will be followed during operation of the Facility to ensure that vegetation does not grow in a manner that blocks or reduces solar radiation reaching the solar panels and reduce the risk of starting a fire. Vegetation control will employ best management practices (BMPs) and techniques that are most appropriate for the local environment. BMPs may include physical vegetation control such as mowing. Noxious weeds within the site boundary will be controlled in accordance with the Noxious Weed Control Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). Efforts will be made to minimize the use of herbicides and only herbicides approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Oregon Department of Agriculture will be used. Herbicides used for vegetation management of the site will be selected and used in a manner that fully complies with all applicable laws and regulations.

Vegetation within the fence line and below the solar arrays will be maintained to a height of 18 inches and provide a minimum of 24-inch clear distance to any exposed electrical cables. Exposed electrical wires should be running under the solar panels at the midpoint or higher than the center of the panel. The areas immediately around the ~~O&M buildings,~~ substations~~,~~ and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present.

Ongoing vegetation management to ensure that vegetation does not grow in these graveled areas is outlined in Table 3.

Table 3. Vegetation Management Procedures by Facility Component

Vegetation Management	Procedure	Standard	Time Frame
Solar Inverter	Herbicide application on gravel pad around inverter to prevent vegetation growth.	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 80[1] National Electrical Code (NEC) 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Substation	Herbicide application on substation gravel pad. Highly compacted gravel foundations of substation are not suitable for vegetation.	IEEE 80[1] NEC 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Battery energy storage system	Herbicide application on gravel pad surrounding the battery energy storage system. Highly compacted gravel foundations of the battery energy storage system are not suitable for vegetation.	IEEE 80[1] NEC 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Overhead electrical lines	Mow vegetation to achieve clearance requirements between conductor and ground.	North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)[3]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
1. IEEE (2015) 2. NFPA (2023) 3. NERC (2009)			

5.0 Preventative and Minimization Actions for Wildfire Risk

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;

5.1 Preventative Actions and Design Features

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will minimize risk of operation of the facility causing wildfire by implementing a number of systems and procedures. During O&M activities, these will include requirements to conduct welding or metal cutting only in areas cleared of vegetation, and maintaining emergency firefighting equipment on-site. Employees will keep vehicles on roads and off dry grassland when feasible during the dry months of the year, unless such activities are required for emergency purposes, in which case fire precautions will be observed. Fire extinguishers and shovels will be kept in all vehicles. On-site employees will also receive training on fire prevention and response and have on-site fire extinguishers to respond to small fires. In the event of a large fire, emergency responders will be dispatched.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will minimize risk of Facility components causing wildfire through preventative actions. In the design of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement

the design considerations and best practices outlined in Table 4 to minimize electrical fire risk from facility components.

Table 4. Design Considerations for Fire Safety by Facility Component

Consideration	Inverter	Substation	Battery Energy Storage System	Overhead Lines
Electrical connections by qualified electricians	X	X	X	X
Inspections for mechanical integrity prior to energizations	X	X	X	X
Lighting protection	X	X	X	X
Corrosion protection	X	X	X	X
Strain relief of connecting cabling	X	X	X	X
Protection against moisture	X	X	X	X
Grounding systems	X	X	X	X
Safety setback from structures	X[1]	X[1]	X[1]	X[2]
Technology specific design standards	X[3]	X[4]	X[5]	X[3]

1. Graveled inside structure's perimeter fence with additional 3-foot gravel setback outside of structure's perimeter fence
2. Vertical and horizontal clearances from structures depends on voltage of conductor.
3. NFPA 70 (.NFPA 2023).
4. IEEE 979 (IEEE 2012).
5. NFPA 1, Chapter 52 (NFPA 2021).

During Facility operations, the areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire include the solar array areas. The solar array areas will have low-growing vegetation maintained below the solar arrays during the operational period of the Facility. Measures for reducing the risk of fire ignition and reducing the risk of equipment damage were a wildfire to occur are discussed further in Section 3.0, including the Facility’s vegetation management program (see Section 3.2), and through the emergency response procedures that will be described in the Emergency Management Plan (EMP). The EMP will be developed for the Facility and is outlined below in Section 4.2.5. The collector substation area, transformer pads, and the permanent, fenced parking and storage area will have reduced risk for fire due to the fact that these areas will have a gravel base with no vegetation within a 10-foot perimeter to reduce fire risk.

The Facility components will meet National Electrical Code and Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers standards and will not pose a significant fire risk. The solar array will have shielded electrical cabling, as required by applicable code, to prevent electrical fires. In addition, the collector system and substation will have redundant surge arrestors to deactivate the Facility during unusual operational events that could start fires. The collector substation ~~and the switchyard~~ will have also sufficient spacing between equipment to prevent the spread of fire.

Unless already paved, access roads will be graveled. Facility roads will be sufficiently sized for emergency vehicle access in accordance with 2019 Oregon Fire Code requirements, including

Section 503 and Appendix D - Fire Apparatus Access Roads. Specifically, roads will primarily be 10 feet wide in the solar array area with roads up to 20 feet wide near the substation, with an internal turning radius of 28 feet and less than 10 percent grade, or a similar profile depending on siting, to provide access to emergency vehicles. A 5-foot noncombustible, defensible space clearance along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary will be maintained. The areas immediately around the ~~O&M buildings,~~ substations~~,~~ and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present. See Exhibit U for additional discussion of Project fire prevention measures and coordination with local emergency responders. Vegetation free areas such as gravel pads or base and facility perimeter and interior roads act as a permanent fire break which could minimize the spread of fires on site or impacts from an external wildfire.

Smoke/fire detectors will be placed around the site that will be tied to the SCADA system and will contact local firefighting services. This communication system allows each solar string, battery energy storage system, and substation to be monitored by a SCADA system, accessed through both the SCADA control room in the substations or remotely. This system monitors these components for variables such as meteorological conditions, critical operating parameters, and power output. The solar array is controlled and monitored via the SCADA system~~,~~ and can be controlled remotely. SCADA software is tuned specifically to the needs of each project by the solar module manufacturer or a third-party SCADA vendor. This system will be monitored 24/7 by a remote operations center.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes to construct either a direct current–coupled distributed battery energy storage system (located throughout the solar array fence line area at the inverter and transformer sites) or alternating current–coupled battery energy storage system (concentrated in a single location within the solar array fence ~~line area~~). The system as a whole will use a series of self-contained containers located within the solar array fence line area. The containers may have their own additional fencing, to be determined prior to construction. Each container will be placed on a concrete foundation. Regardless of the battery technology selected, the containers are estimated to require up to 0.2 to 0.4 acre each with a total of 2,491~~14,946~~ containers. Each container is rated for outdoor environments and holds the batteries and a battery management system.

The Facility will use either Li-ion batteries or zinc batteries to store up to ~~1,~~200 MW alternating current of power over a 6-hour discharge duration (1~~7~~,200 megawatt-hours alternating current) (ASC Exhibit C, Figure C-2[4]).

The zinc-based batteries under consideration for this Facility are non-flammable and tolerate wide temperature ranges. As a result, the manufacturer affirms that they are not anticipated to present a fire hazard and do not require on-site fire suppression systems. Additionally, zinc batteries will have fans and a heating unit for climate control.

The following paragraphs summarize the information pertinent to fire prevention and control for a Li-ion battery energy storage system, if selected. The chemicals used in Li-ion batteries are generally nontoxic but do present a flammability hazard. Li-ion systems would also include a fire

[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit C, May 16, 2024.

prevention system and cooling units placed either on top of the containers or along the side. Li-ion batteries are susceptible to overheating and typically require cooling systems dedicated to each battery energy storage system enclosure, especially at the utility scale (Jeevarajan et al. 2022). The gas released by an overheating Li-ion cell is mainly carbon dioxide but may also include carbon monoxide, methane, ethylene, and propylene (Jeevarajan et al. 2022).

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following fire prevention and control methods to minimize fire and safety risks for the Li-ion batteries proposed for the battery energy storage system:

- The batteries will be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules.
- Ample working space will be provided around the battery energy storage system for maintenance and safety purposes.
- Off-site, 24-hour monitoring of the battery energy storage system will be implemented and will include shutdown capabilities.
- Transportation of Li-ion batteries is subject to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 173.185 – Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration. This regulation contains requirements for prevention of a dangerous evolution of heat; prevention of short circuits; prevention of damage to the terminals; and prevention of batteries coming into contact with other batteries or conductive materials. Adherence to the requirements and regulations, personnel training, safe interim storage, and segregation from other potential waste streams will minimize any public hazard related to transport, use, or disposal of batteries.
- Design of the battery energy storage system will be in accordance with applicable Underwriters Laboratories (UL; specifically, 1642, 1741, 1973, 9540A), National Electric Code, and National Fire Protection Association (specifically 855) standards, which require rigorous industry testing and certification related to fire safety and/or other regulatory requirements applicable to battery storage at the time of construction.
- Additionally, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ the following design practices, as applicable to the available technology and design at time of construction:
  - Use of Li-ion phosphate battery chemistry that does not release oxygen when it decomposes due to temperature;
  - Employment of an advanced and proven battery management system;
  - Qualification testing of battery systems in accordance with UL 9540A (UL Solutions 2025~~3~~);
  - Employment of Fike fire control panels with 24-hour battery backup at every battery container;

- Installation of fire sensors, smoke and hydrogen detectors, alarms, emergency ventilation systems, cooling systems, and aerosol fire suppression/extinguishing systems in every battery container;
- Installation of doors that are equipped with a contact that will shut down the battery container if opened;
- Installation of fire extinguishing and thermal insulation sheets between each individual battery cell;
- Implementation of locks and fencing to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel;
- Installation of remote power disconnect switches; and
- Clear and visible signs to identify remote power disconnect switches.

5.2 Preventative Programs

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following programs to minimize fire risk during operations of the Facility.

5.2.1 Occupational Safety and Health Act–Compliant Fire Prevention Plan

To assure safe and healthful working conditions under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, all workers, contracting employees, and other personnel performing official duties at the Facility will conduct work under a Fire Prevention Plan that meets applicable portions of 29 CFR 1910.39, 29 CFR 1910.155, and 29 CFR 1910, subpart L. The plan will ensure that:

- Workers are trained in fire prevention, good housekeeping, and use of a fire extinguisher.
- Necessary equipment is available to fight incipient stage fires. Fire beyond incipient stage shall be managed using local fire response organizations.
- Provide necessary safety equipment for handling and storing combustible and flammable material.
- Ensure equipment is maintained to prevent and control sources of ignition.
- Do not allow smoking or open flames in an area where combustible materials are located.
- Implement a Hot Work Procedure program.

5.2.2 Electrical Safety Program

All operational workers will be trained in electrical safety and the specific hazards of the Facility. This training will address:

- Minimum experience requirements to work on different types of electrical components;
- Electrical equipment testing and troubleshooting;
- Switching system;

- Provisions for entering high voltage areas (e.g., substation);
- Minimum approach distances; and
- Required personal protective equipment.

5.2.3 Lock Out/Tag Out Program

During maintenance activities, electrical equipment will be de-energized and physically locked or tagged in the de-energized positions to inadvertent events that could result in arc flash.

5.2.4 Fire Weather Monitoring and Hot Work

Burn probability, expected flame length, and overall risk may increase during periods of the fire season. Personnel on site will monitor Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings. A fire weather watch indicates the potential for weather conducive to large fire spread in the next 12 to 72 hours. A Red Flag Warning is issued when current weather conditions are conducive to large fire growth in the next 24 hours. Personnel monitoring these conditions shall halt work in high-risk locations, as designated in this plan, and employ additional mitigation measures designated in this plan. Mitigation measures during a Red Flag Warning include, but are not limited to, communicating to on-site staff of the Red Flag Warning, communicating with local fire protection agency personnel of on-going conditions, driving or parking on roads to avoid sparking a fire in grass or brush, and halting construction activities that may increase fire risk such as hot work. All hot work (any cutting, welding, or other activity that creates spark or open flame) must be conducted on roads or on non-combustible surfaces, and fire suppression equipment will be immediately available during hot work activities. Following the completion of hot work, the Certificate Holder or contractor(s) must maintain a fire watch for 60 minutes to monitor for potential ignition.

5.2.5 Emergency Management Plan

Emergency Management will cover response procedures that consider the dry nature of the region and address risks on a seasonal basis. The final WMP will specify communication channels the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder intends to pursue with local fire protection agency personnel, for example, annual meetings to discuss emergency planning, protocols for how to respond to electrical fires and safely respond to a fire involving BESS components, and invitations to observe any emergency drill conducted at the Facility.

At the beginning of Facility operations, a copy of the site plan indicating the arrangement of the Facility structures, access points, and fire breaks will be provided to the local fire district.

Personnel will be trained on the RACE (Rescue, Alarm~~,~~, Contain, Extinguish) procedure to implement in the event of a fire start. The RACE procedure includes:

- **Rescue** anyone in danger (if safe to do so);
- **Alarm** – call the control room, who will then determine if 911 should be alerted;

- **Contain** the fire (if safe to do so); and
- **Extinguish** the incipient fire stage (if safe to do so).

Vehicles on-site will carry fire suppression equipment during the fire season. This equipment shall include, at a minimum:

- Fire Extinguisher: Dry chemical, 2.5 or 2.8 pound, 1A-10B: C U/L rating, properly mounted or secured;
- Shovel;
- Collapsible Pail or Backpack Pump: 5-gallon capacity; and
- Drip Can.

During times of heightened wildfire risk, a water truck, water buffalo, or tank with minimum 500 gallon capacity will be stationed at the site during operations and maintenance activities.

Personnel will receive training on use of suppression equipment. All personnel shall also be equipped with communication equipment capable of reaching the control room from all locations within the amended site boundary.

6.0 Plan Updates and Modifications

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.

This Plan will be updated by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder every 5 years. Updates to this Plan will account for changes in local fire protection agency personnel and changes in best practices for minimizing and mitigating fire risk. It is recommended to consult with Morrow County, the local fire department, and the Morrow County Emergency Manager.

After each 5-year review, a copy of the updated plans will be provided to the Oregon Department of Energy with the annual compliance report required under OAR 345-026-008(2).

Every 5 years, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will review wildfire risk and update this Plan for the site boundary. Evaluation of wildfire risk will be consistent with the requirements of OAR 345-022-0115(1) using current data from reputable sources.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may consider revisions to this Plan at its sole discretion to incorporate future best practices or emerging technology depending on whether the new technology is cost effective and suitable for the site conditions. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will track the industry groups and applicable design standards outlined in Table 5 to identify future technologies or best practices that could be implemented at the Facility.

Table 5. Resources for Future Best Practices

Reference	Description	Method
American Clean Power (ACP)	Industry group that establishes best practices for renewable energy projects	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is a member of ACP and participates in best practice development[1].
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)	National Energy Reliability Corporation develops electrical standards for large energy facilities.	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will follow NERC Standard FAC-003-0 for its vegetation management program of transmission lines[2], or updates to this standard as approved by NERC.
Oregon Specialty Building Codes (OSBC)	Building codes applicable to inhabitable spaces, including ~~the O&M building and~~ the substation enclosure.	Remodeling to the ~~O&M and~~ enclosure structure that requires permits will follow any updates to the OSBC at that time.
APLIC	Avian protection methods for electrical facility reduce fires related to bird/mammal nests on electrical equipment	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is a member of APLIC[3]. An operational wildlife monitoring program will inspect for wildlife nesting on facilities that could cause fire, and take actions following applicable laws (e.g., Migratory Bird Treaty Act).

1. Link to ACP Standards & Practices: https://cleanpower.org/resources/types/standards-and-practices/.
2. NERC FAC-003-0: https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Reliability%20Standards/FAC-003-0.pdf.
3. Link to APLIC member organization: https://www.aplic.org/member_websites.php.

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Attachment O: Decommissioning Cost Estimate and Assumptions

Estimate Summary
TETRA TECH, INC.
Job Code: Sunstone solar
Description: Decommissioning Estimate

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4	1.00	Each	SUNSTONE SOLAR RETIREMENT - PHASE 4	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	23,420,740.28	23,420,740.28
4.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Equipment & Facilities Mob / Demob	0.10	Detail	U.S. Dollar	218,136.80	218,136.80
4.1.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Equipment Mob	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	81,200.00	81,200.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UERNTRLG	Rental Equip Transp-Large		8.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	10,000.00	80,000.00
UERNTRSM	Rental Equip Transp-Small		8.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	150.00	1,200.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.1.2	1.00	Lump Sum	Site Facilities	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,200.00	2,200.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UOCONMOB	Connex Box Mob		2.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	300.00	600.00
UOTRLTRN	Trailer Trnsp/Setup/Trdwn		2.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,600.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.1.3	5.00	Day	Crew Mob & Site Setup	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	13,473.68	67,368.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,000.00	20.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	46,970.00
L010101	OPERATOR	400.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	20,398.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.1.4	5.00	Day	Crew Demob & Site Cleanup	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	13,473.68	67,368.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,000.00	20.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	46,970.00
L010101	OPERATOR	400.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	20,398.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.2	4.00	Month	Project Site Support	0.05	Detail	U.S. Dollar	71,469.70	285,878.80
4.2.1	4.00	Month	Site Facilities	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,755.00	7,020.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
URCONNEX	Connex Box		8.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	150.00	1,200.00
UROFFTRL	Office Trailer -12x60		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	500.00	2,000.00
UO1STAID	1st Aid Supplies		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	300.00	1,200.00
UOOFFSUP	Office Supplies($/prs/mo)		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	55.00	220.00
URPRTAJH	Port-a-John Unit(s) (4)		8.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	300.00	2,400.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.2.2	4.00	Month	Field Management	0.05	Detail	U.S. Dollar	69,714.70	278,858.80

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L90FXX02	Field - Proj Superintendent	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	114.95	101,156.00
RPUTRK05	F-250 4X4 3/4 TON PICKUP	2,640.00	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	11.07	29,211.60
L90FEL00	Field - Engr. Tech	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	64.24	56,531.20
L90FXX03	Field - SHSO	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	104.50	91,960.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.3	1.00	Each	Substation Retirement	0.04	Detail	U.S. Dollar	170,429.15	170,429.15
4.3.1	1.00	Day	Fence Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.3.2	1.00	Each	Transformer Removal	0.17	Detail	U.S. Dollar	102,309.50	102,309.50
4.3.2.1	1.00	Each	Oil Removal & Disposal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	66,314.40	66,314.40

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.3.2.1.1	1.00	Each	Oil Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	939.40	939.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	20.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	939.40

4.3.2.1.2	16,000.00	Gallon	Oil Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4.00	64,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		64,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	64,000.00

4.3.2.1.3	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,375.00	1,375.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,375.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,375.00

4.3.2.2	1.00	Each	Dismantle & Loadout Transformer	0.20	Detail	U.S. Dollar	35,995.10	35,995.10
4.3.2.2.1	1.00	Each	Dismantle, Cut & Size	0.20	Detail	U.S. Dollar	29,995.10	29,995.10

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	200.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	9,394.00
L010101	OPERATOR	100.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	50.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	6,226.75
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	50.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	9,274.75

4.3.2.2.2	4.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	6,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		6,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	6,000.00

4.3.3	1.00	Each	Remove Control Building	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,612.51	2,612.51
4.3.3.1	1.00	Each	Demo	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,112.51	1,112.51

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	234.85
L010101	OPERATOR	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	254.98
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	622.68

4.3.3.2	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00

4.3.4	1.00	Day	UG Utility & Ground Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

4.3.5	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	28,045.10
4.3.5.1	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation - Various Depth	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	15,516.50

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	1,677.50
L010101	OPERATOR	71.43	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	3,642.57
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	5,748.75

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CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description		UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple		35.71	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	124.54	4,447.68
4.3.5.2	1,000.00 Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite		100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	12,528.60
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY		100.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	74.29	7,429.00
L080940	TEAMSTER		100.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60
4.3.6	1.00 Each	Misc. Material Disposal		0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,900.00	2,900.00
4.3.6.1	1.00 Each	Trucking - Per Load		0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub			1,500.00 Each		U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00
4.3.6.2	20.00 Ton	Disposal Cost		0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,400.00
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's			1,400.00 Each		U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,400.00
4.3.7	1.00 Each	Restore Yard		0.23	Detail	U.S. Dollar	31,938.02	31,938.02
4.3.7.1	1.60 Acre	Remove Aggregate / Backfill / Regrade		1.60	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,062.47	3,299.96
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
L060100	GENERAL LABORER		20.00	2.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	46.97	939.40
L010101	OPERATOR		20.00	2.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,019.92
REXCAV06B	Gradall - Excavator		10.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	75.73	757.29
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer		10.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	58.34	583.35
4.3.7.2	1,000.00 Cubic Yard	Vegetative Cover		300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	27.36	27,358.07
4.3.7.2.1	1,000.00 Cubic Yard	Topsoil, Delivered		0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	20.00	20,000.00
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
IMSOIL	Topsoil			1,000.00 Cubic Yard		U.S. Dollar	20.00	20,000.00
4.3.7.2.2	1,000.00 Cubic Yard	Placement		300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7.36	7,358.07
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
L010101	OPERATOR		66.67	2.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	51.00	3,399.73
RDOZER08	CAT D6N XL		66.67	2.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	59.38	3,958.33
4.3.7.3	1.60 Acre	Re-Seed With Native Vegetation		0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,280.00
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
USLANDSCAPE	Landscape Sub			1.60 Acre		U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,280.00
4.4	1.00 Lump Sum	Collector Line Retirement		0.07	Detail	U.S. Dollar	46,946.45	46,946.45
4.4.1	5,850.00 Linear Feet	Conductor Removal		585.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	5.50	32,154.10
4.4.1.1	1.00 Lump Sum	Cut / Lower Cable, Size & Loadout		0.10	Detail	U.S. Dollar	31,404.10	31,404.10
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
L060100	GENERAL LABORER		400.00	4.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	46.97	18,788.00
L010101	OPERATOR		100.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60
*RXMISC14	MAN LIFT GAS 125ft		100.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	53.52	5,352.00
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT		100.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	21.65	2,164.50
4.4.1.2	0.50 Each	Trucking - Per Load		0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	750.00
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub			750.00 Each		U.S. Dollar	1.00	750.00

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.4.2	26.00	Each	Utility Pole Removal	5.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	568.94	14,792.35
4.4.2.1	26.00	Each	Cut / Lower Pole	10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	191.78	4,986.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	52.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	2,442.44
L010101	OPERATOR	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,325.90
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	1,217.84

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.4.2.2	26.00	Each	Size & Loadout	10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	191.78	4,986.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	52.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	2,442.44
L010101	OPERATOR	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,325.90
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	1,217.84

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.4.2.3	2.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	3,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		3,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	3,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.4.2.4	26.00	Ton	Disposal Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,820.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,820.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,820.00

Notes: ***
Assumption: 101 poles x 2000' per pole
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.5	1,200.00	MW	DC Storage Retirement	2.47	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,148.02	3,777,627.74
4.5.1	1,200.00	MW	Battery Removal & Disposal	5.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,044.07	2,452,881.60
4.5.1.1	240.00	Day	Remove Batteries, Load For Transport	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,251.10	780,264.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	14,400.00	6.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	676,368.00
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	4,800.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	103,896.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.5.1.2	396.00	Each	Transport Batteries	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,605.60	635,817.60
4.5.1.2.1	396.00	Each	Roll Off Liners	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	105.60	41,817.60

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODCLINER	Rolloff Liner		396.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	105.60	41,817.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.5.1.2.2	396.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	594,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		594,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	594,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.5.1.3	5,184.00	Ton	Disposal Fee's	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	200.00	1,036,800.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,036,800.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,036,800.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.5.2	1,200.00	MW	Structure & Components Removal	4.90	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,103.96	1,324,746.14
4.5.2.1	120.00	Day	Refrigerant Recovery	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,207.80	144,936.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010110	Craft - MEP	2,400.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	60.39	144,936.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.5.2.2	3,936.00	Ton	Structure Demo	43.33	Detail	U.S. Dollar	116.76	459,569.18

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	908.31	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	113,116.10
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	908.31	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	168,486.54
L010101	OPERATOR	1,816.62	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	92,640.12
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,816.62	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	85,326.42

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.5.2.3	396.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,375.00	544,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		544,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	544,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.5.2.4	105,000.00	Gallon	Glycol Recovery & Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.00	105,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLIQUID	Liquids T&D		105,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	105,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.5.2.5	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	70,740.96
4.5.2.5.1	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	39,138.82

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	4,231.33
L010101	OPERATOR	180.17	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	9,188.02
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	14,500.65
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	11,218.82

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.5.2.5.2	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	31,602.14

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	252.24	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	18,738.91
L080940	TEAMSTER	252.24	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	12,863.23

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.6	1.00	Lump Sum	Solar Array Retirement	0.01	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7,858,807.75	7,858,807.75
4.6.1	14,256.00	Linear Feet	Fence Removal	5,399.12	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.31	18,613.44
4.6.1.1	14,256.00	Linear Feet	Fence Removal	5,399.12	Detail	U.S. Dollar	0.99	14,113.44

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	79.21	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	4,039.54
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	158.43	6.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	7,441.26
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	79.21	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	2,632.64

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.6.1.2	3.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	4,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		4,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	4,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.6.2	656,256.00	Each	Solar Panel Removal & Disposal	10,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7.17	4,708,588.14
4.6.2.1	656,256.00	Each	Solar Panel Removal	10,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3.07	2,017,928.14

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	6,562.56	10.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	142,046.61
L010101	OPERATOR	6,562.56	10.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	334,664.31
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	32,812.80	50.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	1,541,217.22

Notes: **
Assumed production: 20 panels per laborer per hour,
Includes packaging and preparing for shipment offsite.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.6.2.2	875.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,312,500.00

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,312,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,312,500.00

Notes: *************************************
Assumption: 45,000 lbs per load
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.6.2.3	19,688.00	Ton	Recycling Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,378,160.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,378,160.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,378,160.00

Notes: ***
Assumption: 60 lbs each
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.6.3	1.00	Lump Sum	Solar Rack (Trackers) & Post Removal	0.01	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,131,606.18	3,131,606.18
4.6.3.1	10,938.00	Each	Solar Rack (Trackers) & Post Removal	160.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	252.98	2,767,106.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10,938.00	16.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	557,794.25
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10,938.00	16.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	513,757.86
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	5,469.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	681,081.92
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	5,469.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	1,014,472.16

Notes: **
Assumed production: .5 hour per rack per crew. Crew to include
1 excavator w/shear, 1 excavator w/grapple, 2 operators and 2
laborers. Includes post removal and sizing of steel for sale as scrap,
and loadout to haul trucks.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.6.3.2	243.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	364,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		364,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	364,500.00

Notes: *************************************
Assumption: 45,000 lbs per load
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.7	54.00	Each	Inverter / Transformer Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,143.21	169,733.07
4.7.1	54.00	Each	Disconnect Electrical	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	592.13	31,974.75

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010110	Craft - MEP	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	60.39	16,305.30
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	12,681.90
RPUTRK05	F-250 4X4 3/4 TON PICKUP	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	11.07	2,987.55

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.7.2	54.00	Each	Loadout Inverter & Transformer	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,051.08	56,758.32

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	540.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	25,363.80
L010101	OPERATOR	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	13,768.92
RHYDCR06	GROVE RT880 73 TON	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	65.28	17,625.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.7.3	54.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	81,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		81,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	81,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.8	105,665.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Inverter / Transformer / BESS Foundations	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	2,963,385.49
4.8.1	105,665.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	1,639,550.97

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Cost Item							
CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

L060100	GENERAL LABORER	3,773.75	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	177,253.04
L010101	OPERATOR	7,547.50	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	384,892.31
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	3,773.75	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	607,441.67
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	3,773.75	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	469,963.96

4.8.2	105,665.00 Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	1,323,834.52

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	10,566.50	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	784,985.29
L080940	TEAMSTER	10,566.50	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	538,849.23

4.9	1.00 Lump Sum	Site Restoration - Partial Site Seeding	0.03	Detail	U.S. Dollar	538,854.88	538,854.88

4.9.1	41,712.00 Linear Feet	Site Roads - Removal & Restoration	5,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.63	68,100.43

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	333.70	4.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	19,466.16
L010101	OPERATOR	583.97	7.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	29,780.03
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	166.85	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	12,395.14
*RFELWH08C	CAT 980 LOADER	83.42	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	77.43	6,459.10

Notes: ************************************
Assume topsoil for restoration available onsite.
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4.9.2	8.00 Each	Remove CONEX Storage & Gravel Pads	6.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	750.46	6,003.65

4.9.2.1	8.00 Each	Remove & Load CONEX	12.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	81.53	652.24

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	339.97
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	312.27

4.9.2.2	8.00 Each	Remove CONEX Gravel Pads	12.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	168.93	1,351.41

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	339.97
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	495.27
*RFELWH08C	CAT 980 LOADER	6.67	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	77.43	516.17

4.9.2.3	8.00 Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	500.00	4,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		4,000.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	4,000.00

Notes: **
Assumption: CONEX containers will be accepted locally
for re-use, and will only require local transport
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4.9.3	433.00 Acre	Spot Grade Disturbed Areas	16.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	273.33	118,350.81

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	1,082.50	4.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	63,147.64
L010101	OPERATOR	1,082.50	4.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	55,203.17

Notes: **
Assume that 35% of the area distrubed by construction
will be regraded.
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4.9.4	433.00 Acre	Re-Seed With Native Vegetation - Roads & Areas Disturbed By Construction	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800.00	346,400.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLANDSCAPE	Landscape Sub		433.00 Acre	U.S. Dollar	800.00	346,400.00

			Cost Item					
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Notes: **
Assume that 35% of the area distrubed by construction
will be re-seeded.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.10	1.00	Lump Sum	Contractor Markups	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,326,183.50	3,326,183.50
4.10.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Home Office, Project Management (5% Of Cost)	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	801,490.00	801,490.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USMARKUP5	5% Markup		16,029,800.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.05	801,490.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.10.2	1.00	Lump Sum	Contractor OH & Fee (15% Of Cost)	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,524,693.50	2,524,693.50

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USMARKUP	15% Markup		16,831,290.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.15	2,524,693.50

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.11	1.00	Lump Sum	ODOE Applied Contingencies	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4,064,756.64	4,064,756.64
4.11.1	1.00	Lump Sum	1% Performance Bond	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	193,559.84	193,559.84

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE1	ODOE 1% Markup		19,355,984.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.01	193,559.84

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.11.2	1.00	Lump Sum	10% Administrative and Project Management	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,935,598.40	1,935,598.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE2	ODOE 10% Markup		19,355,984.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.10	1,935,598.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4.11.3	1.00	Lump Sum	10% Future Development Contingency	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,935,598.40	1,935,598.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE2	ODOE 10% Markup		19,355,984.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.10	1,935,598.40

Report Total:	23,420,740.28

Category	Total
Labor	5,688,714.35
Rented Equipment	4,340,463.18
Supplies	43,237.60
Materials	20,000.00
Subcontract	9,156,368.50
Travel-Risk-Adj	105,000.00
ODCs	4,066,956.64

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ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

OF THE STATE OF OREGON

SITE CERTIFICATE FOR THE

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1.0 Introduction and Site Certification

This site certificate is a binding agreement between the State of Oregon (State), acting through the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council), and Sunstone Solar 5, LLC (certificate holder), owned by Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (parent company). Both the State and certificate holder must abide by local ordinances, state law, and the rules of the Council in effect on the date this site certificate is executed. However, upon a clear showing of a significant threat to public health, safety, or the environment that requires application of later-adopted laws or rules, the Council may require compliance with such later-adopted laws or rules (ORS 469.401(2)).

This site certificate binds the State and all counties, cities and political subdivisions in Oregon as to the approval of the site and the construction, operation, and retirement of the facility as to matters that are addressed in and governed by this site certificate (ORS 469.401(3)). Each affected state agency, county, city, and political subdivision in Oregon with authority to issue a permit, license, or other approval addressed in or governed by this site certificate, shall upon submission of the proper application and payment of the proper fees, but without hearings or other proceedings, issue such permit, license or other approval subject only to conditions set forth in this site certificate. In addition, each state agency or local government agency that issues a permit, license or other approval for this facility shall continue to exercise enforcement authority over such permit, license or other approval (ORS 469.401(3)). For those permits, licenses, or other approvals addressed in and governed by this site certificate, the certificate holder shall comply with applicable state and federal laws adopted in the future to the extent that such compliance is required under the respective state agency statutes and rules (ORS 469.401(2)).

This site certificate does not address, and is not binding with respect to, matters that are not included in and governed by this site certificate, and such matters include, but are not limited to: employee health and safety; building code compliance; wage and hour or other labor regulations; local government fees and charges; other design or operational issues that do not relate to siting the facility (ORS 469.401(4)); and permits issued under statutes and rules for which the decision on compliance has been delegated by the federal government to a state agency other than the Council (ORS 469.503(3)).

The obligation of the certificate holder to report information to the Department or the Council under the conditions listed in this site certificate is subject to the provisions of ORS 192.502 *et seq.* and ORS 469.560. To the extent permitted by law, the Department and the Council will not publicly disclose information that may be exempt from public disclosure if the certificate holder has clearly labeled such information and stated the basis for the exemption at the time of submitting the information to the Department or the Council. If the Council or the Department receives a request for the disclosure of the information, the Council or the Department, as appropriate, will make a reasonable attempt to notify the

certificate holder and will refer the matter to the Attorney General for a determination of whether the exemption is applicable, pursuant to ORS 192.450.

Council shall have continuing authority over the site and may inspect, or direct the Oregon Department of Energy (Department) to inspect, or request another state agency or local government to inspect, the site at any time in order to ensure that the facility is being operated consistently with the terms and conditions of this site certificate (ORS 469.430).

The duration of this site certificate shall be the life of the facility, subject to termination pursuant to OAR 345-027-0110 or the rules in effect on the date that termination is sought, or revocation under ORS 469.440 and OAR 345-029-0100 or the statutes and rules in effect on the date that revocation is ordered. The Council shall not change the conditions of this site certificate except as provided for in OAR Chapter 345, Division 27.

In interpreting this site certificate, any ambiguity will be clarified by reference to the following, in order, incorporated herein by this reference: 1) this *Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project 5 – (SS5)*; 2) the *Final Order on Request for Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project* (hereafter, *Final Order on RFA1)*; 3) the *Final Order on the Application for Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project* issued on November 18, 2024 (hereafter, *Final Order on the ASC*); and ~~2~~4) the record of the proceedings that led to the Final Order on the ASC.

The definitions in ORS 469.300 and OAR 345-001-0010 apply to the terms used in this site certificate, except where otherwise stated, or where the context clearly indicates otherwise.

2.0 Facility Location and Site Boundary

The facility is located within an approximately ~~10,960~~ 4,402.3-acre (~~17~~ 6.9 sq. mile) site in Morrow County. The site is located on both sides of State Route 207 and is approximately 15 miles northeast of the Town of Lexington and approximately 4.5 miles west of Butter Creek Junction. The site is approximately 3 miles west of the Umatilla County line at its closest point. Table 1 below provides the Township, Range, and Sections occupied wholly, or in part, by the site. Up to ~~9,442~~ 3,103 acres of land within the site boundary would be occupied by facility components. The regional location of the facility site boundary, ~~transmission line corridor,~~ and ~~approximately 1,518 acres~~areas within the site boundary ~~are~~ excluded from development as applicable, are shown ~~on ASC Exhibit C, Figures C-2, and C-2.1 to C-2.3, attached to~~in Attachment 1 of this site certificate ~~as Attachment 1~~.

Table 1: Township, Range, and Section for Areas Occupied by the Site Boundary

Township	Range	Sections
1N	26E	1, 2, 3, 4, ~~5, 8, 9,~~ 10, ~~11,~~ 12, 14, 15

Table 1: Township, Range, and Section for Areas Occupied by the Site Boundary

Township	Range	Sections
2N	26E	~~27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32,~~ 33, 34, 35, 36
Reference: SSPAPPDoc25-03 ASC Exhibit C Project Location, Table C-1. 2024-05-15.		

3.0 Facility Description

The energy facility is approved to include the components presented in Table 2 below. Additional details regarding specific components, and discussion of alternative designs or technologies under consideration are provided in the sections that follow.

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Site Boundary		
Site Boundary	~~10,960~~ 4,402.3	acres
Maximum Footprint	~~9,442~~ 3,103	acres
Permanent Impacts~~[1]~~	~~9,442~~3,103	acres
Solar Components		
PV Solar Modules		
Approx. total number	~~3,937,536~~656,256	modules
Max Height at full-tilt	15	feet
Posts		
Approx. total number (assumes concrete foundation)	~~535,056~~89,176	posts
Cabling		
Combiner Boxes	~~61,524~~10,254	each
Inverter Step Up (ISU) Transformer Units		
Approx. total number	~~319~~54	each
Noise level	89	dBA
Transformer oil-containing capacity	800	gallons
Related or Supporting Facility Components		
34.5 kV Collection System		
Collector line length, belowground	~~82~~22.8	miles
Collector line length, overhead (OH)	~~4.3~~0.7	miles
Wood Monopoles (max estimate for OH)	~~151~~26	each

~~[1] The energy facility would occupy approximately 9,442~~400 ~~acres within up to 20 separately fenced areas. Most related or supporting facilities will be located within the energy facility's footprint; however, portions of the overhead 34.5 kV collector and 230-kV transmission lines running between solar array areas would result in additional temporary and permanent disturbance areas.~~

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Collector Substations		
Substations w SCADA; GSU transformers per each	~~6~~1; 1	each
Site size	1.6	acres
Transformer oil-containing capacity	16,000	gallons~~/each~~
Transformer noise level	100	dBA
Max height of structures	45	feet
Switchyards		
Stations; Transformers per each	1~~2~~; 0	each
Site size (northern and/or within solar fence line); with foundations and graveled areas	3	Acres
~~**230 kV Transmission Line**~~		
~~Length (total; northern line; southern line)~~	~~9.5; 3.2; 6.3~~	~~miles~~
~~Structures: Type (Wood or Galvanized Steel); quantity~~	~~H-frame; 50~~	~~each~~
~~Height of structures~~	~~70–180~~	~~feet~~
Battery Energy Storage System (Lithium-ion/Zinc)		
Zinc		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with fans/heating systems; SCADA	~~14,946~~2,491	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	9.5 x 8 x 20	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
Lithium-ion		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with HVAC and fire suppression systems; SCADA	~~12,000~~2,000	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	11.25 x 8.1 x 5.2	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
O&M Building		
Quantity	~~4~~1	each
Site size	2.8	acres
Height	20	feet
Appurtenances	On-site well, septic system, SCADA System	
Storage for Replacement Solar Panels		
Containers	~~50~~ 8 – 9	each
Approx. container dimensions	8.5 x 8 x 40	H x W x L; feet

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Location	Dispersed within fence line if not next to O&M, gravel base	
Facility Roads		
Length	~~55~~17.4	miles
Width	10- 20	feet
Perimeter Fence		
Length	~~58~~2801	miles
Height	7-8	feet
Access/gates	~~52~~8 – 9	each
Temporary Construction Areas		
Quantity	~~54~~27	each
Site size	5	acres
Description	Gravel base; diesel/gas storage; within fence line	

Energy Facility

The facility includes a solar photovoltaic power generation facility with up to ~~1,200~~200 MW of electric generation capacity. ~~The energy facility consists of up to 20 separately fenced solar arrays organized into six 200 MW blocks.~~

Photovoltaic Modules

Solar photovoltaic modules, or solar panels, convert sunlight into DC electric power. The typical module contains crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells arranged within glass panels equipped with an anti-reflective coating, a metal frame, and wire connectors.

Racking System

The photovoltaic modules are connected in series into strings and then mounted on a racking system. Each rack would contain 2 strings of 32 modules mounted on a single-axis tracking system. Multiple racks are organized into rows between 200 and 400 feet in length depending on topography. Rows would be spaced at least 10 feet apart and at least 15 feet from perimeter fencing to provide vehicle access.

Posts

Each row of tracker mounted modules is supported by multiple hollow, screw pile, or pile-type steel posts. Posts are typically installed to a depth of 6-8 feet below surface and extend 5 feet above grade. Posts at the end of rows may be installed at greater depths to withstand wind

uplift. Posts may be installed directly in the ground or concrete backfill may be required in some soil conditions.

DC Cabling System

Combiner boxes or a Big Lead Assembly (BLA) harness system is used to aggregate the DC output of the photovoltaic modules for transmission to an inverter by low-voltage DC cables. Using the combiner boxes, strings of modules are connected to a pad-mounted combiner box installed at each row, which in turn, are connected to the inverters by low voltage DC cables that are either mounted to the tracking system, installed in trays, or buried underground. Using the BLA system, strings are connected directly to a rack-mounted cabling system.

Inverters and Inverter Step Up (ISU) Transformers

Inverters convert the DC output of the photovoltaic modules to AC power that can be transmitted to the electric grid. A typical inverter in utility scale solar facilities converts the 900 to 1,500 volt DC module output to 660 volt AC output. After conversion, the output is sent to an inverter step-up (ISU) transformer to increase the voltage to 34.5 kV power for transmission to the collector substation via the electrical collector system. Inverters and ISU transformers are collocated on concrete slabs near each module block.

Related or Supporting Facilities

Related or supporting facilities include a battery energy storage system, ~~an interconnection substation, up to six~~one collector substation~~s~~, ~~up to four~~one ~~operations and maintenance~~switchyard~~ building~~, and other structures.

Battery Energy Storage System

The battery energy storage system (BESS) is designed to provide up to ~~7~~1.2 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of storage capacity. The BESS may use either Lithium-Ion (Li-ion) or Zinc-based battery technology. Under either technology, batteries are contained in pre-constructed modular containers, or "segments," placed on concrete slab foundations.
The battery storage system includes, but is not limited to, the following elements:

- Batteries and containers, inverters, isolation transformers, and switchboards;
- Balance of plant equipment, which may include medium-voltage and low-voltage electrical systems, fire suppression and HVAC systems (for Li- ion technology, if selected), building auxiliary electrical systems, and network/SCADA systems;
- Cooling system, which may include a separate chiller plant located outside the battery racks with chillers, pumps, and heat exchangers (Li-ion only, if selected); zinc batteries will have fans and a heating unit for climate control; and

- High-voltage (HV) equipment, including a step-up transformer, circuit breaker, current transformers and voltage transformers, a packaged control building for the breaker and transformer equipment, towers, structures, and cabling.

The batteries and associated equipment may be oversized or periodically augmented in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure a minimum of 1~~7~~,200 MWh of energy storage capability over the life of the BESS, taking into account natural degradation of the batteries over time.

Li-ion batteries are currently the most common battery type used in utility-scale battery energy storage systems. If a Li-ion battery technology is used at the facility, it would use Li-ion phosphate batteries, which are more thermally stable than Li-ion cathode batteries.
Each module contains approximately 10 hermetically sealed battery cells filled with a gel or liquid electrolyte. The module containers serve as secondary containment for the cells. Each container holds approximately 840 cells with a combined capacity of approximately 740 kilowatt-hour AC, and approximately ~~1~~2,000 containers would be required to meet the capacity needs of the facility.

The electrolyte used in Li-ion batteries is flammable and susceptible to overheating and vaporization, so Li-ion Battery Systems typically require cooling, ventilation, and fire suppression systems included in each container. If Li-ion battery technology is used at the site, it would implement the following design features and fire prevention and control methods to minimize fire and safety risks:

- Batteries would be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules.
- Ample working space would be provided around the BESS for maintenance and safety purposes.
- An off-site, 24-hour monitoring system with shutdown capabilities would be implemented.
- Batteries would be transported in accordance with Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration regulations under 49 CFR 173.185
- Battery systems would be designed in accordance with applicable Underwriters Laboratories, National Electric Code, and National Fire Protection Association Standards, including but not limited to, UL 1642, 1741, 1973, and 9540A, and NFPA 855.
- An advanced and proven battery management system would be employed;
- Battery Containers would be equipped with:
    - Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to maintain optimal battery temperatures;
    - Fire control panels with 24-hour battery backup;
    - Fire sensors, smoke and hydrogen detectors, alarms, emergency ventilation systems, cooling systems, and aerosol fire suppression/extinguishing systems;
    - Doors equipped with a contact that will shut down the battery container if opened;

- Fire extinguishing and thermal insulation sheets between each individual battery cell;
- Locks and fencing to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel;
- Remote power disconnect switches with clear and visible signs identifying their location.[2]

Li-ion battery modules under consideration for this facility have an expected useful life of 20 years and it is expected that every module at the facility would need to be replaced at least once during the life of the facility. Used Li-ion batteries are generally considered to be hazardous waste by the EPA and must be transported and disposed of according to the most current guidelines at end of life.

A typical zinc-based BESS container includes 144 zinc-hybrid cathode powered batteries with a combined 700 kWh capacity. Zinc batteries are estimated to have a lifespan of at least 20 years. Zinc battery systems can operate across a higher range of temperatures and only require cooling fans rather than a full HVAC system. Zinc batteries have a lower fire-risk than lithium-ion batteries and do not require fire suppression systems to be included in the container design.

The BESS may be designed either as a DC-coupled system, with containers distributed throughout the energy facility site near inverter/transformer station sites, or as an AC-coupled system with containers concentrated in a single area near the switchyard or ~~s~~substation. In either case, the containers and other BESS equipment are located within the fenced solar array areas and may have their own additional fencing.

34.5 kV Electrical Collection System

The facility includes up to ~~86~~ 22.8 miles of 34.5 kV electrical collector lines that connects energy facility components to the collector substation~~s~~ described below. The majority of the collector lines are buried underground; however, overhead lines are installed at long “home run” stretches, stream or canyon crossings, and other areas where burial is infeasible. The collector lines are generally located within the energy facility footprint except at road crossings and crossings between fenced solar array areas.

Communication and SCADA System

The facility includes a system of fiber optic and copper communication lines that connect the solar arrays, BESS, and substations to Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system control rooms within ~~each~~ the collector substation. The communication lines are collocated with the 34.5 kV electrical collection system described above. The SCADA system monitors meteorological conditions, critical operating parameters, and power output, for each solar string, battery energy storage system, and substation. The SCADA system is monitored by a

[2] SSPAPPDoc25-02 ASC Exhibit B Project Description 2024-05-15, Section 2.7.1.

remote operations center. Smoke and fire detectors placed around the site also connect to the SCADA system and will contact local emergency responders in the event of a fire at the site.

Collector Substations

The facility includes ~~up to six~~one collector substation~~s~~ at the site. ~~Each~~ The substation includes a generator-step up (GSU) transformer and control building, and may also include circuit-breakers and fuses, transmission line termination structures, power transformers, bus bars and insulators, disconnect switches, relaying, battery and charger, surge arresters, AC and DC supplies, control systems, metering equipment, grounding, a lightning protection system and associated control wiring.

The GSU transformer~~s~~ increase the 34.5-kV ISU transformer output to 230-kV power. The GSU transformer~~s are~~ is a ground-mounted unit~~s~~ constructed on a concrete pad~~s~~. ~~Each of the six~~The single GSU transformer~~s are~~ is filled with up to 16,000 gallons of non-toxic oil such as mineral or seed oil.

~~Each~~ The GSU transformer is equipped with a secondary spill containment catchment system designed to minimize the possibility of accidental leakage. The concrete catchment system is sized to contain approximately 1.25 times the amount of oil inside the transformer.

All substation structures and components are surrounded by a graveled area and enclosed by an 8-foot-tall chain-link fence with three strands of barbed wire one foot above the top. Access to the substation site~~s~~ is limited with a locked gate.

~~230-kV Transmission Line~~

~~The facility includes up to two 230-kV overhead transmission lines that connect the collector substations to the two primary interconnection switchyards located at the point of interconnection. The transmission lines are supported by steel or wood monopole or H-Frame structures, spaced approximately 1,000 feet between structures, and have a combined length of approximately 9.5 miles. The northern line connects two collector substations along the south side of Alpine Lane to the switchyard and extends approximately 3.2 miles. The southern line connects four collector substations across the southern portion of the site and extend approximately 6.3 miles. The two lines run in parallel for approximately 1-mile between Bombing Range Road and the switchyards.~~

~~The transmission lines are located within the fenced solar array areas except where the lines span roads or corridors between areas and between the switchyards and the point of interconnection. All transmission line components are sited within the facility lease boundary.~~

~~No new or expanded right-of-way will be required, but some portions of the transmission lines are located within existing public rights-of-way. A portion of the transmission line that runs~~

~~along the western boundary of energy facility footprint is within the public right-of-way on the east side of Bombing Range Road. Additionally, portions of the transmission line that connect solar array areas in the southern portion of the site cross Doherty Road and the Lexington-Echo Highway.~~

Project Switchyard~~s~~ and Interconnection Facilities

The facility interconnects with the existing Umatilla Electric Cooperative 230kV Blue Ridge Line at the northwest corner of the facility. ~~Two~~ One switchyard~~s~~ ~~are~~ is approved to be located within a separately fenced site either within or adjacent to the energy facility footprint, ~~each~~ at approximately 3 acres. The interconnection switchyard~~s~~ does not contain transformers and ~~are~~ is constructed on a foundation~~s~~ with surrounding gravel areas.

Operations and Maintenance Buildings

The facility includes ~~up to four~~one operations and maintenance (O&M) building~~s~~, ~~each including~~that includes a utility room, storage for maintenance supplies and equipment, and a SCADA control room. The building~~s each have~~has an on-site well and septic system. Power is supplied by a local service provider using overhead and/or underground lines. ~~Each~~ The O&M building site also has a graveled parking and storage areas.

Small quantities of chemical materials, including cleaners, insecticides or herbicides, paint, lubricants, degreasers, and solvents, may be stored at the O&M building~~s~~ during construction and operation of the facility. No extremely hazardous materials would be stored on site; other chemicals will be handled in accordance with label instructions as well as state and federal standards.

The facility includes an aboveground fuel storage tank with capacity to store up to 500 gallons of diesel fuel or gasoline at ~~each~~ the O&M building site.

The O&M building~~s are~~ is equipped with basic firefighting equipment for use on-site during maintenance activities, such as shovels, beaters, portable water for hand sprayers, fire extinguishers, and other equipment.

Replacement Solar Panel Storage

To store spare solar panels and associated equipment, the facility is approved to store materials either at the O&M building site~~s~~ or within approximately ~~50~~ 8-9 locked Conex storage containers distributed throughout the site. The containers may be placed directly on the ground or on gravel pads. ~~The containers would store up to the approximately 204,720 replacement panels needed over the life of the facility.~~

Access and Service Roads

The facility includes up to ~~55~~ 17.4 miles of new roads (graded and graveled to meet load requirements for all equipment) to provide access to facility components. Corridors between module racking are at least 10 feet wide and racking are no closer than 15 feet from perimeter fencing. Some new road construction is required to access site features. Roads will be 10 to 20 feet in width, with some exceptions, including access to the substation~~s~~ and main travel corridors where two-way traffic is required. In these cases, roads will be 20 feet wide. A 5-foot maintained vegetative surface or noncombustible base, approved by the fire code official, will be maintained along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary. Use of the roads may continue after construction, or new roads may be removed and the land reclaimed to pre-construction conditions.

Security Fencing and Gates

The facility includes approximately ~~58~~ 28.1 miles of security fence to enclose each solar array area, and substation, and switchyard site. The perimeter fencing has lockable vehicle and pedestrian access gates to provide access to the site.

Temporary Construction Areas

The facility includes up to ~~54~~ 27 temporary construction areas within the energy facility footprint to support construction, store supplies and equipment, and facilitate the delivery and assembly of materials and equipment. Each area consists of a 5-acre site that would be cleared and graveled prior to construction.

Up to five above-ground diesel tanks and one temporary above-ground gasoline tank may be stored in the temporary construction areas. The tanks each hold up to 1,000 gallons of fuel. Most fuel containers have self-contained secondary containment (e.g., double-walled containers) that provide capacity for the entire container plus precipitation, but in some cases may be placed in a constructed secondary containment area that is impervious and is diked or otherwise contained to provide the required fuel and precipitation capacity.

Shared Facility Components

The certificate holder will share facility components -between the Sunstone Solar Projects (SS) 1-6 facilities to support facility operation, including the switchyard, transmission line, O&M buildings, access roads, SCADA system, and temporary constructions areas (including fuel tanks). The compliance obligations for site certificate conditions and EFSC standards apply to the facility components and applicable related or supporting facilities as described in Section 3.0 and Table 2 of each site certificate (SS1, SS2, SS3, SS4, SS5, SS6).

4.0 Facility Development

4.1 Construction

~~The applicant proposed to construct the proposed facility in six phases, with each phase including approximately 200 MWs of generating capacity.~~

Portions of the site, including the substation ~~sites~~, inverter and battery energy storage system sites, and access roads will be cleared and graded, prior to construction of the applicable facility components. Existing vegetation (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) and associated root systems in the energy facility footprint are left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable to minimize soil and erosion impacts, and that grading in solar arrays is limited to those areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances. Typical grading tolerances within the array are 10% maximum on North slopes and 15% maximum in other directions. Following construction, operational requirements include long-term site stabilization and revegetation of disturbed areas.

Adherence to the requirements of a Fugitive Dust Control Plan is required under Condition PRE-SP-02. Measures implemented under this plan include maintaining existing vegetative root systems, applying dust suppressants, and restricting traffic speeds on-site. Typically, water is applied as a dust suppressant on access roads, but under drought conditions, alternative dust suppressants including synthetic polymer emulsions, chemical suppressants, organic glues, and wood fiber materials may be applied at the site by qualified vendors.

Construction of the facility will generate less than 910 commuting trips and 250 truck trips per day over approximately 1,224 construction workdays. At the peak of construction, if all SS1-SS6 facilities are constructed together, it is estimated a maximum of approximately 1,266 commuting trips per day and 250 truck trips per day. The primary route to the site would be Bombing Range Road via Interstate Highway 84 (I-84) at the I-84/Irrigon Junction. Alternate routes would be via OR-207 via I-84 south of Hermiston.

4.2 Operations and Maintenance

Operation and maintenance activities include routine inspections, replacement of solar modules and battery components, panel washing, and vegetation management. ~~Up to~~Less than 10 permanent employees would operate and maintain the facility, with occasional delivery truck accessing the site during operations depending on the type of maintenance activity.

Individual batteries associated with the BESS will be inspected according to the manufacturer's recommendations and will need to be replaced approximately every 20 years, and every battery will be replaced during the life of the facility. Each type of electrical facility component would have routine inspections as designated in the operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan. The solar panels may require periodic washing during operations, and other incidental water use for sanitation and equipment washing.

Vegetation will be cleared and maintained along access roads to provide a vegetation clearance area for fire safety. This includes mowing to a height of no more than 12 inches. Use of the roads may continue after construction, or new roads may be removed, and the land reclaimed to pre-construction conditions.

An aboveground 500-gallon fuel storage tank sized may be installed at each O&M building. Secondary containment and refueling procedures for on-site fuel storage during operations will continue to follow the SPCC Plan and requirements for secondary containment. No extremely hazardous materials are expected to be produced, used, stored, transported, or disposed of at the facility during operation.

4.3 Retirement

The estimated useful life of the ~~proposed~~ facility is 40 years. Operational jobs would be eliminated after the facility ceased operating; however, some short-term contract jobs to monitor restored areas may be added to facilitate retirement activities. Decommissioning requires similar workforce numbers as required for the construction of the facility and is estimated to require a similar duration of up to 47 months.

Final retirement activities will be designated in a retirement plan but would begin with disconnecting all electrical equipment disassembling equipment and components such and the battery storage units, solar panels and transformers. Larger containers and equipment would be removed, trucked off-site and recycled and disposed of. Solar panels would be disconnected, and piles would be removed including the excavation of any concrete foundations. Gravel and foundations from the inverters and transformers, O&M building, substation~~s~~, and battery units would be removed by trenching and excavation. The facility site would then be restored through grading, filling, and revegetation with plants or seed mix consistent with applicable plans and conditions discussed in this order or landowner interests.

5.0 Site Certificate Conditions

The conditions of this Site Certificate are organized and coded to indicate the phase of implementation, the standard the condition is required to satisfy, and an identification number (1, 2, 3, etc.).[3] The table below presents a "key" for phase of implementation:

Key	Type of Conditions/Phase of Implementation
GEN	General Conditions: Design, Construction and Operation
PRE	Pre-Construction Conditions

[3] The identification number is not representative of an order that conditions must be implemented; it is intended only to represent a numerical value for identifying the condition.

Key	Type of Conditions/Phase of Implementation
CON	Construction Conditions
PRO	Pre-Operational Conditions
OPR	Operational Conditions
RET	Retirement Conditions

To align with the phased construction approach, preconditions requiring applicant actions prior to construction allow for phased compliance. These apply specifically to the area in which the phased activities would occur, rather than the entirety of the site.

5.1 General (GEN) Conditions: Design, Construction and Operations

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
STANDARD: GENERAL STANDARD OF REVIEW (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
GEN-GS-01	The certificate holder must design, construct, operate and retire the facility: a. Substantially as described in the site certificate; b. In compliance with the requirements of ORS Chapter 469, applicable Council rules, and applicable state and local laws, rules and ordinances in effect at the time the site certificate was issued; and c. In compliance with all applicable permit requirements of other state agencies. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(10); General Standard Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-02	The certificate holder must begin and complete construction of the facility ~~or facility phase~~ by the following dates: ~~a. Construction of the facility or first facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2027. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site.~~ ~~b.~~a. Construction of the final facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2028. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site. ~~c.~~b. All facility construction must be completed on or before November 18, 2030.~~within 2 years after the date construction of the final facility phase (under (b)) begins.~~ Within 7 days after completing construction, the certificate holder shall provide the Department written verification that it has met the deadline. [General Standard Condition 2; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
GEN-GS-03	If the certificate holder becomes aware of a significant environmental change or impact attributable to the facility, the certificate holder must, as soon as possible, submit a written report to the Department describing the impact on the facility and any affected site certificate conditions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(6); General Standard Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-04	The certificate holder must prevent the development of any conditions on the site that would preclude restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition to the extent that prevention of such site conditions is within the control of the certificate holder. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(7); General Standard Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-GS-05	Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder must restore vegetation to the extent practicable and must landscape all areas disturbed by construction in a manner compatible with the surroundings and proposed use. Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder must remove all temporary structures not required for facility operation and dispose of all timber, brush, refuse and flammable or combustible material resulting from clearing of land and construction of the facility. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(11); General Standard Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-06	~~The certificate holder is authorized to construct the 230 kV transmission lines anywhere within the approved transmission line corridors, subject to the conditions in the site certificate. The approved transmission line corridor includes:~~ ~~a. Southern transmission line: Approximately 6.3 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to four collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~ ~~b. Northern transmission line: Approximately 3.2 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to two collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~ ~~[Site Specific Condition OAR 345-025-0010(5); General Standard Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]~~[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]
GEN-GS-07	The certificate holder may operationally share the following facility components between Sunstone Solar 1, Sunstone Solar 2, Sunstone Solar 3, Sunstone Solar 5 and Sunstone Solar 6 (SS1 – SS6): the switchyard, transmission line, O&M buildings, replacement solar panel storage (as needed), access roads, SCADA system, and temporary construction areas, subject to the following: a. Within 30 days of use by certificate holders of the shared facilities, the certificate holder must provide evidence to the Department that the certificate holders of the shared facilities have an executed agreement for shared use of any constructed shared facilities. The Shared Use Agreements must allow operation and maintenance personnel and contractors access to the shared SS1 – SS6 facilities. b. If a certificate holder for SS1 - SS6 proposes to substantially modify any of the shared facilities listed in sub(a) of this condition, or supporting facility or ceases facility operation, the applicable/relevant certificate holder is obligated to submit an amendment determination request to the Department to determine the appropriate process for evaluating the change and ensuring full regulatory coverage under each site certificate, or remaining site certificate if either is terminated, in the future. [General Standard Condition 11, Final Order on AMD1]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-OE-01	Before any transfer of ownership of the facility or ownership of the site certificate holder, the certificate holder must inform the Department of the proposed new owners. The requirements of OAR 345-027-0400 apply to any transfer of ownership that requires a transfer of the site certificate. [Organizational Expertise Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-02	Any matter of non-compliance under the site certificate is the responsibility of the certificate holder. Any notice of violation issued under the site certificate will be issued to the certificate holder. Any civil penalties under the site certificate will be levied on the certificate holder. [Organizational Expertise Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-03	The certificate holder must notify the Department within 72 hours of any occurrence of the following: a. There is an attempt by anyone to interfere with the facility's safe operation. b. There is a significant nature event such as a fire, earthquake, flood, tsunami or tornado, or human-caused event such as a fire or explosion. c. There is any fatal injury at the facility. [Organizational Expertise Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-04	The certificate holder shall, as soon as reasonably possible: a. Report incidents or circumstances that may violate the terms or conditions of the site certificate, terms or conditions of any order of the Council, or the terms or conditions of any order issued under OAR 345-027-0230, to the Department. In the report to the Department, the certificate holder shall provide all pertinent facts including an estimate of how long the conditions or circumstances existed, how long they are expected to continue before they can be corrected, and whether the conditions or circumstances were discovered as a result of a regularly scheduled compliance audit; b. Initiate and complete appropriate action to correct the conditions or circumstances and to minimize the possibility of recurrence; c. Submit a written report within 30 days of discovery to the Department. The report must refer to the language in (d) of the condition and contain: i. A discussion of the cause of the reported conditions or circumstances; ii. The date of discovery of the conditions or circumstances by the responsible party; iii. A description of immediate actions taken to correct the reported conditions or circumstances; iv. A description of actions taken or planned to minimize the possibility of recurrence; and v. For conditions or circumstances that may violate the terms or conditions of a site certificate, an assessment of the impact on the resources considered under the standards of OAR Chapter 345 Divisions 22 and 24 as a result of the reported conditions or circumstances.

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
	d. Upon receipt of the written report in sub(c) of this condition, the Department may review the facility record for incidents or circumstances reported or reportable under sub(a) related to public health and safety, the environment, or other resources protected under Council standards. If these incidences are determined by the Department to impact the adequacy of the facility decommissioning cost, the Department or Council may adjust the contingencies identified in Final Order on ASC Table 4 and shall request and receive an updated bond or letter of credit from certificate holder in the adjusted amount. [Organizational Expertise Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Structural Standard (SS) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
GEN-SS-01	The certificate holder must design, engineer and construct the facility to avoid dangers to human safety and the environment presented by seismic hazards affecting the site that are expected to result from all maximum probable seismic events. "Seismic hazards" include ground shaking, ground failure, landslide, liquefaction triggering and consequences (including flow failure, settlement buoyancy, and lateral spreading), cyclic softening of clays and silts, fault rupture, directivity effects and soil-structure interaction. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(12); Structural Standard Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-02	The certificate holder must notify the Department, the State Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly if site investigations or trenching reveal that conditions in the foundation rocks differ significantly from those described in the application for a site certificate. After the Department receives the notice, the Council may require the certificate holder to consult with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building Codes Division to propose and implement corrective or mitigation actions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(13); Structural Standard Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-03	The certificate holder must notify the Department, the State Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly if shear zones, artesian aquifers, deformations or clastic dikes are found at or in the vicinity of the site. After the Department receives notice, the Council may require the certificate holder to consult with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building Codes Division to propose and implement corrective or mitigation actions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(14); Structural Standard Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-04	The certificate holder shall design, engineer, and construct the facility in accordance with the versions of the International Building Code, Oregon Structural Specialty Code, and local building codes in effect at the time of construction. [Structural Standard Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-LU-01	The certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department of coordination with the owners of adjacent lands dedicated to agricultural use. Coordination must include information about the facility that could impact agricultural activities. The certificate holder must document any recommendations made by adjacent landowners regarding measures to reduce or avoid any adverse impacts to farm practices on surrounding lands and to avoid any increase in farming costs as well as any responses made to these recommendations. [Land Use Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-LU-02	The certificate holder must adhere to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund included in Attachment F of the Final Order on the ASC, or subsequently amended. It is the certificate holder's responsibility to ensure that the Council and Department receive all reports and notifications required by the agreement. If the Memorandum of Agreement is amended, the certificate holder shall provide a copy of the amended Agreement to the Department within 30 days of it being amended. [Land Use Condition 12; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
GEN-RF-01	The certificate holder shall prevent the development of any conditions on the site that would preclude restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition to the extent that prevention of such site conditions is within the control of the certificate holder. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(7); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Siting Standards for Transmission Lines (TL) [OAR 345-024-0090]	
GEN-TL-01	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~The certificate holder shall:~~ ~~a. Design, construct and operate the transmission lines in accordance with the requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code as approved by the American National Standards Institute; and~~ ~~b. Develop and implement a program that provides reasonable assurance that all fences, gates, cattle guards, trailers, or other objects or structures of a permanent nature that could become inadvertently charged with electricity are grounded or bonded throughout the life of the line.~~ ~~[Siting Standards for Transmission Line Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]~~

5.3 Pre-Construction (PRE) Conditions

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
STANDARD: General Standard of Review (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
PRE-GS-01	Except as necessary for the initial survey, the certificate holder may not begin construction of the facility or phase, or create a clearing on any part of the site of the facility or phase, as applicable, until the certificate holder has the legal right to engage in construction activities on the relevant parts of the site for the facility or phase. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(5); General Standard Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-GS-02	At least 90 days prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable (unless otherwise agreed to by the Department), the certificate holder shall submit to the Department a compliance plan documenting and demonstrating actions completed or to be completed to satisfy the requirements of all site certificate terms and conditions and applicable statutes and rules. The plan shall be provided to the Department for review and compliance determination for each requirement. The Department may request additional information or evaluation deemed necessary to demonstrate compliance. [OAR 345-026-0048, General Standard Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
PRE-OE-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall notify the Department of the identity and qualifications of the major design, engineering and construction contractor(s). The certificate holder shall select contractors that have substantial experience in the design, engineering and construction of similar facilities. The certificate holder shall report to the Department any changes of major contractors. [Organizational Expertise Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall select a construction contractor with a low rate of historic environmental and safety compliance citations. Certificate holder shall provide the following documentation to the Department: a. Qualifications and contact information of the of the major design, engineering and construction contractor(s) and subcontractors, as applicable. b. Construction contractor compliance history. c. Contract excerpt affirming that contractors are required to comply with the terms and conditions of the site certificate, including selecting design layout and construction materials that minimize impacts to resources protected under Council standards. [Organizational Expertise Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the certificate holder's construction manager.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Organizational Expertise Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Provide the Department a list of federal, state and local permits, including any third-party permits related to facility siting; and a schedule for obtaining identified permits. b. Once obtained, provide copies of all permits, including third-party permits, required for facility siting to the Department. [Organizational Expertise Condition 12; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Structural (SS) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRE-SS-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit a site-specific geotechnical investigation report, consistent with the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners Guideline for Preparing Engineering Geologic Reports, or newer guidelines if available to the Department, for review in consultation with its third-party consultant. [Structural Standard Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRE-SP-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide a Vegetation and Grading Plan that demonstrates contractors are required to adhere to the following: a. Existing vegetation (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) and associated root systems shall be left intact to the maximum extent practicable. b. Grading within solar arrays shall be limited to areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances (typically 10% maximum on North slopes and 15% maximum in other directions). [Soil Protection Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-SP-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Obtain a NPDES 1200-C Pemit from DEQ. A copy of the approved permit and attached Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) must be submitted to the Department. b. Finalize the Fugitive Dust Control Plan, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment D. Finalization includes verification of names and contact information of individuals responsible for implementation, measures to be implemented and forms to be used for monitoring and reporting. [Soil Protection Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-SP-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must submit to the Department a Construction Spill Prevention Countermeasures and Control (SPCC) Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
PRE-LU-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must provide to the Department a copy of the approved Conditional Use Permit and applicable Zoning Permit(s). [Land Use Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-02	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~Prior to construction of the 230 kV transmission lines, the certificate holder shall demonstrate to the Department that the transmission lines will be sited within the exiting road rights-of-way, unless Morrow County Public Works Department and Oregon Department of Transportation, as applicable, confirm that use of the existing road rights-of-way is not feasible.~~ ~~[Land Use Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]~~
PRE-LU-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the draft Noxious Weed Control Plan, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment E, and submit to the Department for review and approval in consultation with the Morrow County Weed Department. [Land Use Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must submit an executed document prohibiting the certificate holder, and the certificate holder's successors in interest, from pursuing a claim for relief or cause of action alleging injury from farming or forest practices as defined in ORS 30.930(2) and (4), and provide evidence that the document has been recorded in the deed records for Morrow County. [Land Use Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-05	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall demonstrate that the final design adheres to the following setbacks: a. All facility structures and above-ground components except the perimeter fenceline must be sited: 1. At least 20 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way of a local minor collector or marginal access street, including but not limited to Sand Hollow Road, Grieb Lane, Alpine Lane, Doherty Road, or Melville Road. 2. At least 30 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way, of a major collector, including but not limited to, Bombing Range Road. 3. At least 80 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way for an arterial road, including but not limited to State Highway 207. b. All facility structures, and all on-site septic systems or other sewage disposal systems must be set back at least 100 feet from delineated waterways. [Land Use Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-06	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit a final site plan that includes all information required by MCZO 4.165.E to the County and the Department. The Department may defer review and approval to the County.

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	[Land Use Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-07	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must complete the preconstruction requirements identified in the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment F, or subsequently amended. [Land Use Condition 11; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
PRE-RF-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon, through the Council, a bond or letter of credit naming the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as beneficiary or payee. The approved bond or letter of credit amount of $~~117,945,000~~ 25,835,454 (~~Q1~~ Q3 ~~2023~~ 2025 dollars) may be adjusted based on the design configuration of the facility, or phase of the facility, as provided in Sub(a) and adjusted to the year and quarter of issuance as provided under Sub(b). a. The bond or letter of credit amount may be adjusted based on actual design/number of components of the facility or phase, as applicable, and shall use the same unit costs and contingencies presented in the Final Order on ~~the ASC~~Sunstone Solar RFA1 Table 5~~8~~. b. Adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation. c. The bond or letter of credit must be issued by a financial institution that is included on the Council's pre-approved financial institution list. The certificate holder may request to have a financial institution added to the list at any time. d. The bond or letter of credit must be prepared using the most recent Council-approved template. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 4; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
PRE-FW-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, based on Attachment G of the Final Order on the ASC, and submit to the Department for review and approval. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 1]
PRE-FW-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit the draft legal agreement for review and approval by the Department, in consultation with ODFW. The legal agreement shall ensure that payment provided for

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	long-term management and enhancement of the mitigation area is adequate to cover the permanent habitat loss from the facility. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 4, Final Order on ASC]
PRE-FW-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Habitat Mitigation Plan, as provided in Attachment H of the Final Order on ASC, based on the impacts associated with the final facility design and the legal agreement, as approved by the Department. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 5, Final Order on ASC]
PRE-FW-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department that the design measures included in the Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Final Order on ASC Attachment I) have been included in the final facility design and construction contractor contracts, as applicable. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Threatened and Endangered Species (TE) [OAR 345-022-0070]	
PRE-TE-01	If construction commences after April 2025, certificate holder shall, prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, conduct protocol-level Washington ground squirrel (WAGS) surveys within areas of planned facility construction that are within suitable WAGS habitat. The certificate holder shall: a. Submit a protocol-level survey plan for surveys to be conducted within suitable WAGS habitat, for review and approval by the Department in consultation with ODFW. At a minimum, the survey plan shall specify the survey area (all areas of suitable habitat within 1,000 feet of ground disturbing activities except where there is a habitat barrier (e.g., a paved road) or access restrictions); and survey timing (February 15 to May 31, unless otherwise approved by ODFW). b. Complete protocol-level WAGS surveys based on the protocol approved per (a). c. Submit survey reports to the Department and ODFW. The certificate holder shall not begin construction within 1,000 feet of Category 1 or Category 2 WAGS habitat until the identified boundaries of Category 1 WAGS habitat have been approved by the Department, in consultation with ODFW. Category 1 habitat includes a 785-foot buffer from an identified active burrow, and the area within the perimeter of multiple active burrows. Category 2 WAGS habitat consists of a 4,136-foot buffer from the exterior boundary of all Category 1 WAGS habitat. The survey results are valid for 3-years. d. Develop maps and worker training materials to inform of sensitive Category 1 and Category 2 habitat. Submit to the Department final facility design maps demonstrating that Category 1 habitat, including 785-buffer from any colonies identified per (b), is avoided. e. Install flagging or other demarcation, as appropriate, to inform workers of sensitive WGS habitat and of avoidance requirement. [Threatened and Endangered Species Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
PRE-HC-01	Prior to construction of the facility, or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall update the contact information provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment K, Inadvertent Discovery Plan. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Public Services (PS) [OAR 345-022-0100]	
PRE-PS-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall execute a final Road Use Agreement, based on Final Order on ASC Attachment N, and provide a copy to the Department. [Public Services Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]
PRE-PS-02	At least 180-days prior to construction of any phase, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department and Morrow County a temporary housing plan for the construction workforce. The plan shall provide for coordination with contractors and local officials on housing options and strategies to minimize impacts to local housing supply based on an ongoing evaluation of patterns of uses and potential shortages or changes in housing demand. [Public Services Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
PRE-WF-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan, as provided in Attachment L to the Final Order on ASC. The final Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
PRE-WM-01	Prior to construction of the facility, or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require contractors to develop and submit to the Department for review and approval, Construction Waste Management Plan(s) that, at a minimum, include the following: a. All sources and quantities of construction waste and wastewater, including damaged or dysfunctional energy facility components, and where feasible, estimated quantities that can be recycled. b. Process for disposal and recycling, including use of licensed haulers and disposal/recycling facilities; names and locations of licensed recycling and disposal facilities; collection, hauling and tracking requirements. c. Process for requesting a permit exemption from DEQ pursuant to OAR 340-093-0080 to ensure that concrete washout materials reused in foundation backfill are substantially the same as clean fill. d. Process for training workers and tracking compliance with the requirements of the plan. [Waste Minimization Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Noise Control Regulations (NC) [OAR 340-035-0035]	

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
PRE-NC-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall demonstrate that the operational noise levels comply with OAR 345-035-0035(1)(b), based on an updated acoustic modeling analysis using final design/layout and equipment specifications. [Noise Control Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Removal-Fill (WL)	
PRE-WL-01	Prior to construction of the facility, facility component or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must provide documentation of a valid jurisdictional determination from the Oregon Department of State Lands demonstrating that no waterways subject to the State Removal-Fill law under ORS 196.795 through 196.990 are present within areas to be disturbed during construction or operation. [Removal-Fill Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
PRE-WR-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Identify all water-related needs and estimate daily and annual water demand for each construction phase, as applicable. b. Provide, to the Department, a contract or purchase agreement demonstrating that adequate water supply to meet construction demand has been secured from sources with valid water rights. [Water Rights Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]

5.4 Construction (CON) Conditions

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
CON-OE-01	The certificate holder shall contractually require all contractors and subcontractors to comply with all applicable laws and regulations and with the terms and conditions of the site certificate. The contractual obligation shall be required of each contractor and subcontractor prior to that firm working on the facility. Such contractual provisions shall not operate to relieve the certificate holder of responsibility under the site certificate. [Organizational Expertise Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
CON-OE-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall: a. Maintain an onsite construction manager. b. Require that the construction manager implement and monitor all applicable construction related site certificate conditions. c. Within six months after beginning construction, and every six months thereafter during construction of the energy facility and related or supporting facilities, the certificate holder shall submit a semiannual construction progress report to the Department. In each construction progress report, the certificate holder shall describe any significant changes to major milestones for construction. The certificate holder shall report on the progress of construction and shall address the following: i. Facility Status: An overview of site conditions, the status of facilities under construction and a summary of the operating experience of facilities that are in operation. The certificate holder shall describe any unusual events, such as earthquakes, extraordinary windstorms, major accidents or the like that occurred during the year and that had a significant adverse impact on the facility. ii. Status of Surety Information: Documentation demonstrating that bonds or letters of credit as described in the site certificate are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect for the term of the next reporting period. iii. Compliance Report: A report describing the certificate holder's compliance with all site certificate conditions that are applicable during the reporting period. For ease of review, the certificate holder shall, in this section of the report, use numbered subparagraphs corresponding to the applicable sections of the site certificate. iv. Facility Modification Report: A summary of changes to the facility that the certificate holder has made during the reporting period without an amendment of the site certificate in accordance with OAR 345-027-0050. [Organizational Expertise Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
CON-SP-01	During construction, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require that contractors adhere to the requirements of the Vegetation and Grading Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-SP-02	During construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Conduct all work in compliance with the NPDES 1200-C Permit and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) or revised ESCP if applicable. The ESCP shall be revised if determined necessary by the certificate holder, certificate holder's contractor(s) or the Department. Any Department-required ESCP revisions shall be implemented within 14-days, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department based on a good faith effort to address erosion issues. b. Conduct all work in compliance with the Fugitive Dust Control Plan. The Fugitive Dust Control Plan may be amended, as needed, to ensure that control measures are effective at the site. [Soil Protection Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
CON-SP-03	During construction, the certificate holder shall require that all onsite contractors and personnel adhere to the requirements of the SPCC Plan. Any SPCC revisions and updates shall be reported to the Department. [Soil Protection Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	
CON-LU-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Noxious Weed Control Plan required under Condition PRE-LU-02. [Land Use Condition 4, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
CON-RF-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall: a. Describe the status of the bond or letter of credit in the semi-annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. b. If construction extends for more than 12 months, the certificate holder shall adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit on an annual basis thereafter as described in under Condition PRE-RF-01. c. The Department and Council reserve the right to adjust the contingencies, as necessary to ensure that costs to restore the site are adequate. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
CON-FW-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, as applicable. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 2, Final Order on ASC]
CON-FW-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Attachment I of the Final Order on the ASC). Monitoring records shall be maintained throughout construction and included in the semi-annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
STANDARD: Threatened and Endangered Species (TE) [OAR 345-022-0070]	
CON-TE-01	Prior to and during construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, any incidentally identified occurrence(s) of Lawrence's milkvetch shall be avoided using a 100-foot buffer via mapping and flagging. [Threatened and Endangered Species Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
CON-HC-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall require all onsite employees and contractors to implement and adhere to the requirements of the Inadvertent Discovery Plan, as submitted to the Department under PRE-HC-01. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Public Services (PS) [OAR 345-022-0100]	
CON-PS-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall adhere to the terms and conditions of the Road Use Agreement executed under PRE-PS-01. [Public Services Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-PS-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall report to the Department the outcomes of the work completed under the temporary housing plan required under PRE-PS-02. The report shall be included in the construction progress report required under CON-OE-02, and shall include, at a minimum: a. Outcome of coordination with construction contractors to identify housing options for incoming workers, including aggregate data on the location (i.e. city) and type of housing used by workers. b. Documentation of coordination with local officials such as the Morrow County Planning Department, nearby cities and towns such as Lexington and Ione, the Lexington Community Development Group, the Ione Community Agri-Business Organization, the Boardman Community Development Association, the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, and other housing providers to identify housing options and strategies to minimize that impacts to local housing supply. [Public Services Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
CON-WF-01	During construction of the facility of phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall implement and require all onsite contractors and employees to adhere to the Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan required under Condition PRE-WF-01. Updates to the Wildfire Mitigation Plan may be required if determined necessary by the certificate holder, certificate holder's contractor(s), or the Department to address wildfire hazard to public health and safety. Any Department required updates shall be implemented within 14 days, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department based on a good faith effort to address wildfire hazard. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
CON-WM-01	During construction, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require that contractors adhere to the requirements of the Construction Waste Management Plan(s) and maintain records of employee training and tracking compliance onsite and available upon Department request. [Waste Minimization Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-WM-02	During construction, on-site concrete washwater disposal is prohibited unless DEQ approval of a permit exemption for materials substantially similar to clean fill is obtained. If DEQ approval of a permit exemption is obtained, concrete washwater must be disposed of onsite via infiltration and evaporation in accordance with the DEQ-issued NPDES 1200-C permit required under Condition CON-SP-02. [Waste Minimization Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
CON-WR-01	During construction: a. All water used for construction activities shall be appropriated and used in accordance with the applicable provisions of ORS chapter 537 and OAR chapter 690. b. The certificate holder shall report the source and amount of water used during each month of construction under Condition CON-OE-02. The certificate holder shall maintain records adequate to substantiate reports (e.g., written logs and photographs of well meter readings, copies of invoices from water sources) and make such records available to the Department upon request. c. If a water right, limited water use license, or water rights transfer is needed and would not be obtained by a third-party, the certificate holder shall submit and obtain approval of the applicable water permit through the site certificate amendment process. [Water Rights Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]

5.5 Pre-Operational (PRO) Conditions

Condition Number	Pre-Operational (PRO) Conditions
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
PRO-OE-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the individuals responsible for monitoring facility operations, including individuals or third-party entity responsible for onsite maintenance. [Organizational Expertise Condition 10; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRO-SP-01	Following the termination of the 1200-C, the certificate holder shall update the requirements of the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, specific to the areas within the fenceline not occupied by facility infrastructure. Certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department that the permit was terminated by DEQ. [Soil Protection Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
PRO-SP-02	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall submit to the Department an Operational Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
PRO-WF-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall finalize the operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) included as Attachment M to the Final Order on ASC. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
PRO-WM-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall develop an Operational Recycling Plan or protocol requiring that damaged or nonfunctional panels and lithium-ion batteries be recycled to the extent practicable. The certificate holder shall report in its annual report to the Department the quantities of panels and lithium-ion batteries recycled, reused or disposed of in a landfill. Requirements for lithium-ion battery recycling do not apply if the BESS is not constructed. [Waste Minimization Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other - Water Rights (WR)	
PRO-WR-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall provide, to the Department, a copy of the map, well log and all other information it provided to OWRD pursuant to ORS 537.545 and ORS 537.765 to qualify for an exempt ground water use for any onsite exempt wells. [Water Rights Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]

5.6 Operational (OPR) Conditions

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
STANDARD: General Standard of Review (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
OPR-GS-01	The certificate holder must submit a legal description of the site to the Department within 90 days after beginning operation of the facility. The legal description must include a description of metes and bounds or a description of the site by reference to a map and geographic data that clearly and specifically identify the outer boundaries that contain all parts of the facility. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(2); General Standard Condition 9]
OPR-GS-02	After January 1 but no later than April 30 of each year after beginning operation of the facility, the certificate holder shall submit an annual report to the Department. The Council Secretary and the certificate holder may, by mutual agreement, change the reporting date. a. The annual report must include the following information for the calendar year preceding the date of the report: 1. Facility Status: An overview of site conditions, the status of facilities under construction and a summary of the operating experience of facilities that are in operation. The certificate holder shall describe any unusual events, such as earthquakes, extraordinary windstorms, major accidents or the like that occurred during the year and that had a significant adverse impact on the facility. 2. Reliability and Efficiency of Power Production: For electric power plants, the plant availability and capacity factors for the reporting year. The certificate holder shall describe any equipment failures or plant breakdowns that had a significant impact on those factors and shall describe any actions taken to prevent the recurrence of such problems. 3. Status of Surety Information: Documentation demonstrating that bonds or letters of credit as described in the site certificate are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect for the term of the next reporting period. 4. Monitoring Report: A list and description of all significant monitoring and mitigation activities performed during the previous year in accordance with site certificate terms and conditions, a summary of the results of those activities and a discussion of any significant changes to any monitoring or mitigation program, including the reason for any such changes. 5. Compliance Report: A report describing the certificate holder's compliance with all site certificate conditions that are applicable during the reporting period. For ease of review, the certificate holder shall, in this section of the report, use numbered subparagraphs corresponding to the applicable sections of the site certificate.

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	6. Facility Modification Report: A summary of changes to the facility that the certificate holder has made during the reporting period without an amendment of the site certificate in accordance with OAR 345-027-0350. b. To the extent that information required by this rule is contained in reports the certificate holder submits to other state, federal or local agencies, the certificate holder may submit excerpts from such other reports to satisfy this rule. The Council reserves the right to request full copies of such excerpted reports. [Mandatory Condition 345-026-0080(1); General Standard Condition 10, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
OPR-OE-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the individuals responsible for monitoring facility operations, including individuals or third-party entity responsible for onsite maintenance. [Organizational Expertise Condition 11; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
OPR-SP-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational SPCC Plan. Any SPCC updates shall be described and included in the Annual Report to the Department. Certificate holder shall report spill and cleanup activities to the Department within 72 hours and shall make inspection records available to the Department upon request. [Soil Protection Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	
OPR-LU-01	Following the fifth year of monitoring under the Noxious Weed Control Plan required under PRE-LU-03, the certificate holder shall submit a Long-term Noxious Weed Monitoring Plan to the Department, for review and approval. The certificate holder shall implement the plan for the remainder of the facility's operating life. [Land Use Condition 5, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
OPR-RF-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Annually adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation. b. Any changes to the template made by the Council must be incorporated into the bond or letter or letter of credit whenever the amount is adjusted under Sub(a). c. The Department and Council reserve the right to adjust the contingencies, as

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	necessary to ensure that costs to restore the site are adequate. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
OPR-FW-01	During operation, as applicable, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 3, Final Order on ASC]
OPR-FW-02	During operation, the certificate holder shall provide reports from The Nature Conservancy on the status of long-term management and enhancement of the habitat mitigation area, consistent with the Habitat Mitigation Plan. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 6, Final Order on ASC]
OPR-FW-03	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Attachment J of the Final Order on the ASC). Monitoring records shall be maintained throughout operation and included in the annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
OPR-HC-01	During operations, the certificate holder shall require all onsite employees and contractors to implement and adhere to the requirements of the Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP), as provided for Condition PRE-HC-01. The IDP shall be reviewed and updated annually for current contact information. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
OPR-WF-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Implement the Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan finalized under Condition PRO-WF-01. b. Every 5 years after the first operational year, review and update the evaluation of wildfire risk under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b) and submit the results in the annual report required under Condition CON-OE-02 for that year. c. Submit an updated Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan to the Department if substantive changes are made to the plan because of the review under sub (b) of this condition, or at any other time substantiative revisions are made. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
OPR-WM-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational Recycling Plan or protocol developed under Condition PRO-WM-01. [Waste Minimization Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
OPR-WM-02	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Prohibit use of chemicals, soaps, detergents and heated water unless Chemical Safety Data Sheets for low volatile organic compound/biodegradable cleaning chemicals and solvents are submitted to the Department for review and approval prior to use.

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	b. Ensure that washing is conducted in a manner that does not remove paint or other finishes. c. Discharge wash water through evaporation and infiltration only. [Waste Minimization Condition 6, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
OPR-WR-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall verify that any onsite exempt wells do not use more than 5,000 gallons of ground water a day, collectively, and shall monitor the volume of groundwater used on a daily basis, maintain a record of such use and make the monitoring records available to the Department upon request. [Water Rights Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]

5.7 Retirement (RET) Conditions

Condition Number	Retirement (RET) Conditions
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
RET-RF-01	The certificate holder must retire the facility if the certificate holder permanently ceases construction or operation of the facility. The certificate holder must retire the facility according to a final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0410. The certificate holder must pay the actual cost to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition at the time of retirement, notwithstanding the Council's approval in the site certificate of an estimated amount required to restore the site. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(9); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
RET-RF-02	If the Council finds that the certificate holder has permanently ceased construction or operation of the facility without retiring the facility according to a final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0410, the Council must notify the certificate holder and request that the certificate holder submit a proposed final retirement plan to the Department within a reasonable time not to exceed 90 days. If the certificate holder does not submit a proposed final retirement plan by the specified date, the Council may direct the Department to prepare a proposed final retirement plan for the Council's approval. Upon the Council's approval of the final retirement plan, the Council may draw on the bond or letter of credit described in Condition PRE-RF~~T~~-01 to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition according to the final retirement plan, in addition to any penalties the Council may impose under OAR chapter 345, division 29. If the amount of the bond or letter of credit is insufficient to pay the actual cost of retirement, the certificate holder must pay any additional cost necessary to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition. After completion of site restoration, the Council must issue an order to terminate the site certificate if the Council finds that the facility has been retired according to the approved final retirement plan. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(16); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]

6.0 Successors and Assigns

To transfer this site certificate or any portion thereof or to assign or dispose of it in any other manner, directly or indirectly, the certificate holder shall comply with OAR 345-027-0400.

7.0 Severability and Construction

If any provision of this agreement and certificate is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the agreement and certificate did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

8.0 Execution

This site certificate may be executed in counterparts and will become effective upon signature by the Chair of the Energy Facility Siting Council and the authorized representative of the certificate holder.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this site certificate has been executed by the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Energy Facility Siting Council and Sunstone Solar 5, LLC (certificate holder).

ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL	**SUNSTONE SOLAR 5, LLC**
By: _____________________________	By: ___________________________________
Kent Howe, Chair	XXX, Authorized Representative
Date: ___________________________	Date:________________________________

ATTACHMENT 1: FIGURES

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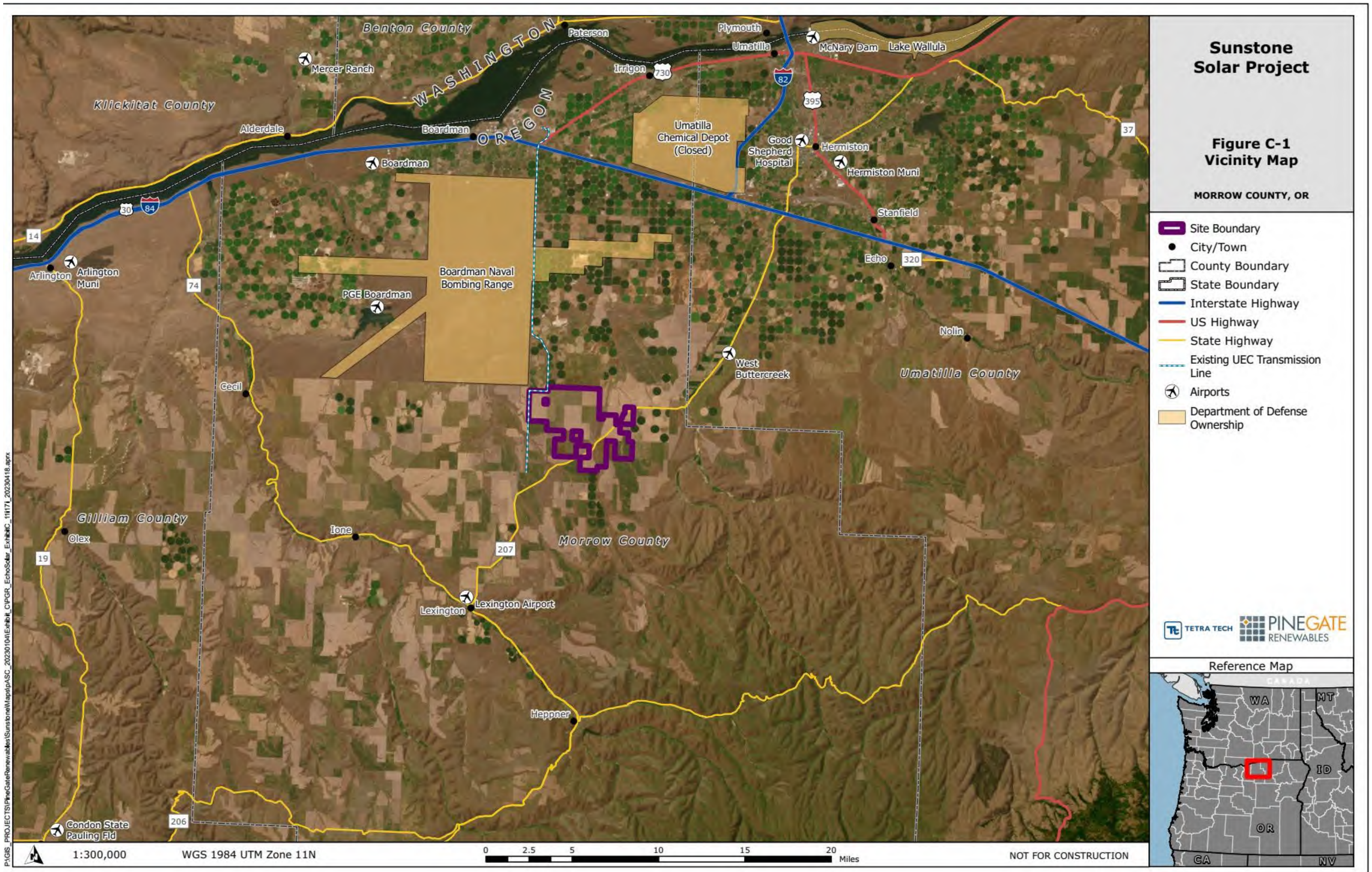

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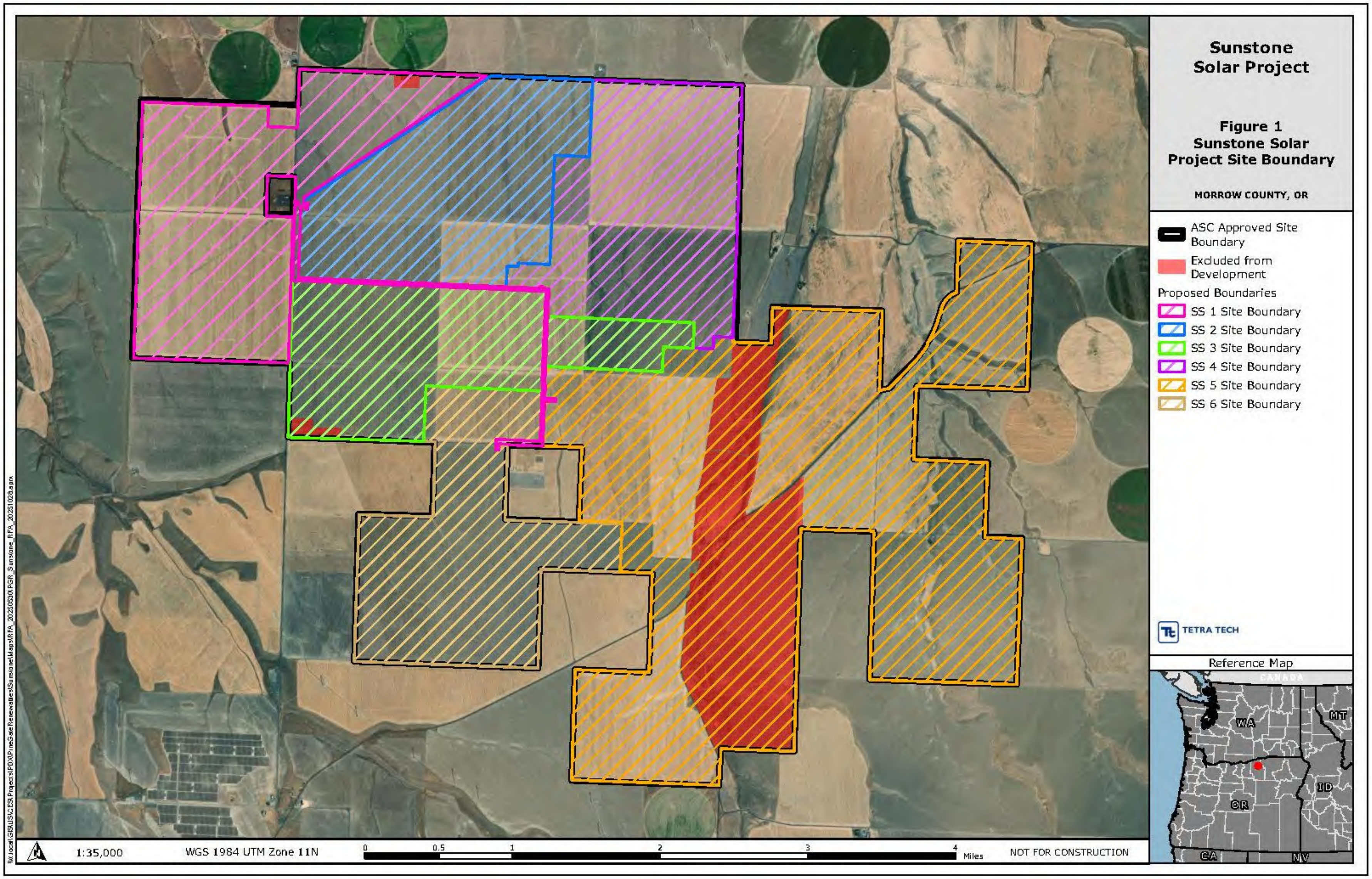
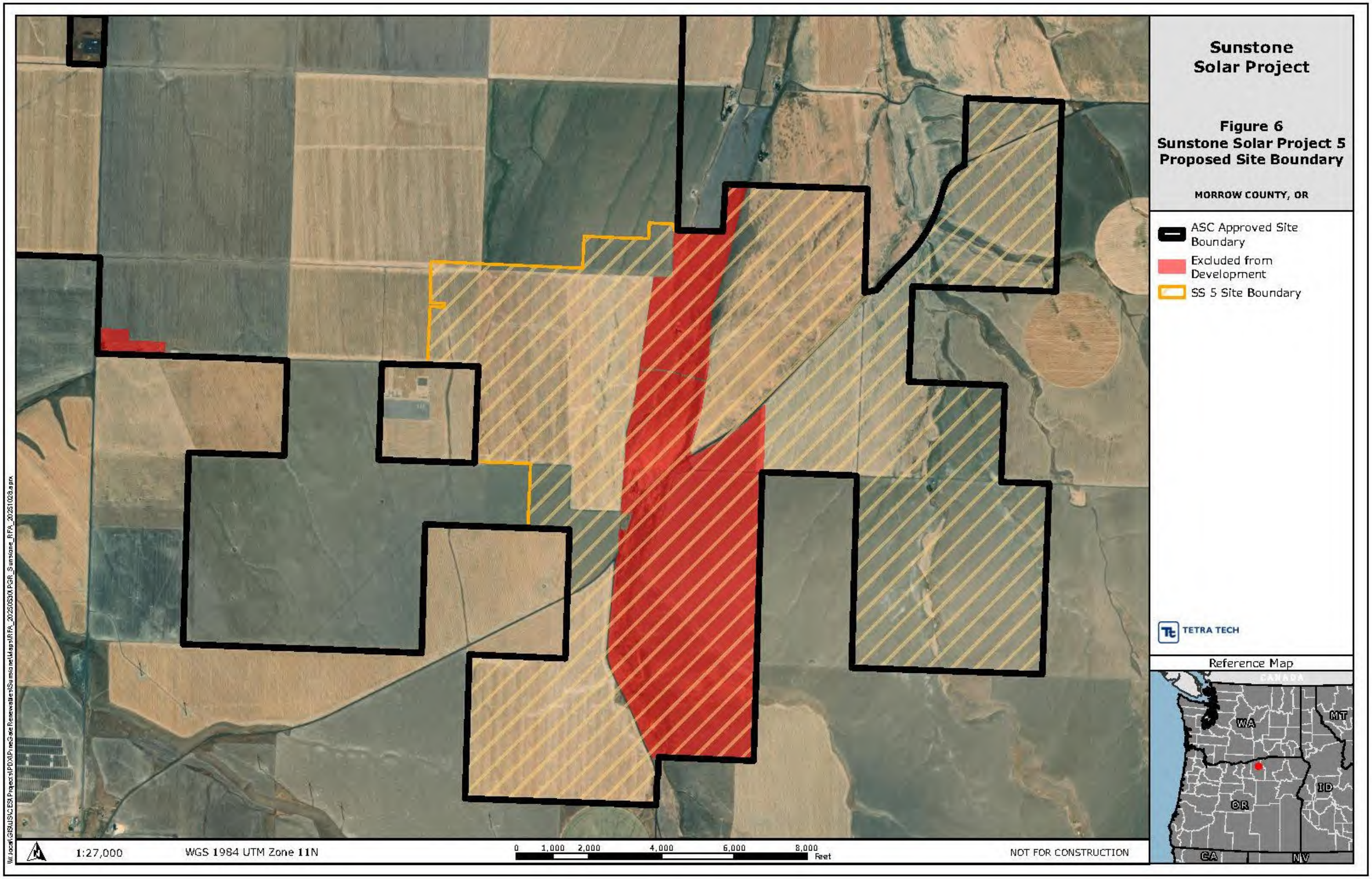


Figure 3: Sunstone Solar Project 5 (SS5) Site Boundary



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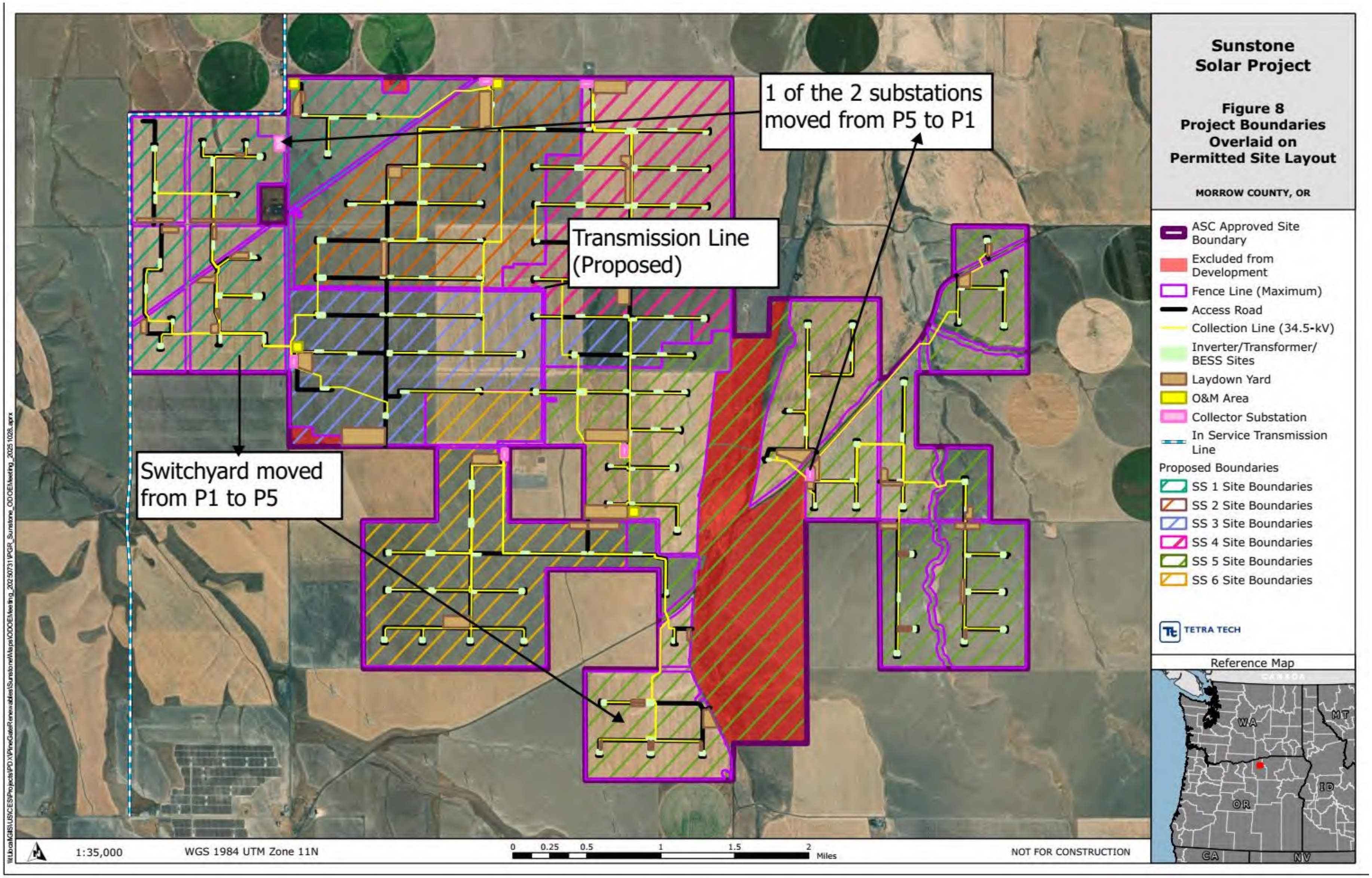

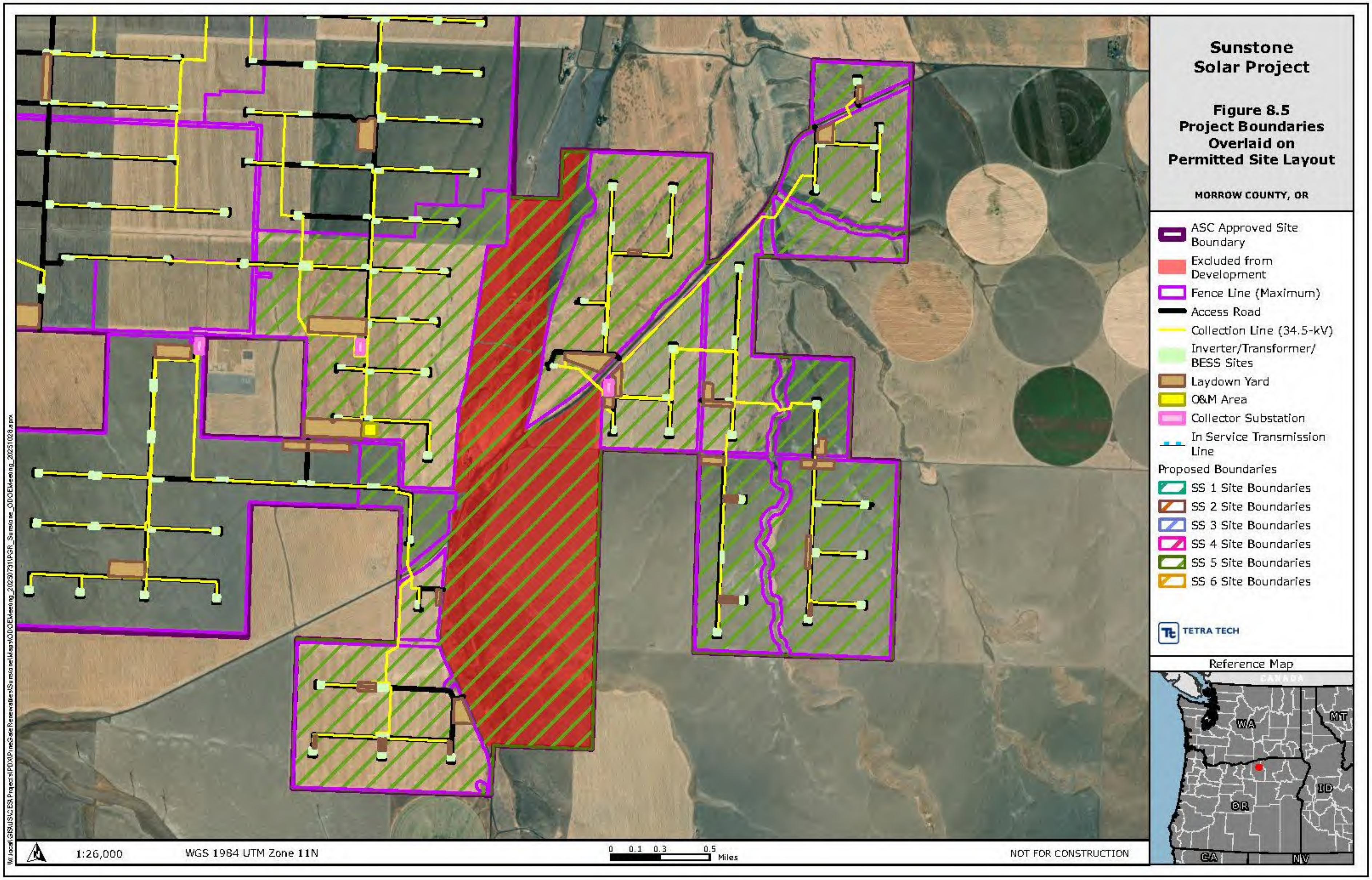
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Attachment D: Draft Fugitive Dust Control Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 5

Draft Fugitive Dust Control Plan

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Prepared by

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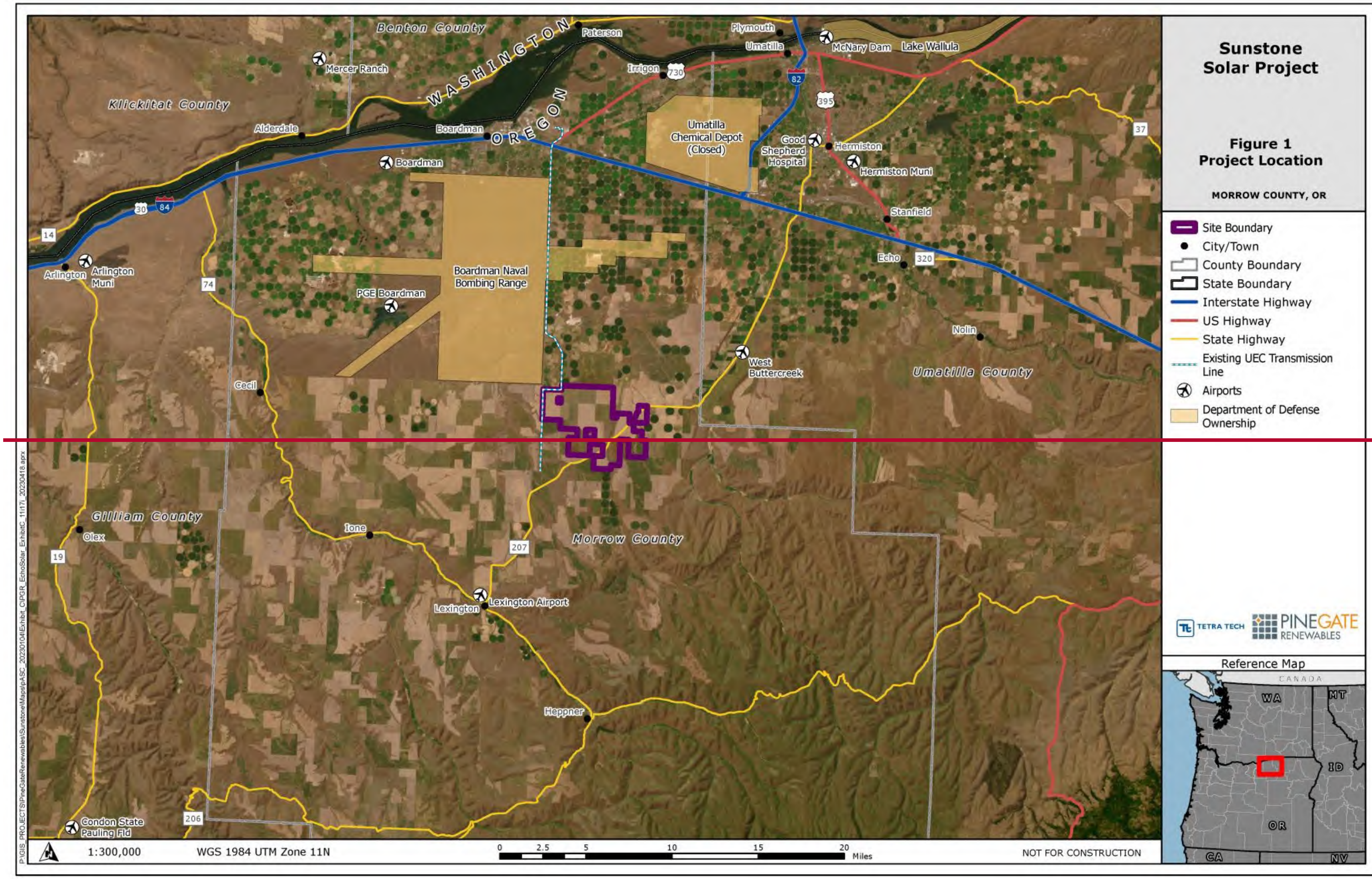
1.0 Introduction

This Fugitive Dust Control Plan (Plan) has been developed by Sunstone Solar 5, LLC (~~Sunstone Solar~~ Certificate Holder), a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC, for the ~~proposed~~ approved Sunstone Solar Project 5 (Facility) in Morrow County, Oregon~~ (Figure 1)~~. The purpose of this Plan is to reduce fugitive dust emissions associated with construction-related activities of a photovoltaic energy generation facility with up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) alternating current and related or supporting facilities, as well as a 1,200 MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system. The majority of the site consists of a mix of fallow fields and fields in small grain production, primarily dryland wheat; no farmlands within the site boundary receive irrigation (the application of water to land for purposes of growing agricultural products; Sunstone Solar 2024~~3a~~). This Plan summarizes the sources of and regulatory issues that relate to fugitive dust emissions; identifies responsibilities, monitoring, and training; and provides reasonable available control methods for fugitive dust in a table for easy reference in the field (Attachment 1).

This is an owner-imposed Plan that is expected to be implemented, maintained, and adaptively managed by the selected contractor throughout all phases of construction. The performance criteria and suggested measures identified in this Plan are minimums, and the contractor is expected to identify and implement additional measures as needed to fully meet all regulatory and public safety performance criteria. As identified in this Plan, the contractor may propose alternative approaches for consideration by the owner.

1.1 Fugitive Dust Sources

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey identified 11~~3~~ major soil types within the project area (NRCS 2025~~3; see Sunstone Solar 2023b~~). Approximately 33~~64~~ percent of the site is composed of Warden silt loam~~ (Sunstone Solar 2023a)~~, which is moderately or severely susceptible to erosion from ground disturbance, wind, and vehicle traffic on unpaved roads due to its composition of hemic organic soil materials and very fine sand (~~Sunstone Solar 2023b;~~ NRCS 2025, NRCS 2011). Additionally, 40~~20~~ percent of the site is composed of Ritzville silt loam, which is also moderately or severely susceptible to erosion from ground disturbance, wind, and vehicle traffic due to its composition of silt and fibric organic material (~~Sunstone Solar 2023b;~~ NRCS 2025, NRCS 2011). Due to their composition, the retention of moisture in these sediments is thus restricted. Furthermore, these sediment particles have a low resistance to dust propagation and would be transported or drift to adjacent lands due to the lack of water through irrigation; thus, these soils are considered at high risk for fugitive dust.



~~Figure 1. Project Location~~

Fugitive dust can arise from a variety of construction and operational activities associated with solar development. The sources can be grouped into three general categories: dust created from ground-disturbing activities such as clearing and grading, dust created from wind action on bare soils and stockpiles such as those not fully stabilized post-construction with either vegetation or a tackifier, and dust created from traffic on unpaved roads. Sediment is the basis for fugitive dust, meaning that sediment particles can become fugitive dust if they are windborne. Therefore, the thresholds for treating sediment and erosion on the site will be similar if not the same as the thresholds for treating fugitive dust. Maintaining existing vegetation and root systems is the single most effective method for avoiding fugitive dust and sediment. Where existing vegetation and root systems are disturbed, quickly reestablishing vegetation is critical.

1.2 Regulatory Compliance

Fugitive dust is a source of particulate matter with a mean diameter less than 10 microns (PM_{10}) which is one of the seven air pollutants the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). To a lesser extent, fugitive dust is a source of particulate matter with a mean diameter less than 2.5 microns ($PM_{2.5}$), which has proposed regulations pending under NAAQS. These soil particles are very small, can remain suspended in the air for long periods of time, and are easily inhaled into the lungs. Increased risks of death and disease have been linked to periods of high outdoor PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations. These fine particles can potentially be lifted thousands of feet into the atmosphere and transported across continents and oceans creating global health, ecological, and climate change impacts.

The EPA shares responsibility with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) for the implementation of Clean Air Act (CAA) criteria in Oregon. ODEQ implements the CAA rules under the EPA-approved Oregon Administrative Rules (Chapter 340, Division 21 General Emission Standards for Particulate Matter). Fugitive dust is the primary concern related to the CAA at the Project. Fugitive dust is defined by ODEQ as dust that visibly leaves the project site for a period of more than **18 seconds in a 6-minute period,** determined by the attached EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019) at the downwind property boundary (Oregon Administrative Rules [OAR] 340-208-0210 (2)-a and -b).

The ODEQ Rule 340-208-0210 contains the following requirements for fugitive dust:

- Reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of water or other chemicals to control dust during construction, on unpaved roads, and during the transport of materials; enclosure of materials stockpiles and covering of open-body trucks; and prompt removal from paved streets of earth or other material.
- If fugitive dust is discovered, ODEQ may require the Facility to cease work until the fugitive dust emissions are controlled. Emissions are considered controlled when fugitive dust is no longer leaving the Facility site for more than 18 seconds in a 6-minute period.

Further, ODEQ Rule 340-208-0300 specifies that it is prohibited to cause or allow any air contaminants (e.g., fugitive dust) to create a nuisance. If ODEQ determines that a nuisance has been created, the agency may pursue informal or formal enforcement actions to abate the nuisance.

A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction Stormwater Discharge Permit (Oregon 1200-C Construction Stormwater Permit), pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 468.050 and Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act, will be obtained from ODEQ. This permit requires the permit holder to "Prevent wind-blown soil and dust from areas with exposed soil through the appropriate application of water or other dust suppression techniques to control the generation of pollutants that could be discharged in stormwater from the site" (Section 2.2.9) and requires permit holders to implement measures including monitoring, record keeping, reporting of exceedances, and installation, maintenance, and adaptive management of best management practices (BMPs) to control both stormwater and fugitive dust discharges. Implementation of these measures is intended to reduce fugitive dust to a negligible impact and ensure compliance with applicable air quality regulations.

The Morrow County Code regulates nuisances through the Oregon State Statute Chapter 203. Controlling fugitive dust emissions is required to avoid creating a public nuisance, which is defined as "any thing, substance, or act that is a threat to the public health, safety or welfare" (Morrow County Code Enforcement Ordinance ORD-2021-4).

2.0 Fugitive Dust Control Plan

2.1 Responsibility

The expectation is that the Contractor will implement and adaptively manage this Plan, controlling fugitive dust emissions and meeting all regulatory and public safety performance criteria throughout construction. As described in Section 1.2 above, the holder of the Oregon 1200-C permit is required to control fugitive dust emissions, including ensuring compliance by all subcontractors and outside service providers.

If the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ identifies that the regulatory and public safety performance criteria are not being met, the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ will implement enforcement measures, including but not limited to:

- Issuance of a Non-Conformance and/or Non-Compliance Report.
- Contractor to prepare and submit a corrective action plan.
- Contractor to document corrective actions taken and performance criteria met.
- Partial or full stoppage of work on site through activation of shut-down clause in contract.
- At ~~Sunstone Solar's~~the Certificate Holder's sole discretion, an outside contractor may be contracted to implement corrective actions, to be reimbursed by the Contractor.

Additionally, the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ may establish a Community Action Council to create an open and ongoing pathway for communication with stakeholders for the Project, including controlling fugitive dust emissions and avoiding the creation of nuisances. The Community Action Council could include representatives from the Morrow County Commissioners' Office, Morrow County Planning Department, Oregon Department of Transportation, and neighboring landowners. The Contractor will work with the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ to determine whether this Community Action Council will be established, and if so, the details of its establishment.

2.2 Monitoring

As required by the 1200-C permit, the permit holder will perform visual monitoring and recordkeeping by a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control or Storm Water Quality Inspector (inspector). The Contractor's construction site manager and inspector will be responsible for ensuring that the measures in this Plan are implemented, monitored, and adaptively managed, and that any exceedances are immediately reported to the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~.

The visual monitoring required by the 1200-C permit must occur at least once every 14 calendar days. However, because OAR 340-208-0210 restricts visible fugitive emissions on a continuous standard to a maximum of 18 seconds in a given 6-minute period, and because fugitive dust emissions may provide an immediate public safety concern in this location, this Plan requires that fugitive dust be monitored and controlled on an ongoing basis.

Monitoring for fugitive dust emissions shall include:

- Use of EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019; see Attachment 2) as specified in OAR 340-208-0210, at least once a day.
- The observation shall be performed during times of peak construction activity at the downwind property boundary.
- Recording of observations in a fugitive dust inspection log that is kept on site and shall be available digitally to the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~. This log shall include all information required in EPA Method 22 and shall also include photos and/or video taken during the observation period to document conditions.
- Installation and operation of a weather station, recording (at a minimum) wind speed and direction.

Triggers for additional, more frequent monitoring will include:

- Observation of visible fugitive dust emissions by Contractor, agency, or the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~ staff.
- Request by a member of the Community Action Council established by the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~.
- Wind speeds greater than 15 miles per hour.

- Receipt of complaints or concerns through the Project Dust Control Hotline.

2.3 Training

EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019) does not require a specific certification, but it is necessary that the person responsible for observations completed for this method be knowledgeable with respect to the general procedures for determining the presence of visible emissions. At a minimum, the observer must be trained and knowledgeable regarding the effects of background contrast, ambient lighting, observer position relative to lighting, wind, and the presence of uncombined water (condensing water vapor) on the visibility of emissions. This training is to be obtained from written materials found in the references cited in Method 22 (EPA 2019) or from the lecture portion of the EPA Method 9 certification course. The Contractor shall document in the inspection log how the person responsible for observations meets this requirement.

Construction workers will attend a Worker Environmental Awareness Program training prior to conducting construction activities. This training will include a summary of fugitive dust control measures included in this Plan and the responsibilities of personnel working on the Facility related to fugitive dust control.

2.4 Fugitive Dust Prevention and Management

This document and the attached table are intended to provide guidance to construction personnel on measures intended to minimize impacts and control fugitive dust emissions during construction. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to monitor and adaptively manage the site to maintain compliance with all local, state, and federal requirements. Additionally, this Plan is supplemental to the Contractor's Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and does not substitute for any requirements of ODEQ or other agencies.

This Plan is performance-based. As shown in the flow chart in Figure 1~~2~~, if fugitive dust emissions in excess of the ODEQ criteria of **18 seconds in a 6-minute period** occur, the Contractor shall:

- Implement adaptive management actions, including altering work operations and/or pause work until the fugitive dust emissions are controlled.
- Document that fugitive dust emissions have been controlled, including monitoring with EPA Method 22.
- In addition to any reporting requirements required in the 1200-C permit, report noncompliance incidents and adaptive management actions taken by the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ within 24 hours of occurrence.

The Contractor shall maintain and implement this Plan during all phases of construction. The table in Attachment 1 provides suggested Reasonable Available Control Measures (RACMs) for anticipated fugitive dust sources based on industry-standard BMPs and reasonable precautions specified in the Oregon 1200-C permit, ODEQ's Construction Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual (Manual) (ODEQ 2021), and OAR 340-208-0210. Supplemental RACMs are

identified in the table in case initial RACMs are not effective in controlling fugitive dust or are not feasible to implement (Attachment 1).

The Contractor shall identify and implement additional RACMs as needed to control fugitive dust emissions. Additionally, the Contractor may propose alternative approaches and RACMs for controlling fugitive dust. This proposal shall be made in writing and is subject to the approval of the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~.

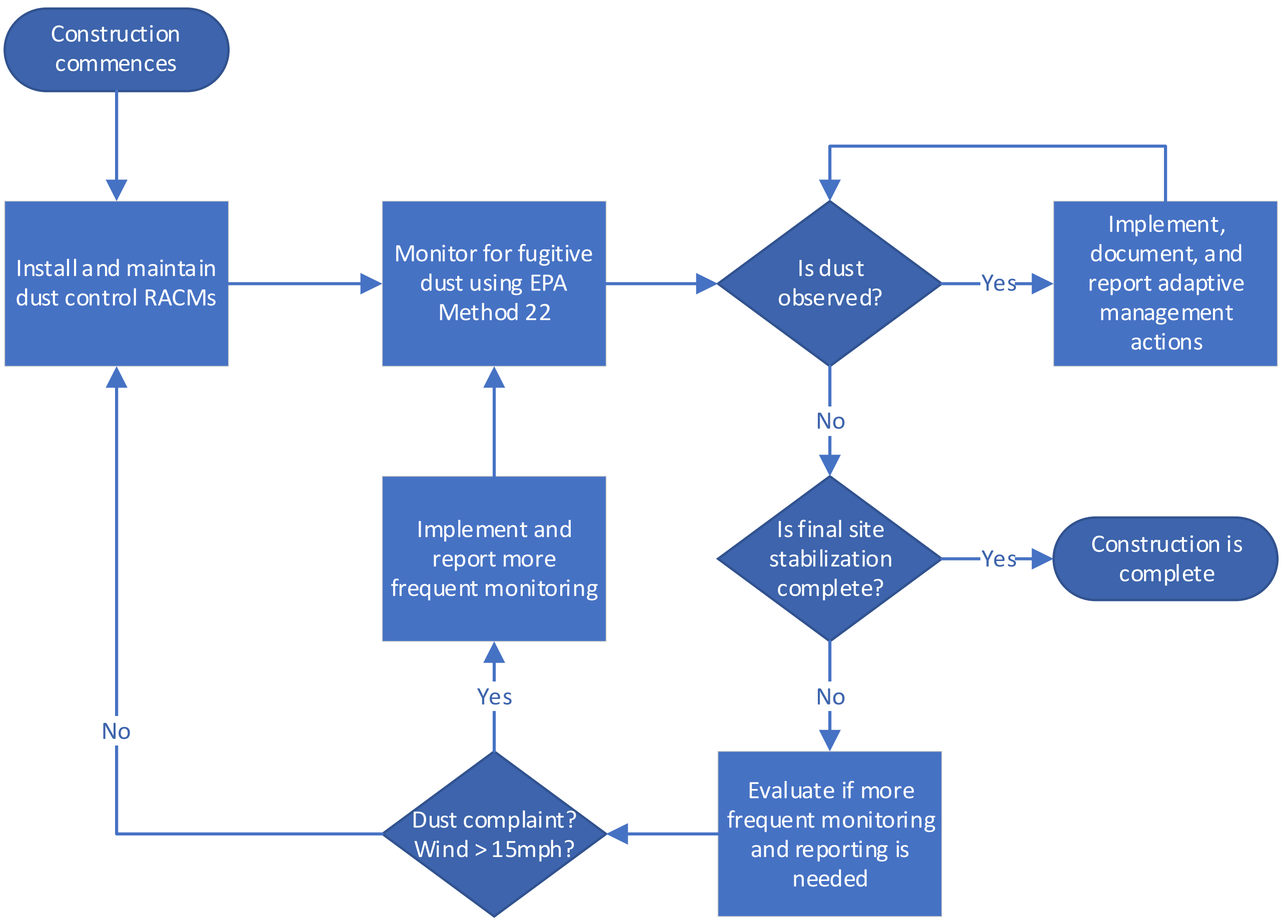


Figure 1. Dust Control Plan Flow Chart

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Attachment 1: Fugitive Dust Sources and Reasonable Available Control Measures

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Construction Phase	RACM(s)	Supplemental RACM(s)
All Phases of Construction	Daily fugitive dust monitoring and record keeping.	Increase frequency of monitoring.
	Prominent display of Dust Control Hotline signs, providing direct access to the Contractor's site manager or inspector.	If established, proactive engagement with Community Action Council.
	If established, Worker Environmental Awareness Program training for all construction employees.	Additional trainings and refreshers for employees.
	Maintain stockpile of BMPs on site, including sufficient palliatives for a single treatment of all site access roads and sufficient palliatives, mulch, and/or hydromulch for a minimum of 25 percent of the total disturbed area, and machinery for application.	Increase stockpile of palliatives, mulch, and/or hydromulch and add additional BMPs.
	Documentation and reporting of adaptive management actions.	Development and submittal of revised Fugitive Dust Control Plan.
Site Access	Install and maintain stabilized construction entrances at ingress/egress locations and restrict traffic to these locations.	Add additional construction entrance BMPs (e.g., wheel wash).
	Daily sweeping up of sediment from paved surfaces utilizing vacuum sweeper with HEPA filtration.	Increase sweeper frequency.
	Access roads shall be graveled.	Road maintenance and reapplication of gravel.
	Access roads will be stabilized with water or palliative sufficient to eliminate visible and sustained dust from vehicular travel and wind erosion. Reapply stabilization as necessary to maintain dust-free condition.	If water is unavailable or ineffective, or if water use is limited by any agency or regulation, access roads will be stabilized with longer-lasting palliatives.
	Restrict construction traffic to established and stabilized access routes.	Install fencing or barricades to prevent traffic outside of established routes.
	Limit traffic speeds to 15 miles per hour on stabilized unpaved roads within the site as long as such speeds do not create significant visible dust emissions. Traffic speed signs shall be displayed prominently at all site entrances and exits.	Limit traffic speeds within the site to 5 or 10 miles per hour.

Construction Phase	RACM(s)	Supplemental RACM(s)
Clearing, Grading, and Unstable Surfaces	Maintain the natural topography and vegetation of the site to the extent possible, including by limited grading and limited establishment of temporary access roads.	Reduce area being actively worked and stabilize unworked areas.
	Phase construction to expose the minimum amount of soil necessary.	Increase construction phasing to further minimize exposed soil.
	Leave existing vegetation intact to the extent possible.	Utilize mowing and rolling techniques to maintain plant root systems for soil stabilization.
	Minimize disturbance areas and soil exposure to the maximum extent feasible.	Limit work to a portion of the disturbed area until all disturbed areas receive temporary or final stabilization.
	When wind speeds exceed 15 miles per hour, minimize new disturbances to the extent possible and/or mobilize additional water trucks or palliatives to minimize fugitive dust from exposed surfaces.	Stop all ground disturbing activities and apply additional dust control measures until measures are effective or wind speeds slow and fugitive emissions stop.
	Separate and cover topsoil.	Increase maintenance frequency for topsoil cover. Combine methods, such as mulch plus tackifier.
	Stabilize exposed soils within the timeframes established in the 1200-C permit. Stabilize exposed soils in stages based on site conditions and weather.	Stabilize exposed soils more frequently, even if additional work is anticipated within the timeframe established in the 1200-C permit. Reapply stabilization measures following any additional disturbances.
	Temporarily stabilize exposed surfaces to prohibit significant and sustained visible fugitive dust from wind erosion. Utilize BMPs such as mulch, hydromulch with or without seeds, tackifier, spreading stone or gravel, and trackwalking.	Combine stabilization methods, such as mulch plus tackifier, or trackwalking plus hydromulch. Increase frequency of maintenance of stabilization.
	Seed exposed surfaces during the appropriate season with approved temporary or permanent seed mixes.	Reapply seed to newly disturbed areas or areas with poor germination. Use temporary seeding even if additional work is anticipated before final stabilization. Use irrigation to enhance seeding success.
	Gate seals should be tight on dump trucks. Soil load shall be kept below 6 inches of the freeboard of the truck. Drop heights shall be minimized when loaders dump soil into trucks.	Cover haul trucks with a tarp or other suitable cover.

Attachment 2: EPA Method 22

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EPA Method 22

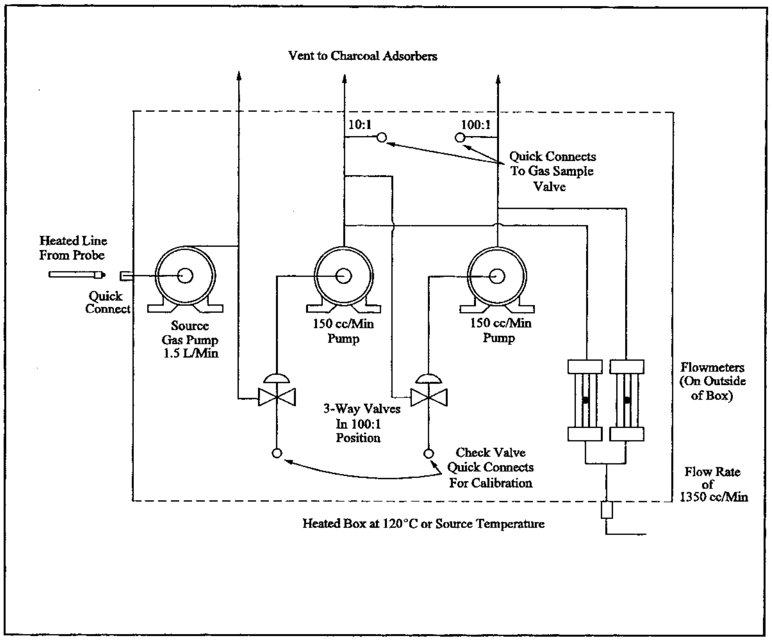

Figure 18-13. Schematic Diagram of the Heated Box Required for Dilution of Sample Gas.

GASEOUS ORGANIC SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS CHECK LIST

[Respond with initials or number as appropriate]

1. Presurvey data:		
A. Grab sample collected	☐	______
B. Grab sample analyzed for composition	☐	______
Method GC	☐	______
GC/MS	☐	______
Other	☐	______
C. GC-FID analysis performed	☐	______
2. Laboratory calibration data:		
A. Calibration curves prepared	☐	______
Number of components	☐	______
Number of concentrations/component (3 required).	☐	______
B. Audit samples (optional):		
Analysis completed	☐	______
Verified for concentration	☐	______
OK obtained for field work	☐	______
3. Sampling procedures:		
A. Method:		
Bag sample	☐	______
Direct interface	☐	______
Dilution interface	☐	______
B. Number of samples collected	☐	______
4. Field Analysis:		
A. Total hydrocarbon analysis performed	☐	______
B. Calibration curve prepared	☐	______
Number of components	☐	______
Number of concentrations per component (3 required).	☐	______

Gaseous Organic Sampling and Analysis Data

Date ______________________________

Location ___________________________

Plant ______________________________

GASEOUS ORGANIC SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS CHECK LIST (RESPOND WITH INITIALS OR NUMBER AS APPROPRIATE)

1. Pre-survey data	Date
A. Grab sample collected	______
B. Grab sample analyzed for composition	______
Method GC	______
GC/MS	______
Other______________	______
C. GC–FID analysis performed	______
2. Laboratory calibration curves prepared	______
A. Number of components	______
B. Number of concentrations per component (3 required)	______
C. OK obtained for field work	______
3. Sampling procedures.	
A. Method.	
Bag sample	______
Direct interface	______
Dilution interface	______
B. Number of samples collected	______
4. Field Analysis.	
A. Total hydrocarbon analysis performed	______
B. Calibration curve prepared	______
Number of components	______
Number of concentrations per component (3 required)	______

Figure 18–14. Sampling and Analysis Sheet

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APPENDIX A–7 TO PART 60—TEST METHODS 19 THROUGH 25E

Method 19—Determination of sulfur dioxide removal efficiency and particulate, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emission rates

Method 20—Determination of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and diluent emissions from stationary gas turbines

Method 21—Determination of volatile organic compound leaks

Method 22—Visual determination of fugitive emissions from material sources and smoke emissions from flares

Method 23—Determination of Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p-Dioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans From Stationary Sources

Method 24—Determination of volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of surface coatings

Method 24A—Determination of volatile matter content and density of printing inks and related coatings

Method 25—Determination of total gaseous nonmethane organic emissions as carbon

Method 25A—Determination of total gaseous organic concentration using a flame ionization analyzer

Method 25B—Determination of total gaseous organic concentration using a nondispersive infrared analyzer

Method 25C—Determination of nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC) in MSW landfill gases

Method 25D—Determination of the Volatile Organic Concentration of Waste Samples

Method 25E—Determination of Vapor Phase Organic Concentration in Waste Samples

The test methods in this appendix are referred to in §60.8 (Performance Tests) and §60.11 (Compliance With Standards and Maintenance Requirements) of 40 CFR part 60, subpart A (General Provisions). Specific uses of these test methods are described in the standards of performance contained in the subparts, beginning with Subpart D.

Within each standard of performance, a section title "Test Methods and Procedures" is provided to: (1) Identify the test methods to be used as reference methods to the facility subject to the respective standard and (2) identify any special instructions or conditions to be followed when applying a method to the respective facility. Such instructions (for example, establish sampling rates, volumes, or temperatures) are to be used either in addition to, or as a substitute for procedures in a test method. Similarly, for sources subject to emission monitoring requirements, specific instructions pertaining to any use of a test method as a reference method are provided in the subpart or in Appendix B.

Inclusion of methods in this appendix is not intended as an endorsement or denial of their applicability to sources that are not subject to standards of performance. The methods are potentially applicable to other sources; however, applicability should be confirmed by careful and appropriate evaluation of the conditions prevalent at such sources.

The approach followed in the formulation of the test methods involves specifications for equipment, procedures, and performance. In concept, a performance specification approach would be preferable in all methods because this allows the greatest flexibility to the user. In practice, however, this approach is impractical in most cases because performance specifications cannot be established. Most of the methods described herein, therefore, involve specific equipment specifications and procedures, and only a few methods in this appendix rely on performance criteria.

Minor changes in the test methods should not necessarily affect the validity of the results and it is recognized that alternative and equivalent methods exist. section 60.8 provides authority for the Administrator to specify or approve (1) equivalent methods, (2) alternative methods, and (3) minor changes in the methodology of the test methods. It should be clearly understood that unless otherwise identified all such methods and changes must have prior approval of the Administrator. An owner employing such methods or deviations from the test methods without obtaining prior approval does so at the risk of subsequent disapproval and retesting with approved methods.

Within the test methods, certain specific equipment or procedures are recognized as being acceptable or potentially acceptable and are specifically identified in the methods. The items identified as acceptable options may be used without approval but must be identified in the test report. The potentially approvable options are cited as "subject to the approval of the Administrator" or as "or equivalent." Such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives may be used at the discretion of the owner without prior approval. However, detailed descriptions for applying these potentially approvable techniques or alternatives are not provided in the test methods. Also, the potentially approvable options are not necessarily acceptable in all applications. Therefore, an owner electing to use such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives is responsible for: (1) assuring that the techniques or alternatives are in fact applicable and are properly executed; (2) including a written description of the alternative method in the test report (the written method must be clear and must be capable of being performed without additional instruction, and the degree of detail should be similar to the detail contained in the test methods); and (3) providing any rationale or supporting data necessary to show the validity of the alternative in the particular application. Failure to meet these requirements can result in the Administrator's disapproval of the alternative.

METHOD 19—DETERMINATION OF SULFUR DIOXIDE REMOVAL EFFICIENCY AND PARTICULATE MATTER, SULFUR DIOXIDE, AND NITROGEN OXIDE EMISSION RATES

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes. This method provides data reduction procedures relating to the following pollutants, but does not include any sample collection or analysis procedures.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Nitrogen oxides (NO_X), including:		
Nitric oxide (NO)	10102–43–9	N/A
Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2)	10102–44–0.	
Particulate matter (PM)	None assigned	N/A
Sulfur dioxide (SO_2)	7499–09–05	N/A

1.2 Applicability. Where specified by an applicable subpart of the regulations, this method is applicable for the determination of (a) PM, SO_2, and NO_X emission rates; (b) sulfur removal efficiencies of fuel pretreatment and SO_2 control devices; and (c) overall reduction of potential SO_2 emissions.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Emission Rates. Oxygen (O_2) or carbon dioxide (CO_2) concentrations and appropriate F factors (ratios of combustion gas volumes to heat inputs) are used to calculate pollutant emission rates from pollutant concentrations.

2.2 Sulfur Reduction Efficiency and SO_2 Removal Efficiency. An overall SO_2 emission reduction efficiency is computed from the efficiency of fuel pretreatment systems, where applicable, and the efficiency of SO_2 control devices.

2.2.1 The sulfur removal efficiency of a fuel pretreatment system is determined by fuel sampling and analysis of the sulfur and heat contents of the fuel before and after the pretreatment system.

2.2.2 The SO_2 removal efficiency of a control device is determined by measuring the SO_2 rates before and after the control device.

2.2.2.1 The inlet rates to SO_2 control systems (or, when SO_2 control systems are not used, SO_2 emission rates to the atmosphere) are determined by fuel sampling and analysis.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety [Reserved]

6.0 Equipment and Supplies [Reserved]

7.0 Reagents and Standards [Reserved]

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport [Reserved]

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedures [Reserved]

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature

B_{wa} = Moisture fraction of ambient air, percent.

B_{ws} = Moisture fraction of effluent gas, percent.

%C = Concentration of carbon from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

C_d = Pollutant concentration, dry basis, ng/scm (lb/scf)

$\%CO_{2d}$,$\%CO_{2w}$ = Concentration of carbon dioxide on a dry and wet basis, respectively, percent.

C_w = Pollutant concentration, wet basis, ng/scm (lb/scf).

D = Number of sampling periods during the performance test period.

E = Pollutant emission rate, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_a = Average pollutant rate for the specified performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ao}, E_{ai} = Average pollutant rate of the control device, outlet and inlet, respectively, for the performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{bi} = Pollutant rate from the steam generating unit, ng/J (lb/million Btu)

E_{bo} = Pollutant emission rate from the steam generating unit, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ci} = Pollutant rate in combined effluent, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{co} = Pollutant emission rate in combined effluent, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_d = Average pollutant rate for each sampling period (*e.g.*, 24-hr Method 6B sample or 24-hr fuel sample) or for each fuel lot (*e.g.*, amount of fuel bunkered), ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{di} = Average inlet SO_2 rate for each sampling period d, ng/J (lb/million Btu)

E_g = Pollutant rate from gas turbine, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ga} = Daily geometric average pollutant rate, ng/J (lbs/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

E_{jo},E_{ji} = Matched pair hourly arithmetic average pollutant rate, outlet and inlet, respectively, ng/J (lb/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

E_h = Hourly average pollutant, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{hj} = Hourly arithmetic average pollutant rate for hour "j," ng/J (lb/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

EXP = Natural logarithmic base (2.718) raised to the value enclosed by brackets.

F_d, F_w, F_c = Volumes of combustion components per unit of heat content, scm/J (scf/million Btu).

GCV = Gross calorific value of the fuel consistent with the ultimate analysis, kJ/kg (Btu/lb).

GCV_p, GCV_r = Gross calorific value for the product and raw fuel lots, respectively, dry basis, kJ/kg (Btu/lb).

%H = Concentration of hydrogen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

H = Total number of operating hours for which pollutant rates are determined in the performance test period.

H_b = Heat input rate to the steam generating unit from fuels fired in the steam generating unit, J/hr (million Btu/hr).

H_g = Heat input rate to gas turbine from all fuels fired in the gas turbine, J/hr (million Btu/hr).

$\%H_2O$ = Concentration of water from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
H_r = Total numbers of hours in the performance test period (*e.g.*, 720 hours for 30-day performance test period).
K = Conversion factor, 10^{-5} (kJ/J)/(%) [10^6 Btu/million Btu].
K_c = (9.57 scm/kg)/% [(1.53 scf/lb)/%].
K_{cc} = (2.0 scm/kg)/% [(0.321 scf/lb)/%].
K_{hd} = (22.7 scm/kg)/% [(3.64 scf/lb)/%].
K_{hw} = (34.74 scm/kg)/% [(5.57 scf/lb)/%].
K_n = (0.86 scm/kg)/% [(0.14 scf/lb)/%].
K_o = (2.85 scm/kg)/% [(0.46 scf/lb)/%].
K_s = (3.54 scm/kg)/% [(0.57 scf/lb)/%].
K_w = (1.30 scm/kg)/% [(0.21 scf/lb)/%].
ln = Natural log of indicated value.
L_p,L_r = Weight of the product and raw fuel lots, respectively, metric ton (ton).
%N = Concentration of nitrogen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
N = Number of fuel lots during the averaging period.
n = Number of fuels being burned in combination.
n_d = Number of operating hours of the affected facility within the performance test period for each E_d determined.
n_t = Total number of hourly averages for which paired inlet and outlet pollutant rates are available within the 24-hr midnight to midnight daily period.
%O = Concentration of oxygen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
$\%O_{2d}$, $\%O_{2w}$ = Concentration of oxygen on a dry and wet basis, respectively, percent.
P_s = Potential SO_2 emissions, percent.
$\%R_f$ = SO_2 removal efficiency from fuel pretreatment, percent.
$\%R_g$ = SO_2 removal efficiency of the control device, percent.
$\%R_{ga}$ = Daily geometric average percent reduction.
$\%R_o$ = Overall SO_2 reduction, percent.
%S = Sulfur content of as-fired fuel lot, dry basis, weight percent.
S_e = Standard deviation of the hourly average pollutant rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).
$\%S_f$ = Concentration of sulfur from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
S_i = Standard deviation of the hourly average inlet pollutant rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).
S_o = Standard deviation of the hourly average emission rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).
$\%S_p$, $\%S_r$ = Sulfur content of the product and raw fuel lots respectively, dry basis, weight percent.
$t_{0.95}$ = Values shown in Table 19–3 for the indicated number of data points n.
X_k = Fraction of total heat input from each type of fuel k.

12.2 Emission Rates of PM, SO_2, and NO_X. Select from the following sections the applicable procedure to compute the PM, S_{O2}, or NO_X emission rate (E) in ng/J (lb/million Btu). The pollutant concentration must be in ng/scm (lb/scf) and the F factor must be in scm/J (scf/million Btu). If the pollutant concentration (C) is not in the appropriate units, use Table 19–1 in section 17.0 to make the proper conversion. An F factor is the ratio of the gas volume of the products of combustion to the heat content of the fuel. The dry F factor (F_d) includes all components of combustion less water, the wet F factor (F_w) includes all components of combustion, and the carbon F factor (F_c) includes only carbon dioxide.

NOTE: Since F_w factors include water resulting only from the combustion of hydrogen in the fuel, the procedures using F_w factors are not applicable for computing E from steam generating units with wet scrubbers or with other processes that add water (*e.g.*, steam injection).

12.2.1 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Dry Basis. When measurements are on a dry basis for both O ($\%O_{2d}$) and pollutant (C_d) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_d \frac{20.9}{\left(20.9 - \%O_{2d}\right)} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-1}$$

12.2.2 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Wet Basis. When measurements are on a wet basis for both O_2 ($\%O_{2w}$) and pollutant (C_w) concentrations, use either of the following:

12.2.2.1 If the moisture fraction of ambient air (B_{wa}) is measured:

$$E = C_w F_w \frac{20.9}{\left[20.9\left(1 - B_{wa}\right) - \%O_{2w}\right]} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-2}$$

Instead of actual measurement, B_{wa} may be estimated according to the procedure below.

NOTE: The estimates are selected to ensure that negative errors will not be larger than −1.5 percent. However, positive errors, or over-estimation of emissions by as much as 5 percent may be introduced depending upon the geographic location of the facility and the associated range of ambient moisture.

12.2.2.1.1 B_{wa} = 0.027. This value may be used at any location at all times.

12.2.2.1.2 B_{wa} = Highest monthly average of B_{wa} that occurred within the previous calendar year at the nearest Weather Service Station. This value shall be determined annually and may be used as an estimate for the entire current calendar year.

12.2.2.1.3 B_{wa} = Highest daily average of Bwa that occurred within a calendar month at the nearest Weather Service Station, calculated from the data from the past 3 years. This value shall be computed for each month and may be used as an estimate for the current respective calendar month.

12.2.2.2 If the moisture fraction (B_{ws}) of the effluent gas is measured:

$$E = C_w F_d \frac{20.9}{\left[20.9\left(1 - B_{ws}\right) - \%O_{2w}\right]} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-3}$$

12.2.3 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Dry/Wet Basis.

12.2.3.1 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a wet basis (C_w) and O_2 concentration is measured on a dry basis ($\%O_{2d}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{\left(C_w F_d\right)(20.9)}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)\left(20.9 - \%O_{2d}\right)} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-4}$$

12.2.3.2 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a dry basis (C_d) and the O_2 concentration is measured on a wet basis ($\%O_{2w}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{C_d F_d 20.9}{\dfrac{\left(20.9 - \%O_{2w}\right)}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-5}$$

12.2.4 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Dry Basis. When measurements are on a dry basis for both CO_2 ($\%CO_{2d}$) and pollutant (C_d) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_c \frac{100}{\%CO_{2d}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-6}$$

12.2.5 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Wet Basis. When measurements are on a wet basis for both CO_2 ($\%CO_{2w}$) and pollutant (C_w) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_w F_c \frac{100}{\%CO_{2w}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-7}$$

12.2.6 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Dry/Wet Basis.

12.2.6.1 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a wet basis (C_w) and CO_2 concentration is measured on a dry basis ($\%CO_{2d}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{C_w F_c}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)} \frac{100}{\%CO_{2d}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-8}$$

12.2.6.2 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a dry basis (C_d) and CO_2 concentration is measured on a wet basis ($\%CO_{2w}$), use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_c \left(1 - B_{ws}\right) \frac{100}{\%CO_{2w}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-9}$$

12.2.7 Direct-Fired Reheat Fuel Burning. The effect of direct-fired reheat fuel burning (for the purpose of raising the temperature of the exhaust effluent from wet scrubbers to above the moisture dew-point) on emission rates will be less than 1.0 percent and, therefore, may be ignored.

12.2.8 Combined Cycle-Gas Turbine Systems. For gas turbine-steam generator combined cycle systems, determine the emissions from the steam generating unit or the percent reduction in potential SO_2 emissions as follows:

12.2.8.1 Compute the emission rate from the steam generating unit using the following equation:

$$E_{bo} = E_{co} + \frac{H_g}{H_b}\left(E_{co} - E_g\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-10}$$

12.2.8.1.1 Use the test methods and procedures section of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart GG to obtain E_{co} and E_g. Do not use F_w factors for determining E_g or E_{co}. If an SO_2 control device is used, measure E_{co} after the control device.

12.2.8.1.2 Suitable methods shall be used to determine the heat input rates to the steam generating units (H_b) and the gas turbine (H_g).

12.2.8.2 If a control device is used, compute the percent of potential SO_2 emissions (P_s) using the following equations:

$$E_{bi} = E_{ci} - \frac{H_g}{H_b}\left(E_{ci} - E_g\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-11}$$

$$P_s = 100\left(1 - \frac{E_{bo}}{E_{bi}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-12}$$

NOTE: Use the test methods and procedures section of Subpart GG to obtain E_{ci} and E_g. Do not use F_w factors for determining E_g or E_{ci}.

12.3 F Factors. Use an average F factor according to section 12.3.1 or determine an applicable F factor according to section 12.3.2. If combined fuels are fired, prorate the applicable F factors using the procedure in section 12.3.3.

12.3.1 Average F Factors. Average F factors (F_d, F_w, or F_c) from Table 19–2 in section 17.0 may be used.

12.3.2 Determined F Factors. If the fuel burned is not listed in Table 19–2 or if the owner or operator chooses to determine an F factor rather than use the values in Table 19–2, use the procedure below:

12.3.2.1 Equations. Use the equations below, as appropriate, to compute the F factors:

$$F_d = \frac{K\left(K_{hd}\%H + K_c\%C + K_s\%S + K_n\%N - K_o\%O\right)}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-13}$$

$$F_w = \frac{K\left[K_{hw}\%H + K_c\%C + K_s\%S + K_n\%N - K_o\%O + K_w\%H_2O\right]}{GCV_w} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-14}$$

$$F_c = \frac{K\left(K_{cc}\%C\right)}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-15}$$

NOTE: Omit the $\%H_2O$ term in the equations for F_w if %H and %O include the unavailable hydrogen and oxygen in the form of H_2O.)

12.3.2.2 Use applicable sampling procedures in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to obtain samples for analyses.

12.3.2.3 Use ASTM D 3176–74 or 89 (all cited ASTM standards are incorporated by reference—see §60.17) for ultimate analysis of the fuel.

12.3.2.4 Use applicable methods in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to determine the heat content of solid or liquid fuels. For gaseous fuels, use ASTM D 1826–77 or 94 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17) to determine the heat content.

12.3.3 F Factors for Combination of Fuels. If combinations of fuels are burned, use the following equations, as applicable unless otherwise specified in an applicable subpart:

$$F_d = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{dk}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-16}$$

$$F_w = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{wk}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-17}$$

$$F_c = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{ck}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-18}$$

12.4 Determination of Average Pollutant Rates.

12.4.1 Average Pollutant Rates from Hourly Values. When hourly average pollutant rates (E_h), inlet or outlet, are obtained (*e.g.*, CEMS values), compute the average pollutant rate (E_a) for the performance test period (*e.g.*, 30 days) specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$E_a = \frac{1}{H}\sum_{j=1}^{n} E_{hj} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-19}$$

12.4.2 Average Pollutant Rates from Other than Hourly Averages. When pollutant rates are determined from measured values representing longer than 1-hour periods (*e.g.*, daily fuel sampling and analyses or Method 6B values), or when pollutant rates are determined from combinations of 1-hour and longer than 1-hour periods (*e.g.*, CEMS and Method 6B values), compute the average pollutant rate (E_a) for the performance test period (*e.g.*, 30 days) specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$E_a = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{D}\left(n_d E_d\right)_j}{\sum_{j=1}^{D} n_{dj}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-20}$$

12.4.3 Daily Geometric Average Pollutant Rates from Hourly Values. The geometric average pollutant rate (E_{ga}) is computed using the following equation:

$$E_{ga} = \exp\left[\frac{1}{n_t}\sum_{j=1}^{n_t}\left[\ln\left(E_{hj}\right)\right]\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-21}$$

12.5 Determination of Overall Reduction in Potential Sulfur Dioxide Emission.

12.5.1 Overall Percent Reduction. Compute the overall percent SO_2 reduction (%R_o) using the following equation:

$$\%R_o = 100\left[1.0 - \left(1.0 - \frac{\%R_f}{100}\right)\left(1.0 - \frac{\%R_g}{100}\right)\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-22}$$

12.5.2 Pretreatment Removal Efficiency (Optional). Compute the SO_2 removal efficiency from fuel pretreatment (%R_f) for the averaging period (*e.g.*, 90 days) as specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$\%R_f = 100\left[1.0 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left(\frac{\%S_{pj}}{GCV_{pj}}\right)L_{pj}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left(\frac{\%S_{rj}}{GCV_{rj}}\right)L_{rj}}\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-23}$$

NOTE: In calculating %R_f, include %S and GCV values for all fuel lots that are not pretreated and are used during the averaging period.

12.5.2.1 Solid Fossil (Including Waste) Fuel/Sampling and Analysis.

NOTE: For the purposes of this method, raw fuel (coal or oil) is the fuel delivered to the desulfurization (pretreatment) facility. For oil, the input oil to the oil desulfurization process (*e.g.*, hydrotreatment) is considered to be the raw fuel.

12.5.2.1.1 Sample Increment Collection. Use ASTM D 2234–76, 96, 97a, or 98 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17), Type I, Conditions A, B, or C, and systematic spacing. As used in this method, systematic spacing is intended to include evenly spaced increments in time or increments based on equal weights of coal passing the collection area. As a minimum, determine the number and weight of increments required per gross sample representing each coal lot according to Table 2 or Paragraph 7.1.5.2 of ASTM D 2234. Collect one gross sample for each lot of raw coal and one gross sample for each lot of product coal.

12.5.2.1.2 ASTM Lot Size. For the purpose of section 12.5.2 (fuel pretreatment), the lot size of product coal is the weight of product coal from one type of raw coal. The lot size of raw coal is the weight of raw coal used to produce one lot of product coal. Typically, the lot size is the weight of coal processed in a 1-day (24-hour) period. If more than one type of coal is treated and produced in 1 day, then gross samples must be collected and analyzed for each type of coal. A coal lot size equaling the 90-day quarterly fuel quantity for a steam generating unit may be used if representative sampling can be conducted for each raw coal and product coal.

NOTE: Alternative definitions of lot sizes may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.2.1.3 Gross Sample Analysis. Use ASTM D 2013–72 or 86 to prepare the sample, ASTM D 3177–75 or 89 or ASTM D 4239–85, 94, or 97 to determine sulfur content (%S), ASTM D 3173–73 or 87 to determine moisture content, and ASTM D 2015–77 (Reapproved 1978) or 96, D 3286–85 or 96, or D 5865–98 or 10 to determine gross calorific value (GCV) (all standards cited are incorporated by reference—see §60.17 for acceptable versions of the standards) on a dry basis for each gross sample.

12.5.2.2 Liquid Fossil Fuel-Sampling and Analysis. See Note under section 12.5.2.1.

12.5.2.2.1 Sample Collection. Follow the procedures for continuous sampling in ASTM D 270 or D 4177–95 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17) for each gross sample from each fuel lot.

12.5.2.2.2 Lot Size. For the purpose of section 12.5.2 (fuel pretreatment), the lot size of a product oil is the weight of product oil from one pretreatment facility and intended as one shipment (ship load, barge load, etc.). The lot size of raw oil is the weight of each crude liquid fuel type used to produce a lot of product oil.

NOTE: Alternative definitions of lot sizes may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.2.2.3 Sample Analysis. Use ASTM D 129–64, 78, or 95, ASTM D 1552–83 or 95, or ASTM D 4057–81 or 95 to determine the sulfur content (%S) and ASTM D 240–76 or 92 (all standards cited are incorporated by reference—see §60.17) to determine the GCV of each gross sample. These values may be assumed to be on a dry basis. The owner or operator of an affected facility may elect to determine the GCV by sampling the oil combusted on the first steam generating unit operating day of each calendar month and then using the lowest GCV value of the three GCV values per quarter for the GCV of all oil combusted in that calendar quarter.

12.5.2.3 Use appropriate procedures, subject to the approval of the Administrator, to determine the fraction of total mass input derived from each type of fuel.

12.5.3 Control Device Removal Efficiency. Compute the percent removal efficiency ($\%R_g$) of the control device using the following equation:

$$\%R_g = 100\left(1.0 - \frac{E_{ao}}{E_{ai}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-24}$$

12.5.3.1 Use continuous emission monitoring systems or test methods, as appropriate, to determine the outlet SO_2 rates and, if appropriate, the inlet SO_2 rates. The rates may be determined as hourly (E_h) or other sampling period averages (E_d). Then, compute the average pollutant rates for the performance test period (E_{ao} and E_{ai}) using the procedures in section 12.4.

12.5.3.2 As an alternative, as-fired fuel sampling and analysis may be used to determine inlet SO_2 rates as follows:

12.5.3.2.1 Compute the average inlet SO_2 rate (E_{di}) for each sampling period using the following equation:

$$E_{di} = K\frac{\%S}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-25}$$

Where:

$$K = 2\times10^7\left(\frac{\text{ng } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{(\text{kJ})}{\text{J}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{kg coal}}\right)\left[2\times10^4\left(\frac{\text{lb } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{million Btu}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{lb coal}}\right)\right]$$

After calculating E_{di}, use the procedures in section 12.4 to determine the average inlet SO_2 rate for the performance test period (E_{ai}).

12.5.3.2.2 Collect the fuel samples from a location in the fuel handling system that provides a sample representative of the fuel bunkered or consumed during a steam generating unit operating day. For the purpose of as-fired fuel sampling under section 12.5.3.2 or section 12.6, the lot size for coal is the weight of coal bunkered or consumed during each steam generating unit operating day. The lot size for oil is the weight of oil supplied to the ‘‘day’’ tank or consumed during each steam generating unit operating day. For reporting and calculation purposes, the gross sample shall be identified with the calendar day on which sampling began. For steam generating unit operating days when a coal-fired steam generating unit is operated without coal being added to the bunkers, the coal analysis from the previous ‘‘as bunkered’’ coal sample shall be used until coal is bunkered again. For steam generating unit operating days when an oil-fired steam generating unit is operated without oil being added to the oil ‘‘day’’ tank, the oil analysis from the previous day shall be used until the ‘‘day’’ tank is filled again. Alternative definitions of fuel lot size may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.3.2.3 Use ASTM procedures specified in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to determine %S and GCV.

12.5.4 Daily Geometric Average Percent Reduction from Hourly Values. The geometric average percent reduction ($\%R_{ga}$) is computed using the following equation:

$$\%R_{ga} = 100\left[1 - \text{EXP}\left(\frac{1}{n_t}\sum_{j=1}^{n_t}\ln\frac{E_{jo}}{E_{ji}}\right)\right] \qquad \text{Eq. 19-26}$$

NOTE: The calculation includes only paired data sets (hourly average) for the inlet and outlet pollutant measurements.

12.6 Sulfur Retention Credit for Compliance Fuel. If fuel sampling and analysis procedures in section 12.5.2.1 are being used to determine average SO_2 emission rates (E_{as}) to the atmosphere from a coal-fired steam generating unit when there is no SO_2 control device, the following equation may be used to adjust the emission rate for sulfur retention credits (no credits are allowed for oil-fired systems) (E_{di}) for each sampling period using the following equation:

$$E_{di} = 0.97K \frac{\%S}{GDV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-27}$$

Where:

$$K = 2\times10^{7}\left(\frac{\text{ng } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{J}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{kg coal}}\right)\left[2\times10^{4}\left(\frac{\text{lb } SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{million Btu}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{lb coal}}\right)\right]$$

After calculating E_{di}, use the procedures in section 12.4.2 to determine the average SO_2 emission rate to the atmosphere for the performance test period (E_{ao}).

12.7 Determination of Compliance When Minimum Data Requirement Is Not Met.

12.7.1 Adjusted Emission Rates and Control Device Removal Efficiency. When the minimum data requirement is not met, the Administrator may use the following adjusted emission rates or control device removal efficiencies to determine compliance with the applicable standards.

12.7.1.1 Emission Rate. Compliance with the emission rate standard may be determined by using the lower confidence limit of the emission rate (E_{ao}*) as follows:

$$E_{ao}^{*} = E_{ao} - t_{0.95} S_o \qquad \text{Eq. 19-28}$$

12.7.1.2 Control Device Removal Efficiency. Compliance with the overall emission reduction ($\%R_o$) may be determined by using the lower confidence limit of the emission rate (E_{ao}*) and the upper confidence limit of the inlet pollutant rate (E_{ai}*) in calculating the control device removal efficiency ($\%R_g$) as follows:

$$\%R_g = 100\left(1.0 - \frac{E_{ao}^{*}}{E_{ai}^{*}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-29}$$

$$E_{ai}^{*} = E_{ai} + t_{0.95} S_i \qquad \text{Eq. 19-30}$$

12.7.2 Standard Deviation of Hourly Average Pollutant Rates. Compute the standard deviation (S_e) of the hourly average pollutant rates using the following equation:

$$S_e = \sqrt{\frac{1}{H} - \frac{1}{H_r}}\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{H}\left(E_{hj} - E_a\right)^2}{H-1}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-31}$$

Equation 19–19 through 19–31 may be used to compute the standard deviation for both the outlet (S_o) and, if applicable, inlet (S_i) pollutant rates.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References [Reserved]

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

TABLE 19–1—CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CONCENTRATION

From	To	Multiply by
g/scm	ng/scm	10^9
mg/scm	ng/scm	10^6
lb/scf	ng/scm	1.602×10^{13}

TABLE 19–1—CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CONCENTRATION—Continued

From	To	Multiply by
ppm SO_2	ng/scm	2.66×10^6
ppm NO_X	ng/scm	1.912×10^6
ppm SO_2	lb/scf	1.660×10^{-7}
ppm NO_X	lb/scf	1.194×10^{-7}

TABLE 19–2—F FACTORS FOR VARIOUS FUELS[1]

Fuel Type	F_d		F_w		F_c	
	dscm/J	dscf/10[6] Btu	wscm/J	wscf/10[6] Btu	scm/J	scf/10[6] Btu
Coal:						
Anthracite[2]	2.71×10^{-7}	10,100	2.83×10^{-7}	10,540	0.530×10^{-7}	1,970
Bituminus[2]	2.63×10^{-7}	9,780	2.86×10^{-7}	10,640	0.484×10^{-7}	1,800
Lignite	2.65×10^{-7}	9,860	3.21×10^{-7}	11,950	0.513×10^{-7}	1,910
Oil[3]	2.47×10^{-7}	9,190	2.77×10^{-7}	10,320	0.383×10^{-7}	1,420
Gas:.						
Natural	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.85×10^{-7}	10,610	0.287×10^{-7}	1,040
Propane	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.74×10^{-7}	10,200	0.321×10^{-7}	1,190
Butane	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.79×10^{-7}	10,390	0.337×10^{-7}	1,250
Wood	2.48×10^{-7}	9,240			0.492×10^{-7}	1,830
Wood Bark	2.58×10^{-7}	9,600			0.516×10^{-7}	1,920
Municipal	2.57×10^{-7}	9,570			0.488×10^{-7}	1,820
Solid Waste						

[1] Determined at standard conditions: 20 °C (68 °F) and 760 mm Hg (29.92 in Hg)
[2] As classified according to ASTM D 388.
[3] Crude, residual, or distillate.

TABLE 19–3—VALUES FOR $T_{0.95}$*

n[1]	$t_{0.95}$	n[1]	$t_{0.95}$	n[1]	$t_{0.95}$
2	6.31	8	1.89	22–26	1.71
3	2.42	9	1.86	27–31	1.70
4	2.35	10	1.83	32–51	1.68
5	2.13	11	1.81	52–91	1.67
6	2.02	12–16	1.77	92–151	1.66
7	1.94	17–21	1.73	152 or more	1.65

[1]The values of this table are corrected for n-1 degrees of freedom. Use n equal to the number (H) of hourly average data points.

METHOD 20—DETERMINATION OF NITROGEN OXIDES, SULFUR DIOXIDE, AND DILUENT EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY GAS TURBINES

1.0 Scope and Application

What is Method 20?

Method 20 contains the details you must follow when using an instrumental analyzer to determine concentrations of nitrogen oxides, oxygen, carbon dioxide, and sulfur dioxide in the emissions from stationary gas turbines. This method follows the specific instructions for equipment and performance requirements, supplies, sample collection and analysis, calculations, and data analysis in the methods listed in section 2.0.

1.1 Analytes. What does this method determine?

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Nitrogen oxides (NO_X) as nitrogen dioxide:	10102–43–9	Typically <2% of Calibration Span.
Nitric oxide (NO)	10102–44–0	
Nitrogen dioxide NO_2.		
Diluent oxygen (O_2) or carbon dioxide (CO_2)		Typically <2% of Calibration Span.
Sulfur dioxide (SO_X)	7446–09–5	Typically <2% of Calibration Span.

1.2 Applicability. When is this method required? The use of Method 20 may be required by specific New Source Performance Standards, Clean Air Marketing rules, and State Implementation Plans and permits where

measuring SO_2, NO_X, CO_2, and/or O_2 concentrations in stationary gas turbines emissions are required. Other regulations may also require its use.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. How good must my collected data be? Refer to section 1.3 of Method 7E.

2.0 Summary of Method

In this method, NO_X, O_2 (or CO_2), and SO_X are measured using the following methods found in appendix A to this part:

(a) Method 1—Sample and Velocity Traverses for Stationary Sources.

(b) Method 3A—Determination of Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(c) Method 6C—Determination of Sulfur Dioxide Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(d) Method 7E—Determination of Nitrogen Oxides Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(e) Method 19—Determination of Sulfur Dioxide Removal Efficiency and Particulate Matter, Sulfur Dioxide, and Nitrogen Oxide Emission Rates.

3.0 Definitions

Refer to section 3.0 of Method 7E for the applicable definitions.

4.0 Interferences

Refer to section 4.0 of Methods 3A, 6C, and 7E as applicable.

5.0 Safety

Refer to section 5.0 of Method 7E.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The measurement system design is shown in Figure 7E–1 of Method 7E. Refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for equipment and supplies.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for reagents and standards.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sampling Site and Sampling Points. Follow the procedures of section 8.1 of Method 7E. For the stratification test in section 8.1.2, determine the diluent-corrected pollutant concentration at each traverse point.

8.2 Initial Measurement System Performance Tests. You must refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for the measurement system performance tests as applicable.

8.3 Interference Check. You must follow the procedures in section 8.3 of Method 3A or 6C, or section 8.2.7 of Method 7E (as appropriate).

8.4 Sample Collection. You must follow the procedures of section 8.4 of the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0. A test run must have a duration of at least 21 minutes.

8.5 Post-Run System Bias Check, Drift Assessment, and Alternative Dynamic Spike Procedure. You must follow the procedures of sections 8.5 and 8.6 of the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0. A test run must have a duration of at least 21 minutes.

9.0 Quality Control

Follow quality control procedures in section 9.0 of Method 7E.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

Follow the procedures for calibration and standardization in section 10.0 of Method 7E.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

Because sample collection and analysis are performed together (see section 8), additional discussion of the analytical procedure is not necessary.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

You must follow the procedures for calculations and data analysis in section 12.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0. Follow the procedures in section 12.0 of Method 19 for calculating fuel-specific F factors, diluent-corrected pollutant concentrations, and emission rates.

13.0 Method Performance

The specifications for the applicable performance checks are the same as in section 13.0 of Method 7E.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 Alternative Procedures

Refer to section 16.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for alternative procedures.

17.0 References

Refer to section 17.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for references.

18.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

Refer to section 18.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for tables, diagrams, flowcharts, and validation data.

METHOD 21—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND LEAKS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Scope. This method is applicable for the determination of VOC leaks from process equipment. These sources include, but are not limited to, valves, flanges and other connections, pumps and compressors, pressure relief devices, process drains, open-ended valves, pump and compressor seal system degassing vents, accumulator vessel vents, agitator seals, and access door seals.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A portable instrument is used to detect VOC leaks from individual sources. The instrument detector type is not specified, but it must meet the specifications and performance criteria contained in section 6.0. A leak definition concentration based on a reference compound is specified in each applicable regulation. This method is intended to locate and classify leaks only, and is not to be used as a direct measure of mass emission rate from individual sources.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Calibration gas* means the VOC compound used to adjust the instrument meter reading to a known value. The calibration gas is usually the reference compound at a known concentration approximately equal to the leak definition concentration.

3.2 *Calibration precision* means the degree of agreement between measurements of the same known value, expressed as the relative percentage of the average difference between the meter readings and the known concentration to the known concentration.

3.3 *Leak definition concentration* means the local VOC concentration at the surface of a leak source that indicates that a VOC emission (leak) is present. The leak definition is an instrument meter reading based on a reference compound.

3.4 *No detectable emission* means a local VOC concentration at the surface of a leak source, adjusted for local VOC ambient concentration, that is less than 2.5 percent of the specified leak definition concentration. that indicates that a VOC emission (leak) is not present.

3.5 *Reference compound* means the VOC species selected as the instrument calibration basis for specification of the leak definition concentration. (For example, if a leak definition concentration is 10,000 ppm as methane, then any source emission that results in a local concentration that yields a meter reading of 10,000 on an instrument meter calibrated with methane would be classified as a leak. In this example, the leak definition concentration is 10,000 ppm and the reference compound is methane.)

3.6 *Response factor* means the ratio of the known concentration of a VOC compound to the observed meter reading when measured using an instrument calibrated with the reference compound specified in the applicable regulation.

3.7 *Response time* means the time interval from a step change in VOC concentration at the input of the sampling system to the time at which 90 percent of the corresponding final value is reached as displayed on the instrument readout meter.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Pollutants. Several of the compounds, leaks of which may be determined by this method, may be irritating or corrosive to tissues (*e.g.*, heptane) or may be toxic (*e.g.*, benzene, methyl alcohol). Nearly all are fire hazards. Compounds in emissions should be determined through familiarity with the source. Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as reference No. 4 in section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

A VOC monitoring instrument meeting the following specifications is required:

6.1 The VOC instrument detector shall respond to the compounds being processed. Detector types that may meet this requirement include, but are not limited to, catalytic oxidation, flame ionization, infrared absorption, and photoionization.

6.2 The instrument shall be capable of measuring the leak definition concentration specified in the regulation.

6.3 The scale of the instrument meter shall be readable to ±2.5 percent of the specified leak definition concentration.

6.4 The instrument shall be equipped with an electrically driven pump to ensure that a sample is provided to the detector at a constant flow rate. The nominal sample flow rate, as measured at the sample probe tip, shall be 0.10 to 3.0 l/min (0.004 to 0.1 ft^3/min) when the probe is fitted with a glass wool plug or filter that may be used to prevent plugging of the instrument.

6.5 The instrument shall be equipped with a probe or probe extension or sampling not to exceed 6.4 mm (¼ in) in outside diameter,

with a single end opening for admission of sample.

6.6 The instrument shall be intrinsically safe for operation in explosive atmospheres as defined by the National Electrical Code by the National Fire Prevention Association or other applicable regulatory code for operation in any explosive atmospheres that may be encountered in its use. The instrument shall, at a minimum, be intrinsically safe for Class 1, Division 1 conditions, and/or Class 2, Division 1 conditions, as appropriate, as defined by the example code. The instrument shall not be operated with any safety device, such as an exhaust flame arrestor, removed.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Two gas mixtures are required for instrument calibration and performance evaluation:

7.1.1 Zero Gas. Air, less than 10 parts per million by volume (ppmv) VOC.

7.1.2 Calibration Gas. For each organic species that is to be measured during individual source surveys, obtain or prepare a known standard in air at a concentration approximately equal to the applicable leak definition specified in the regulation.

7.2 Cylinder Gases. If cylinder calibration gas mixtures are used, they must be analyzed and certified by the manufacturer to be within 2 percent accuracy, and a shelf life must be specified. Cylinder standards must be either reanalyzed or replaced at the end of the specified shelf life.

7.3 Prepared Gases. Calibration gases may be prepared by the user according to any accepted gaseous preparation procedure that will yield a mixture accurate to within 2 percent. Prepared standards must be replaced each day of use unless it is demonstrated that degradation does not occur during storage.

7.4 Mixtures with non-Reference Compound Gases. Calibrations may be performed using a compound other than the reference compound. In this case, a conversion factor must be determined for the alternative compound such that the resulting meter readings during source surveys can be converted to reference compound results.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Instrument Performance Evaluation. Assemble and start up the instrument according to the manufacturer's instructions for recommended warmup period and preliminary adjustments.

8.1.1 Response Factor. A response factor must be determined for each compound that is to be measured, either by testing or from reference sources. The response factor tests are required before placing the analyzer into service, but do not have to be repeated at subsequent intervals.

8.1.1.1 Calibrate the instrument with the reference compound as specified in the applicable regulation. Introduce the calibration gas mixture to the analyzer and record the observed meter reading. Introduce zero gas until a stable reading is obtained. Make a total of three measurements by alternating between the calibration gas and zero gas. Calculate the response factor for each repetition and the average response factor.

8.1.1.2 The instrument response factors for each of the individual VOC to be measured shall be less than 10 unless otherwise specified in the applicable regulation. When no instrument is available that meets this specification when calibrated with the reference VOC specified in the applicable regulation, the available instrument may be calibrated with one of the VOC to be measured, or any other VOC, so long as the instrument then has a response factor of less than 10 for each of the individual VOC to be measured.

8.1.1.3 Alternatively, if response factors have been published for the compounds of interest for the instrument or detector type, the response factor determination is not required, and existing results may be referenced. Examples of published response factors for flame ionization and catalytic oxidation detectors are included in References 1–3 of section 17.0.

8.1.2 Calibration Precision. The calibration precision test must be completed prior to placing the analyzer into service and at subsequent 3-month intervals or at the next use, whichever is later.

8.1.2.1 Make a total of three measurements by alternately using zero gas and the specified calibration gas. Record the meter readings. Calculate the average algebraic difference between the meter readings and the known value. Divide this average difference by the known calibration value and multiply by 100 to express the resulting calibration precision as a percentage.

8.1.2.2 The calibration precision shall be equal to or less than 10 percent of the calibration gas value.

8.1.3 Response Time. The response time test is required before placing the instrument into service. If a modification to the sample pumping system or flow configuration is made that would change the response time, a new test is required before further use.

8.1.3.1 Introduce zero gas into the instrument sample probe. When the meter reading has stabilized, switch quickly to the specified calibration gas. After switching, measure the time required to attain 90 percent of the final stable reading. Perform this test sequence three times and record the results. Calculate the average response time.

8.1.3.2 The instrument response time shall be equal to or less than 30 seconds. The instrument pump, dilution probe (if any), sample probe, and probe filter that will be used

during testing shall all be in place during the response time determination.

8.2 Instrument Calibration. Calibrate the VOC monitoring instrument according to section 10.0.

8.3 Individual Source Surveys.

8.3.1 Type I—Leak Definition Based on Concentration. Place the probe inlet at the surface of the component interface where leakage could occur. Move the probe along the interface periphery while observing the instrument readout. If an increased meter reading is observed, slowly sample the interface where leakage is indicated until the maximum meter reading is obtained. Leave the probe inlet at this maximum reading location for approximately two times the instrument response time. If the maximum observed meter reading is greater than the leak definition in the applicable regulation, record and report the results as specified in the regulation reporting requirements. Examples of the application of this general technique to specific equipment types are:

8.3.1.1 Valves. The most common source of leaks from valves is the seal between the stem and housing. Place the probe at the interface where the stem exits the packing gland and sample the stem circumference. Also, place the probe at the interface of the packing gland take-up flange seat and sample the periphery. In addition, survey valve housings of multipart assembly at the surface of all interfaces where a leak could occur.

8.3.1.2 Flanges and Other Connections. For welded flanges, place the probe at the outer edge of the flange-gasket interface and sample the circumference of the flange. Sample other types of nonpermanent joints (such as threaded connections) with a similar traverse.

8.3.1.3 Pumps and Compressors. Conduct a circumferential traverse at the outer surface of the pump or compressor shaft and seal interface. If the source is a rotating shaft, position the probe inlet within 1 cm of the shaft-seal interface for the survey. If the housing configuration prevents a complete traverse of the shaft periphery, sample all accessible portions. Sample all other joints on the pump or compressor housing where leakage could occur.

8.3.1.4 Pressure Relief Devices. The configuration of most pressure relief devices prevents sampling at the sealing seat interface. For those devices equipped with an enclosed extension, or horn, place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the exhaust area to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.5 Process Drains. For open drains, place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the area open to the atmosphere. For covered drains, place the probe at the surface of the cover interface and conduct a peripheral traverse.

8.3.1.6 Open-ended Lines or Valves. Place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the opening to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.7 Seal System Degassing Vents and Accumulator Vents. Place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the opening to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.8 Access door seals. Place the probe inlet at the surface of the door seal interface and conduct a peripheral traverse.

8.3.2 Type II—''No Detectable Emission''. Determine the local ambient VOC concentration around the source by moving the probe randomly upwind and downwind at a distance of one to two meters from the source. If an interference exists with this determination due to a nearby emission or leak, the local ambient concentration may be determined at distances closer to the source, but in no case shall the distance be less than 25 centimeters. Then move the probe inlet to the surface of the source and determine the concentration as outlined in section 8.3.1. The difference between these concentrations determines whether there are no detectable emissions. Record and report the results as specified by the regulation. For those cases where the regulation requires a specific device installation, or that specified vents be ducted or piped to a control device, the existence of these conditions shall be visually confirmed. When the regulation also requires that no detectable emissions exist, visual observations and sampling surveys are required. Examples of this technique are:

8.3.2.1 Pump or Compressor Seals. If applicable, determine the type of shaft seal. Perform a survey of the local area ambient VOC concentration and determine if detectable emissions exist as described in section 8.3.2.

8.3.2.2 Seal System Degassing Vents, Accumulator Vessel Vents, Pressure Relief Devices. If applicable, observe whether or not the applicable ducting or piping exists. Also, determine if any sources exist in the ducting or piping where emissions could occur upstream of the control device. If the required ducting or piping exists and there are no sources where the emissions could be vented to the atmosphere upstream of the control device, then it is presumed that no detectable emissions are present. If there are sources in the ducting or piping where emissions could be vented or sources where leaks could occur, the sampling surveys described in section 8.3.2 shall be used to determine if detectable emissions exist.

8.3.3 Alternative Screening Procedure.

8.3.3.1 A screening procedure based on the formation of bubbles in a soap solution that is sprayed on a potential leak source may be used for those sources that do not have continuously moving parts, that do not have surface temperatures greater than the boiling point or less than the freezing point of the soap solution, that do not have open

areas to the atmosphere that the soap solution cannot bridge, or that do not exhibit evidence of liquid leakage. Sources that have these conditions present must be surveyed using the instrument technique of section 8.3.1 or 8.3.2.

8.3.3.2 Spray a soap solution over all potential leak sources. The soap solution may be a commercially available leak detection solution or may be prepared using concentrated detergent and water. A pressure sprayer or squeeze bottle may be used to dispense the solution. Observe the potential leak sites to determine if any bubbles are formed. If no bubbles are observed, the source is presumed to have no detectable emissions or leaks as applicable. If any bubbles are observed, the instrument techniques of section 8.3.1 or 8.3.2 shall be used to determine if a leak exists, or if the source has detectable emissions, as applicable.

9.0 Quality Control

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.1.2	Instrument calibration precision check	Ensure precision and accuracy, respectively, of instrument response to standard.
10.0	Instrument calibration.	

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Calibrate the VOC monitoring instrument as follows. After the appropriate warmup period and zero internal calibration procedure, introduce the calibration gas into the instrument sample probe. Adjust the instrument meter readout to correspond to the calibration gas value.

NOTE: If the meter readout cannot be adjusted to the proper value, a malfunction of the analyzer is indicated and corrective actions are necessary before use.

11.0 Analytical Procedures [Reserved]

12.0 Data Analyses and Calculations [Reserved]

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 22—VISUAL DETERMINATION OF FUGITIVE EMISSIONS FROM MATERIAL SOURCES AND SMOKE EMISSIONS FROM FLARES

NOTE: This method is not inclusive with respect to observer certification. Some material is incorporated by reference from Method 9.

1.0 Scope and Application

This method is applicable for the determination of the frequency of fugitive emissions from stationary sources, only as specified in an applicable subpart of the regulations. This method also is applicable for the determination of the frequency of visible smoke emissions from flares.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Fugitive emissions produced during material processing, handling, and transfer operations or smoke emissions from flares are visually determined by an observer without the aid of instruments.

2.2 This method is used also to determine visible smoke emissions from flares used for combustion of waste process materials.

2.3 This method determines the amount of time that visible emissions occur during the observation period (*i.e.*, the accumulated emission time). This method does not require that the opacity of emissions be determined. Since this procedure requires only the determination of whether visible emissions occur and does not require the determination of opacity levels, observer certification according to the procedures of Method 9 is not required. However, it is necessary that the observer is knowledgeable with respect to the general procedures for determining the presence of visible emissions. At a minimum, the observer must be trained and knowledgeable regarding the effects of background contrast, ambient lighting, observer position relative

to lighting, wind, and the presence of uncombined water (condensing water vapor) on the visibility of emissions. This training is to be obtained from written materials found in References 1 and 2 or from the lecture portion of the Method 9 certification course.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Emission frequency* means the percentage of time that emissions are visible during the observation period.

3.2 *Emission time* means the accumulated amount of time that emissions are visible during the observation period.

3.3 *Fugitive emissions* means emissions generated by an affected facility which is not collected by a capture system and is released to the atmosphere. This includes emissions that (1) escape capture by process equipment exhaust hoods; (2) are emitted during material transfer; (3) are emitted from buildings housing material processing or handling equipment; or (4) are emitted directly from process equipment.

3.4 *Observation period* means the accumulated time period during which observations are conducted, not to be less than the period specified in the applicable regulation.

3.5 *Smoke emissions* means a pollutant generated by combustion in a flare and occurring immediately downstream of the flame. Smoke occurring within the flame, but not downstream of the flame, is not considered a smoke emission.

4.0 Interferences

4.1 Occasionally, fugitive emissions from sources other than the affected facility (*e.g.*, road dust) may prevent a clear view of the affected facility. This may particularly be a problem during periods of high wind. If the view of the potential emission points is obscured to such a degree that the observer questions the validity of continuing observations, then the observations shall be terminated, and the observer shall clearly note this fact on the data form.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment

6.1 Stopwatches (two). Accumulative type with unit divisions of at least 0.5 seconds.

6.2 Light Meter. Light meter capable of measuring illuminance in the 50 to 200 lux range, required for indoor observations only.

7.0 Reagents and Supplies [Reserved]

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transfer [Reserved]

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedure

11.1 Selection of Observation Location. Survey the affected facility, or the building or structure housing the process to be observed, and determine the locations of potential emissions. If the affected facility is located inside a building, determine an observation location that is consistent with the requirements of the applicable regulation (*i.e.*, outside observation of emissions escaping the building/structure or inside observation of emissions directly emitted from the affected facility process unit). Then select a position that enables a clear view of the potential emission point(s) of the affected facility or of the building or structure housing the affected facility, as appropriate for the applicable subpart. A position at least 4.6 m (15 feet), but not more than 400 m (0.25 miles), from the emission source is recommended. For outdoor locations, select a position where the sunlight is not shining directly in the observer's eyes.

11.2 Field Records.

11.2.1 Outdoor Location. Record the following information on the field data sheet (Figure 22–1): Company name, industry, process unit, observer's name, observer's affiliation, and date. Record also the estimated wind speed, wind direction, and sky condition. Sketch the process unit being observed, and note the observer location relative to the source and the sun. Indicate the potential and actual emission points on the sketch.

11.2.2 Indoor Location. Record the following information on the field data sheet (Figure 22–2): Company name, industry, process unit, observer's name, observer's affiliation, and date. Record as appropriate the type, location, and intensity of lighting on the data sheet. Sketch the process unit being observed, and note the observer location relative to the source. Indicate the potential and actual fugitive emission points on the sketch.

11.3 Indoor Lighting Requirements. For indoor locations, use a light meter to measure the level of illumination at a location as close to the emission source(s) as is feasible. An illumination of greater than 100 lux (10 foot candles) is considered necessary for proper application of this method.

11.4 Observations.

11.4.1 Procedure. Record the clock time when observations begin. Use one stopwatch to monitor the duration of the observation

period. Start this stopwatch when the observation period begins. If the observation period is divided into two or more segments by process shutdowns or observer rest breaks (see section 11.4.3), stop the stopwatch when a break begins and restart the stopwatch without resetting it when the break ends. Stop the stopwatch at the end of the observation period. The accumulated time indicated by this stopwatch is the duration of observation period. When the observation period is completed, record the clock time. During the observation period, continuously watch the emission source. Upon observing an emission (condensed water vapor is not considered an emission), start the second accumulative stopwatch; stop the watch when the emission stops. Continue this procedure for the entire observation period. The accumulated elapsed time on this stopwatch is the total time emissions were visible during the observation period (*i.e.,* the emission time.)

11.4.2 Observation Period. Choose an observation period of sufficient length to meet the requirements for determining compliance with the emission standard in the applicable subpart of the regulations. When the length of the observation period is specifically stated in the applicable subpart, it may not be necessary to observe the source for this entire period if the emission time required to indicate noncompliance (based on the specified observation period) is observed in a shorter time period. In other words, if the regulation prohibits emissions for more than 6 minutes in any hour, then observations may (optional) be stopped after an emission time of 6 minutes is exceeded. Similarly, when the regulation is expressed as an emission frequency and the regulation prohibits emissions for greater than 10 percent of the time in any hour, then observations may (optional) be terminated after 6 minutes of emission are observed since 6 minutes is 10 percent of an hour. In any case, the observation period shall not be less than 6 minutes in duration. In some cases, the process operation may be intermittent or cyclic. In such cases, it may be convenient for the observation period to coincide with the length of the process cycle.

11.4.3 Observer Rest Breaks. Do not observe emissions continuously for a period of more than 15 to 20 minutes without taking a rest break. For sources requiring observation periods of greater than 20 minutes, the observer shall take a break of not less than 5 minutes and not more than 10 minutes after every 15 to 20 minutes of observation. If continuous observations are desired for extended time periods, two observers can alternate between making observations and taking breaks.

11.5 Recording Observations. Record the accumulated time of the observation period on the data sheet as the observation period duration. Record the accumulated time emissions were observed on the data sheet as the emission time. Record the clock time the observation period began and ended, as well as the clock time any observer breaks began and ended.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

If the applicable subpart requires that the emission rate be expressed as an emission frequency (in percent), determine this value as follows: Divide the accumulated emission time (in seconds) by the duration of the observation period (in seconds) or by any minimum observation period required in the applicable subpart, if the actual observation period is less than the required period, and multiply this quotient by 100.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION
OUTDOOR LOCATION

Company Location Company Rep.	Observer Affiliation Date
Sky Conditions Precipitation	Wind Direction Wind Speed
Industry	Process Unit

Sketch process unit: indicate observer position relative to source; indicate potential emission points and/or actual emission points.

OBSERVATIONS	Clock Time	Observation period duration, min:sec	Accumulated emission time, min:sec
Begin Observation			
End Observation			

Figure 22-1

FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION
INDOOR LOCATION

Company Location Company Rep.	Observer Affiliation Date
Industry	Process Unit

Light type (fluorescent, incandescent, natural)
Light location (overhead, behind observer, etc.)
Illuminance (lux or footcandles)
Sketch process unit: indicate observer position relative to source; indicate potential emission points and/or actual emission points.

OBSERVATIONS	Clock Time	Observation period duration, min:sec	Accumulated emission time, min:sec
Begin			
End Observation			

Figure 22-2

METHOD 23—DETERMINATION OF POLYCHLORINATED DIBENZO-P-DIOXINS AND POLYCHLORINATED DIBENZOFURANS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES

1. Applicability and Principle

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable to the determination of polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDD's) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDF's) from stationary sources.

1.2 Principle. A sample is withdrawn from the gas stream isokinetically and collected in the sample probe, on a glass fiber filter, and on a packed column of adsorbent material. The sample cannot be separated into a particle vapor fraction. The PCDD's and

PCDF's are extracted from the sample, separated by high resolution gas chromatography, and measured by high resolution mass spectrometry.

2. Apparatus

2.1 Sampling. A schematic of the sampling train used in this method is shown in Figure 23–1. Sealing greases may not be used in assembling the train. The train is identical to that described in section 2.1 of Method 5 of this appendix with the following additions:

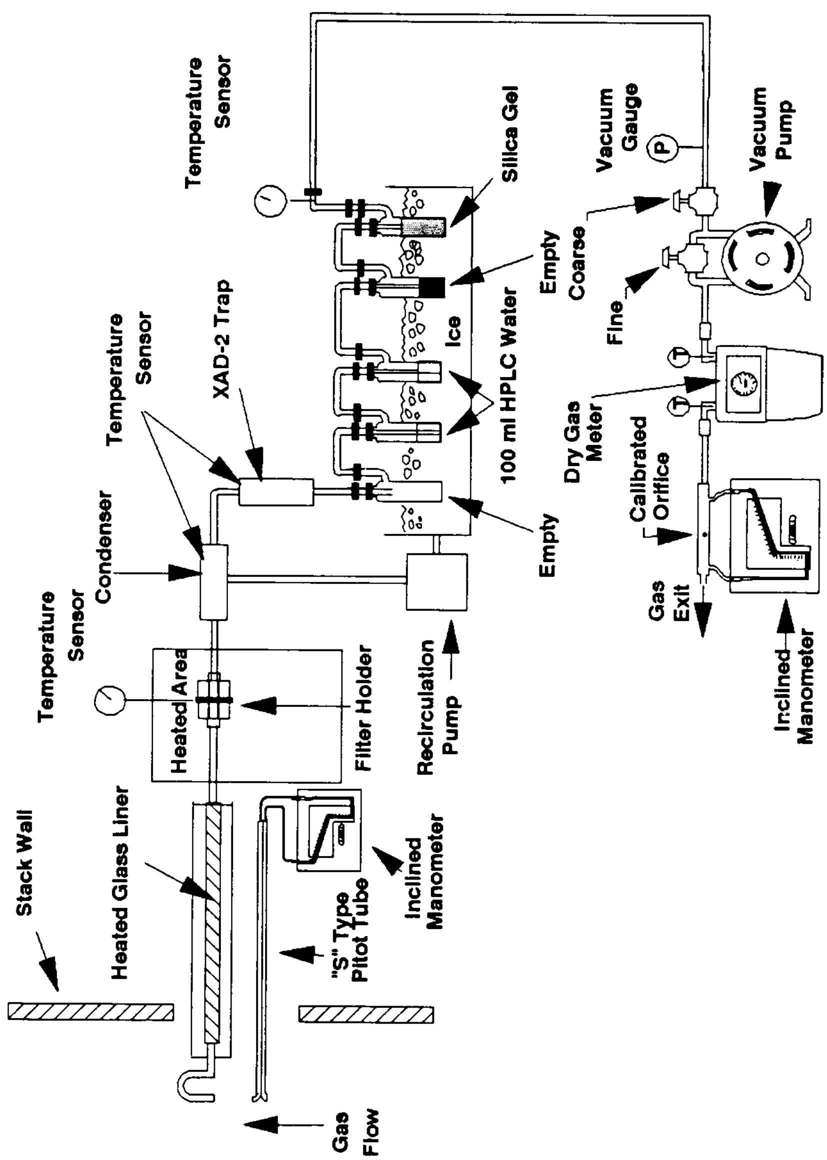

Figure 23.1 Sampling train

2.1.1 Nozzle. The nozzle shall be made of nickel, nickel-plated stainless steel, quartz, or borosilicate glass.

2.1.2 Sample Transfer Lines. The sample transfer lines, if needed, shall be heat traced, heavy walled TFE (½ in. OD with ⅛ in. wall) with connecting fittings that are capable of forming leak-free, vacuum-tight connections without using sealing greases. The line shall be as short as possible and must be maintained at 120 °C.

2.1.1 Filter Support. Teflon or Teflon-coated wire.

2.1.2 Condenser. Glass, coil type with compatible fittings. A schematic diagram is shown in Figure 23–2.

2.1.3 Water Bath. Thermostatically controlled to maintain the gas temperature exiting the condenser at <20 °C (68 °F).

2.1.4 Adsorbent Module. Glass container to hold the solid adsorbent. A shematic diagram is shown in Figure 23–2. Other physical configurations of the resin trap/condenser assembly are acceptable. The connecting fittings shall form leak-free, vacuum tight seals. No sealant greases shall be used in the sampling train. A coarse glass frit is included to retain the adsorbent.

2.2 Sample Recovery.

2.2.1 Fitting Caps. Ground glass, Teflon tape, or aluminum foil (Section 2.2.6) to cap off the sample exposed sections of the train.

2.2.2 Wash Bottles. Teflon, 500-ml.

2.2.3 Probe-Liner Probe-Nozzle, and Filter-Holder Brushes. Inert bristle brushes with precleaned stainless steel or Teflon handles. The probe brush shall have extensions of stainless steel or Teflon, at least as long as the probe. The brushes shall be properly sized and shaped to brush out the nozzle, probe liner, and transfer line, if used.

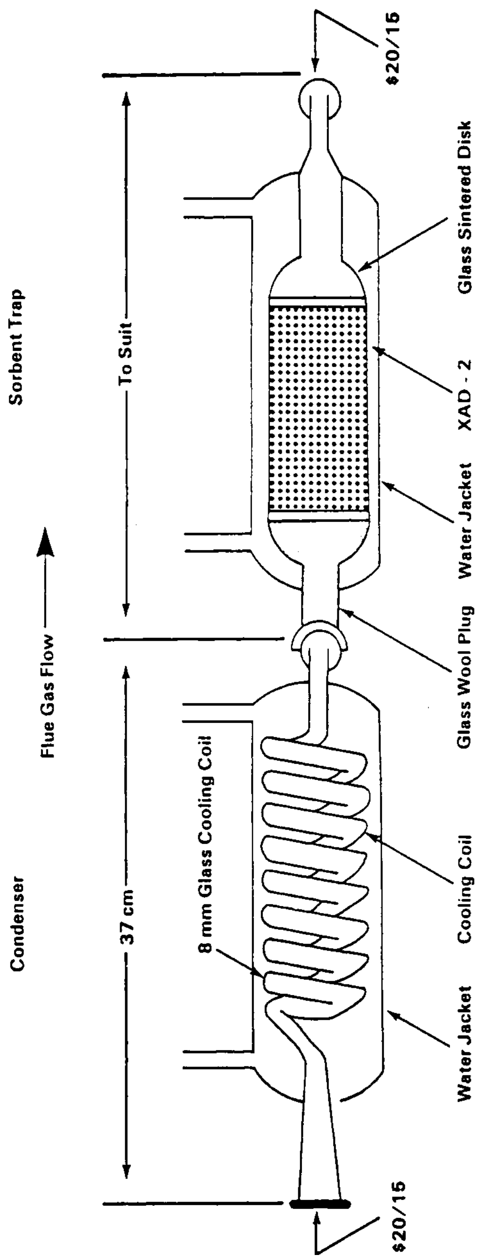

Figure 23.2. Condenser and adsorbent trap

2.2.4 Filter Storage Container. Sealed filter holder, wide-mouth amber glass jar with Teflon-lined cap, or glass petri dish.

2.2.5 Balance. Triple beam.

2.2.6 Aluminum Foil. Heavy duty, hexane-rinsed.

2.2.7 Storage Container. Air-tight container to store silica gel.

2.2.8 Graduated Cylinder. Glass, 250-ml with 2-ml graduation.

2.2.9 Glass Sample Storage Container. Amber glass bottle for sample glassware washes, 500- or 1000-ml, with leak free Teflon-lined caps.

2.3 Analysis.

2.3.1 Sample Container. 125- and 250-ml flint glass bottles with Teflon-lined caps.

2.3.2 Test Tube. Glass.

2.3.3 Soxhlet Extraction Apparatus. Capable of holding 43 × 123 mm extraction thimbles.

2.3.4 Extraction Thimble. Glass, precleaned cellulosic, or glass fiber.

2.3.5 Pasteur Pipettes. For preparing liquid chromatographic columns.

2.3.6 Reacti-vials. Amber glass, 2-ml, silanized prior to use.

2.3.7 Rotary Evaporator. Buchi/Brinkman RF–121 or equivalent.

2.3.8 Nitrogen Evaporative Concentrator. N-Evap Analytical Evaporator Model III or equivalent.

2.3.9 Separatory Funnels. Glass, 2-liter.

2.3.10 Gas Chromatograph. Consisting of the following components:

2.3.10.1 Oven. Capable of maintaining the separation column at the proper operating temperature ±°C and performing programmed increases in temperature at rates of at least 40 °C/min.

2.3.10.2 Temperature Gauge. To monitor column oven, detector, and exhaust temperatures ±1 °C.

2.3.10.3 Flow System. Gas metering system to measure sample, fuel, combustion gas, and carrier gas flows.

2.3.10.4 Capillary Columns. A fused silica column, 60 × 0.25 mm inside diameter (ID), coated with DB–5 and a fused silica column, 30 m × 0.25 mm ID coated with DB–225. Other column systems may be used provided that the user is able to demonstrate using calibration and performance checks that the column system is able to meet the specifications of section 6.1.2.2.

2.3.11 Mass Spectrometer. Capable of routine operation at a resolution of 1:10000 with a stability of ±5 ppm.

2.3.12 Data System. Compatible with the mass spectrometer and capable of monitoring at least five groups of 25 ions.

2.3.13 Analytical Balance. To measure within 0.1 mg.

3. Reagents

3.1 Sampling.

3.1.1 Filters. Glass fiber filters, without organic binder, exhibiting at least 99.95 percent efficiency (<0.05 percent penetration) on 0.3-micron dioctyl phthalate smoke particles. The filter efficiency test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM Standard Method D 2986–71 (Reapproved 1978) (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17).

3.1.1.1 Precleaning. All filters shall be cleaned before their initial use. Place a glass extraction thimble and 1 g of silica gel and a plug of glass wool into a Soxhlet apparatus, charge the apparatus with toluene, and reflux for a minimum of 3 hours. Remove the toluene and discard it, but retain the silica gel. Place no more than 50 filters in the thimble onto the silica gel bed and top with the cleaned glass wool. Charge the Soxhlet with toluene and reflux for 16 hours. After extraction, allow the Soxhlet to cool, remove the filters, and dry them under a clean N_2 stream. Store the filters in a glass petri dish sealed with Teflon tape.

3.1.2 Adsorbent Resin. Amberlite XAD–2 resin. Thoroughly cleaned before initial use.

3.1.2.1 Cleaning Procedure. This procedure may be carried out in a giant Soxhlet extractor. An all-glass filter thimble containing an extra-course frit is used for extraction of XAD–2. The frit is recessed 10–15 mm above a crenelated ring at the bottom of the thimble to facilitate drainage. The resin must be carefully retained in the extractor cup with a glass wool plug and a stainless steel ring because it floats on methylene chloride. This process involves sequential extraction in the following order.

Solvent	Procedure
Water	Initial rinse: Place resin in a beaker, rinse once with water, and discard. Fill with water a second time, let stand overnight, and discard.
Water	Extract with water for 8 hours.
Methanol	Extract for 22 hours.
Methylene Chloride	Extract for 22 hours.
Toluene	Extract for 22 hours.

3.1.2.2 Drying.

3.1.2.2.1 Drying Column. Pyrex pipe, 10.2 cm ID by 0.6 m long, with suitable retainers.

3.1.2.2.2 Procedure. The adsorbent must be dried with clean inert gas. Liquid nitrogen from a standard commercial liquid nitrogen cylinder has proven to be a reliable source of large volumes of gas free from organic contaminants. Connect the liquid nitrogen cylinder to the column by a length of cleaned copper tubing, 0.95 cm ID, coiled to pass through a heat source. A convenient heat source is a water-bath heated from a steam line. The final nitrogen temperature should only be warm to the touch and not over 40 °C. Continue flowing nitrogen through the adsorbent until all the residual solvent is removed. The flow rate should be sufficient to gently agitate the particles but not so excessive as the cause the particles to fracture.

3.1.2.3 Quality Control Check. The adsorbent must be checked for residual toluene.

3.1.2.3.1 Extraction. Weigh 1.0 g sample of dried resin into a small vial, add 3 ml of toluene, cap the vial, and shake it well.

3.1.2.3.2 Analysis. Inject a 2 µl sample of the extract into a gas chromatograph operated under the following conditions:

Column: 6 ft × 1/8 in stainless steel containing 10 percent OV–101 on 100/120 Supelcoport.
Carrier Gas: Helium at a rate of 30 ml/min.
Detector: Flame ionization detector operated at a sensitivity of 4×10^{-11} A/mV.
Injection Port Temperature: 250 °C.
Detector Temperature: 305 °C.
Oven Temperature: 30 °C for 4 min; programmed to rise at 40 °C/min until it reaches 250 °C; return to 30 °C after 17 minutes.

Compare the results of the analysis to the results from the reference solution. Prepare the reference solution by injection 2.5 µl of methylene chloride into 100 ml of toluene. This corresponds to 100 µg of methylene chloride per g of adsorbent. The maximum acceptable concentration is 1000 µg/g of adsorbent. If the adsorbent exceeds this level, drying must be continued until the excess methylene chloride is removed.

3.1.2.4 Storage. The adsorbent must be used within 4 weeks of cleaning. After cleaning, it may be stored in a wide mouth amber glass container with a Teflon-lined cap or placed in one of the glass adsorbent modules tightly sealed with glass stoppers. If precleaned adsorbent is purchased in sealed containers, it must be used within 4 weeks after the seal is broken.

3.1.3 Glass Wool. Cleaned by sequential immersion in three aliquots of methylene chloride, dried in a 110 °C oven, and stored in a methylene chloride-washed glass jar with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.1.4 Water. Deionized distilled and stored in a methylene chloride-rinsed glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.1.5 Silica Gel. Indicating type, 6 to 16 mesh. If previously used, dry at 175 °C (350 °F) for two hours. New silica gel may be used as received. Alternately other types of desiccants (equivalent or better) may be used, subject to the approval of the Administrator.

3.1.6 Chromic Acid Cleaning Solution. Dissolve 20 g of sodium dichromate in 15 ml of water, and then carefully add 400 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid.

3.2 Sample Recovery.

3.2.2 Acetone. Pesticide quality.

3.2.2 Methylene Chloride. Pesticide qualtity.

3.2.3 Toluene. Pesticide quality.

3.3 Analysis.

3.3.1 Potassium Hydroxide. ACS grade, 2-percent (weight/volume) in water.

3.3.2 Sodium Sulfate. Granulated, reagent grade. Purify prior to use by rinsing with methylene chloride and oven drying. Store the cleaned material in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.3 Sulfuric Acid. Reagent grade.

3.3.4 Sodium Hydroxide. 1.0 N. Weigh 40 g of sodium hydroxide into a 1-liter volumetric flask. Dilute to 1 liter with water.

3.3.5 Hexane. Pesticide grade.

3.3.6 Methylene Chloride. Pesticide grade.

3.3.7 Benzene. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.8 Ethyl Acetate.

3.3.9 Methanol. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.10 Toluene. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.11 Nonane. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.12 Cyclohexane. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.13 Basic Alumina. Activity grade 1, 100–200 mesh. Prior to use, activate the alumina by heating for 16 hours at 130 °C before use. Store in a desiccator. Pre-activated alumina may be purchased from a supplier and may be used as received.

3.3.14 Silica Gel. Bio-Sil A, 100–200 mesh. Prior to use, activate the silica gel by heating for at least 30 minutes at 180 °C. After cooling, rinse the silica gel sequentially with methanol and methylene chloride. Heat the rinsed silica gel at 50 °C for 10 minutes, then increase the temperature gradually to 180 °C over 25 minutes and maintain it at this temperature for 90 minutes. Cool at room temperature and store in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.15 Silica Gel Impregnated with Sulfuric Acid. Combine 100 g of silica gel with 44 g of concentrated sulfuric acid in a screw capped glass bottle and agitate thoroughly. Disperse the solids with a stirring rod until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store the mixture in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.16 Silica Gel Impregnated with Sodium Hydroxide. Combine 39 g of 1 N sodium hydroxide with 100 g of silica gel in a screw capped glass bottle and agitate thoroughly. Disperse solids with a stirring rod until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store the mixture in glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.17 Carbon/Celite. Combine 10.7 g of AX–21 carbon with 124 g of Celite 545 in a 250-ml glass bottle with a Teflon-lined screw cap. Agitate the mixture thoroughly until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store in the glass container.

3.3.18 Nitrogen. Ultra high purity.

3.3.19 Hydrogen. Ultra high purity.

3.3.20 Internal Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading "Internal Standards" in 10 ml of nonane.

3.3.21 Surrogate Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading "Surrogate Standards" in 10 ml of nonane.

3.3.22 Recovery Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the

isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Recovery Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

4. Procedure

4.1 Sampling. The complexity of this method is such that, in order to obtain reliable results, testers should be trained and experienced with the test procedures.

4.1.1 Pretest Preparation.

4.1.1.1 Cleaning Glassware. All glass components of the train upstream of and including the adsorbent module, shall be cleaned as described in section 3A of the ''Manual of Analytical Methods for the Analysis of Pesticides in Human and Environmental Samples.'' Special care shall be devoted to the removal of residual silicone grease sealants on ground glass connections of used glassware. Any residue shall be removed by soaking the glassware for several hours in a chromic acid cleaning solution prior to cleaning as described above.

4.1.1.2 Adsorbent Trap. The traps must be loaded in a clean area to avoid contamination. They may not be loaded in the field. Fill a trap with 20 to 40 g of XAD–2. Follow the XAD–2 with glass wool and tightly cap both ends of the trap. Add 100 µl of the surrogate standard solution (section 3.3.21) to each trap.

4.1.1.3 Sample Train. It is suggested that all components be maintained according to the procedure described in APTD–0576. Alternative mercury-free thermometers may be used if the thermometers are, at a minimum, equivalent in terms of performance or suitably effective for the specific temperature measurement application.

4.1.1.4 Silica Gel. Weigh several 200 to 300 g portions of silica gel in an air tight container to the nearest 0.5 g. Record the total weight of the silica gel plus container, on each container. As an alternative, the silica gel may be weighed directly in its impinger or sampling holder just prior to sampling.

4.1.1.5 Filter. Check each filter against light for irregularities and flaws or pinhole leaks. Pack the filters flat in a clean glass container.

4.1.2 Preliminary Determinations. Same as section 4.1.2 of Method 5.

4.1.3 Preparation of Collection Train.

4.1.3.1 During preparation and assembly of the sampling train, keep all train openings where contamination can enter, sealed until just prior to assembly or until sampling is about to begin.

NOTE: Do not use sealant grease in assembling the train.

4.1.3.2 Place approximately 100 ml of water in the second and third impingers, leave the first and fourth impingers empty, and transfer approximately 200 to 300 g of preweighed silica gel from its container to the fifth impinger.

4.1.3.3 Place the silica gel container in a clean place for later use in the sample recovery. Alternatively, the weight of the silica gel plus impinger may be determined to the nearest 0.5 g and recorded.

4.1.3.4 Assemble the train as shown in Figure 23–1.

4.1.3.5 Turn on the adsorbent module and condenser coil recirculating pump and begin monitoring the adsorbent module gas entry temperature. Ensure proper sorbent temperature gas entry temperature before proceeding and before sampling is initiated. It is extremely important that the XAD–2 adsorbent resin temperature never exceed 50 °C because thermal decomposition will occur. During testing, the XAD–2 temperature must not exceed 20 °C for efficient capture of the PCDD's and PCDF's.

4.1.4 Leak-Check Procedure. Same as Method 5, section 4.1.4.

4.1.5 Sample Train Operation. Same as Method 5, section 4.1.5.

4.2 Sample Recovery. Proper cleanup procedure begins as soon as the probe is removed from the stack at the end of the sampling period. Seal the nozzle end of the sampling probe with Teflon tape or aluminum foil.

When the probe can be safely handled, wipe off all external particulate matter near the tip of the probe. Remove the probe from the train and close off both ends with aluminum foil. Seal off the inlet to the train with Teflon tape, a ground glass cap, or aluminum foil.

Transfer the probe and impinger assembly to the cleanup area. This area shall be clean and enclosed so that the chances of losing or contaminating the sample are minimized. Smoking, which could contaminate the sample, shall not be allowed in the cleanup area.

Inspect the train prior to and during disassembly and note any abnormal conditions, e.g., broken filters, colored impinger liquid, etc. Treat the samples as follows:

4.2.1 Container No. 1. Either seal the filter holder or carefully remove the filter from the filter holder and place it in its identified container. Use a pair of cleaned tweezers to handle the filter. If it is necessary to fold the filter, do so such that the particulate cake is inside the fold. Carefully transfer to the container any particulate matter and filter fibers which adhere to the filter holder gasket, by using a dry inert bristle brush and a sharp-edged blade. Seal the container.

4.2.2 Adsorbent Module. Remove the module from the train, tightly cap both ends, label it, cover with aluminum foil, and store it on ice for transport to the laboratory.

4.2.3 Container No. 2. Quantitatively recover material deposited in the nozzle, probe transfer lines, the front half of the filter holder, and the cyclone, if used, first, by

brushing while rinsing three times each with acetone and then, by rinsing the probe three times with methylene chloride. Collect all the rinses in Container No. 2.

Rinse the back half of the filter holder three times with acetone. Rinse the connecting line between the filter and the condenser three times with acetone. Soak the connecting line with three separate portions of methylene chloride for 5 minutes each. If using a separate condenser and adsorbent trap, rinse the condenser in the same manner as the connecting line. Collect all the rinses in Container No. 2 and mark the level of the liquid on the container.

4.2.4 Container No. 3. Repeat the methylene chloride-rinsing described in section 4.2.3 using toluene as the rinse solvent. Collect the rinses in Container No. 3 and mark the level of the liquid on the container.

4.2.5 Impinger Water. Measure the liquid in the first three impingers to within ±1 ml by using a graduated cylinder or by weighing it to within ±0.5 g by using a balance. Record the volume or weight of liquid present. This information is required to calculate the moisture content of the effluent gas.

Discard the liquid after measuring and recording the volume or weight.

4.2.7 Silica Gel. Note the color of the indicating silica gel to determine if it has been completely spent and make a mention of its condition. Transfer the silica gel from the fifth impinger to its original container and seal. If a moisture determination is made, follow the applicable procedures in sections 8.7.6.3 and 11.2.3 of Method 5 to handle and weigh the silica gel. If moisture is not measured, the silica gel may be disposed.

5. Analysis

All glassware shall be cleaned as described in section 3A of the ''Manual of Analytical Methods for the Analysis of Pesticides in Human and Environmental Samples.'' All samples must be extracted within 30 days of collection and analyzed within 45 days of extraction.

5.1 Sample Extraction.

5.1.1 Extraction System. Place an extraction thimble (section 2.3.4), 1 g of silica gel, and a plug of glass wool into the Soxhlet apparatus, charge the apparatus with toluene, and reflux for a minimum of 3 hours. Remove the toluene and discard it, but retain the silica gel. Remove the extraction thimble from the extraction system and place it in a glass beaker to catch the solvent rinses.

5.1.2 Container No. 1 (Filter). Transfer the contents directly to the glass thimble of the extraction system and extract them simultaneously with the XAD–2 resin.

5.1.3 Adsorbent Cartridge. Suspend the adsorbent module directly over the extraction thimble in the beaker (See section 5.1.1). The glass frit of the module should be in the up position. Using a Teflon squeeze bottle containing toluene, flush the XAD–2 into the thimble onto the bed of cleaned silica gel. Thoroughly rinse the glass module catching the rinsings in the beaker containing the thimble. If the resin is wet, effective extraction can be accomplished by loosely packing the resin in the thimble. Add the XAD–2 glass wool plug into the thimble.

5.1.4 Container No. 2 (Acetone and Methylene Chloride). Concentrate the sample to a volume of about 1–5 ml using the rotary evaporator apparatus, at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container three times with small portions of methylene chloride and add these to the concentrated solution and concentrate further to near dryness. This residue contains particulate matter removed in the rinse of the train probe and nozzle. Add the concentrate to the filter and the XAD–2 resin in the Soxhlet apparatus described in section 5.1.1.

5.1.5 Extraction. Add 100 µl of the internal standard solution (Section 3.3.20) to the extraction thimble containing the contents of the adsorbent cartridge, the contents of Container No. 1, and the concentrate from section 5.1.4. Cover the contents of the extraction thimble with the cleaned glass wool plug to prevent the XAD–2 resin from floating into the solvent reservoir of the extractor. Place the thimble in the extractor, and add the toluene contained in the beaker to the solvent reservoir. Pour additional toluene to fill the reservoir approximately ⅔ full. Add Teflon boiling chips and assemble the apparatus. Adjust the heat source to cause the extractor to cycle three times per hour. Extract the sample for 16 hours. After extraction, allow the Soxhlet to cool. Transfer the toluene extract and three 10-ml rinses to the rotary evaporator. Concentrate the extract to approximately 10 ml. At this point the analyst may choose to split the sample in half. If so, split the sample, store one half for future use, and analyze the other according to the procedures in sections 5.2 and 5.3. In either case, use a nitrogen evaporative concentrator to reduce the volume of the sample being analyzed to near dryness. Dissolve the residue in 5 ml of hexane.

5.1.6 Container No. 3 (Toluene Rinse). Add 100 µl of the Internal Standard solution (section 3.3.2) to the contents of the container. Concentrate the sample to a volume of about 1–5 ml using the rotary evaporator apparatus at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container apparatus at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container three times with small portions of toluene and add these to the concentrated solution and concentrate further to near dryness. Analyze the extract separately according to the procedures in sections 5.2 and 5.3, but concentrate the solution in a rotary evaporator apparatus rather than a nitrogen evaporative concentrator.

5.2 Sample Cleanup and Fractionation.

5.2.1 Silica Gel Column. Pack one end of a glass column, 20 mm × 230 mm, with glass wool. Add in sequence, 1 g silica gel, 2 g of sodium hydroxide impregnated silica gel, 1 g silica gel, 4 g of acid-modified silica gel, and 1 g of silica gel. Wash the column with 30 ml of hexane and discard it. Add the sample extract, dissolved in 5 ml of hexane to the column with two additional 5-ml rinses. Elute the column with an additional 90 ml of hexane and retain the entire eluate. Concentrate this solution to a volume of about 1 ml using the nitrogen evaporative concentrator (section 2.3.7).

5.2.2 Basic Alumina Column. Shorten a 25-ml disposable Pasteur pipette to about 16 ml. Pack the lower section with glass wool and 12 g of basic alumina. Transfer the concentrated extract from the silica gel column to the top of the basic alumina column and elute the column sequentially with 120 ml of 0.5 percent methylene chloride in hexane followed by 120 ml of 35 percent methylene chloride in hexane. Discard the first 120 ml of eluate. Collect the second 120 ml of eluate and concentrate it to about 0.5 ml using the nitrogen evaporative concentrator.

5.2.3 AX–21 Carbon/Celite 545 Column. Remove the botton 0.5 in. from the tip of a 9-ml disposable Pasteur pipette. Insert a glass fiber filter disk in the top of the pipette 2.5 cm from the constriction. Add sufficient carbon/celite mixture to form a 2 cm column. Top with a glass wool plug. In some cases AX–21 carbon fines may wash through the glass wool plug and enter the sample. This may be prevented by adding a celite plug to the exit end of the column. Rinse the column in sequence with 2 ml of 50 percent benzene in ethyl acetate, 1 ml of 50 percent methylene chloride in cyclohexane, and 2 ml of hexane. Discard these rinses. Transfer the concentrate in 1 ml of hexane from the basic alumina column to the carbon/celite column along with 1 ml of hexane rinse. Elute the column sequentially with 2 ml of 50 percent methylene chloride in hexane and 2 ml of 50 percent benzene in ethyl acetate and discard these eluates. Invert the column and elute in the reverse direction with 13 ml of toluene. Collect this eluate. Concentrate the eluate in a rotary evaporator at 50 °C to about 1 ml. Transfer the concentrate to a Reacti-vial using a toluene rinse and concentrate to a volume of 200 μl using a stream of N_2. Store extracts at room temperature, shielded from light, until the analysis is performed.

5.3 Analysis. Analyze the sample with a gas chromatograph coupled to a mass spectrometer (GC/MS) using the instrumental parameters in sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2. Immediately prior to analysis, add a 20 μl aliquot of the Recovery Standard solution from Table 1 to each sample. A 2 μl aliquot of the extract is injected into the GC. Sample extracts are first analyzed using the DB–5 capillary column to determine the concentration of each isomer of PCDD's and PCDF's (tetra-through octa-). If tetra-chlorinated dibenzofurans are detected in this analysis, then analyze another aliquot of the sample in a separate run, using the DB–225 column to measure the 2,3,7,8 tetra-chloro dibenzofuran isomer. Other column systems may be used, provided that the user is able to demonstrate using calibration and performance checks that the column system is able to meet the specifications of section 6.1.2.2.

5.3.1 Gas Chromatograph Operating Conditions.

5.3.1.1 Injector. Configured for capillary column, splitless, 250 °C.

5.3.1.2 Carrier Gas. Helium, 1–2 ml/min.

5.3.1.3 Oven. Initially at 150 °C. Raise by at least 40 °C/min to 190 °C and then at 3 °C/min up to 300 °C.

5.3.2 High Resolution Mass Spectrometer.

5.3.2.1 Resolution. 10000 m/e.

5.3.2.2 Ionization Mode. Electron impact.

5.3.2.3 Source Temperature 250 °C.

5.3.2.4 Monitoring Mode. Selected ion monitoring. A list of the various ions to be monitored is summarized in Table 3.

5.3.2.5 Identification Criteria. The following identification criteria shall be used for the characterization of polychlorinated dibenzodioxins and dibenzofurans.

1. The integrated ion-abundance ratio (M/M + 2 or M + 2/M + 4) shall be within 15 percent of the theoretical value. The acceptable ion-abundance ratio ranges for the identification of chlorine-containing compounds are given in Table 4.

2. The retention time for the analytes must be within 3 seconds of the corresponding ^{13}C-labeled internal standard, surrogate or alternate standard.

3. The monitored ions, shown in Table 3 for a given analyte, shall reach their maximum within 2 seconds of each other.

4. The identification of specific isomers that do not have corresponding ^{13}C-labeled standards is done by comparison of the relative retention time (RRT) of the analyte to the nearest internal standard retention time with reference (i.e., within 0.005 RRT units) to the comparable RRT's found in the continuing calibration.

5. The signal to noise ratio for all monitored ions must be greater than 2.5.

6. The confirmation of 2, 3, 7, 8–TCDD and 2, 3, 7, 8–TCDF shall satisfy all of the above identification criteria.

7. For the identification of PCDF's, no signal may be found in the corresponding PCDPE channels.

5.3.2.6 Quantification. The peak areas for the two ions monitored for each analyte are summed to yield the total response for each analyte. Each internal standard is used to quantify the indigenous PCDD's or PCDF's in its homologous series. For example, the $^{13}C_{12}$–2,3,7,8-tetra chlorinated dibenzodioxin is used to calculate the concentrations of all

other tetra chlorinated isomers. Recoveries of the tetra- and penta- internal standards are calculated using the $^{13}C_{12}$–1,2,3,4–TCDD. Recoveries of the hexa- through octa- internal standards are calculated using $^{13}C_{12}$–1,2,3,7,8,9–HxCDD. Recoveries of the surrogate standards are calculated using the corresponding homolog from the internal standard.

6. Calibration

Same as Method 5 with the following additions.

6.1 GC/MS System.

6.1.1 Initial Calibration. Calibrate the GC/MS system using the set of five standards shown in Table 2. The relative standard deviation for the mean response factor from each of the unlabeled analytes (Table 2) and of the internal, surrogate, and alternate standards shall be less than or equal to the values in Table 5. The signal to noise ratio for the GC signal present in every selected ion current profile shall be greater than or equal to 2.5. The ion abundance ratios shall be within the control limits in Table 4.

6.1.2 Daily Performance Check.

6.1.2.1 Calibration Check. Inject on µl of solution Number 3 from Table 2. Calculate the relative response factor (RRF) for each compound and compare each RRF to the corresponding mean RRF obtained during the initial calibration. The analyzer performance is acceptable if the measured RRF's for the labeled and unlabeled compounds for the daily run are within the limits of the mean values shown in Table 5. In addition, the ion-abundance ratios shall be within the allowable control limits shown in Table 4.

6.1.2.2 Column Separation Check. Inject a solution of a mixture of PCDD's and PCDF's that documents resolution between 2,3,7,8–TCDD and other TCDD isomers. Resolution is defined as a valley between peaks that is less than 25 percent of the lower of the two peaks. Identify and record the retention time windows for each homologous series.

Perform a similar resolution check on the confirmation column to document the resolution between 2,3,7,8 TCDF and other TCDF isomers.

6.2 Lock Channels. Set mass spectrometer lock channels as specified in Table 3. Monitor the quality control check channels specified in Table 3 to verify instrument stability during the analysis.

7. Quality Control

7.1 Sampling Train Collection Efficiency Check. Add 100 µl of the surrogate standards in Table 1 to the absorbent cartridge of each train before collecting the field samples.

7.2 Internal Standard Percent Recoveries. A group of nine carbon labeled PCDD's and PCDF's representing, the tetra-through octachlorinated homologues, is added to every sample prior to extraction. The role of the internal standards is to quantify the native PCDD's and PCDF's present in the sample as well as to determine the overall method efficiency. Recoveries of the internal standards must be between 40 to 130 percent for the tetra-through hexachlorinated compounds while the range is 25 to 130 percent for the higher hepta- and octachlorinated homologues.

7.3 Surrogate Recoveries. The five surrogate compounds in Table 2 are added to the resin in the adsorbent sampling cartridge before the sample is collected. The surrogate recoveries are measured relative to the internal standards and are a measure of collection efficiency. They are not used to measure native PCDD's and PCDF's. All recoveries shall be between 70 and 130 percent. Poor recoveries for all the surrogates may be an indication of breakthrough in the sampling train. If the recovery of all standards is below 70 percent, the sampling runs must be repeated. As an alternative, the sampling runs do not have to be repeated if the final results are divided by the fraction of surrogate recovery. Poor recoveries of isolated surrogate compounds should not be grounds for rejecting an entire set of the samples.

7.4 Toluene QA Rinse. Report the results of the toluene QA rinse separately from the total sample catch. Do not add it to the total sample.

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9. Calculations

Same as Method 5, section 6 with the following additions.

9.1 Nomenclature.

A_{ai} = Integrated ion current of the noise at the retention time of the analyte.

A^*_{ci} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the internal standard i in the calibration standard.

A_{cij} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of compound i in the jth calibration standard.

A^*_{cij} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the internal standard i in the jth calibration standard.

A_{csi} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of surrogate compound i in the calibration standard.

A_i = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of compound i in the sample.

A^*_i = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of internal standard i in the sample.

A_{rs} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the recovery standard.

A_{si} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of surrogate compound i in the sample.

C_i = Concentration of PCDD or PCDF i in the sample, pg/M^3.

C_T = Total concentration of PCDD's or PCDF's in the sample, pg/M³.

m_{ci} = Mass of compound i in the calibration standard injected into the analyzer, pg.

m_{rs} = Mass of recovery standard in the calibration standard injected into the analyzer, pg.

m_{si} = Mass of surrogate compound in the calibration standard, pg.

RRF_i = Relative response factor.

RRF_{rs} = Recovery standard response factor.

RRF_s = Surrogate compound response factor.

9.2 Average Relative Response Factor.

$$RRF_i = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\frac{A_{cij}\, m^*_{ci}}{A^*_{cij}\, m_{ci}} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-1}$$

9.3 Concentration of the PCDD's and PCDF's.

$$C_i = \frac{m_i * A_i}{A_i * RRF_i V_{mstd}} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-2}$$

9.4 Recovery Standard Response Factor.

$$RRF_{rs} = \frac{A_{ci} * m_{rs}}{A_{rs} m_{ci} *} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-3}$$

9.5 Recovery of Internal Standards (R*).

$$R* = \frac{A_i * m_{rs}}{A_{rs} RF_{rs} m_i *} \times 100\% \qquad \text{Eq. 23-4}$$

9.6 Surrogate Compound Response Factor.

$$RRF_s = \frac{A_{ci} * m_s}{A_{cis} m_{ci} *} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-5}$$

9.7 Recovery of Surrogate Compounds (R_s).

$$R_s = \frac{A_s m_i *}{A_i * RRF_s m_s} \times 100\% \qquad \text{Eq. 23-6}$$

9.8 Minimum Detectable Limit (MDL).

$$MDL = \frac{2.5\ A_{ai} m_i *}{A_{ci} * RRF_i} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-7}$$

9.9 Total Concentration of PCDD's and PCDF's in the Sample.

$$C_{Tr} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i \qquad \text{Eq. 23-8}$$

Any PCDD's or PCDF's that are reported as nondetected (below the MDL) shall be counted as zero for the purpose of calculating the total concentration of PCDD's and PCDF's in the sample.

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TABLE 1—COMPOSITION OF THE SAMPLE FORTIFICATION AND RECOVERY STANDARDS SOLUTIONS

Analyte	Concentration (pg/µl)
Internal Standards:	
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-OCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	100
Surrogate Standards:	
$^{37}Cl_4$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	100
Recovery Standards:	
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4-TCDD	500
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	500

TABLE 2—COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS

Compound	Concentrations (pg/µL)				
	Solution No.				
	1	2	3	4	5
Alternate Standard:					
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	2.5	5	25	250	500

TABLE 2—COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS—Continued

Compound	Concentrations (pg/μL)				
	Solution No.				
	1	2	3	4	5
Recovery Standards:					
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4-TCDD ..	100	100	100	100	100

TABLE 2—COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS—Continued

Compound	Concentrations (pg/μL)				
	Solution No.				
	1	2	3	4	5
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	100	100	100	100	100

TABLE 3—ELEMENTAL COMPOSITIONS AND EXACT MASSES OF THE IONS MONITORED BY HIGH RESOLUTION MASS SPECTROMETRY FOR PCDD'S AND PCDF'S

Descriptor No.	Accurate mass	Ion type	Elemental composition	Analyte
2	292.9825	LOCK	C_7F_{11}	PFK
	303.9016	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O$	TCDF
	305.8987	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl^{37}O$	TCDF
	315.9419	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O$	TCDF (S)
	317.9389	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}ClO$	TCDF (S)
	319.8965	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}ClO_2$	TCDD
	321.8936	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}ClO_2$	TCDD
	327.8847	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{37}Cl_4O_2$	TCDD (S)
	330.9792	QC	C_7F_{13}	PFK
	331.9368	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O_2$	TCDD (S)
	333.9339	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl^{37}ClO_2$	TCDD (S)
	339.8597	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO$	PECDF
	341.8567	M + 4	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}Cl_2O$	PeCDF
	351.9000	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO$	PeCDF (S)
	353.8970	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl^{3537}Cl_2O$	PeCDF (S)
	355.8546	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_337ClO_2$	PeCDD
	357.8516	M + 4	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	PeCDD
	367.8949	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO_2$	PeCDD (S)
	369.8919	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}$ Cl_2O_2	PeCDD (S)
	375.8364	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDPE
	409.7974	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCPDE
3	373.8208	M + 2	$C_{12}H_235Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDF
	375.8178	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HxCDF
	383.8639	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_6O$	HxCDF (S)
	385.8610	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDF (S)
	389.8157	M + 2	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO_2$	HxCDD
	391.8127	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HxCDD
	392.9760	LOCK	C_9F_{15}	PFK
	401.8559	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO_2$	HxCDD (S)
	403.8529	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HxCDD (S)
	445.7555	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O$	OCDPE
	430.9729	QC	C_9F_{17}	PFK
4	407.7818	M + 2	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCDF
	409.7789	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HpCDF
	417.8253	M	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_7O$	HpCDF (S)
	419.8220	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCDF (S)
	423.7766	M + 2	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO_2$	HpCDD
	425.7737	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HpCDD
	435.8169	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO_2$	HpCDD (S)
	437.8140	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HpCDD (S)
	479.7165	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}Cl_2O$	NCPDE
	430.9729	LOCK	C_9F_{17}	PFK
	441.7428	M + 2	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO$	OCDF
	443.7399	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O$	OCDF
	457.7377	M + 2	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO_2$	OCDD
	459.7348	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	OCDD
	469.7779	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO_2$	OCDD (S)
	471.7750	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	OCDD (S)
	513.6775	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_8{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	DCDPE
	442.9728	QC	$C_{10}F_{17}$	PFK

(a) The following nuclidic masses were used:
H = 1.007825
C = 12.000000
^{13}C = 13.003355
F = 18.9984
O = 15.994915
^{35}Cl = 34.968853
^{37}Cl = 36.965903

S = Labeled Standard
QC = Ion selected for monitoring instrument stability during the GC/MS analysis.

TABLE 4—ACCEPTABLE RANGES FOR ION-ABUNDANCE RATIOS OF PCDD'S AND PCDF'S

No. of chlorine atoms	Ion type	Theoretical ratio	Control limits	
			Lower	Upper
4	M/M + 2	0.77	0.65	0.89
5	M + 2/M + 4	1.55	1.32	1.78
6	M + 2/M + 4	1.24	1.05	1.43
6[a]	M/M + 2	0.51	0.43	0.59
7[b]	M/M + 2	0.44	0.37	0.51
7	M + 2/M + 4	1.04	0.88	1.20
8	M + 2/M + 4	0.89	0.76	1.02

[a] Used only for ^{13}C-HxCDF.
[b] Used only for ^{13}C-HpCDF.

TABLE 5—MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL AND DAILY CALIBRATION RESPONSE FACTORS

Compound	Relative response factors	
	Initial calibration RSD	Daily calibration % difference
Unlabeled Analytes:		
2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
2,3,7,8-TCDF	25	25
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	25	25
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
1,2,4,5,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	25	25
2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	25	25
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	25	25
OCDD	25	25
OCDF	30	30
Internal Standards:		
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-OCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	30	30
Surrogate Standards:		
$^{37}Cl_4$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	25	25
Alternate Standard:		
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	25	25

METHOD 24—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER CONTENT, WATER CONTENT, DENSITY, VOLUME SOLIDS, AND WEIGHT SOLIDS OF SURFACE COATINGS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile organic compounds	No CAS Number assigned
Water.	7732–18–5

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of paint, varnish, lacquer, or other related surface coatings.

1.3 Precision and Bias. Intra-and inter-laboratory analytical precision statements are presented in section 13.1. No bias has been identified.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Standard methods are used to determine the volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of paint, varnish, lacquer, or other related surface coatings.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Waterborne coating* means any coating which contains more than 5 percent water by weight in its volatile fraction.

3.2 *Multicomponent coatings* are coatings that are packaged in two or more parts, which are combined before application. Upon combination a coreactant from one part of the coating chemically reacts, at ambient conditions, with a coreactant from another part of the coating.

3.3 *Ultraviolet (UV) radiation-cured coatings* are coatings which contain unreacted monomers that are polymerized by exposure to ultraviolet light.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Components. Several of the compounds that may be contained in the coatings analyzed by this method may be irritating or corrosive to tissues (e.g., heptane) or may be toxic (e.g., benzene, methyl alcohol). Nearly all are fire hazards.

Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as Reference 3 of section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The equipment and supplies specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17 for acceptable versions of the methods) are required:

6.1 ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90, Standard Test Method for Density of Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products.

6.2 ASTM D 2369–81, 87, 90, 92, 93, or 95, Standard Test Method for Volatile Content of Coatings.

6.3 ASTM D 3792–79 or 91, Standard Test Method for Water Content of Water Reducible Paints by Direct Injection into a Gas Chromatograph.

6.4 ASTM D 4017–81, 90, or 96a, Standard Test Method for Water in Paints and Paint Materials by the Karl Fischer Titration Method.

6.5 ASTM 4457–85 91, Standard Test Method for Determination of Dichloromethane and 1,1,1-Trichloroethane in Paints and Coatings by Direct Injection into a Gas Chromatograph.

6.6 ASTM D 5403–93, Standard Test Methods for Volatile Content of Radiation Curable Materials.

6.7 ASTM D 6419–00, Test Method for Volatile Content of Sheet-Fed and Coldset Web Offset Printing Inks.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 The reagents and standards specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6 are required.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Follow the sample collection, preservation, storage, and transport procedures described in Reference 1 of section 16.0.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Reproducibility

NOTE: Not applicable to UV radiation-cured coatings). The variety of coatings that may be subject to analysis makes it necessary to verify the ability of the analyst and the analytical procedures to obtain reproducible results for the coatings tested. Verification is accomplished by running duplicate analyses on each sample tested (Sections 11.2 through 11.4) and comparing the results with the intra-laboratory precision statements (Section 13.1) for each parameter.

9.2 Confidence Limits for Waterborne Coatings. Because of the inherent increased imprecision in the determination of the VOC content of waterborne coatings as the weight percent of water increases, measured parameters for waterborne coatings are replaced with appropriate confidence limits (Section 12.6). These confidence limits are based on measured parameters and inter-laboratory precision statements.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Perform the calibration and standardization procedures specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

Additional guidance can be found in Reference 2 of section 16.0.

11.1 Non Thin-film Ultraviolet Radiation-cured (UV radiation-cured) Coatings.

11.1.1 Volatile Content. Use the procedure in ASTM D 5403 to determine the volatile matter content of the coating except the curing test described in NOTE 2 of ASTM D 5403 is required.

11.1.2 Water Content. To determine water content, follow section 11.3.2.

11.1.3 Coating Density. To determine coating density, follow section 11.3.3.

11.1.4 Solids Content. To determine solids content, follow section 11.3.4.

11.1.5 To determine if a coating or ink can be classified as a thin-film UV cured coating or ink, use the equation in section 12.2. If C is less than 0.2 g and A is greater than or equal to 225 cm^2 (35 in^2) then the coating or ink is considered a thin-film UV radiation-cured coating and ASTM D 5403 is not applicable.

NOTE: As noted in section 1.4 of ASTM D 5403, this method may not be applicable to radiation curable materials wherein the volatile material is water.

11.2 Multi-component Coatings.

11.2.1 Sample Preparation.

11.2.1.1 Prepare about 100 ml of sample by mixing the components in a storage container, such as a glass jar with a screw top or a metal can with a cap. The storage container should be just large enough to hold the mixture. Combine the components (by weight or volume) in the ratio recommended by the manufacturer. Tightly close the container between additions and during mixing to prevent loss of volatile materials. However, most manufacturers mixing instructions are by volume. Because of possible error caused by expansion of the liquid when measuring the volume, it is recommended that the components be combined by weight. When weight is used to combine the components and the manufacturer's recommended ratio is by volume, the density must be determined by section 11.3.3.

11.2.1.2 Immediately after mixing, take aliquots from this 100 ml sample for determination of the total volatile content, water content, and density.

11.2.2 Volatile Content. To determine total volatile content, use the apparatus and

reagents described in ASTM D2369 (incorporated by reference; see §60.17 for the approved versions of the standard), respectively, and use the following procedures:

11.2.2.1 Weigh and record the weight of an aluminum foil weighing dish. Add 3 ±1 ml of suitable solvent as specified in ASTM D2369 to the weighing dish. Using a syringe as specified in ASTM D2369, weigh to 1 mg, by difference, a sample of coating into the weighing dish. For coatings believed to have a volatile content less than 40 weight percent, a suitable size is 0.3 + 0.10 g, but for coatings believed to have a volatile content greater than 40 weight percent, a suitable size is 0.5 ±0.1 g.

NOTE: If the volatile content determined pursuant to section 12.4 is not in the range corresponding to the sample size chosen repeat the test with the appropriate sample size. Add the specimen dropwise, shaking (swirling) the dish to disperse the specimen completely in the solvent. If the material forms a lump that cannot be dispersed, discard the specimen and prepare a new one. Similarly, prepare a duplicate. The sample shall stand for a minimum of 1 hour, but no more than 24 hours prior to being oven cured at 110 ±5 °C (230 ±9 °F) for 1 hour.

11.2.2.2 Heat the aluminum foil dishes containing the dispersed specimens in the forced draft oven for 60 min at 110 ±5 °C (230 ±9 °F). Caution—provide adequate ventilation, consistent with accepted laboratory practice, to prevent solvent vapors from accumulating to a dangerous level.

11.2.2.3 Remove the dishes from the oven, place immediately in a desiccator, cool to ambient temperature, and weigh to within 1 mg.

11.2.2.4 Run analyses in pairs (duplicate sets) for each coating mixture until the criterion in section 11.4 is met. Calculate W_V following Equation 24–2 and record the arithmetic average.

11.2.3 Water Content. To determine water content, follow section 11.3.2.

11.2.4 Coating Density. To determine coating density, follow section 11.3.3.

11.2.5 Solids Content. To determine solids content, follow section 11.3.4.

11.2.6 Exempt Solvent Content. To determine the exempt solvent content, follow section 11.3.5.

NOTE: For all other coatings (*i.e.*, water-or solvent-borne coatings) not covered by multicomponent or UV radiation-cured coatings, analyze as shown below:

11.3 Water-or Solvent-borne coatings.

11.3.1 Volatile Content. Use the procedure in ASTM D 2369 to determine the volatile matter content (may include water) of the coating.

11.3.1.1 Record the following information:

W_1 = weight of dish and sample before heating, g

W_2 = weight of dish and sample after heating, g

W_3 = sample weight, g.

11.3.1.2 Calculate the weight fraction of the volatile matter (W_v) for each analysis as shown in section 12.3.

11.3.1.3 Run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.1.4 Record the arithmetic average (W_v).

11.3.2 Water Content. For waterborne coatings only, determine the weight fraction of water (W_w) using either ASTM D 3792 or ASTM D 4017.

11.3.2.1 Run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.2.2 Record the arithmetic average (w_w).

11.3.3 Coating Density. Determine the density (Dc, kg/l) of the surface coating using the procedure in ASTM D 1475.

11.3.3.1 Run duplicate analyses until each value in a set deviates from the mean of the set by no more than the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.3.2 Record the arithmetic average (D_c).

11.3.4 Solids Content. Determine the volume fraction (V_s) solids of the coating by calculation using the manufacturer's formulation.

11.3.5 Exempt Solvent Content. Determine the weight fraction of exempt solvents (W_E) by using ASTM Method D4457. Run a duplicate set of determinations and record the arithmetic average (W_E).

11.4 Sample Analysis Criteria. For W_v and W_w, run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement for that parameter. For D_c, run duplicate analyses until each value in a set deviates from the mean of the set by no more than the intra-laboratory precision statement. If, after several attempts, it is concluded that the ASTM procedures cannot be used for the specific coating with the established intra-laboratory precision (excluding UV radiation-cured coatings), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will assume responsibility for providing the necessary procedures for revising the method or precision statements upon written request to: Director, Emissions, Monitoring, and Analysis Division, MD–14, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 Nomenclature.

A = Area of substrate, cm^2, (in^2).

C = Amount of coating or ink added to the substrate, g.

D_c = Density of coating or ink, g/cm^3 (g/in^3).

F = Manufacturer's recommended film thickness, cm (in).
W_o = Weight fraction of nonaqueous volatile matter, g/g.
W_s = Weight fraction of solids, g/g.
W_v = Weight fraction of the volatile matter, g/g.
W_w = Weight fraction of the water, g/g.

12.2 To determine if a coating or ink can be classified as a thin-film UV cured coating or ink, use the following equation:

$$C = F\,A\,D_c \qquad \text{Eq. 24-1}$$

12.3 Calculate W_v for each analysis as shown below:

$$W_v = \frac{W_1 - W_2}{W_3} \qquad \text{Eq. 24-2}$$

12.4 Nonaqueous Volatile Matter.

12.4.1 Solvent-borne Coatings.

$$W_o = W_v \qquad \text{Eq. 24-3}$$

12.4.2 Waterborne Coatings.

$$W_o = W_v - W_w \qquad \text{Eq. 24-4}$$

12.4.3 Coatings Containing Exempt Solvents.

$$W_o = W_v - W_E - W_w \qquad \text{Eq. 24-5}$$

12.5 Weight Fraction Solids.

$$W_s = 1 - W_v \qquad \text{Eq. 24-6}$$

12.6 Confidence Limit Calculations for Waterborne Coatings. To calculate the lower confidence limit, subtract the appropriate inter-laboratory precision value from the measured mean value for that parameter. To calculate the upper confidence limit, add the appropriate inter-laboratory precision value to the measured mean value for that parameter. For W_v and D_c, use the lower confidence limits; for W_w, use the upper confidence limit. Because W_s is calculated, there is no adjustment for this parameter.

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Analytical Precision Statements. The intra-and inter-laboratory precision statements are given in Table 24–1 in section 17.0.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as specified in section 6.0, with the addition of the following:

1. Standard Procedure for Collection of Coating and Ink Samples for Analysis by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–010. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.

2. Standard Operating Procedure for Analysis of Coating and Ink Samples by Reference Methods 24 and 24A.

EPA–340/1–91–011. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.

3. Handbook of Hazardous Materials: Fire, Safety, Health. Alliance of American Insurers. Schaumberg, IL. 1983.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

TABLE 24–1—ANALYTICAL PRECISION STATEMENTS

	Intra-laboratory	Inter-laboratory
Volatile matter content, W_v	$\pm 0.015\ \widehat{W}_v$	$\pm 0.047\ \widehat{W}_v$
Water content, W_w	$\pm 0.029\ \widehat{W}_w$	$\pm 0.075\ \widehat{W}_w$
Density, D_c	±0.001 kg/l	±0.002 kg/l

METHOD 24A—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER CONTENT AND DENSITY OF PUBLICATION ROTOGRAVURE INKS AND RELATED PUBLICATION ROTOGRAVURE COATINGS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile organic compounds (VOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of the VOC content and density of solvent-borne (solvent-reducible) publication rotogravure inks and related publication rotogravure coatings.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Separate procedures are used to determine the VOC weight fraction and density of the ink or related coating and the density of the solvent in the ink or related coating. The VOC weight fraction is determined by measuring the weight loss of a known sample quantity which has been heated for a specified length of time at a specified temperature. The density of both the ink or related coating and solvent are measured by a standard procedure. From this information, the VOC volume fraction is calculated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Components. Some of the compounds that may be contained in the inks or related coatings analyzed by this method may be irritating or corrosive to tissues or may be toxic. Nearly all are fire hazards. Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as Reference 6 of section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The following equipment and supplies are required for sample analysis:

6.1 Weighing Dishes. Aluminum foil, 58 mm (2.3 in.) in diameter by 18 mm (0.7 in.) high, with a flat bottom. There must be at least three weighing dishes per sample.

6.2 Disposable Syringe. 5 ml.

6.3 Analytical Balance. To measure to within 0.1 mg.

6.4 Oven. Vacuum oven capable of maintaining a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) and an absolute pressure of 510 ±51 mm Hg (20 ±2 in. Hg) for 4 hours. Alternatively, a forced draft oven capable of maintaining a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) for 24 hours.

6.5 The equipment and supplies specified in ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17).

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 The reagents and standards specified in ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90 are required.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Follow the sample collection, preservation, storage, and transport procedures described in Reference 4 of section 16.0.

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedure

Additional guidance can be found in Reference 5 of section 16.0.

11.1 VOC Weight Fraction. Shake or mix the ink or related coating sample thoroughly to assure that all the solids are completely suspended. Label and weigh to the nearest 0.1 mg a weighing dish and record this weight (M_{x1}). Using a 5 ml syringe, without a needle, extract an aliquot from the ink or related coating sample. Weigh the syringe and aliquot to the nearest 0.1 mg and record this weight (M_{cy1}). Transfer 1 to 3 g of the aliquot to the tared weighing dish. Reweigh the syringe and remaining aliquot to the nearest 0.1 mg and record this weight (M_{cy2}). Heat the weighing dish with the transferred aliquot in a vacuum oven at an absolute pressure of 510 ±51 mm Hg (20 ±2 in. Hg) and a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) for 4 hours. Alternatively, heat the weighing dish with the transferred aliquot in a forced draft oven at a temperature of 120 ±2 °C for 24 hours. After the weighing dish has cooled, reweigh it to the nearest 0.1 mg and record the weight (M_{x2}). Repeat this procedure two times for each ink or related coating sample, for a total of three samples.

11.2 Ink or Related Coating Density. Determine the density of the ink or related coating (D_c) according to the procedure outlined in ASTM D 1475. Make a total of three determinations for each ink or related coating sample. Report the ink or related coating density as the arithmetic average (D_c) of the three determinations.

11.3 Solvent Density. Determine the density of the solvent (D_o) according to the procedure outlined in ASTM D 1475. Make a total of three determinations for each ink or related coating sample. Report the solvent density as the arithmetic average (D_o) of the three determinations.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 VOC Weight Fraction. For each determination, calculate the volatile organic content weight fraction (W_o) using the following equation:

$$W_o = \frac{M_{x1} + M_{cy1} - M_{cy2} - M_{x2}}{M_{cy1} - M_{cy2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 24A-1}$$

Make a total of three determinations. Report the VOC weight fraction as the arithmetic average ($\bar{W}_o$) of the three determinations.

12.2 VOC Volume Fraction. Calculate the volume fraction volatile organic content (V_o) using the following equation:

$$V_o = \frac{\overline{W}_o \overline{D}_c}{\overline{D}_o} \qquad \text{Eq. 24A-2}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

1. Standard Test Method for Density of Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products. ASTM Designation D 1475.

2. Teleconversation. Wright, Chuck, Inmont Corporation with Reich, R., A., Radian Corporation. September 25, 1979, Gravure Ink Analysis.

3. Teleconversation. Oppenheimer, Robert, Gravure Research Institute with Burt, Rick, Radian Corporation, November 5, 1979, Gravure Ink Analysis.

4. Standard Procedure for Collection of Coating and Ink Samples for Analysis by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–010. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.

5. Standard Operating Procedure for Analysis of Coating and Ink Samples by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–011. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.

6. Handbook of Hazardous Materials: Fire, Safety, Health. Alliance of American Insurers. Schaumberg, IL. 1983.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 25—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS NONMETHANE ORGANIC EMISSIONS AS CARBON

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total gaseous nonmethane organic compounds (TGNMO)	N/A	Dependent upon analytical equipment.

1.2 Applicability.

1.2.1 This method is applicable for the determination of volatile organic compounds (VOC) (measured as total gaseous nonmethane organics (TGNMO) and reported as carbon) in stationary source emissions. This method is not applicable for the determination of organic particulate matter.

1.2.2 This method is not the only method that applies to the measurement of VOC. Costs, logistics, and other practicalities of source testing may make other test methods more desirable for measuring VOC contents of certain effluent streams. Proper judgment is required in determining the most applicable VOC test method. For example, depending upon the molecular composition of the organics in the effluent stream, a totally automated semicontinuous nonmethane organics (NMO) analyzer interfaced directly to the source may yield accurate results. This approach has the advantage of providing emission data semicontinuously over an extended time period.

1.2.3 Direct measurement of an effluent with a flame ionization detector (FID) analyzer may be appropriate with prior characterization of the gas stream and knowledge that the detector responds predictably to the organic compounds in the stream. If present, methane (CH_4) will, of course, also be measured. The FID can be used under any of the following limited conditions: (1) Where only one compound is known to exist; (2) when the organic compounds consist of only hydrogen and carbon; (3) where the relative percentages of the compounds are known or can be determined, and the FID responses to the compounds are known; (4) where a consistent mixture of the compounds exists before and after emission control and only the relative concentrations are to be assessed; or (5) where the FID can be calibrated against mass standards of the compounds emitted (solvent emissions, for example).

1.2.4 Another example of the use of a direct FID is as a screening method. If there is enough information available to provide a rough estimate of the analyzer accuracy, the FID analyzer can be used to determine the VOC content of an uncharacterized gas stream. With a sufficient buffer to account for possible inaccuracies, the direct FID can be a useful tool to obtain the desired results without costly exact determination.

1.2.5 In situations where a qualitative/quantitative analysis of an effluent stream is desired or required, a gas chromatographic FID system may apply. However, for sources emitting numerous organics, the time and expense of this approach will be formidable.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 An emission sample is withdrawn from the stack at a constant rate through a heated filter and a chilled condensate trap by means of an evacuated sample tank. After sampling is completed, the TGNMO are determined by independently analyzing the condensate trap and sample tank fractions and combining the analytical results. The organic content of the condensate trap fraction is determined by oxidizing the NMO to carbon dioxide (CO_2) and quantitatively collecting in the effluent in an evacuated vessel; then a portion of the CO_2 is reduced to CH_4 and measured by an FID. The organic content of the sample tank fraction is measured by injecting a portion of the sample into a gas chromatographic column to separate the NMO from carbon monoxide (CO), CO_2, and CH_4; the NMO are oxidized to CO_2, reduced to CH_4, and measured by an FID. In this manner, the variable response of the FID associated with different types of organics is eliminated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

4.1 Carbon Dioxide and Water Vapor. When carbon dioxide (CO_2) and water vapor are present together in the stack, they can produce a positive bias in the sample. The magnitude of the bias depends on the concentrations of CO_2 and water vapor. As a guideline, multiply the CO_2 concentration, expressed as volume percent, times the water vapor concentration. If this product does not exceed 100, the bias can be considered insignificant. For example, the bias is not significant for a source having 10 percent CO_2 and 10 percent water vapor, but it might be significant for a source having 10 percent CO_2 and 20 percent water vapor.

4.2. Particulate Matter. Collection of organic particulate matter in the condensate trap would produce a positive bias. A filter is included in the sampling equipment to minimize this bias.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sample Collection. The sampling system consists of a heated probe, heated filter, condensate trap, flow control system, and sample tank (see Figure 25–1). The TGNMO sampling equipment can be constructed from commercially available components and components fabricated in a machine shop. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Heated Probe. 6.4-mm (1⁄4-in.) OD stainless steel tubing with a heating system capable of maintaining a gas temperature at the exit end of at least 129 °C (265 °F). The probe shall be equipped with a temperature sensor at the exit end to monitor the gas temperature. A suitable probe is shown in Figure 25–1. The nozzle is an elbow fitting attached to the front end of the probe while the temperature sensor is inserted in the side arm of a tee fitting attached to the rear of the probe. The probe is wrapped with a suitable length of high temperature heating tape, and then covered with two layers of glass cloth insulation and one layer of aluminum foil or an equivalent wrapping.

NOTE: If it is not possible to use a heating system for safety reasons, an unheated system with an in-stack filter is a suitable alternative.

6.1.2 Filter Holder. 25-mm (15⁄16-in.) ID Gelman filter holder with 303 stainless steel body and 316 stainless steel support screen with the Viton O-ring replaced by a Teflon O-ring.

6.1.3 Filter Heating System.

6.1.3.1 A metal box consisting of an inner and an outer shell separated by insulating material with a heating element in the inner shell capable of maintaining a gas temperature at the filter of 121 ±3 °C (250 ±5 °F). The heating box shall include temperature sensors to monitor the gas temperature immediately upstream and immediately downstream of the filter.

6.1.3.2 A suitable heating box is shown in Figure 25–2. The outer shell is a metal box that measures 102 mm × 280 mm × 292 mm (4 in. × 11 in. × 11½ in.), while the inner shell is a metal box measuring 76 mm × 229 mm × 241 mm (3 in. × 9 in. × 9½ in.). The inner box is supported by 13-mm (½-in.) phenolic rods. The void space between the boxes is filled with ceramic fiber insulation which is sealed in place by means of a silicon rubber bead around the upper sides of the box. A removable lid made in a similar manner, with a 25-mm (1-in.) gap between the parts is used to cover the heating chamber. The inner box is heated with a 250-watt cartridge heater, shielded by a stainless steel shroud. The heater is regulated by a thermostatic temperature controller which is set to maintain a gas temperature of 121 °C (250 °F) as measured by the temperature sensor upstream of the filter.

NOTE: If it is not possible to use a heating system for safety reasons, an unheated system with an in-stack filter is a suitable alternative.

6.1.4 Condensate Trap. 9.5-mm (3⁄8-in.) OD 316 stainless steel tubing bent into a U-shape. Exact dimensions are shown in Figure

25–3. The tubing shall be packed with coarse quartz wool, to a density of approximately 0.11 g/cm^3 before bending. While the condensate trap is packed with dry ice in the Dewar, an ice bridge may form between the arms of the condensate trap making it difficult to remove the condensate trap. This problem can be prevented by attaching a steel plate between the arms of the condensate trap in the same plane as the arms to completely fill the intervening space.

6.1.5 Valve. Stainless steel control valve for starting and stopping sample flow.

6.1.6 Metering Valve. Stainless steel valve for regulating the sample flow rate through the sample train.

6.1.7 Rate Meter. Rotameter, or equivalent, capable of measuring sample flow in the range of 60 to 100 cm^3/min (0.13 to 0.21 ft^3/hr).

6.1.8 Sample Tank. Stainless steel or aluminum tank with a minimum volume of 4 liters (0.14 ft^3).

NOTE: Sample volumes greater than 4 liters may be required for sources with low organic concentrations.

6.1.9 Mercury Manometer. U-tube manometer or absolute pressure gauge capable of measuring pressure to within 1 mm Hg in the range of 0 to 900 mm.

6.1.10 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg.

6.2 Condensate Recovery. The system for the recovery of the organics captured in the condensate trap consists of a heat source, an oxidation catalyst, a nondispersive infrared (NDIR) analyzer, and an intermediate collection vessel (ICV). Figure 25–4 is a schematic of a typical system. The system shall be capable of proper oxidation and recovery, as specified in section 10.1.1. The following major components are required:

6.2.1 Heat Source. Sufficient to heat the condensate trap (including probe) to a temperature of 200 °C (390 °F). A system using both a heat gun and an electric tube furnace is recommended.

6.2.2 Heat Tape. Sufficient to heat the connecting tubing between the water trap and the oxidation catalyst to 100 °C (212 °F).

6.2.3 Oxidation Catalyst. A suitable length of 9.5 mm (3⁄8-in.) OD Inconel 600 tubing packed with 15 cm (6 in.) of 3.2 mm (3⁄8-in.) diameter 19 percent chromia on alumina pellets. The catalyst material is packed in the center of the catalyst tube with quartz wool packed on either end to hold it in place.

6.2.4 Water Trap. Leak-proof, capable of removing moisture from the gas stream.

6.2.5 Syringe Port. A 6.4-mm (1⁄4-in.) OD stainless steel tee fitting with a rubber septum placed in the side arm.

6.2.6 NDIR Detector. Capable of indicating CO_2 concentration in the range of zero to 5 percent, to monitor the progress of combustion of the organic compounds from the condensate trap.

6.2.7 Flow-Control Valve. Stainless steel, to maintain the trap conditioning system near atmospheric pressure.

6.2.8 Intermediate Collection Vessel. Stainless steel or aluminum, equipped with a female quick connect. Tanks with nominal volumes of at least 6 liters (0.2 ft^3) are recommended.

6.2.9 Mercury Manometer. Same as described in section 6.1.9.

6.2.10 Syringe. 10-ml gas-tight glass syringe equipped with an appropriate needle.

6.2.11 Syringes. 10-μl and 50-μl liquid injection syringes.

6.2.12 Liquid Sample Injection Unit. 316 Stainless steel U-tube fitted with an injection septum (see Figure 25–7).

6.3 Analysis.

6.3.1 NMO Analyzer. The NMO analyzer is a gas chromatograph (GC) with backflush capability for NMO analysis and is equipped with an oxidation catalyst, reduction catalyst, and FID. Figures 25–5 and 25–6 are schematics of a typical NMO analyzer. This semicontinuous GC/FID analyzer shall be capable of: (1) Separating CO, CO_2, and CH_4 from NMO, (2) reducing the CO_2 to CH_4 and quantifying as CH_4, and (3) oxidizing the NMO to CO_2, reducing the CO_2 to CH_4 and quantifying as CH_4, according to section 10.1.2. The analyzer consists of the following major components:

6.3.1.1 Oxidation Catalyst. A suitable length of 9.5-mm (3⁄8-in.) OD Inconel 600 tubing packed with 5.1 cm (2 in.) of 19 percent chromia on 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) alumina pellets. The catalyst material is packed in the center of the tube supported on either side by quartz wool. The catalyst tube must be mounted vertically in a 650 °C (1200 °F) furnace. Longer catalysts mounted horizontally may be used, provided they can meet the specifications of section 10.1.2.1.

6.3.1.2 Reduction Catalyst. A 7.6-cm (3-in.) length of 6.4-mm (1⁄4-in.) OD Inconel tubing fully packed with 100-mesh pure nickel powder. The catalyst tube must be mounted vertically in a 400 °C (750 °F) furnace.

6.3.1.3 Separation Column(s). A 30-cm (1-ft) length of 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) OD stainless steel tubing packed with 60/80 mesh Unibeads 1S followed by a 61-cm (2-ft) length of 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) OD stainless steel tubing packed with 60/80 mesh Carbosieve G. The Carbosieve and Unibeads columns must be baked separately at 200 °C (390 °F) with carrier gas flowing through them for 24 hours before initial use.

6.3.1.4 Sample Injection System. A single 10-port GC sample injection valve or a group of valves with sufficient ports fitted with a sample loop properly sized to interface with the NMO analyzer (1-cc loop recommended).

6.3.1.5 FID. An FID meeting the following specifications is required:

6.3.1.5.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.1.2.3.

6.3.1.5.2 Range. A full scale range of 10 to 50,000 ppm CH_4. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.3.1.6 Data Recording System. Analog strip chart recorder or digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the analytical results.

6.3.2 Barometer. Mercury, aneroid, or other barometer capable of measuring atmospheric pressure to within 1 mm Hg.

6.3.3 Temperature Sensor. Capable of measuring the laboratory temperature within 1 °C (2 °F).

6.3.4 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Sample Collection. The following reagents are required for sample collection:

7.1.1 Dry Ice. Solid CO2, crushed.

7.1.2 Coarse Quartz Wool. 8 to 15 um.

7.1.3 Filters. Glass fiber filters, without organic binder, exhibiting at least 99.95 percent efficiency (<0.05 percent penetration) on 0.3 micron dioctyl phthalate smoke particles. The filter efficiency test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM Method D2986–71, 78, or 95a (incorporated by reference—see §60.17). Test data from the supplier's quality control program are sufficient for this purpose.

7.2 NMO Analysis. The following gases are required for NMO analysis:

7.2.1 Carrier Gases. Helium (He) and oxygen (O_2) containing less than 1 ppm CO_2 and less than 0.1 ppm hydrocarbon.

7.2.2 Fuel Gas. Hydrogen (H_2), at least 99.999 percent pure.

7.2.3 Combustion Gas. Either air (less than 0.1 ppm total hydrocarbon content) or O_2 (purity 99.99 percent or greater), as required by the detector.

7.3 Condensate Analysis. The following are required for condensate analysis:

7.3.1 Gases. Containing less than 1 ppm carbon.

7.3.1.1 Air.

7.3.1.2 Oxygen.

7.3.2 Liquids. To conform to the specifications established by the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society.

7.3.2.1 Hexane.

7.3.2.2 Decane.

7.4 Calibration. For all calibration gases, the manufacturer must recommend a maximum shelf life for each cylinder (i.e., the length of time the gas concentration is not expected to change more than ±5 percent from its certified value). The date of gas cylinder preparation, certified organic concentration, and recommended maximum shelf life must be affixed to each cylinder before shipment from the gas manufacturer to the buyer. The following calibration gases are required:

7.4.1 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check Calibration Gas. Gas mixture standard with nominal concentration of 1 percent methane in air.

7.4.2 FID Linearity and NMO Calibration Gases. Three gas mixture standards with nominal propane concentrations of 20 ppm, 200 ppm, and 3000 ppm, in air.

7.4.3 CO_2 Calibration Gases. Three gas mixture standards with nominal CO_2 concentrations of 50 ppm, 500 ppm, and 1 percent, in air.

NOTE: Total NMO less than 1 ppm required for 1 percent mixture.

7.4.4 NMO Analyzer System Check Calibration Gases. Four calibration gases are needed as follows:

7.4.4.1 Propane Mixture. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 50 ppm CO, 50 ppm CH_4, 1 percent CO_2, and 20 ppm C_3H_8, prepared in air.

7.4.4.2 Hexane. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 50 ppm hexane in air.

7.4.4.3 Toluene. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 20 ppm toluene in air.

7.4.4.4 Methanol. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 100 ppm methanol in air.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Transport, and Storage

8.1 Sampling Equipment Preparation.

8.1.1 Condensate Trap Cleaning. Before its initial use and after each use, a condensate trap should be thoroughly cleaned and checked to ensure that it is not contaminated. Both cleaning and checking can be accomplished by installing the trap in the condensate recovery system and treating it as if it were a sample. The trap should be heated as described in section 11.1.3. A trap may be considered clean when the CO_2 concentration in its effluent gas drops below 10 ppm. This check is optional for traps that most recently have been used to collect samples which were then recovered according to the procedure in section 11.1.3.

8.1.2 Sample Tank Evacuation and Leak-Check. Evacuate the sample tank to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure or less. Then close the sample tank valve, and allow the tank to sit for 60 minutes. The tank is acceptable if a change in tank vacuum of less than 1 mm Hg is noted. The evacuation and leak-check may be conducted either in the laboratory or the field.

8.1.3 Sampling Train Assembly. Just before assembly, measure the tank vacuum using a mercury manometer. Record this vacuum, the ambient temperature, and the barometric pressure at this time. Close the sample tank valve and assemble the sampling

system as shown in Figure 25–1. Immerse the condensate trap body in dry ice at least 30 minutes before commencing sampling to improve collection efficiency. The point where the inlet tube joins the trap body should be 2.5 to 5 cm (1 to 2 in.) above the top of the dry ice.

8.1.4 Pretest Leak-Check. A pretest leak-check is required. Calculate or measure the approximate volume of the sampling train from the probe tip to the sample tank valve. After assembling the sampling train, plug the probe tip, and make certain that the sample tank valve is closed. Turn on the vacuum pump, and evacuate the sampling system from the probe tip to the sample tank valve to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg or less. Close the purge valve, turn off the pump, wait a minimum period of 10 minutes, and recheck the indicated vacuum. Calculate the maximum allowable pressure change based on a leak rate of 1 percent of the sampling rate using Equation 25–1, section 12.2. If the measured pressure change exceeds the allowable, correct the problem and repeat the leak-check before beginning sampling.

8.2 Sample Collection.

8.2.1 Unplug the probe tip, and place the probe into the stack such that the probe is perpendicular to the duct or stack axis; locate the probe tip at a single preselected point of average velocity facing away from the direction of gas flow. For stacks having a negative static pressure, seal the sample port sufficiently to prevent air in-leakage around the probe. Set the probe temperature controller to 129 °C (265 °F) and the filter temperature controller to 121 °C (250 °F). Allow the probe and filter to heat for about 30 minutes before purging the sample train.

8.2.2 Close the sample valve, open the purge valve, and start the vacuum pump. Set the flow rate between 60 and 100 cm^3/min (0.13 and 0.21 ft^3/hr), and purge the train with stack gas for at least 10 minutes.

8.2.3 When the temperatures at the exit ends of the probe and filter are within the corresponding specified ranges, check the dry ice level around the condensate trap, and add dry ice if necessary. Record the clock time. To begin sampling, close the purge valve and stop the pump. Open the sample valve and the sample tank valve. Using the flow control valve, set the flow through the sample train to the proper rate. Adjust the flow rate as necessary to maintain a constant rate (±10 percent) throughout the duration of the sampling period. Record the sample tank vacuum and flowmeter setting at 5-minute intervals. (See Figure 25–8.) Select a total sample time greater than or equal to the minimum sampling time specified in the applicable subpart of the regulations; end the sampling when this time period is reached or when a constant flow rate can no longer be maintained because of reduced sample tank vacuum.

NOTE: If sampling had to be stopped before obtaining the minimum sampling time (specified in the applicable subpart) because a constant flow rate could not be maintained, proceed as follows: After closing the sample tank valve, remove the used sample tank from the sampling train (without disconnecting other portions of the sampling train). Take another evacuated and leak-checked sample tank, measure and record the tank vacuum, and attach the new tank to the sampling train. After the new tank is attached to the sample train, proceed with the sampling until the required minimum sampling time has been exceeded.

8.3 Sample Recovery. After sampling is completed, close the flow control valve, and record the final tank vacuum; then record the tank temperature and barometric pressure. Close the sample tank valve, and disconnect the sample tank from the sample system. Disconnect the condensate trap at the inlet to the rate meter, and tightly seal both ends of the condensate trap. Do not include the probe from the stack to the filter as part of the condensate sample.

8.4 Sample Storage and Transport. Keep the trap packed in dry ice until the samples are returned to the laboratory for analysis. Ensure that run numbers are identified on the condensate trap and the sample tank(s).

9.0 Quality Control

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
10.1.1	Initial performance check of condensate recovery apparatus.	Ensure acceptable condensate recovery efficiency.
10.1.2, 10.2	NMO analyzer initial and daily performance checks.	Ensure precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Initial Performance Checks.

10.1.1 Condensate Recovery Apparatus. Perform these tests before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown of 6 months or more, and after any major modification of the system, or at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer.

10.1.1.1 Carrier Gas and Auxiliary O_2 Blank Check. Analyze each new tank of carrier gas or auxiliary O_2 with the NMO analyzer to

check for contamination. Treat the gas cylinders as noncondensible gas samples, and analyze according to the procedure in section 11.2.3. Add together any measured CH_4, CO, CO_2, or NMO. The total concentration must be less than 5 ppm.

10.1.1.2 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check.

10.1.1.2.1 With a clean condensate trap installed in the recovery system or a ⅛″ stainless steel connector tube, replace the carrier gas cylinder with the high level methane standard gas cylinder (Section 7.4.1). Set the four-port valve to the recovery position, and attach an ICV to the recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in vent position and the flow-control and ICV valves fully open, evacuate the manometer or gauge, the connecting tubing, and the ICV to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure. Close the flow-control and vacuum pump valves.

10.1.1.2.2 After the NDIR response has stabilized, switch the sample recovery valve from vent to collect. When the manometer or pressure gauge begins to register a slight positive pressure, open the flow-control valve. Keep the flow adjusted such that the pressure in the system is maintained within 10 percent of atmospheric pressure. Continue collecting the sample in a normal manner until the ICV is filled to a nominal gauge pressure of 300 mm Hg. Close the ICV valve, and remove the ICV from the system. Place the sample recovery valve in the vent position, and return the recovery system to its normal carrier gas and normal operating conditions. Analyze the ICV for CO_2 using the NMO analyzer; the catalyst efficiency is acceptable if the CO_2 concentration is within 2 percent of the methane standard concentration.

10.1.1.3 System Performance Check. Construct a liquid sample injection unit similar in design to the unit shown in Figure 25–7. Insert this unit into the condensate recovery and conditioning system in place of a condensate trap, and set the carrier gas and auxiliary O_2 flow rates to normal operating levels. Attach an evacuated ICV to the system, and switch from system vent to collect. With the carrier gas routed through the injection unit and the oxidation catalyst, inject a liquid sample (see sections 10.1.1.3.1 to 10.1.1.3.4) into the injection port. Operate the trap recovery system as described in section 11.1.3. Measure the final ICV pressure, and then analyze the vessel to determine the CO_2 concentration. For each injection, calculate the percent recovery according to section 12.7. Calculate the relative standard deviation for each set of triplicate injections according to section 12.8. The performance test is acceptable if the average percent recovery is 100 ±5 percent and the relative standard deviation is less than 2 percent for each set of triplicate injections.

10.1.1.3.1 50 μl hexane.

10.1.1.3.2 10 μl hexane.

10.1.1.3.3 50 μl decane.

10.1.1.3.4 10 μl decane.

10.1.2 NMO Analyzer. Perform these tests before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown longer than 6 months, and after any major modification of the system.

10.1.2.1 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check. Turn off or bypass the NMO analyzer reduction catalyst. Make triplicate injections of the high level methane standard (Section 7.4.1). The oxidation catalyst operation is acceptable if the FID response is less than 1 percent of the injected methane concentration.

10.1.2.2 Reduction Catalyst Efficiency Check. With the oxidation catalyst unheated or bypassed and the heated reduction catalyst bypassed, make triplicate injections of the high level methane standard (Section 7.4.1). Repeat this procedure with both catalysts operative. The reduction catalyst operation is acceptable if the responses under both conditions agree within 5 percent of their average.

10.1.2.3 NMO Analyzer Linearity Check Calibration. While operating both the oxidation and reduction catalysts, conduct a linearity check of the analyzer using the propane standards specified in section 7.4.2. Make triplicate injections of each calibration gas. For each gas (*i.e.*, each set of triplicate injections), calculate the average response factor (area/ppm C) for each gas, as well as and the relative standard deviation (according to section 12.8). Then calculate the overall mean of the response factor values. The instrument linearity is acceptable if the average response factor of each calibration gas is within 2.5 percent of the overall mean value and if the relative standard deviation gas is less than 2 percent of the overall mean value. Record the overall mean of the propane response factor values as the NMO calibration response factor (RF_{NMO}). Repeat the linearity check using the CO_2 standards specified in section 7.4.3. Make triplicate injections of each gas, and then calculate the average response factor (area/ppm C) for each gas, as well as the overall mean of the response factor values. Record the overall mean of the response factor values as the CO_2 calibration response factor (RF_{CO2}). The RF_{CO2} must be within 10 percent of the RF_{NMO}.

10.1.2.4 System Performance Check. Check the column separation and overall performance of the analyzer by making triplicate injections of the calibration gases listed in section 7.4.4. The analyzer performance is acceptable if the measured NMO value for each gas (average of triplicate injections) is within 5 percent of the expected value.

10.2 NMO Analyzer Daily Calibration. The following calibration procedures shall be performed before and immediately after the

analysis of each set of samples, or on a daily basis, whichever is more stringent:

10.2.1 CO_2 Response Factor. Inject triplicate samples of the high level CO_2 calibration gas (Section 7.4.3), and calculate the average response factor. The system operation is adequate if the calculated response factor is within 5 percent of the RF_{CO2} calculated during the initial performance test (Section 10.1.2.3). Use the daily response factor (DRF_{CO2}) for analyzer calibration and the calculation of measured CO_2 concentrations in the ICV samples.

10.2.2 NMO Response Factors. Inject triplicate samples of the mixed propane calibration cylinder gas (Section 7.4.4.1), and calculate the average NMO response factor. The system operation is adequate if the calculated response factor is within 10 percent of the RF_{NMO} calculated during the initial performance test (Section 10.1.2.4). Use the daily response factor (DRF_{NMO}) for analyzer calibration and calculation of NMO concentrations in the sample tanks.

10.3 Sample Tank and ICV Volume. The volume of the gas sampling tanks used must be determined. Determine the tank and ICV volumes by weighing them empty and then filled with deionized distilled water; weigh to the nearest 5 g, and record the results. Alternatively, measure the volume of water used to fill them to the nearest 5 ml.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

11.1 Condensate Recovery. See Figure 25–9. Set the carrier gas flow rate, and heat the catalyst to its operating temperature to condition the apparatus.

11.1.1 Daily Performance Checks. Each day before analyzing any samples, perform the following tests:

11.1.1.1 Leak-Check. With the carrier gas inlets and the sample recovery valve closed, install a clean condensate trap in the system, and evacuate the system to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure or less. Monitor the system pressure for 10 minutes. The system is acceptable if the pressure change is less than 2 mm Hg.

11.1.1.2 System Background Test. Adjust the carrier gas and auxiliary oxygen flow rate to their normal values of 100 cc/min and 150 cc/min, respectively, with the sample recovery valve in vent position. Using a 10-ml syringe, withdraw a sample from the system effluent through the syringe port. Inject this sample into the NMO analyzer, and measure the CO_2 content. The system background is acceptable if the CO_2 concentration is less than 10 ppm.

11.1.1.3 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check. Conduct a catalyst efficiency test as specified in section 10.1.1.2. If the criterion of this test cannot be met, make the necessary repairs to the system before proceeding.

11.1.2 Condensate Trap CO_2 Purge and Sample Tank Pressurization.

11.1.2.1 After sampling is completed, the condensate trap will contain condensed water and organics and a small volume of sampled gas. This gas from the stack may contain a significant amount of CO_2 which must be removed from the condensate trap before the sample is recovered. This is accomplished by purging the condensate trap with zero air and collecting the purged gas in the original sample tank.

11.1.2.2 Begin with the sample tank and condensate trap from the test run to be analyzed. Set the four-port valve of the condensate recovery system in the CO_2 purge position as shown in Figure 25–9. With the sample tank valve closed, attach the sample tank to the sample recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in the vent position and the flow control valve fully open, evacuate the manometer or pressure gauge to the vacuum of the sample tank. Next, close the vacuum pump valve, open the sample tank valve, and record the tank pressure.

11.1.2.3 Attach the dry ice-cooled condensate trap to the recovery system, and initiate the purge by switching the sample recovery valve from vent to collect position. Adjust the flow control valve to maintain atmospheric pressure in the recovery system. Continue the purge until the CO_2 concentration of the trap effluent is less than 5 ppm. CO_2 concentration in the trap effluent should be measured by extracting syringe samples from the recovery system and analyzing the samples with the NMO analyzer. This procedure should be used only after the NDIR response has reached a minimum level. Using a 10-ml syringe, extract a sample from the syringe port prior to the NDIR, and inject this sample into the NMO analyzer.

11.1.2.4 After the completion of the CO_2 purge, use the carrier gas bypass valve to pressurize the sample tank to approximately 1,060 mm Hg absolute pressure with zero air.

11.1.3 Recovery of the Condensate Trap Sample (See Figure 25–10).

11.1.3.1 Attach the ICV to the sample recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in a closed position, between vent and collect, and the flow control and ICV valves fully open, evacuate the manometer or gauge, the connecting tubing, and the ICV to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure. Close the flow-control and vacuum pump valves.

11.1.3.2 Begin auxiliary oxygen flow to the oxidation catalyst at a rate of 150 cc/min, then switch the four-way valve to the trap recovery position and the sample recovery valve to collect position. The system should now be set up to operate as indicated in Figure 25–10. After the manometer or pressure gauge begins to register a slight positive pressure, open the flow control valve. Adjust the flow-control valve to maintain atmospheric pressure in the system within 10 percent.

11.1.3.3 Remove the condensate trap from the dry ice, and allow it to warm to ambient temperature while monitoring the NDIR response. If, after 5 minutes, the CO_2 concentration of the catalyst effluent is below 10,000 ppm, discontinue the auxiliary oxygen flow to the oxidation catalyst. Begin heating the trap by placing it in a furnace preheated to 200 °C (390 °F). Once heating has begun, carefully monitor the NDIR response to ensure that the catalyst effluent concentration does not exceed 50,000 ppm. Whenever the CO_2 concentration exceeds 50,000 ppm, supply auxiliary oxygen to the catalyst at the rate of 150 cc/min. Begin heating the tubing that connected the heated sample box to the condensate trap only after the CO_2 concentration falls below 10,000 ppm. This tubing may be heated in the same oven as the condensate trap or with an auxiliary heat source such as a heat gun. Heating temperature must not exceed 200 °C (390 °F). If a heat gun is used, heat the tubing slowly along its entire length from the upstream end to the downstream end, and repeat the pattern for a total of three times. Continue the recovery until the CO_2 concentration drops to less than 10 ppm as determined by syringe injection as described under the condensate trap CO_2 purge procedure (Section 11.1.2).

11.1.3.4 After the sample recovery is completed, use the carrier gas bypass valve to pressurize the ICV to approximately 1060 mm Hg absolute pressure with zero air.

11.2 Analysis. Once the initial performance test of the NMO analyzer has been successfully completed (see section 10.1.2) and the daily CO_2 and NMO response factors have been determined (see section 10.2), proceed with sample analysis as follows:

11.2.1 Operating Conditions. The carrier gas flow rate is 29.5 cc/min He and 2.2 cc/min O_2. The column oven is heated to 85 °C (185 °F). The order of elution for the sample from the column is CO, CH_4, CO_2, and NMO.

11.2.2 Analysis of Recovered Condensate Sample. Purge the sample loop with sample, and then inject the sample. Under the specified operating conditions, the CO_2 in the sample will elute in approximately 100 seconds. As soon as the detector response returns to baseline following the CO_2 peak, switch the carrier gas flow to backflush, and raise the column oven temperature to 195 °C (380 °F) as rapidly as possible. A rate of 30 °C/min (90 °F) has been shown to be adequate. Record the value obtained for the condensible organic material (C_{cm}) measured as CO_2 and any measured NMO. Return the column oven temperature to 85 °C (185 °F) in preparation for the next analysis. Analyze each sample in triplicate, and report the average C_{cm}.

11.2.3 Analysis of Sample Tank. Perform the analysis as described in section 11.2.2, but record only the value measured for NMO (C_{tm}).

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

Carry out the calculations, retaining at least one extra significant figure beyond that of the acquired data. Round off figures after final calculations. All equations are written using absolute pressure; absolute pressures are determined by adding the measured barometric pressure to the measured gauge or manometer pressure.

12.1 Nomenclature.

C = TGNMO concentration of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.

C_c = Calculated condensible organic (condensate trap) concentration of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.

C_{cm} = Measured concentration (NMO analyzer) for the condensate trap ICV, ppm CO_2.

C_t = Calculated noncondensible organic concentration (sample tank) of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.

C_{tm} = Measured concentration (NMO analyzer) for the sample tank, ppm NMO.

F = Sampling flow rate, cc/min.

L = Volume of liquid injected, µl.

M = Molecular weight of the liquid injected, g/g-mole.

M_c = TGNMO mass concentration of the effluent, mg C/dsm^3.

N = Carbon number of the liquid compound injected (N = 12 for decane, N = 6 for hexane).

n = Number of data points.

P_f = Final pressure of the intermediate collection vessel, mm Hg absolute.

P_b = Barometric pressure, cm Hg.

P_{ti} = Gas sample tank pressure before sampling, mm Hg absolute.

P_t = Gas sample tank pressure after sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{tf} = Final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

q = Total number of analyzer injections of intermediate collection vessel during analysis (where k = injection number, 1 * * * q).

r = Total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j = injection number, 1 * * * r).

r = Density of liquid injected, g/cc.

T_f = Final temperature of intermediate collection vessel, °K.

T_{ti} = Sample tank temperature before sampling, °K.

T_t = Sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, °K.

T_{tf} = Sample tank temperature after pressurizing, °K.

V = Sample tank volume, m^3.

V_t = Sample train volume, cc.

V_v = Intermediate collection vessel volume, m^3.

V_s = Gas volume sampled, dsm^3.

x_i = Individual measurements.

$\bar{x}$ = Mean value.

ΔP = Allowable pressure change, cm Hg.
Θ = Leak-check period, min.

12.2 Allowable Pressure Change. For the pretest leak-check, calculate the allowable pressure change using Equation 25–1:

$$\Delta P = 0.01 \frac{F P_b \Theta}{V_t} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-1}$$

12.3 Sample Volume. For each test run, calculate the gas volume sampled using Equation 25–2:

$$V_s = 0.3857\ V\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-2}$$

12.4 Noncondensible Organics. For each sample tank, determine the concentration of nonmethane organics (ppm C) using Equation 25–3:

$$C_t = \left(\frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm_j}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-3}$$

12.5 Condensible Organics. For each condensate trap determine the concentration of organics (ppm C) using Equation 25–4:

$$C_c = 0.3857 \frac{V_v P_f}{V_s T_f}\left(\frac{1}{q}\sum_{k=1}^{q} C_{cm_k}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-4}$$

12.6 TGNMO Mass Concentration. Determine the TGNMO mass concentration as carbon for each test run, using Equation 25–5:

$$M_c = 0.4993\left(C_t + C_c\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-5}$$

12.7 Percent Recovery. Calculate the percent recovery for the liquid injections to the condensate recovery and conditioning system using Equation 25–6:

$$\text{Percent Recovery} = K\ \frac{M\ V_v P_t C_{cm}}{L\ P\ T_f N} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-6}$$

where K = 1.604 (°K)(g-mole)(%)/(mm Hg)(ml)(m^3)(ppm).

12.8 Relative Standard Deviation. Use Equation 25–7 to calculate the relative standard deviation (RSD) of percent recovery and analyzer linearity.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{\overline{x}}\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_i - \overline{x}\right)^2}{n-1}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-7}$$

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Range. The minimum detectable limit of the method has been determined to be 50 parts per million by volume (ppm). No upper limit has been established.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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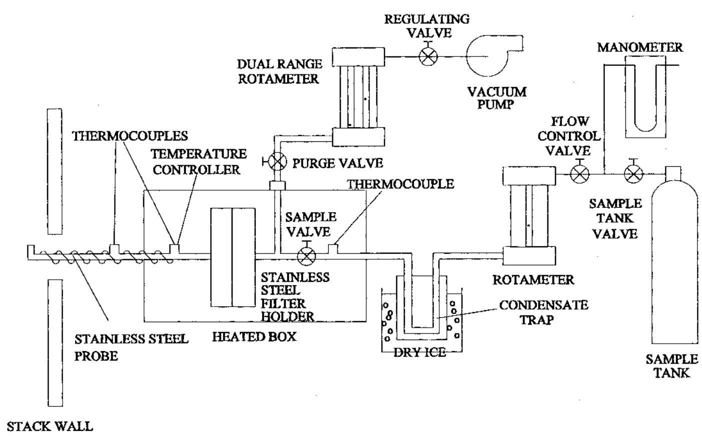

Figure 25-1. Sampling Train

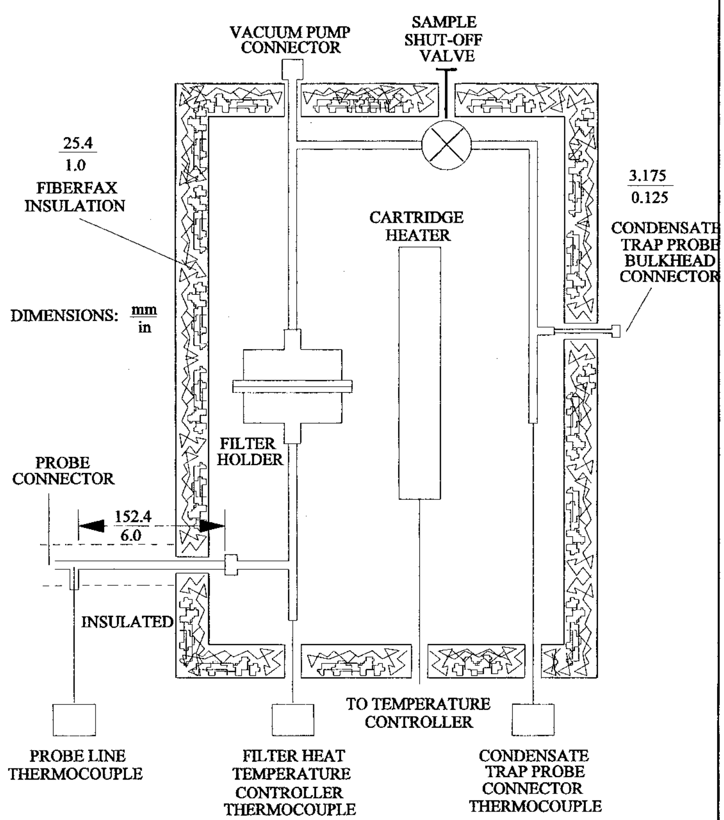

Figure 25-2. Out-of-stack Filter Box

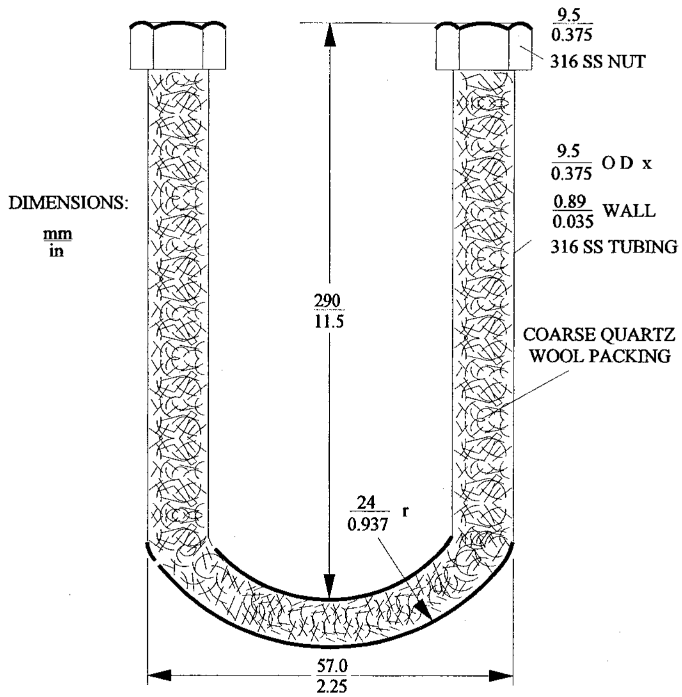

Figure 25-3. Condensate Trap

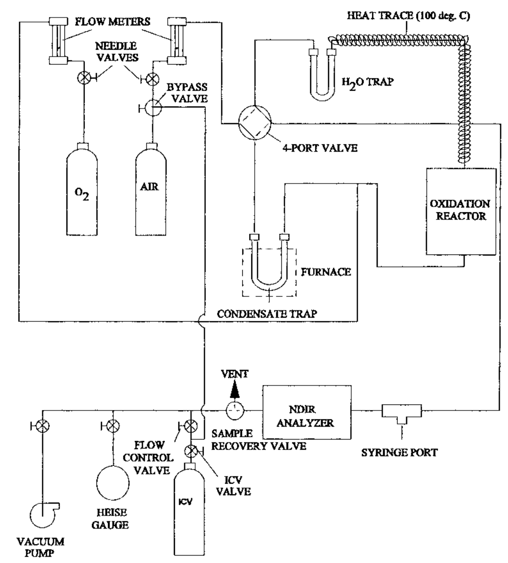

Figure 25-4. Condensate Recovery System

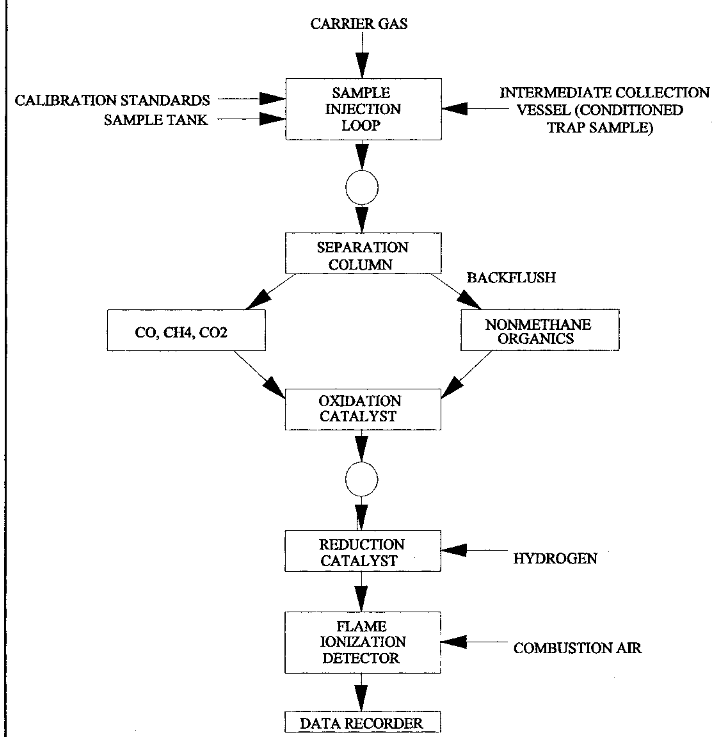

Figure 25-5. Simplified Schematic of Nonmethane Organic (NMO) Analyzer

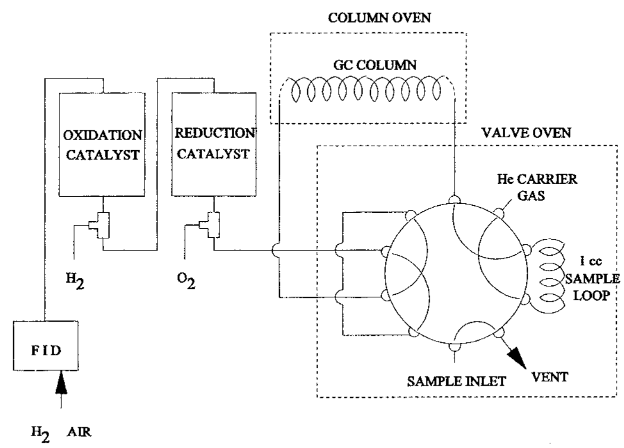

Figure 25-6. Nonmethane Organic Analyzer (NMO)

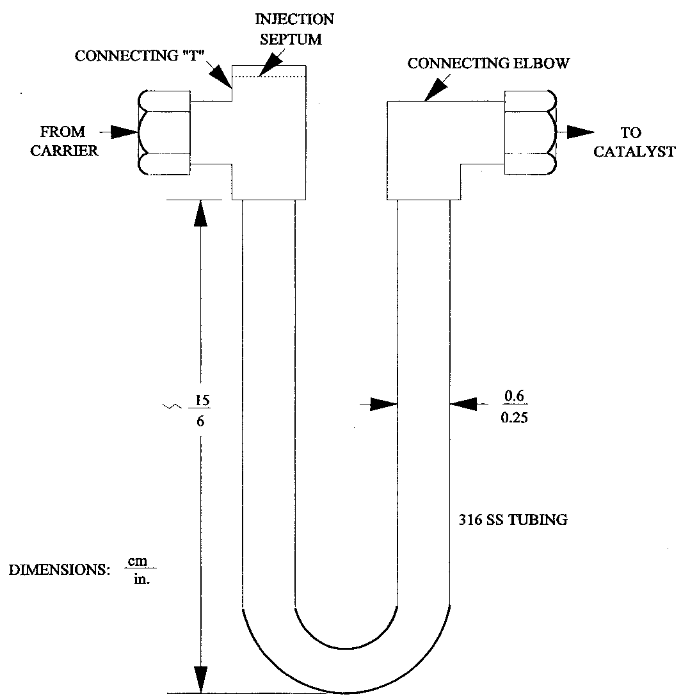

Figure 25-7. Liquid Sample Injection Unit

VOLATILE ORGANIC CARBON

FACILITY ________ SAMPLE LOCATION ________

LOCATION ________ OPERATOR ________

DATE ________ RUN NUMBER ________

TANK NUMBER ________ TRAP NUMBER ________ SAMPLE ID NUMBER ________

TANK VACUUM mm HG	cm Hg	BAROMETRIC PRESSURE mm Hg	AMBIENT TEMPERATURE °C
PRETEST (MANOMETER) ________	(GAUGE) ________		
POST-TEST (MANOMETER) ________	(GAUGE) ________		

LEAK RATE ________ cm Hg / 1.0 min. ________

PRETEST ________

TIME CLOCK/SAMPLE	VACUUM cm Hg	FLOWMETER SETTINGS	COMMENTS

Figure 25-8. Example Field Data Form

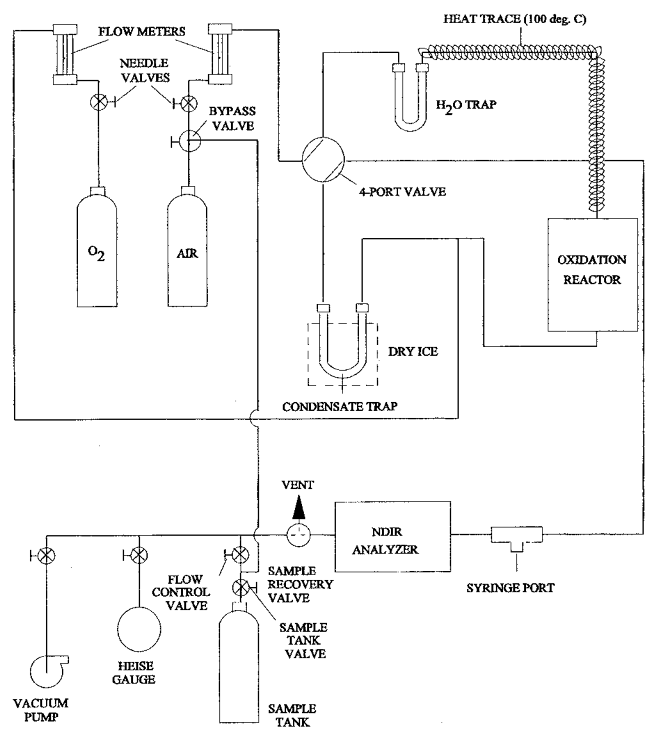

Figure 25-9. Condensate Recovery System, CO2 Purge

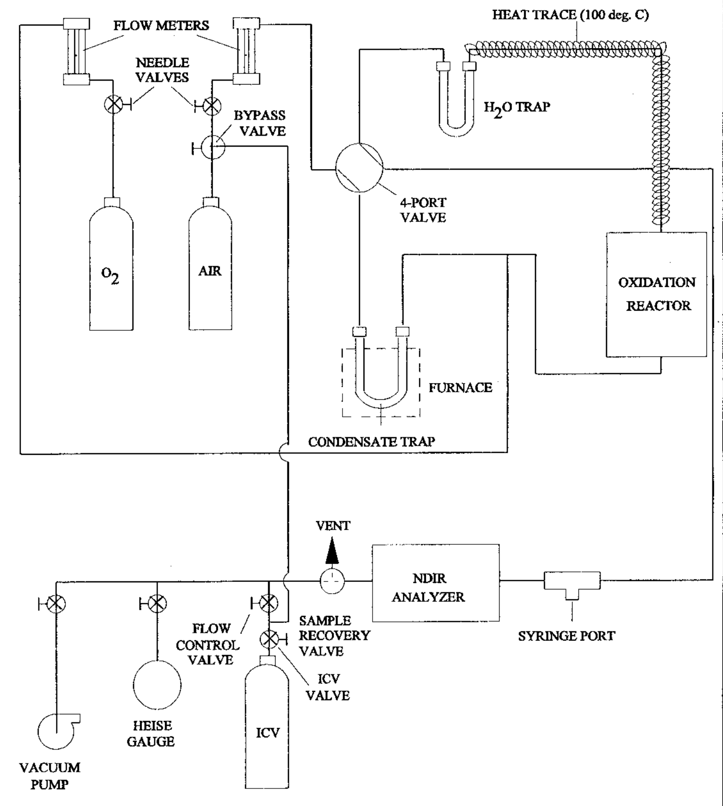

Figure 25-10. Condensate Recovery System, Collection of Trap Organics

METHOD 25A—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS ORGANIC CONCENTRATION USING A FLAME IONIZATION ANALYZER

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total Organic Compounds	N/A	<2% of span.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of total gaseous organic concentration of vapors consisting primarily of alkanes, alkenes, and/or arenes (aromatic hydrocarbons). The concentration is expressed in terms of propane (or other appropriate organic calibration gas) or in terms of carbon.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line and glass fiber filter to a flame ionization analyzer (FIA). Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of the calibration gas or as carbon equivalents.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Calibration drift* means the difference in the measurement system response to a midlevel calibration gas before and after a stated period of operation during which no unscheduled maintenance, repair, or adjustment took place.

3.2 *Calibration error* means the difference between the gas concentration indicated by the measurement system and the know concentration of the calibration gas.

3.3 *Calibration gas* means a known concentration of a gas in an appropriate diluent gas.

3.4 *Measurement system* means the total equipment required for the determination of the gas concentration. The system consists of the following major subsystems:

3.4.1 *Sample interface* means that portion of a system used for one or more of the following: sample acquisition, sample transportation, sample conditioning, or protection of the analyzer(s) from the effects of the stack effluent.

3.4.2 *Organic analyzer* means that portion of the measurement system that senses the gas to be measured and generates an output proportional to its concentration.

3.5 *Response time* means the time interval from a step change in pollutant concentration at the inlet to the emission measurement system to the time at which 95 percent of the corresponding final value is reached as displayed on the recorder.

3.6 *Span Value* means the upper limit of a gas concentration measurement range that is specified for affected source categories in the applicable part of the regulations. The span value is established in the applicable regulation and is usually 1.5 to 2.5 times the applicable emission limit. If no span value is provided, use a span value equivalent to 1.5 to 2.5 times the expected concentration. For convenience, the span value should correspond to 100 percent of the recorder scale.

3.7 *Zero drift* means the difference in the measurement system response to a zero level calibration gas before or after a stated period of operation during which no unscheduled maintenance, repair, or adjustment took place.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method. The analyzer users manual should be consulted for specific precautions to be taken with regard to the analytical procedure.

5.2 Explosive Atmosphere. This method is often applied in highly explosive areas. Caution and care should be exercised in choice of equipment and installation.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Measurement System. Any measurement system for total organic concentration that meets the specifications of this method. A schematic of an acceptable measurement system is shown in Figure 25A–1. All sampling components leading to the analyzer shall be heated ≥110 °C (220 °F) throughout the sampling period, unless safety reasons are cited (Section 5.2) The essential components of the measurement system are described below:

6.1.1 Organic Concentration Analyzer. A flame ionization analyzer (FIA) capable of meeting or exceeding the specifications of this method. The flame ionization detector block shall be heated >120 °C (250 °F).

6.1.2 Sample Probe. Stainless steel, or equivalent, three-hole rake type. Sample holes shall be 4 mm (0.16-in.) in diameter or smaller and located at 16.7, 50, and 83.3 percent of the equivalent stack diameter. Alternatively, a single opening probe may be used so that a gas sample is collected from the centrally located 10 percent area of the stack cross-section.

6.1.3 Heated Sample Line. Stainless steel or Teflon'' tubing to transport the sample gas

to the analyzer. The sample line should be heated (≥110 °C) to prevent any condensation.

6.1.4 Calibration Valve Assembly. A three-way valve assembly to direct the zero and calibration gases to the analyzers is recommended. Other methods, such as quick-connect lines, to route calibration gas to the analyzers are applicable.

6.1.5 Particulate Filter. An in-stack or an out-of-stack glass fiber filter is recommended if exhaust gas particulate loading is significant. An out-of-stack filter should be heated to prevent any condensation.

6.1.6 Recorder. A strip-chart recorder, analog computer, or digital recorder for recording measurement data. The minimum data recording requirement is one measurement value per minute.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Calibration Gases. The calibration gases for the gas analyzer shall be propane in air or propane in nitrogen. Alternatively, organic compounds other than propane can be used; the appropriate corrections for response factor must be made. Calibration gases shall be prepared in accordance with the procedure listed in Citation 2 of section 16. Additionally, the manufacturer of the cylinder should provide a recommended shelf life for each calibration gas cylinder over which the concentration does not change more than ±2 percent from the certified value. For calibration gas values not generally available (*i.e.*, organics between 1 and 10 percent by volume), alternative methods for preparing calibration gas mixtures, such as dilution systems (Test Method 205, 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix M), may be used with prior approval of the Administrator.

7.1.1 Fuel. A 40 percent H_2/60 percent N_2 gas mixture is recommended to avoid an oxygen synergism effect that reportedly occurs when oxygen concentration varies significantly from a mean value.

7.1.2 Zero Gas. High purity air with less than 0.1 part per million by volume (ppmv) of organic material (propane or carbon equivalent) or less than 0.1 percent of the span value, whichever is greater.

7.1.3 Low-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 25 to 35 percent of the applicable span value.

7.1.4 Mid-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 45 to 55 percent of the applicable span value.

7.1.5 High-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 80 to 90 percent of the applicable span value.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Selection of Sampling Site. The location of the sampling site is generally specified by the applicable regulation or purpose of the test (*i.e.*, exhaust stack, inlet line, etc.). The sample port shall be located to meet the testing requirements of Method 1.

8.2 Location of Sample Probe. Install the sample probe so that the probe is centrally located in the stack, pipe, or duct and is sealed tightly at the stack port connection.

8.3 Measurement System Preparation. Prior to the emission test, assemble the measurement system by following the manufacturer's written instructions for preparing sample interface and the organic analyzer. Make the system operable (Section 10.1).

8.4 Calibration Error Test. Immediately prior to the test series (within 2 hours of the start of the test), introduce zero gas and high-level calibration gas at the calibration valve assembly. Adjust the analyzer output to the appropriate levels, if necessary. Calculate the predicted response for the low-level and mid-level gases based on a linear response line between the zero and high-level response. Then introduce low-level and mid-level calibration gases successively to the measurement system. Record the analyzer responses for low-level and mid-level calibration gases and determine the differences between the measurement system responses and the predicted responses. These differences must be less than 5 percent of the respective calibration gas value. If not, the measurement system is not acceptable and must be replaced or repaired prior to testing. No adjustments to the measurement system shall be conducted after the calibration and before the drift check (Section 8.6.2). If adjustments are necessary before the completion of the test series, perform the drift checks prior to the required adjustments and repeat the calibration following the adjustments. If multiple electronic ranges are to be used, each additional range must be checked with a mid-level calibration gas to verify the multiplication factor.

8.5 Response Time Test. Introduce zero gas into the measurement system at the calibration valve assembly. When the system output has stabilized, switch quickly to the high-level calibration gas. Record the time from the concentration change to the measurement system response equivalent to 95 percent of the step change. Repeat the test three times and average the results.

8.6 Emission Measurement Test Procedure.

8.6.1 Organic Measurement. Begin sampling at the start of the test period, recording time and any required process information as appropriate. In particulate, note on the recording chart, periods of process interruption or cyclic operation.

8.6.2 Drift Determination. Immediately following the completion of the test period and hourly during the test period, reintroduce the zero and mid-level calibration gases, one at a time, to the measurement system at the calibration valve assembly. (Make no adjustments to the measurement system until both the zero and calibration drift checks are made.) Record the analyzer response. If the drift values exceed the specified limits, invalidate the test results preceding the check and repeat the test following corrections to the measurement system. Alternatively, recalibrate the test measurement system as in section 8.4 and report the results using both sets of calibration data (i.e., data determined prior to the test period and data determined following the test period).

NOTE: Note on the recording chart periods of process interruption or cyclic operation.

9.0 Quality Control

Method section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.4	Zero and calibration drift tests	Ensures that bias introduced by drift in the measurement system output during the run is no greater than 3 percent of span.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 FIA equipment can be calibrated for almost any range of total organic concentrations. For high concentrations of organics (>1.0 percent by volume as propane), modifications to most commonly available analyzers are necessary. One accepted method of equipment modification is to decrease the size of the sample to the analyzer through the use of a smaller diameter sample capillary. Direct and continuous measurement of organic concentration is a necessary consideration when determining any modification design.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

The sample collection and analysis are concurrent for this method (see section 8.0).

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 Determine the average organic concentration in terms of ppmv as propane or other calibration gas. The average shall be determined by integration of the output recording over the period specified in the applicable regulation. If results are required in terms of ppmv as carbon, adjust measured concentrations using Equation 25A–1.

$$C_c = K C_{meas} \qquad \text{Eq. 25A-1}$$

Where:

C_c = Organic concentration as carbon, ppmv.

C_{meas} = Organic concentration as measured, ppmv.

K = Carbon equivalent correction factor.

= 2 for ethane.

= 3 for propane.

= 4 for butane.

= Appropriate response factor for other organic calibration gases.

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Measurement System Performance Specifications.

13.1.1 Zero Drift. Less than ±3 percent of the span value.

13.1.2 Calibration Drift. Less than ±3 percent of span value.

13.1.3 Calibration Error. Less than ±5 percent of the calibration gas value.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

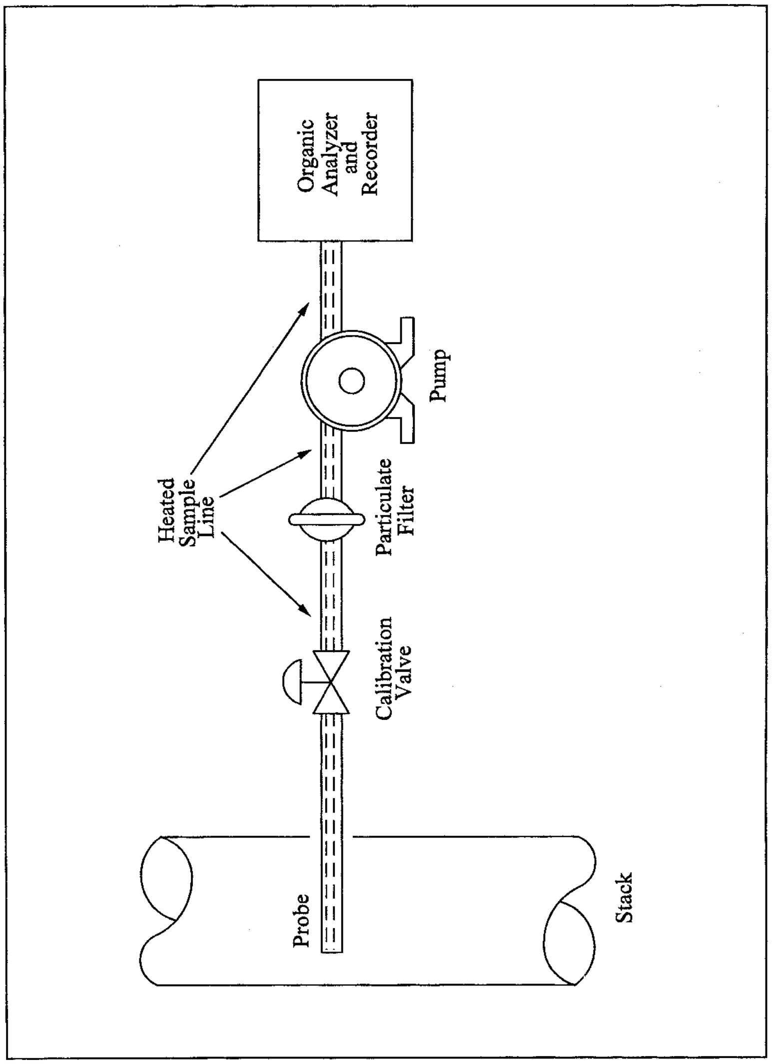

Figure 25A-1. Organic Concentration Measurement System.

METHOD 25B—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS ORGANIC CONCENTRATION USING A NONDISPERSIVE INFRARED ANALYZER

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 1, Method 6C, and Method 25A.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total Organic Compounds	N/A	<2% of span.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of total gaseous organic concentration of vapors consisting primarily of alkanes. Other organic materials may be measured using the general procedure in this method, the appropriate calibration gas, and an analyzer set to the appropriate absorption band.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line, if necessary, and glass fiber filter to a nondispersive infrared analyzer (NDIR). Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of the calibration gas or as carbon equivalents.

3.0 Definitions

Same as Method 25A, section 3.0.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method. The analyzer users manual should be consulted for specific precautions to be taken with regard to the analytical procedure.

5.2 Explosive Atmosphere. This method is often applied in highly explosive areas. Caution and care should be exercised in choice of equipment and installation.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

Same as Method 25A, section 6.0, with the exception of the following:

6.1 Organic Concentration Analyzer. A nondispersive infrared analyzer designed to measure alkane organics and capable of meeting or exceeding the specifications in this method.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Same as Method 25A, section 7.1. No fuel gas is required for an NDIR.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

Same as Method 25A, section 8.0.

9.0 Quality Control

Same as Method 25A, section 9.0.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

Same as Method 25A, section 10.0.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

The sample collection and analysis are concurrent for this method (see section 8.0).

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

Same as Method 25A, section 12.0.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as Method 25A, section 16.0.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 25C—DETERMINATION OF NONMETHANE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (NMOC) IN LANDFILL GASES

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling and analytical) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should also have a thorough knowledge of EPA Method 25.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable to the sampling and measurement of NMOC as carbon in landfill gases (LFG).

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A sample probe that has been perforated at one end is driven or augured to a depth of 0.9 m (3 ft) below the bottom of the landfill cover. A sample of the landfill gas is extracted with an evacuated cylinder. The NMOC content of the gas is determined by

injecting a portion of the gas into a gas chromatographic column to separate the NMOC from carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO_2), and methane (CH_4); the NMOC are oxidized to CO_2, reduced to CH_4, and measured by a flame ionization detector (FID). In this manner, the variable response of the FID associated with different types of organics is eliminated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Since this method is complex, only experienced personnel should perform this test. LFG contains methane, therefore explosive mixtures may exist on or near the landfill. It is advisable to take appropriate safety precautions when testing landfills, such as refraining from smoking and installing explosion-proof equipment.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sample Probe. Stainless steel, with the bottom third perforated. Teflon probe liners and sampling lines are also allowed. Non-perforated probes are allowed as long as they are withdrawn to create a gap equivalent to having the bottom third perforated. The sample probe must be capped at the bottom and must have a threaded cap with a sampling attachment at the top. The sample probe must be long enough to go through and extend no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. If the sample probe is to be driven into the landfill, the bottom cap should be designed to facilitate driving the probe into the landfill.

6.2 Sampling Train.

6.2.1 Rotameter with Flow Control Valve. Capable of measuring a sample flow rate of 100 ±10 ml/min. The control valve must be made of stainless steel.

6.2.2 Sampling Valve. Stainless steel.

6.2.3 Pressure Gauge. U-tube mercury manometer, or equivalent, capable of measuring pressure to within 1 mm Hg (0.5 in H_2O) in the range of 0 to 1,100 mm Hg (0 to 590 in H_2O).

6.2.4 Sample Tank. Stainless steel or aluminum cylinder, equipped with a stainless steel sample tank valve.

6.3 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg (5.4 in H_2O).

6.4 Purging Pump. Portable, explosion proof, and suitable for sampling NMOC.

6.5 Pilot Probe Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 8.2.1.

6.5.1 Pilot Probe. Tubing of sufficient strength to withstand being driven into the landfill by a post driver and an outside diameter of at least 6 mm (0.25 in.) smaller than the sample probe. The pilot probe shall be capped on both ends and long enough to go through the landfill cover and extend no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) into the landfill.

6.5.2 Post Driver and Compressor. Capable of driving the pilot probe and the sampling probe into the landfill. The Kitty Hawk portable post driver has been found to be acceptable.

6.6 Auger Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 8.2.2.

6.6.1 Auger. Capable of drilling through the landfill cover and to a depth of no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) into the landfill.

6.6.2 Pea Gravel.

6.6.3 Bentonite.

6.7 NMOC Analyzer, Barometer, Thermometer, and Syringes. Same as in sections 6.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.33, and 6.2.10, respectively, of Method 25.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 NMOC Analysis. Same as in Method 25, section 7.2.

7.2 Calibration. Same as in Method 25, section 7.4, except omit section 7.4.3.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sample Tank Evacuation and Leak-Check. Conduct the sample tank evacuation and leak-check either in the laboratory or the field. Connect the pressure gauge and sampling valve to the sample tank. Evacuate the sample tank to 10 mm Hg (5.4 in H_2O) absolute pressure or less. Close the sampling valve, and allow the tank to sit for 30 minutes. The tank is acceptable if no change more than ±2 mm is noted. Include the results of the leak-check in the test report.

8.2 Sample Probe Installation. The tester may use the procedure in section 8.2.1 or 8.2.2.

8.2.1 Pilot Probe Procedure. Use the post driver to drive the pilot probe at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. Alternative procedures to drive the probe into the landfill may be used subject to the approval of the Administrator's designated representative.

8.2.1.1 Remove the pilot probe and drive the sample probe into the hole left by the pilot probe. The sample probe shall extend at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover and shall protrude about 0.3 m (1 ft) above the landfill cover. Seal around the sampling probe with bentonite and cap the sampling probe with the sampling probe cap.

8.2.2 Auger Procedure. Use an auger to drill a hole to at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. Place the sample probe in the hole and backfill with pea gravel to a level 0.6 m (2 ft) from the surface. The sample probe shall protrude at least 0.3 m (1 ft) above the landfill cover. Seal the remaining area around the probe with bentonite. Allow 24

hours for the landfill gases to equilibrate inside the augured probe before sampling.

8.2.3 Driven Probes. Closed-point probes may be driven directly into the landfill in a single step. This method may not require backfilling if the probe is adequately sealed by its insertion. Unperforated probes that are inserted in this manner and withdrawn at a distance from a detachable tip to create an open space are also acceptable.

8.3 Sample Train Assembly. Just before assembling the sample train, measure the sample tank vacuum using the pressure gauge. Record the vacuum, the ambient temperature, and the barometric pressure at this time. Assemble the sampling probe purging system as shown in Figure 25C–1.

8.4 Sampling Procedure. Open the sampling valve and use the purge pump and the flow control valve to evacuate at least two sample probe volumes from the system at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less. Close the sampling valve and replace the purge pump with the sample tank apparatus as shown in Figure 25C–2. Open the sampling valve and the sample tank valve and, using the flow control valve, sample at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less until either a constant flow rate can no longer be maintained because of reduced sample tank vacuum or the appropriate composite volume is attained. Disconnect the sampling tank apparatus and pressurize the sample cylinder to approximately 1,060 mm Hg (567 in. H_2O) absolute pressure with helium, and record the final pressure. Alternatively, the sample tank may be pressurized in the lab.

8.4.1 The following restrictions apply to compositing samples from different probe sites into a single cylinder: (1) Individual composite samples per cylinder must be of equal volume; this must be verified by recording the flow rate, sampling time, vacuum readings, or other appropriate volume measuring data, (2) individual composite samples must have a minimum volume of 1 liter unless data is provided showing smaller volumes can be accurately measured, and (3) composite samples must not be collected using the final cylinder vacuum as it diminishes to ambient pressure.

8.4.2 Use Method 3C to determine the percent N_2 in each cylinder. The presence of N_2 indicates either infiltration of ambient air into the landfill gas sample or an inappropriate testing site has been chosen where anaerobic decomposition has not begun. The landfill gas sample is acceptable if the concentration of N_2 is less than 20 percent. Alternatively, Method 3C may be used to determine the oxygen content of each cylinder as an air infiltration test. With this option, the oxygen content of each cylinder must be less than 5 percent.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.4.2	Verify that landfill gas sample contains less than 20 percent N_2 or 5 percent O_2.	Ensures that ambient air was not drawn into the landfill gas sample and gas was sampled from an appropriate location.
10.1, 10.2	NMOC analyzer initial and daily performance checks.	Ensures precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Initial NMOC Analyzer Performance Test. Same as in Method 25, section 10.1, except omit the linearity checks for CO_2 standards.

10.2 NMOC Analyzer Daily Calibration.

10.2.1 NMOC Response Factors. Same as in Method 25, section 10.2.2.

10.3 Sample Tank Volume. The volume of the gas sampling tanks must be determined. Determine the tank volumes by weighing them empty and then filled with deionized water; weigh to the nearest 5 g, and record the results. Alternatively, measure the volume of water used to fill them to the nearest 5 ml.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 The oxidation, reduction, and measurement of NMOC's is similar to Method 25. Before putting the NMOC analyzer into routine operation, conduct an initial performance test. Start the analyzer, and perform all the necessary functions in order to put the analyzer into proper working order. Conduct the performance test according to the procedures established in section 10.1. Once the performance test has been successfully completed and the NMOC calibration response factor has been determined, proceed with sample analysis as follows:

11.1.1 Daily Operations and Calibration Checks. Before and immediately after the analysis of each set of samples or on a daily basis (whichever occurs first), conduct a calibration test according to the procedures established in section 10.2. If the criteria of the daily calibration test cannot be met, repeat

the NMOC analyzer performance test (Section 10.1) before proceeding.

11.1.2 Operating Conditions. Same as in Method 25, section 11.2.1.

11.1.3 Analysis of Sample Tank. Purge the sample loop with sample, and then inject the sample. Under the specified operating conditions, the CO_2 in the sample will elute in approximately 100 seconds. As soon as the detector response returns to baseline following the CO_2 peak, switch the carrier gas flow to backflush, and raise the column oven temperature to 195 °C (383 °F) as rapidly as possible. A rate of 30 °C/min (54 °F/min) has been shown to be adequate. Record the value obtained for any measured NMOC. Return the column oven temperature to 85 °C (185 °F) in preparation for the next analysis. Analyze each sample in triplicate, and report the average as C_{tm}.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

NOTE: All equations are written using absolute pressure; absolute pressures are determined by adding the measured barometric pressure to the measured gauge or manometer pressure.

12.1 Nomenclature

B_w = Moisture content in the sample, fraction.

C_{N2} = N_2 concentration in the diluted sample gas.

C_{mN2} = Measured N_2 concentration, fraction in landfill gas.

C_{mOx} = Measured Oxygen concentration, fraction in landfill gas.

C_{Ox} = Oxygen concentration in the diluted sample gas.

C_t = Calculated NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent.

C_{tm} = Measured NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent.

P_b = Barometric pressure, mm Hg.

P_t = Gas sample tank pressure after sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{tf} = Final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{ti} = Gas sample tank pressure after evacuation, mm Hg absolute.

P_w = Vapor pressure of H_2O (from Table 25C–1), mm Hg.

r = Total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j = injection number, 1 . . . r).

T_t = Sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, °K.

T_{ti} = Sample tank temperature before sampling, °K.

T_{tf} = Sample tank temperature after pressuring, °K.

12.2 Water Correction. Use Table 25C–1 (Section 17.0), the LFG temperature, and barometric pressure at the sampling site to calculate B_w.

$$B_w = \frac{P_w}{P_b} \qquad \text{Eq. 25C-1}$$

12.3 Nitrogen Concentration in the landfill gas. Use equation 25C–2 to calculate the measured concentration of nitrogen in the original landfill gas.

$$C_{N2} = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}\right)}{\left(\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}\right)-\left(\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\right)}\right] C_{mN2} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-2}$$

12.4 Oxygen Concentration in the landfill gas. Use equation 25C–3 to calculate the measured concentration of oxygen in the original landfill gas.

$$C_{Ox} = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}\right)}{\left(\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}\right)-\left(\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\right)}\right] C_{mOx} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-3}$$

12.5 You must correct the NMOC Concentration for the concentration of nitrogen or oxygen based on which gas or gases passes the requirements in section 9.1.

12.5.1 NMOC Concentration with nitrogen correction. Use Equation 25C–4 to calculate the concentration of NMOC for each sample tank when the nitrogen concentration is less than 20 percent.

$$C_t = \frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}-\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\left(1-\frac{99}{78}C_{N2}\right)-B_w}\frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm(j)} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-4}$$

12.5.2 NMOC Concentration with oxygen correction. Use Equation 25C–5 to calculate the concentration of NMOC for each sample tank if the landfill gas oxygen is less than 5 percent and the landfill gas nitrogen concentration is greater than 20 percent.

$$C_t = \frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}-\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\left(1-\frac{99}{21}C_{Ox}\right)-B_w}\frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm(j)} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-5}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

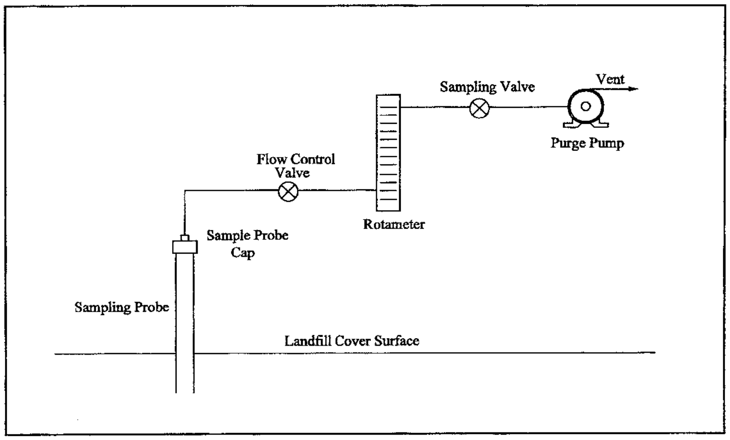

Figure 25C-1. Schematic of Sampling Probe Purging System

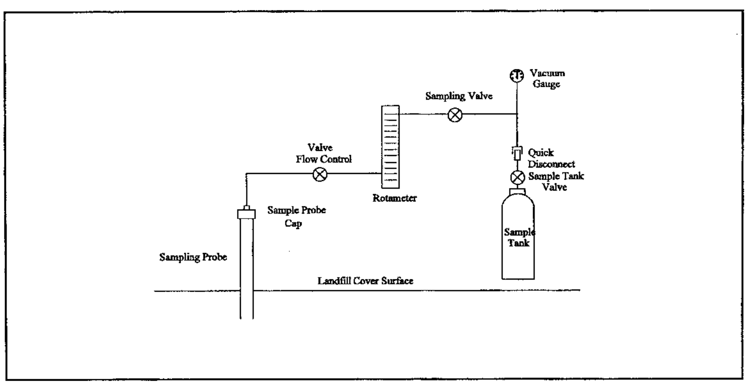

Figure 25C-2. Schematic of Sampling Train.

TABLE 25C–1—MOISTURE CORRECTION

Temperature, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg	Tempera-ture, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg
4	6.1	18	15.5
6	7.0	20	17.5
8	8.0	22	19.8
10	9.2	24	22.4
12	10.5	26	25.2
14	12.0	28	28.3

TABLE 25C–1—MOISTURE CORRECTION—Continued

Temperature, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg	Tempera-ture, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg
16	13.6	30	31.8

METHOD 25D—DETERMINATION OF THE VOLATILE ORGANIC CONCENTRATION OF WASTE SAMPLES

NOTE: Performance of this method should not be attempted by persons unfamiliar with the operation of a flame ionization detector (FID) or an electrolytic conductivity detector (ELCD) because knowledge beyond the scope of this presentation is required.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analyte. Volatile Organic Compounds. No CAS No. assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for determining the volatile organic (VO) concentration of a waste sample.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Principle. A sample of waste is obtained at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to the atmosphere). The sample is suspended in an organic/aqueous matrix, then heated and purged with nitrogen for 30 min. in order to separate certain organic compounds. Part of the sample is analyzed for carbon concentration, as methane, with an FID, and part of the sample is analyzed for chlorine concentration, as chloride, with an ELCD. The VO concentration is the sum of the carbon and chlorine content of the sample.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Well-mixed* in the context of this method refers to turbulent flow which results in multiple-phase waste in effect behaving as single-phase waste due to good mixing.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1 Sampling. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Sampling Tube. Flexible Teflon, 0.25 in. ID (6.35 mm).

6.1.2 Sample Container. Borosilicate glass, 40-mL, and a Teflon-lined screw cap capable of forming an air tight seal.

6.1.3 Cooling Coil. Fabricated from 0.25 in (6.35 mm). ID 304 stainless steel tubing with a thermocouple at the coil outlet.

6.2 Analysis. The following equipment is required.

6.2.1 Purging Apparatus. For separating the VO from the waste sample. A schematic of the system is shown in Figure 25D–1. The purging apparatus consists of the following major components.

6.2.1.1 Purging Flask. A glass container to hold the sample while it is heated and purged with dry nitrogen. The cap of the purging flask is equipped with three fittings: one for a purging lance (fitting with the #7 Ace-thread), one for the Teflon exit tubing (side fitting, also a #7 Ace-thread), and a third (a 50-mm Ace-thread) to attach the base of the purging flask as shown in Figure 25D–2. The base of the purging flask is a 50-mm ID (2 in) cylindrical glass tube. One end of the tube is open while the other end is sealed. Exact dimensions are shown in Figure 25D–2.

6.2.1.2 Purging Lance. Glass tube, 6-mm OD (0.2 in) by 30 cm (12 in) long. The purging end of the tube is fitted with a four-arm bubbler with each tip drawn to an opening 1 mm (0.04 in) in diameter. Details and exact dimensions are shown in Figure 25D–2.

6.2.1.3 Coalescing Filter. Porous fritted disc incorporated into a container with the same dimensions as the purging flask. The details of the design are shown in Figure 25D–3.

6.2.1.4 Constant Temperature Chamber. A forced draft oven capable of maintaining a uniform temperature around the purging flask and coalescing filter of 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F).

6.2.1.5 Three-way Valve. Manually operated, stainless steel. To introduce calibration gas into system.

6.2.1.6 Flow Controllers. Two, adjustable. One capable of maintaining a purge gas flow rate of 6 ±0.06 L/min (0.2 ±0.002 ft^3/min) The other capable of maintaining a calibration gas flow rate of 1–100 mL/min (0.00004–0.004 ft^3/min).

6.2.1.7 Rotameter. For monitoring the air flow through the purging system (0–10 L/min)(0–0.4 ft^3/min).

6.2.1.8 Sample Splitters. Two heated flow restrictors (placed inside oven or heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F)). At a purge rate of 6 L/min (0.2 ft^3/min), one will supply a constant flow to the first detector (the rest of the flow will be directed to the second sample splitter). The second splitter will split the analytical flow between the second detector and the flow restrictor. The approximate flow to the FID will be 40 mL/min (0.0014 ft^3/min) and to the ELCD will be 15 mL/min (0.0005 ft^3/min), but the exact flow must be adjusted to be compatible with the individual detector and to meet its linearity requirement. The two sample splitters will be connected to each other by 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm) stainless steel tubing.

6.2.1.9 Flow Restrictor. Stainless steel tubing, 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm), connecting the second sample splitter to the ice bath. Length is determined by the resulting pressure in the purging flask (as measured by the pressure gauge). The resulting pressure from the use of the flow restrictor shall be 6–7 psig.

6.2.1.10 Filter Flask. With one-hole stopper. Used to hold ice bath. Excess purge gas is vented through the flask to prevent condensation in the flowmeter and to trap volatile organic compounds.

6.2.1.11 Four-way Valve. Manually operated, stainless steel. Placed inside oven, used to bypass purging flask.

6.2.1.12 On/Off Valves. Two, stainless steel. One heat resistant up to 130 °C (266 °F) and placed between oven and ELCD. The other a toggle valve used to control purge gas flow.

6.2.1.13 Pressure Gauge. Range 0–40 psi. To monitor pressure in purging flask and coalescing filter.

6.2.1.14 Sample Lines. Teflon, 1/4′ OD (6.35 mm), used inside the oven to carry purge gas to and from purging chamber and to and from coalescing filter to four-way valve. Also used to carry sample from four-way valve to first sample splitter.

6.2.1.15 Detector Tubing. Stainless steel, 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm), heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F) . Used to carry sample gas from each sample splitter to a detector. Each piece of tubing must be wrapped with heat tape and insulating tape in order to insure that no cold spots exist. The tubing leading to the ELCD will also contain a heat-resistant on-off valve (Section 6.2.1.12) which shall also be wrapped with heat-tape and insulation.

6.2.2 Volatile Organic Measurement System. Consisting of an FID to measure the carbon concentration of the sample and an ELCD to measure the chlorine concentration.

6.2.2.1 FID. A heated FID meeting the following specifications is required.

6.2.2.1.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.1.1.

6.2.2.1.2 Range. A full scale range of 50 pg carbon/sec to 50 μg carbon/sec. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.2.1.3 Data Recording System. A digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the output of the detector. The recorder shall have the capability to start and stop integration at points selected by the operator or it shall be capable of the ‘‘integration by slices'' technique (this technique involves breaking down the chromatogram into smaller increments, integrating the area under the curve for each portion, subtracting the background for each portion, and then adding all of the areas together for the final area count).

6.2.2.2 ELCD. An ELCD meeting the following specifications is required. 1-propanol must be used as the electrolyte. The electrolyte flow through the conductivity cell shall be 1 to 2 mL/min (0.00004 to 0.00007 ft^3/min).

NOTE: A ¼-in. ID (6.35 mm) quartz reactor tube is strongly recommended to reduce carbon buildup and the resulting detector maintenance.

6.2.2.2.1 Linearity. A linear response (±10 percent) over the response range as demonstrated by the procedures in section 10.1.2.

6.2.2.2.2 Range. A full scale range of 5.0 pg/sec to 500 ng/sec chloride. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.2.2.3 Data Recording System. A digital integration system compatible with the output voltage range of the ELCD. The recorder must have the capability to start and stop integration at points selected by the operator or it shall be capable of performing the ‘‘integration by slices'' technique.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Sampling.

7.1.1 Polyethylene Glycol (PEG). Ninety-eight percent pure with an average molecular weight of 400. Before using the PEG, remove any organic compounds that might be detected as volatile organics by heating it to 120 °C (248 °F) and purging it with nitrogen at a flow rate of 1 to 2 L/min (0.04 to 0.07 ft^3/min) for 2 hours. The cleaned PEG must be stored under a 1 to 2 L/min (0.04 to 0.07 ft^3/min) nitrogen purge until use. The purge apparatus is shown in Figure 25D–4.

7.2 Analysis.

7.2.1 Sample Separation. The following are required for the sample purging step.

7.2.1.1 PEG. Same as section 7.1.1.

7.2.1.2 Purge Gas. Zero grade nitrogen (N_2), containing less than 1 ppm carbon.

7.2.2 Volatile Organics Measurement. The following are required for measuring the VO concentration.

7.2.2.1 Hydrogen (H_2). Zero grade H_2, 99.999 percent pure.

7.2.2.2 Combustion Gas. Zero grade air or oxygen as required by the FID.

7.2.2.3 Calibration Gas. Pressurized gas cylinder containing 10 percent propane and 1 percent 1,1-dichloroethylene by volume in nitrogen.

7.2.2.4 Water. Deionized distilled water that conforms to American Society for Testing and Materials Specification D 1193–74, Type 3, is required for analysis. At the option of the analyst, the $KMnO_4$ test for oxidizable organic matter may be omitted when high concentrations are not expected to be present.

7.2.2.5 1-Propanol. ACS grade or better. Electrolyte Solution. For use in the ELCD.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sampling.

8.1.1 Sampling Plan Design and Development. Use the procedures in chapter nine of Reference 1 in section 16 as guidance in developing a sampling plan.

8.1.2 Single Phase or Well-mixed Waste.

8.1.2.1 Install a sampling tap to obtain the sample at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to the atmosphere). Assemble the sampling apparatus as shown in Figure 25D–5.

8.1.2.2 Prepare the sampling containers as follows: Pour 30 mL of clean PEG into the container. PEG will reduce but not eliminate the loss of organics during sample collection. Weigh the sample container with the screw cap, the PEG, and any labels to the nearest 0.01 g and record the weight (m_{st}). Store the containers in an ice bath until 1 hour before sampling (PEG will solidify at ice bath temperatures; allow the containers to reach room temperature before sampling).

8.1.2.3 Begin sampling by purging the sample lines and cooling coil with at least four volumes of waste. Collect the purged material in a separate container and dispose of it properly.

8.1.2.4 After purging, stop the sample flow and direct the sampling tube to a preweighed sample container, prepared as described in section 8.1.2.2. Keep the tip of the tube below the surface of the PEG during sampling to minimize contact with the atmosphere. Sample at a flow rate such that the temperature of the waste is less than 10 °C (50 °F). Fill the sample container and immediately cap it (within 5 seconds) so that a minimum headspace exists in the container. Store immediately in a cooler and cover with ice.

8.1.3 Multiple-phase Waste. Collect a 10 g sample of each phase of waste generated using the procedures described in section 8.1.2 or 8.1.5. Each phase of the waste shall be analyzed as a separate sample. Calculate the weighted average VO concentration of the waste using Equation 25D–13 (Section 12.14).

8.1.4 Solid waste. Add approximately 10 g of the solid waste to a container prepared in the manner described in section 8.1.2.2, minimizing headspace. Cap and chill immediately.

8.1.5 Alternative to Tap Installation. If tap installation is impractical or impossible, fill a large, clean, empty container by submerging the container into the waste below the surface of the waste. Immediately fill a container prepared in the manner described in section 8.1.2.2 with approximately 10 g of the waste collected in the large container. Minimize headspace, cap and chill immediately.

8.1.6 Alternative sampling techniques may be used upon the approval of the Administrator.

8.2 Sample Recovery.

8.2.1 Assemble the purging apparatus as shown in Figures 25D–1 and 25D–2. The oven shall be heated to 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F). The sampling lines leading from the oven to the detectors shall be heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F) with no cold spots. The flame ionization detector shall be operated with a heated block. Adjust the purging lance so that it reaches the bottom of the chamber.

8.2.2 Remove the sample container from the cooler, and wipe the exterior of the container to remove any extraneous ice, water, or other debris. Reweigh the sample container to the nearest 0.01 g, and record the weight (m_{sf}). Pour the contents of the sample container into the purging flask, rinse the sample container three times with a total of 20 mL of PEG (since the sample container originally held 30 mL of PEG, the total volume of PEG added to the purging flask will be 50 mL), transferring the rinsings to the purging flask after each rinse. Cap purging flask between rinses. The total volume of PEG in the purging flask shall be 50 mL. Add 50 mL of water to the purging flask.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Quality Control Samples. If audit samples are not available, prepare and analyze the two types of quality control samples (QCS) listed in Sections 9.1.1 and 9.1.2. Before placing the system in operation, after a shutdown of greater than six months, and after any major modifications, analyze each QCS in triplicate. For each detector, calculate the percent recovery by dividing measured concentration by theoretical concentration and multiplying by 100. Determine the mean percent recovery for each detector for each QCS triplicate analysis. The RSD for any triplicate analysis shall be ≤10 percent. For QCS 1 (methylene chloride), the percent recovery shall be ≥90 percent for carbon as methane, and ≥55 percent for chlorine as chloride. For QCS 2 (1,3-dichloro-2-propanol), the percent recovery shall be ≤15 percent for carbon as methane, and ≤6 percent for chlorine as chloride. If the analytical system does not meet the above-mentioned criteria for both detectors, check the system parameters (temperature, system pressure, purge rate, etc.), correct the problem, and repeat the triplicate analysis of each QCS.

9.1.1 QCS 1, Methylene Chloride. Prepare a stock solution by weighing, to the nearest 0.1 mg, 55 μL of HPLC grade methylene chloride in a tared 5 mL volumetric flask. Record the weight in milligrams, dilute to 5 mL with cleaned PEG, and inject 100 μL of the stock solution into a sample prepared as a water blank (50 mL of cleaned PEG and 60 mL of water in the purging flask). Analyze

the QCS according to the procedures described in sections 10.2 and 10.3, excluding section 10.2.2. To calculate the theoretical carbon concentration (in mg) in QCS 1, multiply mg of methylene chloride in the stock solution by 3.777×10^{-3}. To calculate the theoretical chlorine concentration (in mg) in QCS 1, multiply mg of methylene chloride in the stock solution by 1.670×10^{-2}.

9.1.2 QCS 2, 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol. Prepare a stock solution by weighing, to the nearest 0.1 mg, 60 μL of high purity grade 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in a tared 5 mL volumetric flask. Record the weight in milligrams, dilute to 5 mL with cleaned PEG, and inject 100 μL of the stock solution into a sample prepared as a water blank (50 mL of cleaned PEG and 60 mL of water in the purging flask). Analyze the QCS according to the procedures described in sections 10.2 and 10.3, excluding section 10.2.2. To calculate the theoretical carbon concentration (in mg) in QCS 2, multiply mg of 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in the stock solution by 7.461×10^{-3}. To calculate the theoretical chlorine concentration (in mg) in QCS 2, multiply mg of 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in the stock solution by 1.099×10^{-2}.

9.1.3 Routine QCS Analysis. For each set of compliance samples (in this context, set is per facility, per compliance test), analyze one QCS 1 and one QCS 2 sample. The percent recovery for each sample for each detector shall be ±13 percent of the mean recovery established for the most recent set of QCS triplicate analysis (Section 9.4). If the sample does not meet this criteria, check the system components and analyze another QCS 1 and 2 until a single set of QCS meet the ±13 percent criteria.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Initial Performance Check of Purging System. Before placing the system in operation, after a shutdown of greater than six months, after any major modifications, and at least once per month during continuous operation, conduct the linearity checks described in sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2. Install calibration gas at the three-way calibration gas valve. See Figure 25D–1.

10.1.1 Linearity Check Procedure. Using the calibration standard described in section 7.2.2.3 and by varying the injection time, it is possible to calibrate at multiple concentration levels. Use Equation 25D–3 to calculate three sets of calibration gas flow rates and run times needed to introduce a total mass of carbon, as methane, (m_c) of 1, 5, and 10 mg into the system (low, medium and high FID calibration, respectively). Use Equation 25D–4 to calculate three sets of calibration gas flow rates and run times needed to introduce a total chloride mass (m_{ch}) of 1, 5, and 10 mg into the system (low, medium and high ELCD calibration, respectively). With the system operating in standby mode, allow the FID and the ELCD to establish a stable baseline. Set the secondary pressure regulator of the calibration gas cylinder to the same pressure as the purge gas cylinder and set the proper flow rate with the calibration flow controller (see Figure 25D–1). The calibration gas flow rate can be measured with a flowmeter attached to the vent position of the calibration gas valve. Set the four-way bypass valve to standby position so that the calibration gas flows through the coalescing filter only. Inject the calibration gas by turning the calibration gas valve from vent position to inject position. Continue the calibration gas flow for the appropriate period of time before switching the calibration valve to vent position. Continue recording the response of the FID and the ELCD for 5 min after switching off calibration gas flow. Make triplicate injections of all six levels of calibration.

10.1.2 Linearity Criteria. Calculate the average response factor (Equations 25D–5 and 25D–6) and the relative standard deviation (RSD) (Equation 25D–10) at each level of the calibration curve for both detectors. Calculate the overall mean of the three response factor averages for each detector. The FID linearity is acceptable if each response factor is within 5 percent of the overall mean and if the RSD for each set of triplicate injections is less than 5 percent. The ELCD linearity is acceptable if each response factor is within 10 percent of the overall mean and if the RSD for each set of triplicate injections is less than 10 percent. Record the overall mean value of the response factors for the FID and the ELCD. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.2 Daily Calibrations.

10.2.1 Daily Linearity Check. Follow the procedures outlined in section 10.1.1 to analyze the medium level calibration for both the FID and the ELCD in duplicate at the start of the day. Calculate the response factors and the RSDs for each detector. For the FID, the calibration is acceptable if the average response factor is within 5 percent of the overall mean response factor (Section 10.1.2) and if the RSD for the duplicate injection is less than 5 percent. For the ELCD, the calibration is acceptable if the average response factor is within 10 percent of the overall mean response factor (Section 10.1.2) and if the RSD for the duplicate injection is less than 10 percent. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.2.2 Calibration Range Check.

10.2.2.1 If the waste concentration for either detector falls below the range of calibration for that detector, use the procedure outlined in section 10.1.1 to choose two calibration points that bracket the new target

concentration. Analyze each of these points in triplicate (as outlined in section 10.1.1) and use the criteria in section 10.1.2 to determine the linearity of the detector in this ‘‘mini-calibration’’ range.

10.2.2.2 After the initial linearity check of the mini-calibration curve, it is only necessary to test one of the points in duplicate for the daily calibration check (in addition to the points specified in section 10.2.1). The average daily mini-calibration point should fit the linearity criteria specified in section 10.2.1. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat the calibration procedure mentioned in the first paragraph of section 10.2.2. A mini-calibration curve for waste concentrations above the calibration curve for either detector is optional.

10.3 Analytical Balance. Calibrate against standard weights.

11.0 Analysis

11.1 Sample Analysis.

11.1.1 Turn on the constant temperature chamber and allow the temperature to equilibrate at 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F). Turn the four-way valve so that the purge gas bypasses the purging flask, the purge gas flowing through the coalescing filter and to the detectors (standby mode). Turn on the purge gas. Allow both the FID and the ELCD to warm up until a stable baseline is achieved on each detector. Pack the filter flask with ice. Replace ice after each run and dispose of the waste water properly. When the temperature of the oven reaches 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F), start both integrators and record baseline. After 1 min, turn the four-way valve so that the purge gas flows through the purging flask, to the coalescing filter and to the sample splitters (purge mode). Continue recording the response of the FID and the ELCD. Monitor the readings of the pressure gauge and the rotameter. If the readings fall below established setpoints, stop the purging, determine the source of the leak, and resolve the problem before resuming. Leaks detected during a sampling period invalidate that sample.

11.1.2 As the purging continues, monitor the output of the detectors to make certain that the analysis is proceeding correctly and that the results are being properly recorded. Every 10 minutes read and record the purge flow rate, the pressure and the chamber temperature. Continue the purging for 30 minutes.

11.1.3 For each detector output, integrate over the entire area of the peak starting at 1 minute and continuing until the end of the run. Subtract the established baseline area from the peak area. Record the corrected area of the peak. See Figure 25D–6 for an example integration.

11.2 Water Blank. A water blank shall be analyzed for each batch of cleaned PEG prepared. Transfer about 60 mL of water into the purging flask. Add 50 mL of the cleaned PEG to the purging flask. Treat the blank as described in sections 8.2 and 8.3, excluding section 8.2.2. Calculate the concentration of carbon and chlorine in the blank sample (assume 10 g of waste as the mass). A VO concentration equivalent to ≤10 percent of the applicable standard may be subtracted from the measured VO concentration of the waste samples. Include all blank results and documentation in the test report.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature.

A_b = Area under the water blank response curve, counts.

A_c = Area under the calibration response curve, counts.

A_s = Area under the sample response curve, counts.

C = Concentration of volatile organics in the sample, ppmw.

C_c = Concentration of carbon, as methane, in the calibration gas, mg/L.

C_{ch} = Concentration of chloride in the calibration gas, mg/L.

C_j = VO concentration of phase j, ppmw.

DR_t = Average daily response factor of the FID, mg CH_4/counts.

Dr_{th} = Average daily response factor of the ELCD, mg Cl^-/counts.

F_j = Weight fraction of phase j present in the waste.

m_c = Mass of carbon, as methane, in a calibration run, mg.

m_{ch} = Mass of chloride in a calibration run, mg.

m_s = Mass of the waste sample, g.

m_{sc} = Mass of carbon, as methane, in the sample, mg.

m_{sf} = Mass of sample container and waste sample, g.

m_{sh} = Mass of chloride in the sample, mg.

m_{st} = Mass of sample container prior to sampling, g.

m_{VO} = Mass of volatile organics in the sample, mg.

n = Total number of phases present in the waste.

P_p = Percent propane in calibration gas (L/L).

P_{vc} = Percent 1,1-dichloroethylene in calibration gas (L/L).

Q_c = Flow rate of calibration gas, L/min.

t_c = Length of time standard gas is delivered to the analyzer, min.

W = Weighted average VO concentration, ppmw.

12.2 Concentration of Carbon, as Methane, in the Calibration Gas.

$$C_c = (19.681 \times P_p) + (13.121 \times P_{vc}) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-1}$$

12.3 Concentration of Chloride in the Calibration Gas.

$$C_{ch} = 28.998 \times P_{vc} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-2}$$

12.4 Mass of Carbon, as Methane, in a Calibration Run.

$$M_c = C_c \times Q_c \times t_c \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-3}$$

12.5 Mass of Chloride in a Calibration Run.

$$m_{ch} = C_{ch} \times Q_c \times t_c \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-4}$$

12.6 FID Response Factor, mg/counts.

$$DR_t = \frac{m_c}{A_c} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-5}$$

12.7 ELCD Response Factor, mg/counts.

$$DR_{th} = \frac{m_{ch}}{A_c} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-6}$$

12.8 Mass of Carbon in the Sample.

$$m_{sc} = DR_t (A_s - A_b) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-7}$$

12.9 Mass of Chloride in the Sample.

$$m_{sh} = DR_{th} (A_s - A_b) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-8}$$

12.10 Mass of Volatile Organics in the Sample.

$$m_{vo} = m_{sc} + m_{sh} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-9}$$

12.11 Relative Standard Deviation.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{\overline{x}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \overline{x})^2}{n-1}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-10}$$

12.12 Mass of Sample.

$$m_s = m_{sf} - m_{st} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-11}$$

12.13 Concentration of Volatile Organics in Waste.

$$C = \frac{(m_{vo} \times 1000)}{m_s} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-12}$$

12.14 Weighted Average VO Concentration of Multi-phase Waste.

$$W = \sum_{j=1}^{n} F_j \, x \, \overline{C}_j \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-13}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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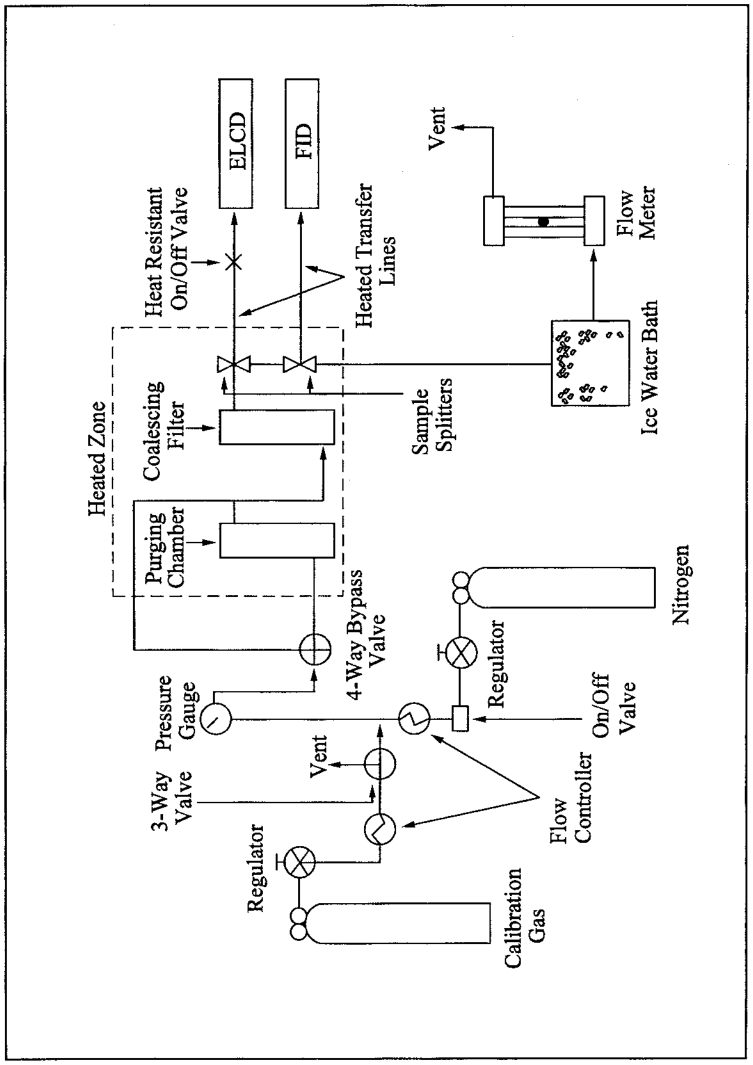
17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data



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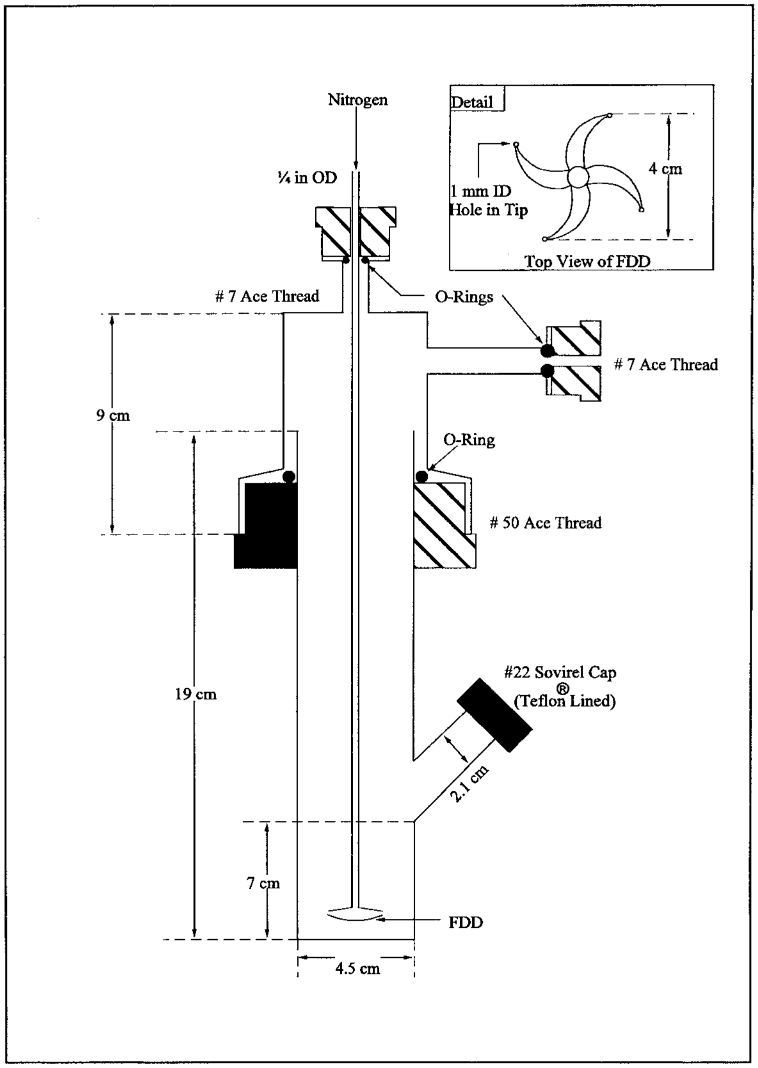

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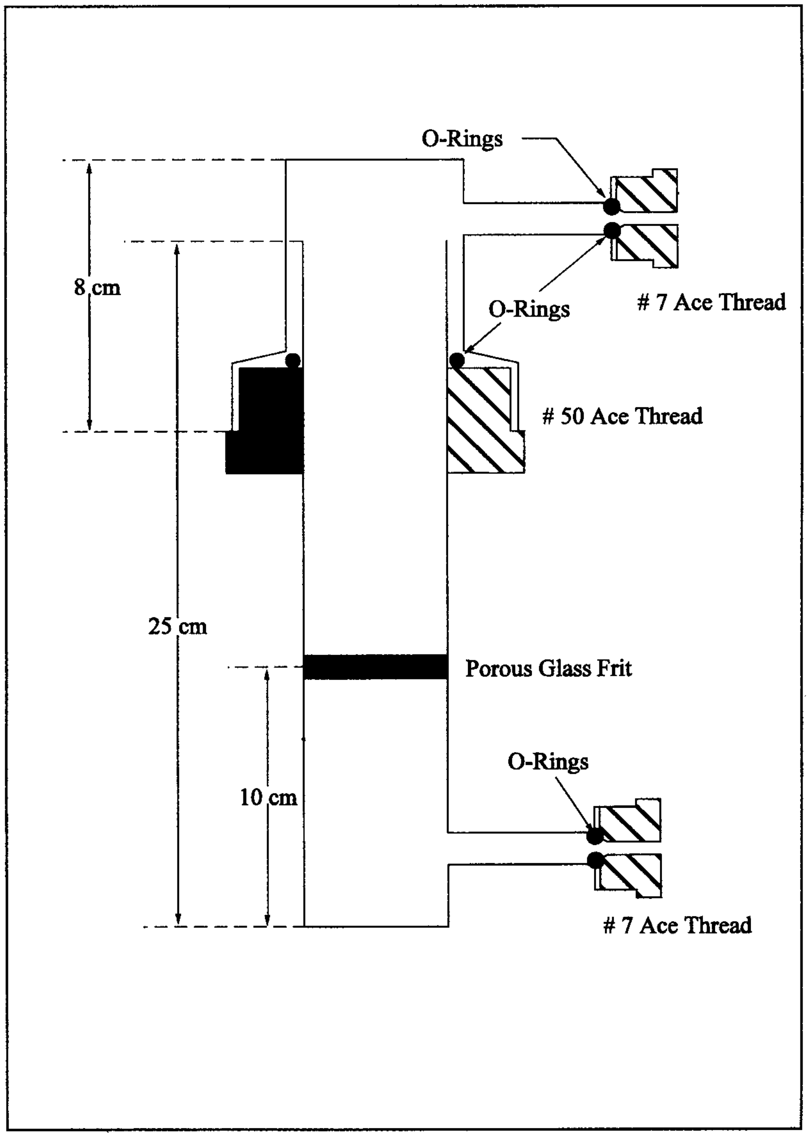
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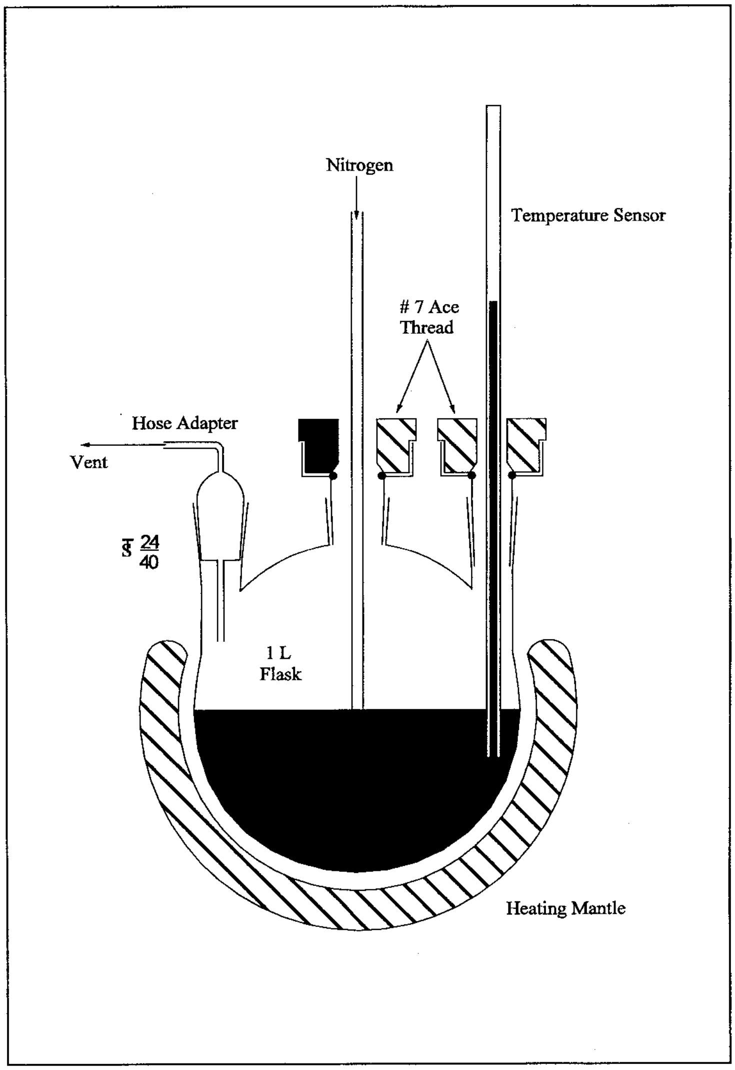

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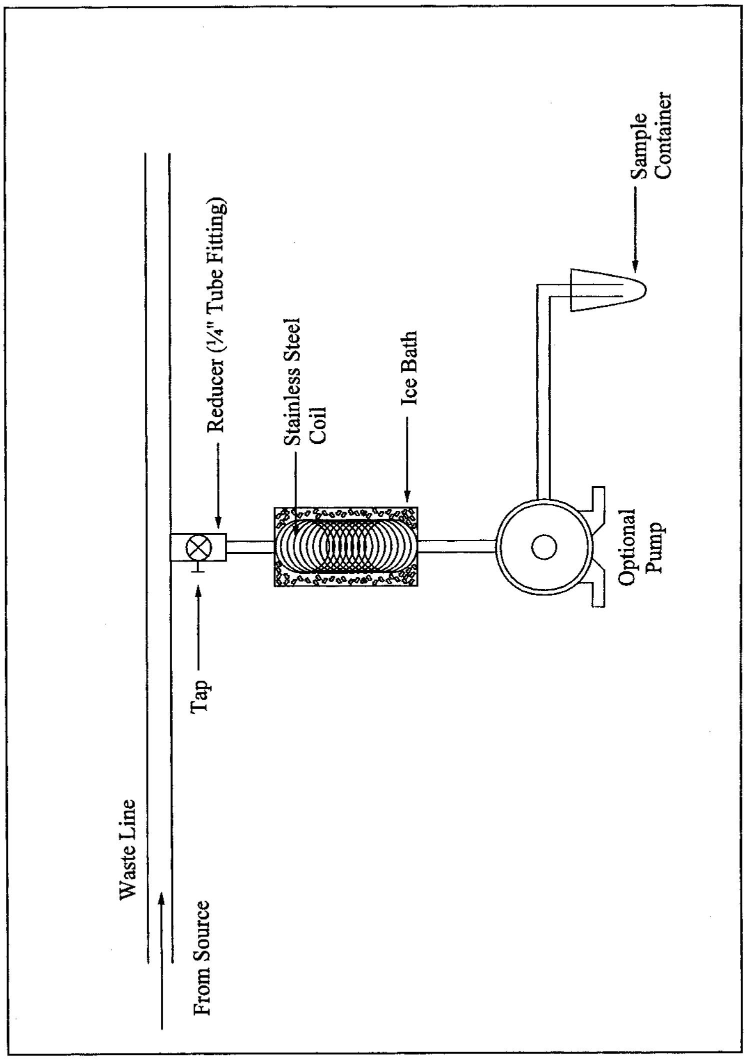

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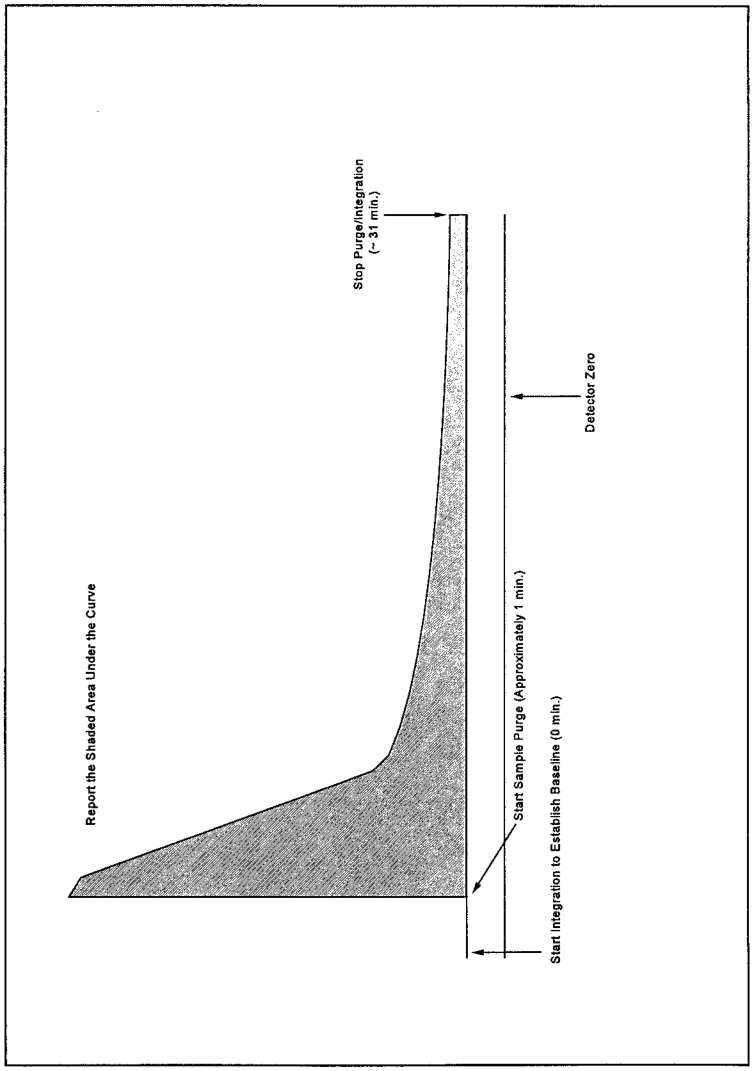

Figure 25D-6. Example Integration of Either Detector.

METHOD 25E—DETERMINATION OF VAPOR PHASE ORGANIC CONCENTRATION IN WASTE SAMPLES

NOTE: Performance of this method should not be attempted by persons unfamiliar with the operation of a flame ionization detector (FID) nor by those who are unfamiliar with source sampling because knowledge beyond the scope of this presentation is required. This method is not inclusive with respect to specifications (*e.g.*, reagents and standards) and calibration procedures. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 106, part 61, Appendix B, and Method 18, part 60, Appendix A.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable for determining the vapor pressure of waste cited by an applicable regulation.

1.2 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 The headspace vapor of the sample is analyzed for carbon content by a headspace analyzer, which uses an FID.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

4.1 The analyst shall select the operating parameters best suited to the requirements for a particular analysis. The analyst shall produce confirming data through an adequate supplemental analytical technique and have the data available for review by the Administrator.

5.0 Safety [Reserved]

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sampling. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Sample Containers. Vials, glass, with butyl rubber septa, Perkin-Elmer Corporation Numbers 0105–0129 (glass vials), B001–0728 (gray butyl rubber septum, plug style), 0105–0131 (butyl rubber septa), or equivalent. The seal must be made from butyl rubber. Silicone rubber seals are not acceptable.

6.1.2 Vial Sealer. Perkin-Elmer Number 105–0106, or equivalent.

6.1.3 Gas-Tight Syringe. Perkin-Elmer Number 00230117, or equivalent.

6.1.4 The following equipment is required for sampling.

6.1.4.1 Tap.

6.1.4.2 Tubing. Teflon, 0.25-in. ID.

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1.4.3 Cooling Coil. Stainless steel (304), 0.25 in.-ID, equipped with a thermocouple at the coil outlet.

6.2 Analysis. The following equipment is required.

6.2.1 Balanced Pressure Headspace Sampler. Perkin-Elmer HS–6, HS–100, or equivalent, equipped with a glass bead column instead of a chromatographic column.

6.2.2 FID. An FID meeting the following specifications is required.

6.2.2.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.2.

6.2.2.2 Range. A full scale range of 1 to 10,000 parts per million (ppm) propane (C_3H_8). Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.3 Data Recording System. Analog strip chart recorder or digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the output of the detector.

6.2.4 Temperature Sensor. Capable of reading temperatures in the range of 30 to 60 °C (86 to 140 °F) with an accuracy of ±0.1 °C (±0.2 °F).

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Analysis. The following items are required for analysis.

7.1.1 Hydrogen (H_2). Zero grade hydrogen, as required by the FID.

7.1.2 Carrier Gas. Zero grade nitrogen, containing less than 1 ppm carbon (C) and less than 1 ppm carbon dioxide.

7.1.3 Combustion Gas. Zero grade air or oxygen as required by the FID.

7.2 Calibration and Linearity Check.

7.2.1 Stock Cylinder Gas Standard. 100 percent propane. The manufacturer shall: (a) Certify the gas composition to be accurate to ±3 percent or better (see section 7.2.1.1); (b) recommend a maximum shelf life over which the gas concentration does not change by greater than ±5 percent from the certified value; and (c) affix the date of gas cylinder preparation, certified propane concentration, and recommended maximum shelf life to the cylinder before shipment to the buyer.

7.2.1.1 Cylinder Standards Certification. The manufacturer shall certify the concentration of the calibration gas in the cylinder by (a) directly analyzing the cylinder and (b) calibrating his analytical procedure on the day of cylinder analysis. To calibrate his analytical procedure, the manufacturer shall use, as a minimum, a three-point calibration curve.

7.2.1.2 Verification of Manufacturer's Calibration Standards. Before using, the manufacturer shall verify each calibration standard by (a) comparing it to gas mixtures prepared in accordance with the procedure described in section 7.1 of Method 106 of Part 61, Appendix B, or by (b) calibrating it against Standard Reference Materials (SRM's) prepared by the National Bureau of Standards, if such SRM's are available. The agreement between the initially determined concentration value and the verification concentration value must be within ±5 percent. The manufacturer must reverify all calibration standards on a time interval consistent with the shelf life of the cylinder standards sold.

8.0 Sampling Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Install a sampling tap to obtain a sample at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to

the atmosphere). Assemble the sampling apparatus as shown in Figure 25E–1.

8.2 Begin sampling by purging the sample lines and cooling coil with at least four volumes of waste. Collect the purged material in a separate container and dispose of it properly.

8.3 After purging, stop the sample flow and transfer the Teflon sampling tube to a sample container. Sample at a flow rate such that the temperature of the waste is <10 °C (<50 °F). Fill the sample container halfway (±5 percent) and cap it within 5 seconds. Store immediately in a cooler and cover with ice.

8.4 Alternative sampling techniques may be used upon the approval of the Administrator.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
10.2, 10.3	FID calibration and response check	Ensure precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Use the procedures in sections 10.2 to calibrate the headspace analyzer and FID and check for linearity before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown longer than 6 months, and after any modification of the system.

10.2 Calibration and Linearity. Use the procedures in section 10 of Method 18 of Part 60, Appendix A, to prepare the standards and calibrate the flowmeters, using propane as the standard gas. Fill the calibration standard vials halfway (±5 percent) with deionized water. Purge and fill the airspace with calibration standard. Prepare a minimum of three concentrations of calibration standards in triplicate at concentrations that will bracket the applicable cutoff. For a cutoff of 5.2 kPa (0.75 psi), prepare nominal concentrations of 30,000, 50,000, and 70,000 ppm as propane. For a cutoff of 27.6 kPa (4.0 psi), prepare nominal concentrations of 200,000, 300,000, and 400,000 ppm as propane.

10.2.1 Use the procedures in section 11.3 to measure the FID response of each standard. Use a linear regression analysis to calculate the values for the slope (k) and the y-intercept (b). Use the procedures in sections 12.3 and 12.2 to test the calibration and the linearity.

10.3 Daily FID Calibration Check. Check the calibration at the beginning and at the end of the daily runs by using the following procedures. Prepare 2 calibration standards at the nominal cutoff concentration using the procedures in section 10.2. Place one at the beginning and one at the end of the daily run. Measure the FID response of the daily calibration standard and use the values for k and b from the most recent calibration to calculate the concentration of the daily standard. Use an equation similar to 25E–2 to calculate the percent difference between the daily standard and C_s. If the difference is within 5 percent, then the previous values for k and b can be used. Otherwise, use the procedures in section 10.2 to recalibrate the FID.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 Allow one hour for the headspace vials to equilibrate at the temperature specified in the regulation. Allow the FID to warm up until a stable baseline is achieved on the detector.

11.2 Check the calibration of the FID daily using the procedures in section 10.3.

11.3 Follow the manufacturer's recommended procedures for the normal operation of the headspace sampler and FID.

11.4 Use the procedures in sections 12.4 and 12.5 to calculate the vapor phase organic vapor pressure in the samples.

11.5 Monitor the output of the detector to make certain that the results are being properly recorded.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature.

A = Measurement of the area under the response curve, counts.

b = y-intercept of the linear regression line.

C_a = Measured vapor phase organic concentration of sample, ppm as propane.

C_{ma} = Average measured vapor phase organic concentration of standard, ppm as propane.

C_m = Measured vapor phase organic concentration of standard, ppm as propane.

C_s = Calculated standard concentration, ppm as propane.

k = Slope of the linear regression line.

P_{bar} = Atmospheric pressure at analysis conditions, mm Hg (in. Hg).

P* = Organic vapor pressure in the sample, kPa (psi).

PD = Percent difference between the average measured vapor phase organic concentration (C_m) and the calculated standard concentration (C_s).

RSD = Relative standard deviation.

$\beta = 1.333 \times 10^{-7}$ kPa/[(mm Hg)(ppm)], (4.91×10^{-7} psi/[(in. Hg)(ppm)])

12.2 Linearity. Use the following equation to calculate the measured standard concentration for each standard vial.

$$C_m = kA + b \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-1}$$

12.2.1 Calculate the average measured standard concentration (C_{ma}) for each set of triplicate standards and use the following equation to calculate PD between C_{ma} and C_s. The instrument linearity is acceptable if the PD is within five for each standard.

$$PD = \frac{C_s - C_{ma}}{C_s} \times 100 \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-2}$$

12.3. Relative Standard Deviation (RSD). Use the following equation to calculate the RSD for each triplicate set of standards.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{C_{ma}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum (C_m - C_{ma})^2}{2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-3}$$

The calibration is acceptable if the RSD is within five for each standard concentration.

12.4 Concentration of organics in the headspace. Use the following equation to calculate the concentration of vapor phase organics in each sample.

$$C_a = kA + b \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-4}$$

12.5 Vapor Pressure of Organics in the Headspace Sample. Use the following equation to calculate the vapor pressure of organics in the sample.

$$P^* = \beta P_{bar} C_a \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-5}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

Attachment E: Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 5, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 5 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The ~~proposed~~ approved Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan has been prepared to comply with Oregon Administrative Rule 660-033-0130 (38)(h)(D), which states, in regard to photovoltaic solar power generation facilities, that:

> "C*onstruction or maintenance activities will not result in the unabated introduction or spread of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species. This provision may be satisfied by the submittal and county approval of a weed control plan prepared by an adequately qualified individual that includes a long-term maintenance agreement. The approved plan shall be attached to the decision as a condition of approval*."

Noxious weeds are non-native, aggressive plants with the potential to cause significant damage to native ecosystems and/or cause significant economic losses. Noxious weeds are opportunistic plant species that readily flourish in disturbed areas, are difficult to control, and thereby can compete with and/or prevent native plant species from re-establishing. Notably, the likelihood of introduction or explosion of noxious weeds is correlated with new disturbances in a region, such as large-scale construction projects. In addition, noxious weed species can adversely affect the structure, composition, and success of revegetation efforts associated with construction-related temporary disturbances.

The intent of this Plan is to provide clear methods to prevent the introduction and spread of designated noxious weeds from the construction and operation of the Facility, control existing populations of noxious weeds within construction areas, and monitor the success of efforts to prevent and control noxious weeds. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and its contractors will be responsible for implementing the methods detailed in this Plan.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall finalize this plan by completing the following:

- Conduct an additional pre-construction noxious weed survey to identify the noxious weeds present at the Facility to inform pre-construction weed treatment.
- Develop final noxious weed monitoring methods in consultation with ODOE and incorporate as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.
- Update Table 2 in consultation with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department.
- Provide records demonstrating all personnel have been trained on noxious weed control.
- Provide evidence that existing noxious weed infestations have been identified and treated in a manner consistent with Morrow County recommendations.
- Consult with the Morrow County Weed Department on timing, method, and application rates for each identified weed species of concern.

2.0 Regulatory Framework

2.1 State of Oregon

In Oregon, a noxious weed is defined under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 569.175 as "a terrestrial, aquatic, or marine plant designated by the State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.". Noxious weeds have been declared by ORS 569.350 as a menace to public welfare, and control of these plants is the responsibility of private landowners and operators, as well as county, state, and federal governments.

The Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) was created by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) under ORS 569.600. OSWB provides recommendations for noxious weed control at the state-level and is responsible for updating the State Noxious Weed List. The OSWB and the ODA classify noxious weeds in Oregon in accordance with the ODA Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System (ODA ~~2022~~2024). There are three designations under the State's system:

- **A Listed Weed:** A weed of known economic importance that occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent.
    - **Recommended Action:** Focus on prevention of new infestations through vector control, certification programs, education, outreach and surveys. New and existing infestations are prioritized for eradication or intensive control when and where found. Regionally focused, species-specific Statewide Management Strategies for A-listed weeds may be developed as necessary.~~Infestations are subject to eradication or intensive control when found.~~

- **B Listed Weed:** A weed of economic importance that is regionally abundant~~,~~ but may have limited distribution in some counties.
    - **Recommended Action:** Limited to intensive control at the state, county, or regional level as determined on a site-specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.
- **T-Designated Weed:** A designated group of weed species selected from the B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and management actions are prioritized and informed by species-specific T-List Statewide Management Strategies created and maintained by the ODA. Action against these weeds will receive priority in accordance with the recommendations of the Statewide Management Strategy. ~~A designated group of weed species selected from either the A or B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. Action against these weeds will receive priority. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the OSWB, which directs ODA to develop and implement a statewide management plan.~~

2.2 Morrow County

The Morrow County Code Enforcement Ordinance establishes procedures for enforcing Morrow County Code through the authority granted to general law counties by ORS Chapter 203. Section 11 of the county Code Enforcement Ordinance, updated on July 5, 2021, establishes Morrow County as a weed control district, defines what is considered a noxious weed or weed of economic importance, identifies the responsibility of private landowners to control weeds, and outlines the authority of the weed control district and Morrow County Weed Program Manager/Inspector to administer and enforce weed control in the ordinance (Morrow County 2021).

Morrow County has its own weed classification system that differs from the state. Morrow County defines two classifications of weeds (Morrow County ~~2022~~2025):

- **Noxious Weeds - "A List":** Any plant that is determined by the weed advisory board and so declared by the County Board of Commissioners to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land, or property under provisions of Oregon State Statute and thus mandated for control.
- **Weeds of Economic Importance - "B List":** Weeds of limited distribution in the county and subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible.

2.3 State and County Weed Lists

The ODA lists 46 Class A species and ~~98~~ 88 Class B species for the state of Oregon, ~~47~~ 19 of which are T-designated (ODA ~~2022~~2024; Appendix A). Morrow County specifically recognizes 36 species of noxious weeds (Appendix B; Morrow County ~~2021~~2025). Although not all ~~of~~ the Morrow County listed noxious weeds noted in Appendix B occur in the vicinity of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and its contractors should be aware of the entire list while monitoring

and controlling weeds. Noxious weeds known to occur in the vicinity of the site boundary are discussed in Section 3.0.

3.0 Noxious Weeds Identified at the Facility

In June, 2022 Tetra Tech completed rare plant and habitat categorization surveys within and adjacent to the original Sunstone Solar Project~~Facility~~ site boundary[2]. During those surveys, four listed noxious weed species were documented, including three ODA-listed noxious weed species and four Morrow County listed species noxious weed species. Table 1 lists the noxious weed species observed, their noxious weed designation (i.e., status), and the frequency of observations. Locations of these noxious weeds documented during surveys are included in Exhibit P, Attachment P-1 of the ASC[3]. Three of the four noxious weed species observed were state and/or County "B" listed weeds (Table 1; Morrow County ~~2021~~2025, ODA ~~2022~~2024). One species, rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*), is an "A" List Weed in Morrow County and a state "T"-designated weed, meaning that ODA has targeted this species for prevention and control (Morrow County ~~2021~~2025; ODA ~~2022~~2024). Note that only two of these noxious weed species observations are located within the Sunstone Solar Project 5/Facility site boundary (i.e., Rush skeletonweed and Cereal rye [*Secale cereale]*), however, due to the likelihood that all documented species could be found at the Facility in the future, they are retained for awareness and noxious weed prevention purposes.

Cereal rye ~~(*Secale cereale*)~~ was abundant in the previously disturbed areas outside of active crop fields and was generally found in previously disturbed ground. Rush skeletonweed was found in isolated small populations or single individuals on the hillside between active cropland and a gravel county road. Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*) and jointed goatgrass (*Aegilops cylindrica*) were found in the highly disturbed border in between active cropland and roads. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct an additional pre-construction noxious weed survey to identify the noxious weeds present at the Facility ~~at the time of construction~~ to inform management actions. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may coordinate with landowners regarding noxious weed presence. Identified noxious weed infestations will be treated prior to construction.

Table 1. Noxious Weeds Observed during Surveys in 2022

Scientific Name	Common Name	Oregon State Status[1]	Morrow County Status[1]	Frequency
Aegilops cylindrica	Jointed goatgrass	B	B	Few small patches.
Chondrilla juncea	Rush skeletonweed	B*, T	A	Occasional single plants.
Secale cereale	Cereal rye	Not listed	B	Scattered large-sized patches.
Tribulus terrestris	Puncturevine	B*	B	Few small to large-sized patches.

[2] Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project, November 18, 2024.
[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Oregon State Status[1]	Morrow County Status[1]	Frequency
1. Definitions for state and county noxious weed status are provided in Sections 2.1 and 2.2, respectively. Species marked with a (*) are targeted for biocontrol (ODA ~~2022~~2024).				

In addition to noxious weeds, cheatgrass, an invasive annual grass, was identified in grassland habitats within the site boundary. While this species is not listed as a noxious weed by the state or county, it and other invasive annual grasses can adversely impact habitat and can increase fire risk. To address these issues and maintain compliance with the requirements of the Revegetation Plan required under Condition PRE-FW-01, the certificate holder will monitor the spread of these species as explained in Section 4.3 and 4.4.

4.0 Noxious Weed Management

This section of this Plan describes the steps the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will take to prevent and control the establishment and spread of noxious weed species during both construction and operation of the Facility. Noxious weed control methods for the Facility described in this Plan have been developed utilizing information from the ODA Noxious Weed Control Program and the Morrow County Weed Department.

The management of noxious weeds will be considered throughout all stages of construction and operation of the Facility and will include:

- **Prevention:** Implementing measures to prevent the spread of noxious weeds during construction, operation, and maintenance activities.
- **Treatment:** Treating noxious weed populations with their appropriate control methods, at appropriate time intervals.
- **Monitoring:** Assessing noxious weed changes within the Facility site boundary over time and ensuring that legacy as well as new weed populations are not increasing their distributions.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's objective is to prevent the introduction of new noxious weed populations and the spread of existing noxious weed populations. The methods described below will be implemented to minimize the spread of noxious weeds during construction activities. New noxious weeds detected during post-construction revegetation will be considered a result of construction activities and will be controlled accordingly.

4.1 Prevention

Prior to the start of construction, all personnel will be trained on the importance of noxious weed control. As part of start-up activities, and to help facilitate the avoidance of existing infestations and identification of new infestations, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their construction contractor will provide information and training to all construction personnel regarding noxious weed identification and prevention strategies. Operations and maintenance personnel will be similarly informed. The importance of preventing the spread of noxious weeds in areas not currently infested and controlling the proliferation of noxious weeds already present within or near the Facility will be emphasized.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following best management practices to minimize the spread of noxious weeds during construction activities, revegetation efforts, and operation and maintenance activities. The following practices center around ensuring that noxious weed seeds or reproductive plant fragments are not unintentionally dispersed within or outside of the Facility boundaries by personnel or their vehicles. These practices allow for responsible movement around sites with noxious weeds already present, and ensure that new populations or species are not accidentally introduced into the Facility boundaries.

- Flagging and treating areas of noxious weed infestations prior to construction to alert construction personnel;
- Limiting vehicle access to designated routes, whether existing roads or newly constructed roads, and the outer limits of construction disturbances per the final design for the Facility;
- Limiting vehicle traffic in noxious weed-infested areas;
- Cleaning construction vehicles each time they enter or exit the Facility at a wash station located inside the Facility at vehicle ingress/egress points;
- Cleaning vehicles and equipment associated with ground disturbance and movement of topsoil utilizing a mobile wash station after performing work in noxious weed-infested areas and prior to performing work in non-infested areas;
- Where feasible, not moving topsoil and other soils from noxious weed infested areas outside of the infested areas and returning them to their previous location during reclamation activities;
- Treating soils from infested areas with a pre-emergent herbicide prior to initiation of revegetation efforts;
- Providing information regarding target noxious weed species at the operations and maintenance buildings;
- Treating noxious weeds via biological, mechanical or chemical control (see Section 4.2);
- Preventing conditions favorable for noxious weed germination and spread by revegetating temporarily disturbed areas as soon as practicable;
- Monitoring areas of disturbance for noxious weeds after construction (see Section 4.3), during the normal course of revegetation maintenance of temporary workspaces, and implementing control measures as appropriate;
- Revegetating the site with appropriate, local native seed or native plants; when these are not available, non-invasive, and non-persistent non-native species may be used; and
- Ensuring that seed and straw mulch used for site rehabilitation and revegetation are certified free of noxious weed seed and propagules.

4.2 Treatment

Control of noxious weeds and other invasive weed species will be implemented through biological, mechanical, chemical, or biological control measures. The control method used will depend on the weed species and size of infestation, time of year, proximity to intact native habitats, and resources available (Tu et al. 2003). Generally, mechanical control is best suited for small infestations of tap-rooted weeds that can be hand pulled or large occurrences in areas where mowing or soil disturbance is acceptable. Chemical control is used for most occurrences of perennial weeds with rhizomes or stolons and large occurrences of any weed in areas where mowing or soil disturbance are not recommended. Successful noxious weed control programs typically combine mechanical and chemical treatment strategies (USEPA 2008).

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will be responsible for hiring a qualified contractor to implement the treatment of noxious weeds. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ensure that noxious weed management actions will be conducted by specialists with the following qualifications:

- Experience in native plant, non-native and invasive plants, and noxious weed identification;
- Experience in noxious weed mapping;
- If chemical control is used, specialists must possess a Commercial or Public Pesticide Applicator License from the ODA or possess an Immediately Supervised Pesticide Trainee License and be supervised by a licensed applicator;
- Training in noxious weed management or Integrated Pest Management with an emphasis in noxious weeds;~~ and~~
- Experience in coordination with agencies and private landowners; and~~.~~
- No recent (within one year) violations on the contractor's record.

Existing noxious weed populations will be prevented from expanding in size and density and will not be spread to new sites. Existing populations of A listed noxious weeds will be eliminated. If it is determined that noxious weeds have invaded areas immediately adjacent to the Facility (e.g., areas visible just beyond the outer limits of construction disturbances associated with the Facility or along access roads) as a result of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will contact the landowner and seek approval to treat those noxious weed populations.

Long-term weed control methods will be described in a long-term monitoring plan as described in Section 4.3. The main factor in long-term weed control is successful revegetation with non-weedy species as described in the Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). If feasible, long-term management of vegetation within the Facility solar array fence line may include prescriptive sheep and goat grazing by an authorized contractor, if approved by Morrow County, ODFW and ODOE. As noted above, short-term noxious weed control will be done through mechanical or chemical treatment. However, it will be important to ensure that the short-term treatment does not affect the establishment of the native perennial cover that will help provide the long-term control. Additionally, early detection and control of small noxious weed populations before they can expand into larger populations is extremely important for successful weed control efforts.

Noxious weed control will continue for the life of the Facility to meet the identified success criteria described in Section 4.3. Supplemental seeding of desirable species may be needed to meet and/or maintain compliance with success criteria. Fertilizer application will be limited in areas treated for noxious weeds, as fertilizer can stimulate the growth of noxious weeds, and the timing of revegetation activities will need to be coordinated with noxious weed treatments.

4.2.1 Biological

Biological control involves the use of prescribed insects, fungi and livestock to control noxious weeds to achieve management objectives. Biological control methods are typically targeted to a specific species or plant to control its persistence. They are also used for maintenance in targeted areas for vegetation management control in height and density that includes mitigating fire risk and erosion. Biological control is environmentally friendly and should be the first consideration when applicable.

4.2.2 Mechanical Treatment

Mechanical treatment will be the ~~primary~~ preferred method of treatment for existing noxious weed populations where appropriate within the boundaries of the Facility. Mechanical control methods rely on removal of plants, seed heads, and/or cutting roots with a shovel or other hand tools or equipment that can be used to remove, mow, or disc noxious weed populations. Hand removal of plants is also included under this treatment method. Mechanical methods are useful for smaller, isolated populations of noxious weeds in areas of sensitive habitats. Additionally, hand removal of small infestations can minimize soil disturbance, allowing desirable species to remain and limiting conditions favorable for noxious weeds.

For some large noxious weed occurrences, mowing, tilling, discing, or other mechanical techniques may be used to reduce thatch prior to chemical application so that herbicide can more effectively make contact with the target species. However, ~~S~~some rhizomatous plants can spread by discing or tillage. In addition, rush skeletonweed, which ~~has been~~was identified ~~within~~ near the Facility ~~site boundary~~ (Section 3.0), can reproduce vegetatively from small segments of root, and discing or tilling can facilitate the spread of this species. As such, implementation of discing will be species-specific and avoided in areas where rush skeletonweed individuals have been found.

If tilling or discing is employed in areas that will be revegetated following construction, subsequent seeding will be conducted to re-establish desirable vegetative cover that will stabilize the soils and slow the potential re-invasion of noxious weeds. Discing, tilling, or other mechanical treatments that disturb the soil surface within native habitats will also be avoided in favor of herbicide application, which is an effective means of reducing the size of noxious weed populations as well as preventing the establishment of new infestations. Previously unbroken ground or fallow areas should not be tilled or rod-weeded to maintain native biocrusts and prevent exposing weed seeds.

4.2.3 Chemical Treatment

Chemical control can effectively remove noxious weeds through use of selective herbicide when mechanical control is not feasible~~s~~. The specific herbicide used and the timing of application will be chosen based on the specific noxious weed being treated, as appropriate herbicides differ between species and types of plants (i.e., dicots such as rush skeletonweed versus monocots such as jointed goatgrass). Example treatment methods, as well as the recommended timing of treatments for the four target noxious weeds identified within the Facility, are summarized in Table 2. The status of herbicide approval (e.g., confirming herbicides are approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] and ODA) will be checked annually.

Prior to construction and every fall season during facility operation, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or its contractor will consult with the Morrow County Weed Department on timing, method, and application rates for each identified weed species of concern, to allow for adaptive weed management given changes in weed control effectiveness from noxious weed species tolerance to herbicide treatment over time. Results of the consultation shall be reported in the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's annual monitoring report. Any alternative control methods can be proposed by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or its contractors after consulting with the Morrow County Weed Department and included in the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's annual monitoring report.

Herbicides will be applied on identified, treatable, noxious weed infestations. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder~~-~~ or their contractors will coordinate with the Morrow County Weed Department to determine which populations are treatable and will notify landowners of proposed herbicide use on their lands prior to application. If a noxious weed population is deemed to be untreatable (e.g., too widespread and established in an area to successfully control), the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the applicable prevention measures discussed in Section 4.1, except for treatment with herbicides.

Table 2. ~~Recommended~~ Example Treatment for Target Noxious Weed Species

Scientific Name	Common Name	Treatment Method and Timing
Aegilops cylindrica	Jointed goatgrass	**Glyphosate** – Apply to actively growing plants emerged before bolt stage (i.e., stage of growth where growth is focused on seed development versus leaf development). • Rate: 0.38 to 0.75 lb ae/a[1] **Imazapic –** Apply pre-emergence in fall. Due to the residual effect of this herbicide, it will not be used in areas to be revegetated. • Rate: 0.063 to 0.188 lb/a[1] **Sulfometuron** – Apply in fall or in late winter before jointed goatgrass is 3 inches tall. • Rate: 1 to 1.5 oz ai/a (1.33 to 2 oz/a)[1]
Chondrilla juncea	Rush skeletonweed	**2,4-D or MCPA –** Apply to rosettes in the spring immediately before or during bolting.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Treatment Method and Timing
		• Rate: 2 lb ae/a[1] **Aminopyralid (Milestone) –** Spring or fall when rosettes are present. • Rate: 1.75 oz ae/a (7 fluid oz/a Milestone)[1] **Clopyralid –** Apply to rosettes in fall or up to early bolting in spring. • Rate: 0.25 to 0.375 lb ae/a (0.66 to 1 pint/a)[1] **Picloram –** Apply from late fall to early spring. For best results, apply just before or during bolting. • Rate: 1 lb ae/a[1]
Secale cereale	Cereal rye	Postemergence, non-selective herbicides such as glyphosate can control cereal rye. Glyphosate does not provide residual weed control, so any plants that emerge after treatment will not be controlled. Other herbicides that have found to provide control include Clethodim, Hexazinone, Rimsulfuron, Sethoxydim, and Sulfometuron.
Tribulus terrestris	Puncturevine	**2,4-D amine or 2,4-D LV ester–** Apply every 3 weeks during growing season or when new seedlings appear. • Rate: 1 to 2 lb ae in 10 to 20 gal water for spot treatments **Bentazon (Basagran) + imazamox (Raptor)–** Apply to small, actively growing puncture vine • Rate: 0.75 to 1 lb ai/A bentazon + 0.031 lb ai/a imazamox (4 oz/A Raptor) **Bromacil + diuron–** Apply before weeds emerge. • Rate: 8 lb ai/A (10 lb/a)[1] **Chlorsulfuron–** Apply late fall or late winter preemergence to growth. Needs moisture to activate. • Rate: 1 oz ai/a (1.5 oz/a)[1] **Fomesafen –** Apply pre- and postemergence, depending on crop. • Rate: 1 to 2 pints/A (0.25 to 0.5 lb ai/a)[1] **Imazapic –** Apply early postemergence when plants are cracking. • Rate: 0.125 to 0.188 lb ai/a[1] **Indaziflam –** Apply at least several weeks prior to expected germination of puncture vine. Apply to dry soils when rain is not expected for at least 48 hours. Can be successfully applied several months in advance of weed germination. • Rate: Grazed areas 0.046 to 0.065 lb ai/a (3.5 to 5 oz/a Rejuvra); areas not grazed or cut for hay 0.046 to 0.09 lb ai/A (3.5 to 7 oz/a Rejuvra). Use lower rates only where weed pressure is light and shorter period of residual activity is desired. **Norflurazon –** Apply in fall to spring, before puncture vine emerges. • Rate: Refer to label. Adjust rates depending on soil texture and organic matter **Paraquat –** Apply as a postemergence spray to puncture vine foliage • Rate: 0.38 to 0.49 lb ai/a[1]

Scientific Name	Common Name	Treatment Method and Timing
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Sources: DiTomaso e al. 2013; LCNWCB 2022; Prather and Peachey 2022. [1] a = acre; ae = acid equivalent; ai = active ingredient; lb= pound; oz = ounces		

4.2.3.1 Herbicide Application and Handling

Herbicide application will occur within the appropriate season and during the appropriate timeframe to achieve desired results, as approved by ODOE and the county weed departments. Herbicide application will adhere to EPA and ODA standards. Only those herbicides that are approved by the EPA and ODA will be used. In general, application of herbicides will not occur when the following conditions exists:

- Wind velocity exceeds 15 miles per hour for granular application, or exceeds 10 miles per hour for liquid applications;
- Snow or ice covers the foliage of target species; or
- Adverse weather conditions are forecasted within the next few days.

Hand application methods (e.g., backpack spraying) may be used in roadless areas or in rough terrain. Vehicle-mounted sprayers (e.g., handgun, boom, and injector) will be used mainly in open areas that are readily accessible by vehicle. Calibration checks of equipment will be conducted prior to spraying activities, as well as periodically throughout use, to ensure that appropriate application rates are achieved.

Herbicides will be transported to the Facility daily with the following stipulations:

- Only the quantity needed for that day's work will be transported.
- Concentrate will be transported in approved containers only, and in a manner that will prevent spilling, stored separately from food, clothing, and safety equipment.
- Mixing will be done off-site and at a distance greater than 200 feet from open or flowing water, wetlands, or other sensitive species' habitat. No herbicides will be applied at these areas unless authorized by the appropriate regulatory agencies.
- All herbicide equipment and containers will be inspected daily for leaks.
- Herbicides use will be in accordance with all manufacture's label recommendations and warnings.

4.2.3.2 Herbicide Spills and Cleanups

All appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid herbicide spills. In the event of a spill, cleanup will be immediate. Contractors will keep spill kits in their vehicles and in an appropriate storage shed to allow for quick and effective response to spills. Items included in the spill kit will be:

- Protective clothing and gloves;

- Adsorptive clay, "kitty litter," or other commercial adsorbent;
- Plastic bags and a bucket;
- A shovel;
- A fiber brush and screw-in handle;
- A dustpan;
- Caution tape;
- Highway flares (use on existing hard-top roads only); and
- Detergent.

Response to an herbicide spill will vary with the size and location of the spill, but general procedures include:

- Stopping the leak;
- Containing the spilled material;
- Traffic control;
- Dressing the clean-up team in protective clothing;
- Cleaning up and removing the spilled herbicide, as well as the contaminated adsorptive material and soil; and
- Transporting the spilled herbicide and contaminated material to an authorized disposal site.

4.2.3.3 Herbicide Spill Reporting

All herbicide contractors will have readily available copies of the appropriate material safety data sheets for the herbicides used at their disposal and will keep copies of the material safety data sheets in the application vehicle. ~~All herbicide spills will be reported in accordance with applicable laws and requirements.~~ If an herbicide spill of any size ~~If a spill~~ occurs, the appropriate agency and spill coordinators will be notified promptly. In case of a spill into wetlands and waterbodies, the appropriate federal, state, and county agencies will be notified immediately. All herbicide spills equal to or greater than 200 pounds or 25 gallons of pesticide residue will be reported to the Oregon Emergency Response System in accordance with applicable laws and requirements (OAR 340-142-0050; ODEQ 2024). The Certificate Holder will report all herbicide spills to ODOE by phone or email within 24 hours with follow up reporting as appropriate.

4.3 Monitoring

Weed inspections will occur across the entire Facility through visual inspection of the site while driving and/or walking. Final monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval. Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or weed specialist and will begin in the first growing season after seeding. Monitoring for noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species will occur at least five times per year including in the spring, June, July, and August for summer annuals and in the fall during the first two years following construction to capture the different life cycles of noxious weed species. This will allow real-time assessment of weed growth and inform proactive weed control measures to prevent large scale infestations. Frequent checks during early revegetation efforts will enable the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder to respond to new weed infestations in a timely manner and ensure the success of the site's revegetation. These inspections will be used to inform ongoing weed control efforts.

The initial monitoring survey will be scheduled slightly before herbicide application, as applicable, to identify any noxious weed species within the areas to be treated, with a focus on target noxious weed species observed prior to construction (Table 1), or other populations of target noxious weeds not previously observed.

Monitoring will assess the success of noxious weed treatments and will document any new noxious weed infestations observed. During the first two years following construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department at least once per season to provide updates on weed infestations and control measures at the Facility. These results will also be summarized in annual monitoring reports that describe the treatments performed, treatment success, make recommendations to improve treatment success (if necessary), and note any new target noxious weed species or emergence. Reports will be submitted to the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and Morrow County annually.

Based on the success of control efforts after the second year of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE and ODFW to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced for years three to five. After five years of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will design a long-term weed control plan in consultation with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will maintain ongoing communication with individual landowners, the Morrow County Weed Department, and ODOE regarding noxious weeds within the Facility. Landowners may also contact the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder directly to report the presence of noxious weeds related to Facility activity. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will control the noxious weeds on a case-by-case basis and prepare a summary of measures taken for that landowner. During the operational period of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will control noxious weeds as described in the long-term weed control plan. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report the investigator's findings and recommendations regarding weed control in the Facility's annual report required per OAR 345-026-0080.

The following contact information for the Morrow County Weed Program Manager will be used and updated as needed:

Corey Sweeney, Weed Program Manager
Morrow County Public Works
365 West Highway 74
Lexington, OR 97839
(541) 989-9502
mcweed@co.morrow.or.us

4.4 Success Criteria

Success criteria outlined below are designed to demonstrate compliance with OAR 660-033-0130(38)(D) to prevent the introduction and spread of noxious weed species. In each annual monitoring report, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include an assessment of whether the Facility is meeting or trending toward meeting the noxious weed control success criteria. Compliance with the Facility Site Certificate will be demonstrated through documentation of meeting these success criteria for the life of the Facility.

- Class A and Class B noxious weed presence within the solar array fence line will not exceed 15 total populations (i.e., contiguous patches of individuals), and each respective population will not exceed 20 individuals or 20 square feet.
- Class T noxious weed presence within the solar array fence line will not exceed 5 total populations (i.e., contiguous patches of individuals), and each respective population will not exceed 20 individuals or 20 square feet.
- Invasive Annual Grasses and other Undesirable Species will not exceed more then 50 percent cover within any 1 acre area or more than 30 percent cover within the solar array fence line.
- During revegetation of temporary disturbance areas outside of the solar array fence line presence and cover of noxious weeds is 75 percent or less than that of the reference site.

5.0 Roles and Responsibilities

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is the overall responsible party for construction and operation of the Facility and implementation of the noxious weed management activities described in this Plan. However, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may use contractors to complete tasks associated with noxious weed management and monitoring. Example responsible parties and their roles may include:

Monitoring Contractor

- Perform site visits to document noxious weed occurrences.
- Provide summary memo after each visit to ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's operations manager outlining findings and treatment recommendations.
- Communicate directly with Weed Management Contractor and provide maps, and photos of noxious weed species locations to Weed Management Contractor.
- Communicate with Morrow County Weed Program Manager, and ODA about noxious weed survey findings and treatment plans.
- Prepare annual report for the Facility describing noxious weed monitoring findings and treatments.

- Organize and attend quarterly calls with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and Weed Management Contractor.
- Attend calls with ODOE, ODA, and Morrow County as needed.

~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder Site Manager

- Communicate findings and recommendations from Monitoring Contractor to the Weed Management Contractor.
- Document the work performed by the Weed Management Contractor and provide documentation to Monitoring Contractor. Documentation should include type and quantity of herbicides applied, dates applied, and any associated EPA/U.S. Department of Environmental Quality licensing/documentation of chemicals used.
- Reviews annual reports to ensure all treatments performed by the Weed Management Contractor are documented.
- Maintain landowner communications, providing guidance to the Monitoring Contractor and Weed Management Contractor regarding landowner restrictions/requests for performing noxious weed monitoring/treatment on their properties.
- Attend quarterly calls with Monitoring Contractor and the Weed Management Contractor.
- Attend calls with ODOE, ODA, and Morrow County as needed.

Weed Management Contractor

- Review Monitoring Contractor memos describing noxious weed occurrences and recommendations and plan appropriate treatment to address those issues.
- Communicate treatment plan to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder.
- Maintain records of when, where, and what type of noxious weed treatments are being performed.
- Maintain all appropriate documentation of chemicals applied. Shares documentation during the quarterly calls with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and Monitoring Contractor, and prior to Annual Report preparation.
- Attend quarterly calls with Monitoring Contractor and ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder.

Morrow County

- Review Monitoring Contractor memos describing weed occurrences and recommendations.
- Attend quarterly calls and provide recommendations.

6.0 Plan Amendment

This Plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE. This Plan may also be amended periodically as the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder continues to evaluate and modify, as needed, agricultural dual use activities at the Facility.

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Appendix A: Oregon State Noxious Weed List

Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System 2024

Noxious Weed Control Program

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Mission Statement

To protect Oregon's natural resources and agricultural economy from the invasion and proliferation of invasive noxious weeds.

Program Overview

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Noxious Weed Control Program provides statewide leadership for coordination and management of state listed noxious weeds. The state program focuses on noxious weed control efforts by implementing early detection and rapid response projects for new invasive noxious weeds, implementing biological control, implementing statewide inventory and survey, assisting the public and cooperators through technology transfer and noxious weed education, maintaining noxious weed data and maps for priority listed noxious weeds, and assisting land managers and cooperators with integrated weed management projects. The Noxious Weed Control Program also supports the Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) with administration of the OSWB Grant Program, developing statewide management objectives, developing weed risk assessments, and maintaining the state noxious weed list.

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Noxious Weed Control Policy and Classification System

Definition

"Noxious weed" means a terrestrial, aquatic or marine plant designated by the Oregon State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.

Noxious weeds have become so thoroughly established and are spreading so rapidly on private, state, county, and federally owned lands, that they have been declared by ORS 569.350 to be a menace to public welfare. Steps leading to eradication, where possible, and intensive control are necessary. It is further recognized that the responsibility for eradication and intensive control rests not only on the private landowner and operator, but also on the county, state, and federal governments.

Weed Control Policy

Therefore, it shall be the policy of ODA to:

1. Assess non-native plants through risk assessment processes and make recommendations to the Oregon State Weed Board for potential listing.
2. Rate and classify weeds at the state level.
3. Prevent the establishment and spread of listed noxious weeds.
4. Encourage and implement the control or containment of infestations of listed noxious weed species and, if possible, eradicate them.
5. Develop and manage a biological weed control program.
6. Increase awareness of potential economic losses and other undesirable effects of existing and newly invading noxious weeds, and to act as a resource center for the dissemination of information.
7. Encourage and assist in the organization and operation of noxious weed control programs with government agencies and other weed management entities.
8. Develop partnerships with county weed control districts, universities, and other cooperators in the development of control methods.
9. Conduct statewide noxious weed surveys and weed control efficacy studies.

Weed Classification System

The purpose of this Classification System is to:

1. Act as the ODA's official guideline for prioritizing and implementing noxious weed control projects.
2. Assist the ODA in the distribution of available funds through the Oregon State Weed Board to assist county weed programs, cooperative weed management groups, private landowners, and other weed management entities.
3. Serve as a model for private and public sectors in developing noxious weed classification systems that aid in setting effective noxious weed control strategies.

Criteria for Determining Economic and Environmental Significance

Detrimental Effects

1. A plant species that causes or has the potential to cause severe negative impacts to Oregon's agricultural economy and natural resources.
2. A plant species that has the potential to or does endanger native flora and fauna by its encroachment into forest, range, aquatic and conservation areas.
3. A plant species that has the potential or does hamper the full utilization and enjoyment of recreational areas.
4. A plant species that is poisonous, injurious, or otherwise harmful to humans and/or animals.

Plant Reproduction

1. A plant that reproduces by seed capable of being dispersed over wide areas or that is long-lived, or produced in large numbers.
2. A plant species that reproduces and spreads by tubers, creeping roots, stolons, rhizomes, or other natural vegetative means.

Distribution

1. A weed of known economic importance which occurs in Oregon in small enough infestations to make eradication/containment possible; or not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states makes future occurrence seem imminent.
2. A weed of economic or ecological importance and of limited distribution in Oregon.
3. A weed that has not infested the full extent of its potential habitat in Oregon.

Difficulty of Control

A plant species that is not easily controlled with current management practices such as chemical, cultural, biological, and physical methods.

Noxious Weed Control Classification Definitions

Noxious weeds, for the purpose of this system, shall be listed as either A or B, and may also be designated as T, which are priority targets for control, as directed by the Oregon State Weed Board.

- **A Listed Weed**:
  A weed of known economic importance which occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent (Table I).
  Recommended action: Focus on prevention of new infestations through vector control, certification programs, education, outreach and surveys. New and existing infestations are prioritized for eradication or intensive control when and where found. Regionally focused, species-specific Statewide Management Strategies for A-listed weeds may be developed as necessary.
- **B Listed Weed**:
  A weed of economic importance which is regionally abundant, but which may have limited distribution in some counties (Table II).
  Recommended action: Limited to intensive control at the state, county or regional level as determined on a site specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.
- **T-Designated Weed (T)**:
  A designated group of weed species selected from the B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and management actions are prioritized and informed by species-specific T-List Statewide Management Strategies created and maintained by the ODA. Action against these weeds will receive priority in accordance with the recommendations of the Statewide Management Strategy.

Weed Biological Control

Oregon implements biological control, or “biocontrol” as part of its integrated pest management approach to managing noxious weeds. This is the practice of using host-specific natural enemies such as insects or pathogens to control noxious weeds. The Oregon Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program has adopted the International Code of Best Practices for biological control of weeds. Only safe, effective, and federally-approved natural enemies will be used for biocontrol.

Table I: A Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
African rue	*Peganum harmala*
Camelthorn	*Alhagi pseudalhagi*
Cape-ivy	*Delairea odorata*
Coltsfoot	*Tussilago farfara*
Common frogbit	*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*
Cordgrass	
Common	*Spartina anglica*
Dense-flowered	*Spartina densiflora*
Saltmeadow	*Spartina patens*
Smooth	*Spartina alterniflora*
Delta arrowhead	*Sagittaria platyphyla*
European water chestnut	*Trapa natans*
Flowering rush	*Butomus umbellatus*
Garden yellow loosestrife	*Lysimachia vulgaris*
Giant hogweed	*Heracleum mantegazzianum*
Goatgrass	
Barbed	*Aegilops triuncialis*
Ovate	*Aegilops ovata*
Goatsrue	*Galega officinalis*
Hawkweed	
King-devil	*Hieracium piloselloides*
Mouse-ear	*Hieracium pilosella*
Orange	*Hieracium aurantiacum*
Yellow	*Hieracium floribundum*
Hoary alyssum	*Berteroa incana*
Hydrilla	*Hydrilla verticillata*
Japanese dodder	*Cuscuta japonica*
Kudzu	*Pueraria lobata*
Matgrass	*Nardus stricta*
Oblong spurge	*Euphorbia oblongata*
Palmer amaranth	*Amaranthus palmeri*
Paterson's curse	*Echium plantagineum*
Purple nutsedge	*Cyperus rotundus*
Ravennagrass	*Saccharum ravennae*
Squarrose knapweed	*Centaurea virgata*

(Continued) **Table I: A Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Starthistle	
Iberian	*Centaurea iberica*
Purple	*Centaurea calcitrapa*
Thistle	
Plumeless	*Carduus acanthoides*
Smooth distaff	*Carthamus baeticus*
Taurian	*Onopordum tauricum*
Turkish	*Carduus cinereus*
Welted (curly plumeless)	*Carduus crispus*
Woolly distaff	*Carthamus lanatus*
Water soldiers	*Stratiotes aloides*
West Indian spongeplant	*Limnobium laevigatum*
White bryonia	*Bryonia alba*
Yellow floating heart	*Nymphoides peltata*
Yellowtuft	*Alyssum murale, A. corsicum*

Table II: B Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
Armenian (Himalayan) blackberry	*Rubus armeniacus (R. procerus, R. discolor)*
Biddy-biddy	*Acaena novae-zelandiae*
Broom French***** Portuguese (T) Scotch***** Spanish	 *Genista monspessulana* *Cytisus striatus* *Cytisus scoparius* *Spartium junceum*
Butterfly bush	*Buddleja davidii (B. variabilis)*
Common bugloss (T)	*Anchusa officinalis*
Common crupina **(T)**	*Crupina vulgaris*
Common reed	*Phragmities australis ssp. australis*
Common viper's bugloss (T)	*Echium vulgare*
Cutleaf teasel	*Dipsacus laciniatus*
Dyer's woad (T)	*Isatis tinctoria*
English hawthorn	*Crataegus monogyna*
Eurasian watermilfoil	*Myriophyllum spicatum*
False brome	*Brachypodium sylvaticum*
Field bindweed	*Convolvulus arvensis*
Garlic mustard (T)	*Alliaria petiolata*
Geranium Herb Robert Shiny leaf	 *Geranium robertianum* *Geranium lucidum*
Giant reed (T)	*Arundo donax*
Gorse***** (T)	*Ulex europaeus*
Halogeton	*Halogeton glomeratus*
Houndstongue	*Cynoglossum officinale*

* Biocontrol (See page 4)   (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) **Table II: B Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Indigo bush	*Amorpha fruticosa*
Ivy Atlantic English	 *Hedera hibernica* *Hedera helix*
Jointed goatgrass	*Aegilops cylindrica*
Jubata grass	*Cortaderia jubata*
Knapweed Diffuse***** Meadow***** Russian***** Spotted*****	 *Centaurea diffusa* *Centaurea pratensis* *Acroptilon repens* *Centaurea stoebe (C. maculosa)*
Knotweed Bohemian***** Giant***** Himalayan Japanese*****	 *Fallopia x bohemica* *Fallopia sachalinensis (Polygonum)* *Polygonum polystachyum* *Fallopia japonica (Polygonum)*
Kochia	*Kochia scoparia*
Lesser celandine	*Ranunculus ficaria*
Meadow hawkweed (T)	*Pilosella caespitosum (Hieracium)*
Mediterranean sage*	*Salvia aethiopis*
Medusahead rye	*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*
Old man's beard	*Clematis vitalba*
Parrot feather	*Myriophyllum aquaticum*
Perennial peavine	*Lathyrus latifolius*
Perennial pepperweed (T)	*Lepidium latifolium*
Pheasant's eye	*Adonis aestivalis*
Pine echium (T)	*Echium pininana*
Poison hemlock*****	*Conium maculatum*
Policeman's helmet	*Impatiens glandulifera*
Primrose-willow Large-flower (T) Water primrose (T) Floating (T)	 *Ludwigia grandiflora* *Ludwigia hexapetala* *Ludwigia peploides*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) Table II: B Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
Puncturevine*	*Tribulus terrestris*
Purple loosestrife*	*Lythrum salicaria*
Ribbongrass (T)	*Phalaris arundinacea var. Picta*
Rose Dog Sweetbriar	 *Rosa canina* *Rosa rubiginosa*
Rush skeletonweed* (T)	*Chondrilla juncea*
Saltcedar* (T)	*Tamarix ramosissima*
Small broomrape	*Orabanche minor*
South American waterweed	*Egeria densa (Elodea)*
Spanish heath	*Erica lusitanica*
Spurge laurel	*Daphne laureola*
Spurge Leafy* (T) Myrtle	 *Euphorbia esula* *Euphorbia myrsinites*
St. Johnswort	*Hypericum perforatum*
Sulfur cinquefoil	*Potentilla recta*
Swainsonpea	*Sphaerophysa salsula*
Tansy ragwort* (T)	*Senecio jacobaea (Jacobaea vulgaris)*
Thistle Bull Canada* Italian Milk Musk Scotch Slender-flowered	 *Cirsium vulgare* *Cirsium arvense* *Carduus pycnocephalus* *Silybum marianum* *Carduus nutans* *Onopordum acanthium* *Carduus tenuiflorus*
Toadflax Dalmatian* Yellow*	 *Linaria dalmatica* *Linaria vulgaris*
Tree of heaven	*Ailanthus altissima*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) Table II: B Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
Ventenata grass	*Ventenata dubia*
Whitetop	
Hairy	*Lepidium pubescens*
Lens-podded	*Lepidium chalepensis*
Whitetop (hoary cress)*	*Lepidium draba*
Yellow archangel	*Lamiastrum galeobdolon*
Yellow flag iris	*Iris pseudacorus*
Yellow nutsedge	*Cyperus esculentus*
Yellow starthistle*	*Centaurea solstitialis*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

Appendix B: Morrow County Noxious Weed List

Morrow County Weed List:

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Noxious Weeds – "A" List" – Any plant that is determined by the weed advisory board, and so declared by the County Board of Commissioners to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land or property under provisions of Oregon State Statute and thus mandated for control.

Rush Skeletonweed

Yellow Starthistle

Tansy Ragwort

Yellow Toadflax

Dalmatian Toadflax

Mediterranean Sage

Leafy Spurge

Spikeweed

Musk Thistle

Scotch Thistle

Purple Loosestrife

Common Crupina

Whitetop (Hoary Cress)

Houndstongue

Flowering Rush

Yellow Flag Iris

Plumeless Thistle

WEEDS OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

Weeds of Economic Importance – “B” List – Weeds of limited distribution in the county and subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible.

Poison Hemlock

Canada Thistle

Jointed Goatgrass

St. Johnswort

Perennial Sowthistle

Field Bindweed

Cereal Rye

Johnsongrass

Russian Knapweed

Diffuse Knapweed

Spotted Knapweed

Field Dodder

Water Hemlock

Medusahead Rye

Puncturevine

Kochia

Perennial Pepperweed

Myrtle Spurge

Ventenata

Morrow County Weed Advisory Board

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Board also serves as the Weed Advisory Board

Attachment F: Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund/Agricultural Mitigation Plan

Attachment G: Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 5
Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 5, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 5 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar ~~photovoltaic solar~~ energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon (Figure 1). The proposed Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a ~~1,~~200 ~~-~~MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (Plan) has been prepared to guide ~~restoration~~revegetation of areas temporarily disturbed during construction of the Facility, as well as revegetation ~~of areas~~ within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ in compliance with Site Certificate Conditions PRE-FW-01 and PRE-SP-01. This Plan will be updated, as necessary, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and Morrow County Weed Department ~~and will be updated as needed~~ to reflect the final layout of the Facility.

Prior to construction, this ~~plan~~ Plan shall be finalized based on the following:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall finalize the ~~plan~~ Plan based on ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ associated with the final design/layout by disturbance level and habitat type and category.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall develop and incorporate maps showing anticipated construction disturbance levels along with the total acreage and major activities associated with each level.
3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall update Table 1 prior to construction to reflect the ~~final impact~~disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout.
4. ~~Applicant~~ Certificate Holder shall provide the number and location of reference sites to be utilized during short- and long-term monitoring of temporary ~~impact~~disturbance areas for review and approval by ODOE in consultation with ODFW.~~.~~
5. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall develop and incorporate revegetation methods for each disturbance level in consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, and the Morrow County Weed Department.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

6. ~~Applicant~~ Certificate Holder shall develop and incorporate monitoring ~~impact~~disturbance areas in consultation with ODOE.

Prior to construction, the following shall be completed:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall provide shapefiles showing anticipated construction disturbance levels at the site as a submittal to ODOE.
2. ~~Applicant~~ Certificate Holder shall provide the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor's qualifications and scope of work as a submittal to ODOE.
3. ~~Applicant~~ Certificate Holder shall conduct pre-construction habitat surveys at the approved reference sites for the purpose of collecting baseline quantitative data (vascular plant species present, native/non-native species present, percent cover of dominant species, percent cover of state and county listed noxious weed, and evidence of disturbance).
4. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall submit baseline soil compaction sample locations and baseline compaction results to ODOE.
5. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall hold a kick-off meeting with their environmental contractor, construction contractor, and ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities.
6. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall prepare a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan for use by the construction contractor. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to all participating parties prior to the kick-off meeting date.

Prior to initiation of revegetation, the following shall be completed:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall hold a kick-off meeting with their environmental contractor, ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, and ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall prepare a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan for use by the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to all participating parties prior to the kick-off meeting date.
3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall complete post-construction soil compaction testing and submit results for review and approval to ODOE.

Throughout construction, revegetation, and operation activities, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will take appropriate actions to prevent the spread of state and county listed noxious weeds. A stand-alone Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan has also been prepared (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-3[2]; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6), which contains information on state and Morrow County listed noxious weeds, noxious weeds observed during surveys, and treatment and monitoring of noxious weeds.

[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

2.0 Site Description

The Facility includes a 4,402~~3,386~~~~10,960~~-acre site boundary within which all Facility components will be located. The Facility lies within the Columbia Plateau Ecoregion at elevations from ~~approximately 879~~ 1,050 to 1,~~440~~365 feet. The Facility is sited entirely on private land, which primarily consists of agriculture land used for growing dryland wheat. Native vegetation within the site boundary has been modified primarily through agricultural conversion, but also through the introduction of exotic grasses and other non-native vegetation.

Habitat mapping and categorization of the site boundary were conducted for the Facility in 2022. Habitat types within the site boundary include Agriculture, Pasture, and Mixed Environs (habitat subtype: Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops); Developed (habitat subtype: Urban and Mixed Environs); Upland Grassland, Shrub-steppe, and Shrubland (habitat subtypes: Eastside Grasslands), ~~Sagebrush Shrub-steppe); Wetlands (habitat subtype: Emergent Wetlands);~~ and Open Water-Lakes, Rivers, Streams (habitat subtype: Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams). Details on habitat types, subtypes, and categories can be found in Exhibit P of the Facility's ASC, especially Attachment P-1 which contains the biological survey reports. Details on potential ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to habitat from construction and operation of the Facility, as well as avoidance and minimization measures, can be found in the ASC Exhibits P and Q[3].

3.0 Description of ~~Impact~~Disturbance~~s~~

Construction of the Facility will result in ~~up to about 58 acres of~~ temporary and ~~9,442 acres of~~ permanent ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ (see Exhibits C[4] and P). ~~Although actual impacts may change depending on the final layout, solar modules, and other associated facilities, this value represents the estimated maximum acreage of impact. Exhibit P~~ Section 3.1.1 (below) details the acres of each habitat subtype that will be temporarily and permanently disturbed during construction and operation of the Facility.

All areas within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ are considered a permanent ~~impact~~disturbance and will be revegetated for the purposes of site stabilization to reduce erosion, dust pollution, and topsoil depletion, and to reduce potential for invasion by noxious and invasive plants. The entire solar array fence ~~line area~~ will occupy approximately ~~9,441~~~~896~~3,103 acres~~ within 20 fenced areas~~. As noted above, this area is considered permanently ~~impact~~disturbed; however, vegetation within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ will be retained and/or revegetated and this area would be reclaimed upon retirement.

Temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ will occur in areas outside the solar array fence ~~line area~~ that will be disturbed during construction activities, but which will not be occupied by permanent facilities.

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[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit Q, May 16, 2024.
[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit C, May 16, 2024.

Temporary disturbance will occur in association with the construction of aboveground and underground collector and transmission lines, new roads, and perimeter fence ~~line~~.

Prior to construction, a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan will be prepared for use by the construction contractor ~~prior to construction~~ to facilitate Plan implementation and ensure ground disturbance is minimized to the extent practicable. A kick-off meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder, their environmental contractor, construction contractor, and ODOE will be held at least 14 days prior to construction. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to ODOE staff prior to the kick-off meeting date. Staff from either the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their environmental contractor will field-verify that anticipated disturbance levels are followed to the extent possible~~,~~ and will document any variances and ~~the~~ justifications for those variances for ODOE review.

3.1 Disturbance Levels

Revegetation needs will be determined by a combination of disturbance level and existing vegetative cover. Disturbance levels will primarily be determined by site conditions such as slope, gradient, and existing vegetation. Disturbance levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 - Mowing: Mowing is used to conserve vegetative resources within a ~~large project area~~facility while mitigating risk of fire and facilitating construction activities. Vegetation ~~is mowed~~will be limited to a height of ~~generally~~ 12 inches~~, but~~ and mowed to no less than 6 inches during construction. Mowing to no less than 6 inches protects perennial grass crowns and allows grasses to regenerate. Depending on ~~site~~ facility objectives, vegetation can be allowed to reach a normal height or kept trimmed to a height between 6-inches and the plant's full height potential. Crushing of vegetation will be minimal and this disturbance level is designed to have a minimal impact on existing vegetation. This method is least likely to result in invasions of undesirable plant species.

Level 2 – Overland Drive and Crush: Disturbance caused by accessing a ~~site~~ facility without significantly modifying the landscape. Vegetation is crushed to the ground, but no surface soil is removed so root structures are left intact~~but not cropped~~. ~~No surface soil is removed.~~ Even though vegetation may be damaged or~~and even~~ destroyed, the surface soil and seed bank remain~~s~~ in place. Some crushed vegetation will likely sprout after disturbance ceases. These activities would result in minimal to moderate disturbance. This type of disturbance will result in ~~the fastest~~a faster recovery time for vegetation compared to Levels 3 and 4. Soil seed banks remain largely in place, perennial vegetation can grow back, and minimal external efforts are necessary. This method is less likely to result in invasions of undesirable plant species compared to Levels 3 and 4. ~~This would involve crushing or mowing vegetation typically to the ground surface.~~

Level 3 – Clear and Cut: Disturbance caused by accessing the ~~project site but~~facility including having to remove all vegetation in order to improve or provide suitable access for other equipment. All vegetation is removed, soils are compacted, and the root zone or soil A-horizon may be disturbed, but no sub-surface soil is removed. Clear and cut activities would result in moderate disturbance. This type of disturbance will result in moderate recovery times for vegetation. This method has a moderate risk for invasion of undesirable plant species. An example is imprinting to crush vegetation down into the soil or incidental grading and smoothing of surface soils.

Level 4 – Clear and Cut with Soil Removal: Disturbance is caused by removing all vegetation in the impact zone, ~~the~~ soils are compacted, and ~~the~~ surface soil ~~is~~ and subsoil are displaced~~, and for Facility components requiring underground installation, the subsurface soils are displaced as well~~. These activities result in heavy disturbance. This type of disturbance results in an extensive recovery time for vegetation, and is most likely to lead to invasions of undesirable plant species, which can result in lengthy and expensive control efforts. Includes disc-and-roll construction, and other traditional construction methods where soils are disturbed and no vegetation is left intact. This category includes all work requiring the segregation and replacement of topsoils.

3.1.1 Facility Disturbance

To the maximum extent practicable, Level 1 and Level 2 disturbance will be used during Facility construction. Existing vegetation root systems (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) will be left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable, although construction vehicles driving across the site may affect ~~these~~ existing root systems by compacting soils. Grading within solar arrays will be limited to areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances (typically, but not exclusively, 10 percent maximum on North slopes and 15 percent maximum in other directions). Areas where the slope and gradient are within ~~the solar~~ panel and racking tolerances will only ~~will receive minimal grading, with grading in those areas limited to the~~ be graded in road~~s~~, inverter, and energy storage footprints ~~only~~where possible. ~~This p~~Preservation of existing root systems will minimize soil erosion, providing both improved compliance with stormwater and dust management requirements, facilitate revegetation success, and preserve soil productivity for future agricultural use. Construction will be coordinated and sequenced to the extent practicable with landowners to maintain land in current production and weed control until just prior to construction. This will avoid land being left unmanaged and minimize weed issues that can complicate revegetation.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide maps and shapefiles showing anticipated construction disturbance levels at the Facility, along with ~~the~~ total acreage and major activities associated with each level. This will serve to demonstrate the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's avoidance and minimization of ground disturbing activities to the extent practicable.

Table 1 presents the estimated maximum acreage of temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to habitat subtypes associated with Facility construction and operation based on the permitted layout. Table 1 will be updated prior to construction to reflect the final ~~impact~~disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout. Figures depicting the location of Facility infrastructure are included in Exhibit C, and a figure depicting habitat subtypes within the site boundary is available in Exhibit P.

Table 1. Maximum Temporary and Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance~~s~~ by Habitat Subtype

ODFW Habitat Category	Habitat Subtype	Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance (Acres)[1, 2]	Temporary Disturbance (Acres) [1]
2	Eastside Grasslands	<0.1	0.4
4	Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams	-	<0.1
4	Eastside Grasslands	17.9	2.7
5	Eastside Grasslands	~~18.5~~13.8	2.1~~2~~
	Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams	-	<0.1
	Category 2, 4, and 5 Habitat ~~Total~~Subtotal	**~~36.4~~31.7**	**5.2~~3~~**
6	Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops	~~9,397.4~~3,069.3	~~51.3~~25.8~~7~~
	Urban and Mixed Environs	~~7.7~~2.0	~~1.2~~0.8~~6~~
	Category 6 Habitat Subtotal	**~~9,405.1~~3,071.3**	**~~52.6~~26.6~~4~~**
	Grand Total[1]	**~~9,441.5~~3,103.0**	**~~57.8~~31.8**

Note: Totals in this table may not appear to sum correctly due to rounding. "-" means no ~~impact~~ disturbance while <0.1 means greater than zero but less than 0.05 acre ~~impact~~disturbance.

1. Additional details associated with temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbances are provided in Exhibit C of the ASC. Disturbances were calculated based on the layout permitted in the ASC and will be updated prior to construction based on an updated layout.
2. Acres of permanent ~~impact~~disturbance includes the entire area within the solar array area fence ~~line~~ including the footprints of all solar components and supporting facilities, as well as the areas outside of the footprint of permanent components and facilities (e.g., areas underneath and between rows of solar panels).

4.0 Reclamation and Revegetation Methods

This plan addresses revegetation methods for temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to agricultural lands and wildlife habitat~~non-agriculture (i.e., Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops habitat subtype) and non-developed (i.e., Urban and Mixed Environs habitat subtype) habitat types~~, as well as revegetation and vegetation management of lands within the solar array fence ~~line area~~. ~~Restoration~~ Revegetation of temporarily disturbed developed habitat (i.e., Urban and Mixed Environs habitat subtype) will be determined on a case-by-case basis and is not covered further in this plan. Temporary disturbances to agricultural habitat (i.e., Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops habitat subtype) will be restored as described in Section 4.5.1. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will restore temporarily disturbed areas by re-establishing slope, surface stability, and drainage features, as needed, followed by soil preparation and seeding. Soil preparation and seeding techniques are described below.

Revegetation will begin as soon as feasible after completion of each construction phase. Seeding and planting will be done in a timely manner and in the appropriate season to facilitate germination and establishment of seeded species.

Prior to construction, final revegetation methods will be developed for each disturbance level in consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, and the Morrow County Weed Department and will be incorporated as an amendment to this Plan upon ODOE approval.

4.1 Roles and Responsibilities

A construction contractor qualified to perform ~~restoration and~~ revegetation and seeding will be responsible for implementing ~~the~~ measures in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 1200-C permit, as well as ~~the~~ revegetation activities discussed herein during and immediately after construction. A qualified botanist or revegetation specialist will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on revegetation success. Remedial revegetation actions, if needed during the operation phase, will be performed by a qualified contractor. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will be responsible for ensuring that all contractors perform work in accordance with permit requirements and all agreed upon methods for revegetation.

The goal of this ~~plan~~ Plan is to increase the probability of revegetation success, reduce early weed establishment, reduce erosion and dust pollution, ~~and~~ protect topsoil for future agricultural use in permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas, and ensure no loss of habitat quality for temporary disturbances to wildlife habitat. To ensure this goal is met, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ensure that the contractor selected for revegetation will be a qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor with demonstrated experience in the Columbia Plateau. Options for contracting and managing this work include:

- Having the construction contractor subcontract ~~the~~ revegetation work out to a qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor. The contract will stipulate the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's right to dictate the timing, methods, and management of seeding.
- Contracting directly with the qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, with the power to contractually enforce seed timing and methods.
- Having the environmental contractor contract with the qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, with the power to contractually enforce seed timing and methods.

The ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor's qualifications and scope of work will be provided as a submittal to ODOE prior to construction. Additionally, a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan will be prepared for use by the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor prior to initiation of revegetation to facilitate Plan implementation. A kick-off meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder, their environmental contractor, ~~restoration~~ revegetation and seeding contractor, and ODOE will be held at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to ODOE staff prior to the kick-off meeting date. Staff from either the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their environmental contractor will field-verify seeding methods and timing requirements are followed appropriately~~,~~ and will document any variances and the justifications for those variances. Monitoring and follow-up will be provided as described in Section 6.0 to ensure oversight and increase the probability of revegetation success.

4.2 Soil Reclamation

Soil scientists use a soil penetrometer to field measure subsurface compaction in soil. This tool measures resistance (pressure) to the advance of a cone-tipped rod with a T-handle, vertically through the soil column. The metric intends to measure soil compaction that can inhibit the ability

of plants to penetrate the soil. An operator pushes the penetrometer rod with a cone base into the ground with consistent force. A pressure gauge records pressure in pounds per square inch (psi), equaling levels of resistance at differing soil layers. Resistance is measured at 3-inch intervals until the meter goes above 300 psi, which is a level of soil compaction most roots cannot penetrate. For this test compaction would be measured at 3, 6, 9, and 12 inches if the soils allow~~ed~~. Soil compaction testing must be completed in spring or late fall when soils are at field capacity (approximately 24 hours after a soaking rain). Baseline soil compaction measurements will be taken prior to construction. Baseline soil compaction sample locations and baseline compaction results will be submitted to ODOE prior to construction.

1. Baseline and post-construction soil compaction measurements and testing must be done in conditions favorable to soil testing (e.g. non-saturated or frozen soils).
2. Baseline soil compaction measurements will be documented and established by using the above protocol, or other protocol as approved by ODOE, to establish baseline soil conditions within temporary ~~impact~~disturbance areas.
3. Recordation of the baseline soil plots must be represented on a map based on final Facility design.
4. Post-construction soil compaction testing following the above protocols must be completed in spring or late fall when soil conditions are favorable to soil testing (non-saturated or frozen soils). Compaction testing will occur after soil stockpiles are replaced and grading is complete but prior to initiation of revegetation activities.~~Prior to construction completion at the Facility site and prior to the initiation of revegetation activities, soil compaction testing following the above protocols must be completed.~~
5. If soil ~~measurements~~ monitoring demonstrates that ~~the~~ soils are compacted more than 300- psi~~within the work areas are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~, then remediation activities must be completed prior to initiation of revegetation activities. See Section ~~6.4~~ 4.3 below, the Facility NPDES 1200-C permit, and applicable ~~s~~Site ~~c~~Certificate cConditions.

In addition, in areas where soil is removed during construction, the following measures will be taken where appropriate:

- During construction, excavated topsoil will be stockpiled separately from subsoil and replaced in proper order with topsoil on the surface to maintain soil productivity. Stockpiled soil will be put back in place prior to revegetation activities.~~During construction, excavated soils will be stockpiled by soil horizon, so that they can be replaced in proper order with the topsoil on the surface, preventing mixing of topsoil and subsoils and maintaining soil productivity. The conserved soil will be put back in place as topsoil prior to revegetation activities. The conserved soil will be put back in place as topsoil prior to revegetation activities.~~

- Soils will be stabilized during construction using the appropriate best management practices as determined by the onsite stormwater pollution prevention plan implementor.
- Soil preparation will involve standard, commonly used methods (i.e. tracking, decompaction, and tilling), and will consider all relevant site-specific factors, including slope, size of area, and erosion potential. Soils will be de-compacted if necessary to create a uniform seedbed using an agricultural disc, soil ripper, or similar equipment. Additional details regarding soil preparation are in Section 4.3.
- Topsoil and other soils from noxious weed infested areas will not be moved outside of the infested areas and will be returned to their previous location during reclamation activities to eliminate the transport of weed seeds, roots, or rhizomes.
- Soils from weed-infested areas will be treated with a non-persistent, pre-emergent herbicide prior to initiation of revegetation efforts, depending on site-specific conditions.
- Prior to final regrade and revegetation efforts, any weeds that have grown during periods of construction dormancy should be treated as described in the Noxious Weed Control Plan~~removed mechanically or treated with an herbicide in consultation with the Morrow County Weed Department~~.
- The construction contractor will use appropriate erosion and sediment control practices (i.e., seeded or unseeded hydromulch, tackifier, weed-free erosion control blankets, weed-free or locally sourced straw mulch) to maintain topsoil during construction in both temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas.

4.3 Site Preparation

~~As noted above, e~~Existing vegetation root systems (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) will be left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable. Areas where the slope and gradient are within the solar panel and racking tolerances will receive minimal grading, with grading in those areas limited to the roads, inverter, and energy storage footprints~~ only~~. In areas where soil is removed during construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will demonstrate adequate soil stabilization to prevent erosion and dust pollution. The following measures will be taken where appropriate:

- Site preparation ~~will involve standard, commonly used methods, and ~~will take into account all relevant site-specific factors, including slope, size of area, and erosion potential.
- Areas of severe machine or vehicle tracking that would hinder seeding success and are unnecessary for soil stabilization will be regraded.
- In the spring, fall or winter of the year prior to when construction would occur, areas of high erosion risk (e.g., slopes, areas with low vegetative cover) should be seeded with a non-invasive, non-persistent cover crop such as triticale to ~~demonstrate ~~stabilize soils ~~stabilization~~.

- ~~Prior to seeding and/or planting of revegetation areas, soils will be prepared to facilitate revegetation success.~~
- If soils are not suitable for revegetation, soil amendments may be required. Any imported topsoil, if required, will be demonstrated to be suitable for vegetative success.
- Where soil compaction testing demonstrates that soils are compacted greater than 300 psi~~Where applicable~~, soils will be mechanically scarified (e.g., tilling or ripping the soil) to an appropriate depth to reduce the potential effects of compaction, to maintain soil productivity, and reduce the potential for erosion on compacted soils. Dry soils should be de-compacted using an agricultural disc, soil ripper, or similar equipment.
- Prior to seeding and/or planting of revegetation areas, ~~In general, the~~ soils ~~needs to~~will be prepared into a firm, fine-textured seedbed that is relatively free of debris ~~before seeding or planting~~. Shallow tilling with a disc, followed by a harrow or drag if necessary, can typically achieve this. If replaced soil is too soft, then seeds may be buried too deep to properly germinate; a roller or culti-packer should be used to pack down the soil.
- In non-cropland temporary disturbance areas, site complexity will be considered during soil preparation. For instance, it may be desirable to purposely create an uneven, patchy site that allows for depressions and other microsites that result in small variations in aspect and moisture holding to promote complexity.
- Seeded areas will be temporarily stabilized to facilitate establishment. This can be accomplished by application of seedless, certified weed-free hydromulch containing a tackifier or straw mulch crimping. Alternate methods ~~such~~ may be proposed by the revegetation and seeding contractor but will require prior written approval by ODOE and must provide demonstrated success in sites with similar wind and soil conditions.
- The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or a designated construction contractor will use mulching and other appropriate practices, as required by the anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit, to control erosion and sediment during construction and revegetation work.

4.4 Revegetation of Permanent ~~Impact~~ Disturbance Areas

During construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement site stabilization measures, including seeding of all disturbed areas according to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit. Approximately 6 months prior to commercial operation of each phase of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODFW, ODOE, and Morrow County Weed Department personnel to review the actual extent and conditions of ~~impact~~disturbed areas and confirm the revegetation methods to be implemented.

As portions of the Facility are ~~After the site has been~~ prepared for installation of ~~facility~~ Facility components (i.e., grading is complete), but prior to installation, all areas with less than 70 percent vegetative cover should be seeded with a non-invasive, non-persistent cover crop ~~(e.g., triticale)~~. The cover crop will be selected based on the time of year and site conditions; for example, winter wheat or sterile triticale can be seeded from fall to early spring, while peas should be seeded in

spring. Tillage radish and sunflowers can be seeded in spring to break up compaction but are not suitable options for soil stability. ~~Establishment of a~~A cover crop ~~at this stage of construction~~ will stabilize soils and suppress noxious weed infestations to reduce erosion and facilitate revegetation of desired plant species.

Following the completion of each construction phase, permanent ~~impact~~ disturbance areas will be reseeded with a mix of native or non-invasive, non-native grasses and forbs as appropriate based on disturbance level and actual site conditions (see Section 4.4). All seeds will be obtained from a reputable supplier in compliance with the Oregon Seed Law (OAR 603-056). The final seed mix for permanent disturbance areas ~~within the solar array fence line area~~ will include low~~er~~ growing grasses and pollinator-friendly forbs compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). Table 3~~Table 3~~ in Section 4.7 includes an example of low-growing seed mix for permanent disturbance areas.

4.5 ~~Restoration~~ Revegetation of Temporary Disturbance Areas

4.5.1 Agricultural Lands

Temporarily disturbed agricultural lands will be reseeded with the appropriate crop or maintained as fallow in consultation with the landowner or farm operator. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ~~also~~ consult with the landowner or farm operator to determine the seed mix, application methods, and rates for seed and fertilizer. Success of cropland revegetation will have been achieved when production of the revegetated area is comparable to that of adjacent, non-disturbed croplands of the same type.

~~Dryland crop~~Agricultural lands will be reseeded to match the timing of the crop rotation on adjacent cropland ~~in order~~ to facilitate easy harvest and re-establish the appropriate crop rotation ~~on that land~~. ~~Dryland crop~~Agricultural lands that will be seeded in the year that construction is complete can be temporarily hydromulched or otherwise stabilized until seeding can occur in the fall; agricultural lands ~~dryland cropland~~ that will be fallow for a year (i.e., fallow rather than reseeded the year construction is complete) will be planted with a cover crop (dependent on timing of construction closeout) or have continued stabilization with hydromulch, straw mulch crimping, or other best management practices ~~(BMPs)~~ through the fallow year.

Soil compaction as a result of construction activity is a concern for restoring agricultural soils to their pre-construction productivity. Within temporary disturbance areas, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will excavate and store ~~soils~~ topsoil separately from subsoil~~by soil horizon~~, so that topsoil~~s~~ ~~are~~ is replaced and restored appropriately~~, including replacing topsoil~~. During post-construction ~~restoration~~revegetation of temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to agricultural ~~areas~~lands, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will loosen agricultural soil by mechanical scarification (tilling or ripping the soil) to an appropriate depth to reduce the potential effects of compaction. Soil amendment, by addition of organic matter (e.g., compost), may also be necessary to alleviate compaction.

Success determination will involve consultation with the landowner or farm operator, and the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report to ODOE on the success of ~~cropland~~ agricultural land ~~restoration~~revegetation efforts. Noxious weed control is necessary for successful revegetation of agricultural ~~crop~~lands and will be implemented per the methods described in the Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan (Exhibit P, Attachment P-3; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6).

4.5.2 Wildlife Habitat

During construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement site stabilization measures, including seeding of temporarily disturbed areas according to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit. Approximately 6 months prior to commercial operation of each phase of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODFW, ODOE, and Morrow County Weed Department personnel to review the actual extent and conditions of temporarily ~~impacted~~ disturbed areas, confirm the revegetation methods to be implemented, and to revisit reference sites as necessary.

Following each construction phase, all areas, with the exception of temporarily disturbed agricultural lands, will be ~~re~~seeded with a mix of native or non-invasive, non-native grasses and forbs (see Section 4.7~~6~~). All seeds will be obtained from a reputable supplier in compliance with the Oregon Seed Law (OAR 603-056). The methods used and timing of planting will be appropriate to the seed mixes, weather conditions, and site conditions (including area size, slope, and erosion potential) based upon consultation with ODOE, ODFW, ODA, and the Morrow County Weed Department.

~~The s~~Seed mixes may include species selected to enhance soil health, such as nitrogen-fixing species, if determined to be appropriate based on coordination with ODOE, ODA, and ODFW. Including these species in the seed mix would help the other plant species thrive and increase long-term survival of desired species. Additionally, the seed mixes include species intended to provide broader ecosystem benefits, such as pollinator species, that will benefit the surrounding landscape. The seed mix for temporarily disturbed areas outside of the solar array fence ~~line area~~ will include taller native species of grasses and pollinator-friendly forbs to increase overall site biodiversity and increase benefits to wildlife and pollinators. Using native~~,~~ or non-invasive non-native pollinator-friendly~~,~~ plants as ground cover under solar panels can also help recharge groundwater, reduce erosion, and improve soil carbon sequestration (Neal~~e~~ and Atre 2020).

4.6 Seeding Methods

The seeding method~~s~~ and timing of planting will be appropriate to the seed mixes (see Section 4.7~~4.6~~), weather conditions (e.g., precipitation, wind speed, temperature, etc.), and site conditions (including area size, slope, and erosion potential) based upon consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, the Morrow County Weed Department, and the seed supplier. Seeding ~~between late-fall and late-winter/early-spring~~from late September to March is typically recommended; however, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE, ODFW, ODA, Morrow County Weed Department, and/or the seed supplier to determine the optimal timing for seed application based on climatic conditions of the particular year when construction and revegetation efforts are implemented.

~~The three c~~Common seed application methods that may be used for revegetation are broadcast seeding, drill seeding, imprint seeding, and hydroseeding; each of these are discussed further below. Other seeding methods may be proposed for review and approval prior to revegetation efforts.

4.6.1 Broadcast Seeding

Broadcast seeding is the application of seed directly to the ground surface. This method may be chosen for areas with shallow and rocky soils, and the type of broadcast spreader would depend on the size of the area to be seeded and the terrain. Broadcast seeding may be completed before or after panel and fence installation.

In this method, the seed mix is typically broadcast at a rate of 20 to 24 pounds pure live seed per acre, or twice the recommended rate for drill seeding; this rate may be adjusted depending on the recommendation of the actual seed supplier and agencies~~would be broadcast using at least the application rates specified by the seed supplier for broadcast seeding~~. When feasible, due to the seasonality of when planting can occur, the entire area will be seeded after grading is complete but before placement of Facility components, providing more flexibility in seed application. In those instances where seeding occurs prior to installation of components, follow-up seeding will occur in areas temporarily disturbed by installation and any areas that are deficient in vegetation from the first round of seeding. Immediately following seed application, hydromulch or certified weed-free straw would be applied. Broadcast seeding will not be employed if winds exceed 5 miles per hour. If certified weed-free straw is unavailable, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or a designated construction contractor will identify a local source of straw. The local source of the straw will be approved by the county weed master and ODFW prior to purchase. This straw will either be crimped into the ground or applied with a tackifier.

4.6.2 Drill Seeding

Drill seeding can be used for larger areas with deeper soils and moderate to gentle terrain to accommodate mechanical equipment. This method provides the advantage of planting the seed at a uniform depth and may provide better soil to seed contact. Drill seeding plants seeds using an agricultural or range seed drill at a rate of 12 to 14 pounds pure live seed per acre, per discussions with a seed supplier and ODFW. The rate may be adjusted depending on the recommendations of the actual seed supplier.~~Using a range seed drill, seeds will be sown according to the application rates recommended by the seed supplier.~~ Drill seeding will be difficult after Facility components have been installed so it will primarily be used if seeding occurs after grading is complete but before components are installed or in areas that were temporarily disturbed during construction that do not have any permanent infrastructure (e.g., temporary access roads, laydown areas).

4.6.3 Imprint Seeding

Imprint seeding is a no-till drill seeding method used to restore grasslands in areas with low annual precipitation. Seeds will be sown at 20 to 24 pounds pure live seed per acre or according to application rates recommended by the seed supplier. The seeder consists of a heavy metal drum roller with V-shaped, angled teeth and a seed agitator box. The teeth create V-shaped troughs with a depth of 4-7 inches to collect rainwater. The rolling drum presses the seed into the soil, insuring good seed-to-soil contact. The troughs collect rainwater for seed germination and seedling growth. Imprint seeders can be used on steep slopes and generally do not require seed bed preparation before seeding. Seeding can occur on soils with light to moderate vegetative cover, with vegetation acting as a mulch to prevent soil erosion until seedlings are established. Imprint seeders do not work well in areas with shrubs or heavy vegetation cover. Heavily compacted soils may need to be ripped or de-compacted before seeding. Imprint seeding will be difficult after solar components have been installed, so it will primarily be used if seeding occurs after grading is complete but before components are installed, or in areas that were temporarily disturbed during construction that do not have any permanent infrastructure (e.g., temporary access roads, laydown areas).

~~4.6.3~~4.6.4 Hydroseeding

Hydroseeding is a method of hydraulically applying seeds, stabilizers, and soil amendments to the surface of the soil. Hydroseeding is most applicable for areas where drill or broadcast seeding machinery cannot access~~,~~; this usually includes steeper sloped or narrow terrain~~,~~ but can be used in all terrains. Hydroseeding is feasible after panel installation but before the Facility is fenced. Soil bed preparation is also crucial for growth success and frequently includes tracking perpendicular to the slope to create micro conditions for seed. Flat grading and compaction are not recommended. Seeding rates increase by 30 to 50 percent of broadcast seeding rates (i.e., 30 pounds pure live seed per acre) ~~or single applications~~ per consultation with the seed supplier and ODFW. Prior to hydroseeding the tackifier and fertilizer, if included, will be reviewed and approved in consultation with ODOE. Fertilizer should not be used when hydroseeding wildlife habitat.

4.7 Seed Mixes

Two seed mixes are proposed for revegetation efforts: one for revegetation of ~~temporarily~~ temporary disturbance~~disturbed~~ areas outside the solar array fence~~ line~~, and one for revegetation of permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas within the solar array fence~~ line~~. Tables 2 and 3 present example seed mixes that would be considered for revegetation. However, the number of seed mixes and composition of~~ the~~ final seed mixes will be determined in consultation with ODOE and ODFW and will be based on pre-construction conditions and~~ the~~ availability of seed at the time of procurement.

Grassland Seed Mix #1 would be appropriate for revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas outside the solar array fence~~ line area~~, with the exception of areas that would be returned to agricultural production following construction (as noted in Section 4.5.1). The example seed mix is presented in Table 2 and contains a mixture of native grasses and native, pollinator-friendly forbs.

This seed mix includes a mixture of deep-rooted grasses and flowering plants as these types of species can capture and filter stormwater, build topsoil, and provide food sources and for native insects (Davis 2021). Forbs included in this seed mix were also chosen based on their bloom period. Including plants that flower throughout the growing season provides a continuous source of nectar and pollen and can attract a variety of pollinators (NRCS 2011).

Table 2. Example Grassland Seed Mix #1

Growth Habit	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Percent of Mix
Grasses	Bluebunch wheatgrass[1]	*Pseudoroegneria spicata*	35
	Sandberg's bluegrass[2]	*Poa secunda* ssp. *secunda*	15
	Bottlebrush squirreltail	*Elymus elymoides*	10
	Needle-and-thread grass[3]	*Hesperostipa comata*	10
Forbs	~~Curlycup~~ Low gumweed	*Grindelia ~~squarrosa~~nana*	5
	Hoary aster	*Dieteria* (*Machaeranthera*) *canescens*	5
	Clover~~Lupine~~	*Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens~~Lupinus leucophyllus, L. sericeus, L. sulphureus~~*	5
	Munro's globemallow[4]	*Sphaeralcea munroana*	5
	Western blue flax	*Linum lewisii*	5
	Yarrow	*Achillea millefolium*	5

1. An alternative to bluebunch wheatgrass is Snake River wheatgrass (*Elymus wawawaiensis*; also sold as "Secar" bluebunch wheatgrass).
2. An alternative to Sandberg's bluegrass is big bluegrass (*Poa secunda* subsp. *juncifolia*; also sold as *P. ampla*).
3.~~,~~ Alternatives to needle-and-thread grass include ~~the native bunchgrass Indian ricegrass (*Achnatherum* [*Oryzopsis*] *hymenoides*) or~~ the non-native bunchgrasses crested wheatgrass (*Agropyron cristatum*) and sheep/hard fescue (*Festuca ovina/F. trachyphylla*).
4. An alternative to Munro's globemallow is blanketflower (*Gaillardia aristata*)

A second grassland seed mix, Grassland Seed Mix #2, is suggested for post-construction revegetation within the solar array fence~~ line area~~, including areas that previously consisted of agricultural lands. The example seed mix presented in Table 3 contains a mixture of low-growing native and non-native grasses and native and non-native pollinator friendly forbs which would be compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). Similar to Grassland Seed Mix #1, this seed mix includes a mixture of deep-rooted grasses and flowering plants that flower throughout the growing season.

Table 3. Example Grassland Seed Mix #2

Growth Habit	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Percent of Mix
Grasses	Sandberg's bluegrass	*Poa secunda* ssp. *secunda*	35

Growth Habit	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Percent of Mix
	Bottlebrush squirreltail, common squirreltail	*Elymus elymoides* ssp. *elymoides*	15
	Desert fescue[1]	*Vulpia microstachys*	10
	Thurber's needlegrass	*Eriocoma (Achnatherum) thurberianum*	10
Forbs	~~Pacific lupine[2]~~Clover	~~*Lupinus lepidus*~~ *Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens*	5
	Bigseed bisuitroot[3][2]	*Lomatium macrocarpum*	5
	Erigeron/fleabane	*Erigeron filifolius, E. linearis,* or *E. pumilus*	5
	Oregon sunshine	*Eriophyllum lanatum*	5
	Snow buckwheat	*Eriogonum niveum*	5
	Wollypod milkvetch	*Astragalus purshii*	5

1. Alternatives to desert fescue are sixweeks fescue (*Vulpia octoflora*) or sheep/hard fescue (*Festuca ovina*/*F. trachyphylla*).
~~2 Alternatives to Pacific lupine are American vetch (*Vicia americana*) or clover (*Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens*).~~
~~3~~2. An alternative to bigseed biscuitroot is longleaf phlox (*Phlox longifolia*).

4.8 Revegetation Methods by Disturbance Level

Revegetation methods for each disturbance level were developed to tailor revegetation to specific conditions (Table 4). Revegetation should follow soil reclamation, site preparation, and seeding methods described in Sections 4.2 through 4.7.

Table 4. Revegetation Methods by Disturbance Level

Disturbance Level	Soil Reclamation	Site Preparation	Seeding
1 – Mowing	Ensure vegetation remains intact.	Retain existing vegetation root systems to prevent erosion. Control weeds.	Seed if necessary to achieve success criteria
2 – Overland Drive and Crush	Measure soil compaction in areas of high vehicle traffic.	Retain existing vegetation root systems and/or mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil in areas of high vehicle traffic if necessary. Control weeds.	Seed if necessary to achieve success criteria
3 – Clear and Cut	Measure soil compaction.	Mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil if necessary. Control weeds.	Required
4 – Clear and Cut with Soil Removal	Measure soil compaction. Stockpile topsoil separately from subsoil and stabilize during construction.	Mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil. Regrade and replace subsoil then topsoil prior to seeding. Control weeds.	Required

5.0 Revegetation Documentation

Records will be kept of revegetation efforts in all temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas. Records will include:

- Date construction phase was completed;
- Acreage of each disturbance level;
- Description and photos of the affected area;
- Date revegetation was initiated;
- Description of the revegetation effort, including methods and timing;
- Supporting figures representing the location, acres affected, and pre-disturbance condition of the revegetation area; and
- Confirmation from the landowner that temporary disturbances in cropland have been satisfactorily restored.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of revegetation efforts. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will update ODOE with these records monthly as revegetation work occurs~~,~~ and will provide ODOE with copies of these records along with submission of the monitoring report that is required by the Site Certificate.

6.0 Monitoring

6.1 Monitoring of Permanent ~~Impact~~ Disturbance Areas

In accordance with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit all areas within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ must be revegetated to stabilize soils for the purposes of erosion and dust pollution control. Pursuant to OAR 345-022-0022, construction and operation of the Facility must not result in significant adverse impacts to soils, including but not limited to, erosion. Pursuant to MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(3), construction or maintenance activities shall not result in the unabated introduction or spread of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species. Therefore, monitoring is required to demonstrate compliance with the above site stabilization and weed control requirements. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ~~conduct~~ monitor~~ing within~~ permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas to assess the following:

- Dominant species composition;
- Relative cover of desirable and undesirable forbs and grasses;
- Percent cover of bare soil;
- Degree of erosion;
- Presence noxious weeds; and

- Qualitative assessment of overall vigor of vegetation within revegetated areas.

~~Monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.~~ Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or revegetation specialist and will begin within 60 days of the completion of ~~the~~ initial site ~~restoration~~revegetation ~~effort~~. Permanent disturbance areas will be monitored using a meander survey. During the meander survey, the surveyor will walk within the solar array fence and document the assessment items listed above using photos and spatial data collection. Areas of erosion and significant patches of bare soil will be mapped and photographed. The surveyor will record dominant species, overall percent cover of forbs and grasses, and general notes about plant vigor.

Monitoring will be conducted at least once per season during the first year following construction. After the first complete year of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced based on revegetation progress. After five years of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE.

6.1.1 Success Criteria

Success criteria outlined below will demonstrate compliance with the soil protection standard (OAR 345-022-0022); NPDES 1200-C permit requirements; and the requirements of MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(4):

- Establish uniform (i.e., evenly distributed, without large bare areas) perennial, non-invasive vegetation that provides 70 percent or more cover on all exposed areas.

Requirements of the soil protection standard and MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(4) apply to the construction and operation of the Facility. Therefore, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall maintain compliance with ~~the~~ revegetation success criteria for all areas within the solar array fence ~~line~~ for the life of the Facility. In each monitoring report, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include an assessment of whether the area within the solar array fence ~~line~~ is meeting or trending toward meeting the revegetation success criteria. Final determination of whether the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is in compliance with the revegetation obligations will be made by ODOE. Remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas may be required in areas that have been determined by ODOE not to have met the success criteria.

6.1.2 Reporting

Monitoring reports will be prepared and submitted to ODOE once per season during the first year following construction. After the first year of monitoring is complete, the reporting cycle will be modified to align with the new monitoring cycle determined in consultation with ODOE. The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of revegetation methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of seed applications and dates revegetation work was performed.

Each monitoring report will include:

- ~~The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of site restoration~~revegetation ~~methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of the seed applications and dates restoration~~revegetation ~~work was performed;~~
- GIS maps of revegetation areas and disturbance levels;
- Monitoring methods;
- Local climatic data (i.e., precipitation, temperature) for the monitoring month and year and percent deviation from the historical average;
- ~~The r~~Results of ~~the~~ monitoring efforts;
- The investigator's assessment of whether the revegetated areas are trending toward meeting the success criteria;
- Assessments of factors impacting the ability of ~~the~~ revegetated area to trend towards meeting the success criteria; and
- Recommendations ~~of~~ for ~~remedial actions~~adaptive management, if any.

6.2 Monitoring of Temporary Disturbance Areas

Following implementation of revegetation efforts, the ~~Applicant~~ Certificate Holder will monitor ~~the~~ temporar~~il~~y disturb~~ed~~ance areas that have been revegetated as described in this section, unless the landowner ~~has~~ converted ~~the~~ an area to ~~land~~ a uses that precludes meeting revegetation success criteria. Qualitative monitoring of revegetated temporary disturbance areas will be conducted at least once per season during the first year post-construction to identify any issues that may affect the success of revegetation such as erosion or weed occurrences. After the first complete year of monitoring, the Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced based on revegetation progress. After 5 years of monitoring, the Certificate Holder will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE. This may include remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas that have been determined by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW, not to have met the success criteria.

~~Monitoring~~ Quantitative monitoring of temporarily disturbed wildlife habitat will be conducted by a qualified botanist or revegetation specialist annually (preferably in May or June) for 5 years beginning the first growing season following initial seeding~~and will begin within 60 days of the completion of the initial site restoration effort~~. Quantitative monitoring methods are described in Section 6.2.2. ~~Monitoring will be conducted at least once per season during the first year following construction. After the first complete year of monitoring, the Applicant will consult with ODOE to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced based on revegetation progress. After five years of monitoring, the Applicant will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE.~~

~~Monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE and ODFW prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.~~

~~This may include remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas that have been determined by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW, not to have met the success criteria.~~

6.2.1 Reference and ~~Monitoring Sites~~ Revegetation Transects

Paired 50-meter reference and revegetation transects will be established for each temporarily disturbed wildlife habitat subtype and category with more than 0.5 acres of temporary disturbance to quantitatively measure progress towards meeting success criteria. Revegetation transects within each habitat subtype will be selected using a stratified randomization process based on existing habitat mapping. ~~To determine if the revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas are meeting success criteria, (see Section 6.1.1), paired monitoring and reference sites will be established in each of the habitat subtypes that will be temporarily disturbed by construction (with the exception of agricultural land).~~ Reference ~~sites~~ transects are intended to represent target conditions for the revegetation effort. Vegetation cover on revegetation transects ~~within monitoring sites in revegetation areas~~ will be compared with ~~those in~~vegetation cover on the associated reference ~~sites~~ transect to measure the success of ~~the~~ revegetation activities. During each assessment, revegetated areas will be compared to reference ~~sites~~ transects based on ~~the~~ success criteria defined in Section -6.2.3~~6.2.1~~.

Transect locations and/or lengths may need to be adjusted to account for linear features whose disturbance footprint may be too narrow or too short to meaningfully place a transect. The number of reference and revegetation transects were determined as follows:

- Less than 0.5 acres of temporary disturbance = 0 sites
- 0.6 to 5 acres of temporary disturbance = 1 site
- 6 to 10 acres of temporary disturbance = 2 sites
- For each additional 10 acres of disturbance, one additional site will be added (e.g., 11-20 acres of disturbance = 3 sites, 21-30 acres = 4 sites, etc.)

~~Per ODFW recommendations on other projects, a minimum of one monitoring site will be located within habitats where temporary disturbances will be less than 5 acres in size. Therefore, one monitoring site and one reference site will be established within each habitat category of temporarily disturbed Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype for a total of three monitoring sites and three reference sites. Preliminary locations of monitoring and reference sites are provided on Figure 1. No monitoring site is proposed for the less than 0.1 acre of temporary impact anticipated to the Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams habitat subtype, although this area will be revegetated if not avoided during final design. Monitoring~~Revegetation and reference ~~sites~~ transects within each habitat subtype and category ~~were~~ will be selected using existing habitat mapping. Additional ~~monitoring~~ transect locations ~~were also~~will be developed ~~chosen within areas of temporarily disturbed Category 4 and 5 Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype~~ as alternat~~ive~~s ~~locations~~ in case one of the selected ~~monitoring or reference site~~ transect locations is deemed unacceptable during the first revegetation monitoring effort. ~~No alternative monitoring or reference site locations were chosen for temporarily disturbed Category 2 Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype because all 0.4 acres of temporary impacts to this habitat subtype and category are located in one area.~~

6.2.2 Quantitative Monitoring Methods

Quantitative monitoring of temporarily disturbed wildlife habitat will be conducted annually (preferably in May or June) for a total of 5 years beginning the first growing season following initial seeding. After 5 years of monitoring, the Certificate Holder will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE. This may include remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas that have been determined by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW, not to have met the success criteria. Revegetation efforts may in some cases be deemed to have failed, and additional mitigation may be proposed in such cases to compensate for loss of wildlife habitat, while revegetation and weed control would continue to apply but without application of success criteria.

During each assessment, vegetation will be measured quantitatively using the line-point intercept (LPI) method combined with a belt transect to document species richness (Elzinga et al. 1998; MacKinnon et al. 2011). The LPI method is described in detail in the Monitoring Manual for Grassland, Shrubland, and Savanna Ecosystems, Volume I (Herrick et al. 2021). The surveyor will drop a narrow pin perpendicular to the ground at 1-meter intervals along a 50-meter transect and record up to four plant species that intercept the pin in order of interception, as well as the soil surface type (bare ground, litter, rock, moss, or biotic crust) where the pin touches the ground. Once all 50 points have been collected, the surveyor will walk back along the transect and record any species within 1 meter on either side of the transect that were not documented previously. The surveyor will take a photo from the transect start point, looking down the length of the transect.

Following field surveys, foliar cover will be determined by multiplying the number of top hits for each species by two. Cover of bare ground will be determined by counting every point in which bare ground was recorded as a surface type and no plants were intercepted and multiply this number by two. Species richness will be determined by counting all the unique species that were recorded at a point or along the belt transect.

~~6.2.2~~6.2.3 Success Criteria

In each monitoring report, the Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will include an assessment of whether the temporarily disturbed revegetated areas are meeting or trending toward meeting the success criteria. Revegetation areas would be deemed successfully revegetated when the success criteria outlined below are met. Success criteria were based on pre-disturbance conditions observed during habitat mapping conducted for the Facility (Exhibit P, Attachment P-1). Final determination of whether the Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ has met the revegetation obligations will be made by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW.

Temporarily disturbed areas will be deemed successfully revegetated when the habitat quality at a monitoring site is equal to or surpasses the habitat quality at the associated reference site, as follows:

- **Native Forbs:** Cover of native and desirable (i.e., species included in seed mixes and/or native species that have naturally colonized) forbs will be at least 75 percent of the reference site within 5 years. Richness of native and desirable forbs will be at least equal to the richness of native forbs measured on the reference site within 5 years.
- **Native and Desirable Grasses:** Cover and richness of native and desirable (i.e., species included in seed mixes and/or native species that have naturally colonized) grass species will be at least 85 percent of the reference site within 5 years.
- **Noxious Weeds:** Presence and cover of noxious weeds is 75 percent or less than that of the reference site.

~~6.2.3~~6.2.4 Reporting

Monitoring reports will be prepared and submitted to ODOE once per season during the first year following construction. Each report will be delivered within the same season that the monitoring was conducted. After the first year of monitoring is complete, the reporting cycle will be modified to align with the new monitoring cycle determined in consultation with ODOE. The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of revegetation methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of the seed applications and dates revegetation work was performed.

Each monitoring report will include:

- ~~The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of site restoration methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of the seed applications and dates restoration work was performed;~~
- GIS maps of revegetation areas and disturbance levels;
- Monitoring methods;
- Local climatic data (i.e., precipitation, temperature) for the monitoring month and year and percent deviation from the historical average;
- ~~The r~~Results of ~~the~~ monitoring efforts;
- Photos of sample plots and representative overview photos of restoration areas;
- The investigator's assessment of whether the revegetated areas are trending toward meeting the success criteria;
- Assessments of factors impacting the ability of ~~the~~ revegetated area to trend towards meeting the success criteria; and
- Recommendations for adaptive management, ~~of remedial actions,~~ if any.

6.3 ~~Remedial Action in Revegetation Areas~~Adaptive Management

After each revegetation monitoring visit in either temporary or permanent disturbance areas, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's qualified investigator will report to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder regarding the revegetation progress of each revegetation area. If applicable, the investigator will make recommendations to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder for reseeding, weed control, or other remedial measures for areas that are not showing progress toward achieving revegetation success. The investigator will provide a description of factors that may be contributing to the lack of revegetation success. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include the investigator's recommendations for ~~remedial actions~~adaptive management and the measures taken in the next monitoring report. ODOE may require reseeding or other remedial measures in cases where success criteria have not been met.

If a revegetation area is damaged by wildfire during the first 5 years following initial seeding, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will amend this ~~plan~~Plan, subject to ODOE approval, to restore the damaged area. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will continue to monitor and report on revegetation progress during the remainder of the 5-year period. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report to ODOE and ODFW the area impacted by the fire (with a map or figure) within 72 hours of discovery.

6.4 Soil Reclamation Monitoring

Soil measurements conducted per Section 4.2 shall be evaluated to determine whether soils within disturbance areas have compaction readings of greater than 300 psi~~are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~. If results show soils have compaction readings of greater than 300 psi, ~~are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~ then remediation activities must be completed before revegetation ~~activities~~ can begin. Prior to initiation of revegetation, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide the results of soil compaction testing to ODOE. ~~ODOE will authorize revegetation to begin when soils are 10 percent or less compacted than the baseline plot.~~

7.0 Plan Amendment

This Plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.~~.~~

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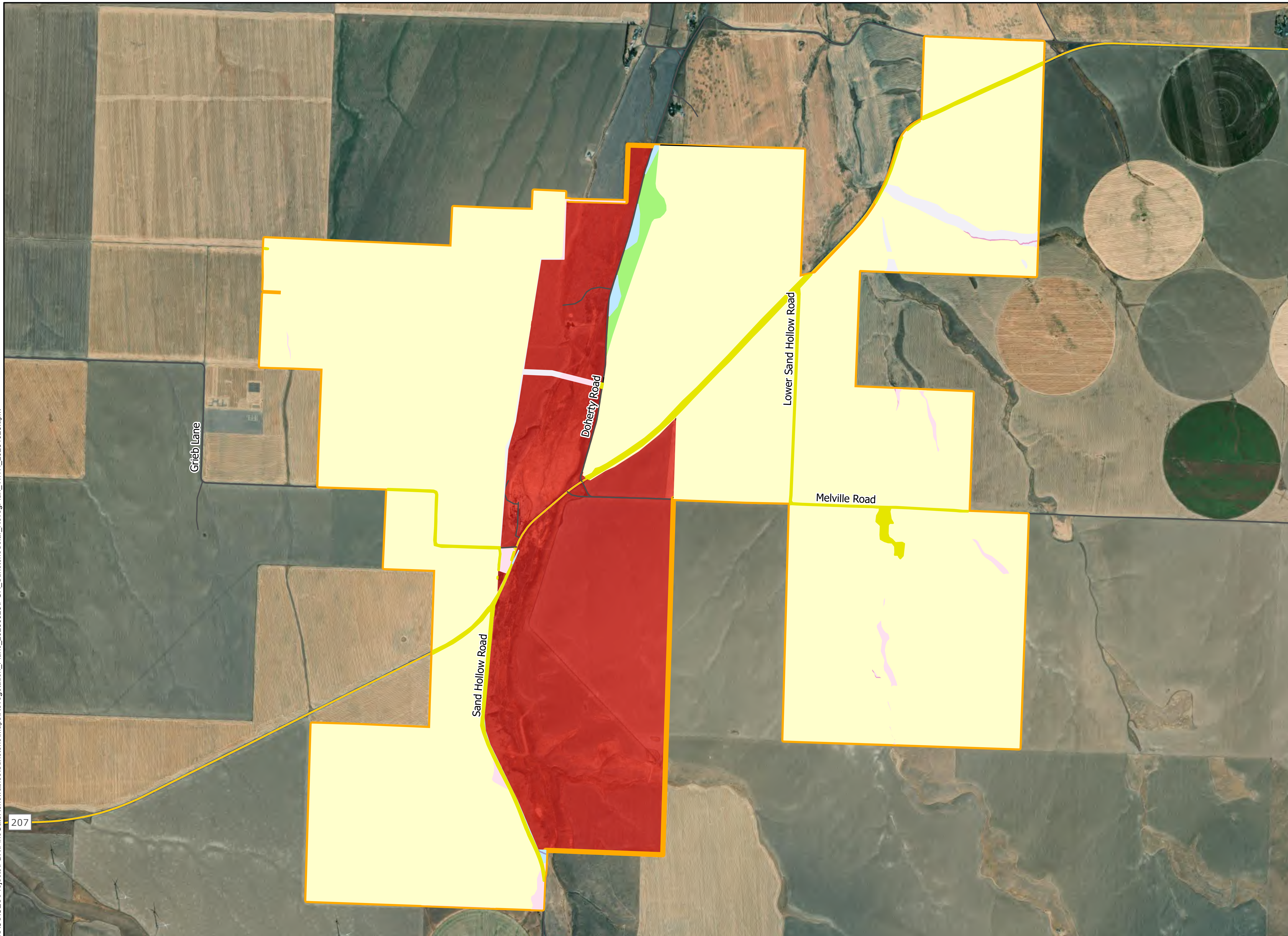

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Figure 1
Sunstone Solar Project 5

MORROW COUNTY, OR

- SS 5 Site Boundary
- Excluded from Development
- Permitted Fenceline
- State Highway
- Local Roads

Habitat Subtypes by Category

Category 2
- Eastside Grasslands

Category 3
- Sagebrush Shrub-steppe

Category 4
- Eastside Grasslands
- Intermittent or Ephemeral Stream

Category 5
- Eastside Grasslands
- Intermittent or Ephemeral Stream

Category 6
- Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crop
- Urban and Mixed Environs

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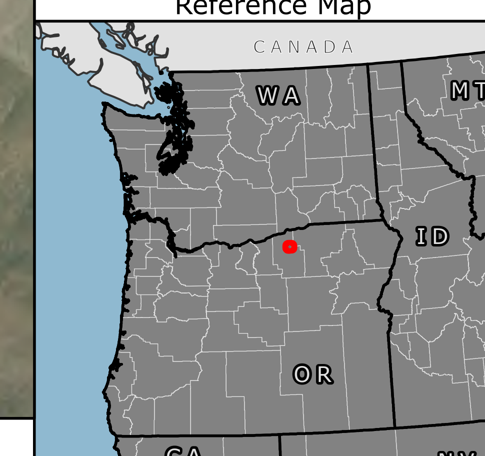
Reference Map



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Attachment H: Draft Amended Habitat Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 5

Draft Habitat Mitigation Plan

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 5, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 5 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate up to 200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a ~~1,~~200 ~~-~~MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities and the anticipated phasing of construction are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1). ~~The Facility site boundary encompasses approximately 10,960 acres and is located entirely on private land. The Facility will connect with the existing Umatilla Electric Cooperative (UEC) 230-kilovolt Blue Ridge Line.~~

This Draft Habitat Mitigation Plan (HMP) describes how the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will mitigate for ~~the~~ unavoidable wildlife habitat ~~impacts~~ disturbance ~~of the~~from Facility construction and therefore, in conjunction with Exhibit P of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[2]), demonstrates how the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will construct and operate the Facility consistent with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy, Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 635-415-0025. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder ~~has~~ conducted habitat categorization surveys and other biological studies that inform habitat categorization in accordance with the ODFW Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy~~,~~ and ~~has~~ avoided and minimized impacts to wildlife and habitat as described in Exhibit P of the ASC. The actual disturbance acres ~~of impacts~~ and ~~the~~ associated mitigation needs will be determined based on the final design ~~by phase~~ and included in an updated HMP prior to construction ~~of any Facility phase~~. If ~~impacts~~ disturbance to all wildlife habitats (i.e., habitat categories 2 through 5) are avoided during final design, no habitat mitigation plan would be ~~needed~~required and in lieu of an updated HMP prior to construction, the Certificate Holder would provide a figure depicting wildlife habitat avoidance for this Facility phase.

2.0 Temporary and Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance~~s~~

Construction and operation of the Facility will result in both permanent and temporary ~~impacts~~disturbance to wildlife and their habitats, although ~~these~~ the ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ ~~have~~ has

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

been minimized considerably as described in Exhibit P of the ASC. Due to the multi-year construction schedule of the Facility, both permanent and temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to fish and wildlife habitat will occur in phases over this time period.

Permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas are those that will be converted from the existing condition to a different condition for the life of the Facility. The entire ~~solar array~~ area within the fence ~~line~~ is considered permanently ~~impacted~~ disturbed and includes all solar components. Although it is considered permanently disturbed~~impacted~~, vegetation within the solar array area fence ~~line~~ will be retained and/or planted following construction and as a result there will be residual ~~(and in some cases improved)~~ value of these areas to wildlife.

Temporary ~~impact~~disturbance areas include ~~temporary impacts from the~~ underground collector lines and transmission lines outside the solar array area fence ~~line~~, as well as temporary ~~impacts~~ disturbance around the outside ~~of the~~ perimeter fencing. Restoration of the temporary ~~impact~~disturbance areas will occur following construction, as will revegetation within portions of the solar array area fence line not occupied by permanent infrastructure. The duration of temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to habitat will vary by habitat subtype. For example, the recovery period for temporarily disturbed agricultural areas could be as short as 1 to 3 years and grasslands generally recover within 3 to 7 years. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will restore temporary ~~impact~~disturbance areas consistent with the Draft Revegetation Plan; therefore, temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ will be mitigated through successful implementation of the Draft Revegetation Plan (Attachment P-4 to Exhibit P; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6).

Table 1 lists the acres that will be permanently or temporarily ~~impacted~~ disturbed by ~~the~~ Facility construction based on the ~~current~~ permitted design ~~for all phases~~, organized by habitat category and subtype. These habitats are described in Exhibit P of the ASC and in ~~the~~ biological survey reports attached to Exhibit P (Exhibit P, Attachment P-1). Table 1 will be updated prior to construction to reflect the final disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout.

Table 1. Temporary and Permanent ~~Impacts~~ Disturbance by Habitat Category and Habitat Subtype

Habitat Category	Habitat Subtype	Disturbance (Acres)[1]	
		Permanent ~~Acres Impacted~~	Temporary ~~Acres Impacted~~
2	Eastside Grasslands	<0.1	0.4
	~~Total~~ Category 2 Habitat Subtotal	**<0.1**	**0.4**
4	Eastside Grasslands	17.9	2.7
	Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams	-	<0.1
	~~Total~~ Category 4 Habitat Subtotal	**17.9**	**2.7**
5	Eastside Grasslands	~~18.5~~13.8	2.1~~2~~
	Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams	-	<0.1
	~~Total~~ Category 5 Habitat Subtotal	**~~18.5~~13.8**	**2.1~~2~~**

6	Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops	~~9,397.4~~3,069.3	~~51.3~~25.8~~7~~
	Urban and Mixed Environs	~~7.7~~2.0	~~1.2~~0.8~~6~~
	~~Total~~ Category 6 Habitat Subtotal	**~~9,405.1~~3,071.3**	**~~52.6~~26.6~~4~~**
	Grand Total	**~~9,441.5~~3,103.0**	**~~57.8~~~~27.5~~31.8**

Note:
Totals in this table may not sum correctly due to rounding; "-" means no ~~impact~~ disturbance while <0.1 means greater than zero but less than 0.05 acre~~s~~ ~~impact~~disturbance.
1. Disturbance acres were calculated based on the layout permitted in the ASC and will be updated prior to construction.

3.0 Methods for Calculating Mitigation

Table 2 shows the methods for calculating mitigation required for permanent ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ based on the permitted layout. No mitigation is proposed for temporary ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ beyond ~~the restoration of~~ habitat revegetation. No mitigation is required for ~~impacts~~ disturbance to Category 6 areas.

Prior to construction ~~of any phase~~ of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide an estimate, in tabular format, of ~~the acres of~~ permanent ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ acres and mitigation ratios shown in Table -2 to provide an updated estimate of mitigation needs ~~for that phase~~.

Table 2. Mitigation Calculation

Habitat Category	Permanent ~~Impacts~~ Disturbance (acres)[1]	Mitigation Ratio[2]	Mitigation Need	Mitigation Description
~~Category~~ 4	17.9	1:1	17.9	The mitigation goal for Category 4 habitat is to provide no net loss in quantity or quality. Mitigation can be in-kind or out-of-kind, in-proximity or off-proximity mitigation.
~~Category~~ 5	~~18.5~~13.8	0.5:1	~~9.3~~6.9	The mitigation goal for Category 5 habitat is to provide net benefit in habitat quantity or quality. The mitigation strategy is actions that improve habitat conditions.
Grand Total	-	-	**~~27.2~~24.8**	--

1. Acres of permanent ~~impact~~ disturbance requiring mitigation, which excludes habitat types and categories with less than a 0.05 acre mitigation need as well as Category 6 areas.
2. Acres mitigation per acres ~~impacted~~disturbed.

4.0 Mitigation

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes to contribute funding to supplement ongoing conservation work being conducted by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Morrow County to meet ~~the~~ mitigation needs of the Facility. This funding will allow additional conservation actions to occur that would not otherwise be conducted and would therefore benefit wildlife in the area. Supplementing existing conservation efforts will provide a greater benefit to wildlife across the landscape than creating a new easement not connected to an existing conservation area with known wildlife use. TNC identified the Lindsay Prairie Preserve, located less than 2 miles west of the Facility, as a potentially suitable site for Facility mitigation. The Lindsay Prairie Preserve is a 376-acre site owned by TNC since 1987 that is protected for restoration and preservation of native vegetation and wildlife. The preserve is a mix of grasslands and sagebrush communities that supports a large and consistent population of Washington ground squirrel (WAGS; *Urocitellus washingtoni*) ~~(Appendix A)~~. In August 2018, a wildfire burned approximately 111 acres of the preserve, removing nearly all the sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*) and bitterbrush (*Purshia tridentata*) shrubs from the affected area. Thus, the site would benefit from habitat enhancements focused on restoring habitat that burned in 2018.

4.1 Site Description

According to TNC ~~and as detailed in Appendix A~~, ~~the~~ habitat within the Lindsay Prairie Preserve is considered Category 1 per the ODFW Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy due to the presence of WAGS (personal communication with Jen Langevin, TNC Columbia Basin Program Manager, December 28, 2023). If WAGS were not present at the site, the habitat alone would be considered Category 2 native perennial grassland. ~~As noted in Appendix A,~~ TNC collected vegetation data in 2021 in two macroplots within the ~~27-acre area proposed as mitigation for the Facility~~proposed mitigation area; at that time, cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) was in less than 50 percent of the 1-meter plots, while perennial grasses, such as bluebunch wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spicata*), was in greater than 85 percent of plots and Sandberg bluegrass (*Poa secunda*) was in greater than 98 percent of plots. The dominant grass observed was Sandberg bluegrass, with a diverse forb community also present, including the following species: milkvetch species (*Astragalus purshii* and *Astragalus lentiginous*), woolly plantain (*Plantago patagonica*), lomatium species (*Lomatium macrocarpum* and *Lomatium triternatum*), pussytoes (*Antennaria dimorpha*), phlox (*Phlox longifolia*), flax (*Linum lewisii*), slender hawksbeard (*Crepius atribarba*), and shaggy fleabane (*Erigeron pumilis*). Non-native or introduced forb species were present at a much lower percent frequency compared to native forb species ~~(Appendix A)~~. These data were collected 3 years after the wildfire in 2018 demonstrating a plant community resilient to disturbances such as wildfire, a unique trait in the local area.

4.2 Habitat Enhancements

As described in Section 3.0 above, approximately 18 acres of habitat mitigation are needed for Facility impacts to Category 4 habitat (goal of no net loss) and ~~9~~ 7 acres of habitat mitigation are needed for Facility ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ to Category 5 habitat (goal of net benefit). Typically, mitigation for ~~impacts~~ disturbance to Category 5 habitat includes less uplift or enhancement effort than mitigation for Category 4 habitat, given that Category 5 habitat does not have a no net loss goal. However, due to the few total number of acres needed for Facility mitigation, TNC requested that all ~~the~~ mitigation acreage be considered Category 4 for the purpose~~s~~ of performing habitat enhancements to simplify ~~the~~ logistics of mitigation implementation. Therefore, ~~the~~ proposed mitigation habitat enhancements include treatment of the entire ~~27-acre~~mitigation area at a level consistent with Category 4 mitigation goals, as described below.

Mitigation proposed to be conducted at the Lindsay Prairie Preserve includes funding of chemical purchase and application for annual grass treatment and planting shrub plugs ~~on approximately 27 acres~~ as follows:

- Treatment 1 (Year 1): fall aerial application of imazapic (i.e., Plateau) and indaziflam (i.e., Rejuvra) to reduce competition from invasive annual grasses.
- Treatment 2 (Year 1): winter planting of sagebrush and bitterbrush plugs at 300 shrubs per acre~~ for a total of 8,100 plugs~~. Exact species ratios will be determined prior to mitigation implementation.
    - In TNC's experience performing restoration at the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility - Boardman and at the Boardman Conservation Area, the average survival of sagebrush plugs is about 50 percent and ~~the~~ establishment of bitterbrush is extremely challenging with a survival rate significantly lower than sagebrush. Therefore, TNC proposed two times the ideal number of shrubs per acre to account for this anticipated survival rate.
- Treatment 3 (Year 3, 4, or 5): follow-up aerial application of Plateau and Rejuvra to continue a reduction in competition of invasive annual grasses to allow shrubs to become established.

Mitigation for both Category 4 and Category 5 habitat can be in-kind or out-of-kind, and in-proximity or off-proximity mitigation as defined by the ODFW Habitat Mitigation Policy. This proposed mitigation would provide in-kind and in-proximity mitigation considering the Facility would ~~impact~~ disturb grassland habitat and this mitigation would provide uplift to grassland habitat~~,~~ and considering the mitigation site's close proximity to the Facility. By mitigating both Category 4 and 5 habitat ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ with treatments sufficient to meet the ODFW mitigation goal for Category 4 habitat and including shrub plantings in addition to herbicide application to address the local need for post-fire shrub recovery at the Lindsay Prairie Preserve, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is going above and beyond the minimum mitigation need for Facility ~~impacts~~ disturbance under the ODFW Habitat Mitigation Policy.

5.0 Monitoring

The treatment area would be monitored for 5 to 6 years to document pre- and post-treatment conditions. This monitoring would be designed to document changes in species diversity and composition. Monitoring would be funded by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and conducted by the TNC or its contractors ~~-~~and the results of monitoring would be reported to ODFW and the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) following each monitoring effort.

To document pre- and post-treatment conditions, baseline monitoring would be conducted during the growing season in the area to be treated in Year 0, followed by post-treatment monitoring during the growing season in Years 1 through 5, and possibly 6 (depending on the timing of the third treatment). Monitoring would occur for at least one-year post-application of the third treatment. TNC ~~has~~ established long-term vegetation monitoring macroplots ~~(see Appendix A)~~ on the Lindsay Prairie Preserve where frequency data are collected. Two of these plots are within the proposed ~~27-acre~~ mitigation area (i.e., treatment area) and could be utilized for a portion of the monitoring protocol to determine the efficacy of the herbicide treatments. Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide ODOE and ODFW with a copy of the monitoring protocol, which will be developed in coordination with TNC and subject to ODOE approval. Following ODOE approval, this plan will be amended to incorporate the monitoring protocol.

The mitigation treatments would be considered successful when all treatments have been performed and documented in accordance with the methods described in this HMP.

After initial monitoring of treatments is complete in Year 5 or 6, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will continue to monitor the site every 5 years thereafter in years divisible by five for the life of the Facility to confirm the site is being maintained at the same habitat category or better as compared to the baseline condition of the mitigation area. This reporting will serve to demonstrate the Facility's mitigation needs are being met throughout the life of the Facility. If the habitat quality of the mitigation area shows evidence of decline the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will investigate the cause of the decline and consult with ODOE and ODFW to develop appropriate adaptive management measures to restore baseline habitat quality.

6.0 Legal Instrument

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide a map of the mitigation area to ODOE along with a copy of the legal agreement between TNC and the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder that describes the scope of mitigation work and the legally enforceable mechanism to ensure implementation of mitigation consistent with the ODFW Habitat Mitigation Policy. The legal instrument will include assurance of durability for the life of the Facility to ensure the mitigation property will remain habitat if TNC ceases to own or manage the land prior to decommissioning of the Facility. The legal instrument will also contain an assurance that the land covered under the agreement will not be used to satisfy any other mitigation obligations other than those pertaining to this Facility. The final mitigation acreage, location, and treatments will be based on final Facility habitat ~~impact~~disturbance~~s~~ and mitigation site conditions at the time of implementation and be sufficient to satisfy the ODFW Habitat Mitigation Policy Goals for ~~impacts~~ disturbance to Category 4 and 5 habitat. This HMP will be updated, in coordination with ODOE, to reflect any changes in mitigation prior to construction of any Facility phase as described in Section 7.0, below, and consistent with the legal agreement between the TNC and the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder at that time.

7.0 Amendment of the HMP

The HMP may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.

~~Appendix A: The Nature Conservancy Recommendation for Sunstone Solar Project Mitigation Plan (Confidential)~~

~~This appendix contains confidential and privileged information and is therefore not included in this document. It is provided under separate cover.~~

Attachment I: Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 5
Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan

This plan identifies the minimization measures that will be implemented during facility construction to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential adverse impacts to state sensitive species with a potential to occur within the site.

> Note: several measures that would minimize potential impacts to wildlife species, including noxious weed control, vegetation management and habitat mitigation, are not included in this plan because they are covered in other conditions of the site certificate.

The measures included in this plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the certificate holder and EFSC. Such amendments may be made without an amendment of the Site Certificate. The Council authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan and to mitigation actions that may be required under this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments and mitigation actions, and the Council retains the authority to approve, reject or modify any amendment of this plan or mitigation action agreed to by ODOE.

1. During facility construction, 20 mile per hour speed limit signs shall be posted within the perimeter fence line; onsite contractors and personnel shall adhere to the 20 miles per hour speed limit on all facility access roads (excluding public roads).

2. Prior to and during facility construction, the certificate holder shall require all onsite contractors and personnel to complete site specific worker environmental training. This training shall include information regarding the sensitive biological resources including potentially occurring listed and sensitive species, individual responsibilities associated with the facility, and the consequences of non-compliance. Written material will be provided to employees at orientation and participants will sign an attendance sheet documenting their participation.

3. If construction will occur between March 1 and August 15 the certificate holder shall:
   a. Complete raptor nest occupancy surveys at least once per month between March 1 and May 31 to identify active nests. Surveys shall be based on a protocol approved by the Department in consultation with ODFW; and,
   b. Submit to the Department a construction plan (schedule) that demonstrates construction activities will not occur within the buffer zones established in 4) during the sensitive nesting and breeding season.

4. During construction, the certificate holder shall flag and avoid, or develop constraints mapping to ensure avoidance, of ground-disturbing activities within the buffer of any active nest site. Active nest sites shall be determined based on the preconstruction raptor nest surveys, as applicable, depending on the duration of construction.

Special Status Species	Buffer Size (Radius Around Nest Site):	Sensitive Nesting and Breeding Season
American kestrel	500 feet	March 1 to June 15

Ferruginous hawk	0.5 mile	March 15 to August 15
Golden eagle	0.5 – 1 mile	February 1 to August 15
Peregrine falcon	0.25 mile	January 1 to July 1
Red-tailed hawk	0.10 mile	March 1 to August 15
Swainson's hawk	0.25 mile	April 1 to August 15
Western burrowing owl	0.25 mile	April 1 to August 15
Other hawks and owls	0.25 mile	March 1 to August 15

Attachment J: Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 5
Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 5, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 5 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The ~~proposed~~ approved Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities and the anticipated phasing of construction are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan (WMP) describes wildlife monitoring the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct during operation of the Facility. This WMP has the following components:

1. Raptor nest surveys
2. Washington ground squirrel (WAGS; *Urocitellus washingtoni)* monitoring
3. Wildlife Reporting and Handling System (WRHS)
4. Data reporting

This WMP will be updated, as necessary, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and will be updated as needed to reflect the final layout of the Facility.

2.0 Raptor Nest Surveys

The objectives of raptor nest surveys are: (1) to count raptor nests on the ground or above ground at the Facility; and (2) to determine whether there are noticeable changes in nesting activity in the local populations of raptor species, with particular focus on Swainson's hawks (*Buteo swainsoni*), the only state sensitive raptor species documented nesting during baseline surveys.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct long-term ground-based monitoring of nests identified during the baseline raptor nest surveys, as well as any other nests identified subsequently. The ground-based surveys will be used to evaluate nest success by gathering data on nest occupancy. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ qualified personnel to perform raptor nest surveys.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

2.1 Initial Monitoring

The first monitoring season will be in the first full raptor nesting season after the commercial operating date. During the first monitoring season, the surveyor will conduct one ground survey for raptor nests in late May or early June and additional surveys as described in this section. The ground surveys will be conducted within the site boundary to determine nest occupancy.

All nests discovered during the anticipated pre-construction surveys and any nests discovered during post-construction surveys, whether active or inactive, will be given identification numbers. Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates will be recorded for each nest. Locations of inactive nests will be recorded because they could become occupied during future years.

After the first monitoring season, the surveyor will analyze this one year of data compared to the baseline data. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide a summary of the first-year results in the monitoring report described in Section 5.0.

2.2 Long-Term Monitoring

The surveyor will conduct raptor nest surveys at 5-year intervals for the life of the Facility.[2] The surveyor will conduct~~-~~ long-term raptor nest surveys following the methods described in Section ~~-~~2.3 every 5 years after the first monitoring season in years divisible by 5. This may result in a greater than 5-year period between the initial monitoring season and the first long-term monitoring season (e.g., if the initial monitoring season is 2028, the first long-term monitoring season would be 2035 rather than 2033). During each long-term monitoring event biologists will visit all previously identified nest locations in addition to searching the survey area for new nest sites.

In conducting long-term surveys, the surveyor will follow the same survey protocols as the initial survey (Section 2.3), unless the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes alternative protocols that are approved by ODOE. In developing an alternative protocol, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODFW and ODOE and will take into consideration other raptor nest monitoring conducted in adjacent or overlapping areas.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will analyze the data to identify any trends in the number of raptor breeding attempts the Facility supports and the success of those attempts. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will submit a report after each year of long-term raptor nest surveys.

2.3 Monitoring Protocol

Qualifications of surveyors: Surveys and nest monitoring will be conducted by professional, qualified biologists with a relevant academic background and sufficient field experience pertaining to avian biology and species identification.

[2] As used in this plan, "life of the Facility" means continuously until the Facility is restored and the site certificate is terminated in accordance with OAR 345-027-0110.

Survey period: Occupancy surveys will be conducted between March 1 and May 31. The survey period may be extended in consultation with ODFW and ODOE.

Survey area: The survey area will be limited to leased parcels within the Site Boundary, where surveyor access is granted. Surveys will be performed from public roads and project roads, or from participating landowner parcels only, as site conditions safely permit (e.g. snow, mud).

Survey protocol: Biologists will conduct a ground-based search for raptor nest activity using binoculars and/or spotting scopes to search potential nest sites. Previously identified nests will be surveyed to determine the occupancy status of nests. New nests that are discovered will also be surveyed~~,~~ and visited in future monitoring years. A log will be kept to track nest occupancy status on all nests. ArcGIS Online or similar GIS program will be used to locate and track the nests.

Data collection: Data collected during the survey will include, at a minimum, the location, occupancy status, occupying species, activity observed, and condition of each nest.

Nest Location: Nest/Burrow Identification Number: Existing IDs will be used where possible in addition to corresponding GPS waypoint numbers.

Occupying Species: Using four-letter American Ornithologists' Union codes (e.g., SWHA = Swainson's hawk).

Raptor Activity:

- Adult Present: Proximity of the adult to the nest (e.g., on nest, nearby, or unknown).
- Eggs or Young: Number of eggs or young observed.
- Nest Substrate: Structure in which nest was located (e.g., broadleaf tree, cut bank, transmission pole, etc.).
- Nest Height: Height relative to the structure it is on (e.g., on top of transmission pole, 3/4 of height of tree).

Nest Condition: To assess nest condition the following criteria will be used:

- No Longer Present: For nests that are no longer present.
- Unknown: The nest cannot be found, was not surveyed, or the nest is present, but because of its location a determination cannot be made.
- Excellent: Defined cup or nest bowl with a well-maintained rim; adult or young present.
- Good: Nest bowl intact and rim defined; minor repair needed for nest to be used; margins of nest in loose configuration, minor slumping occurring.
- Fair: Nest bowl intact and nest not dilapidated; but needs significant repair in order to be used; material is slumping or sliding.
- Poor: Loose structure of nest bowl still present; nest walls and side falling out; nest is in need of major repair to be used.
- Remnant: Nest bowl not defined; scant material remaining and not usable unless fully rebuilt.

Determination of active nests: Nest occupancy status will be determined using the definitions below.

Active: Defined by the presence of one or more eggs, dependent young, or adults on the nest in the past 10 days during the breeding season, including the period when adults are displaying courtship behaviors and are building or adding to the nest in preparation for egg-laying.

Potentially Active: There is not observable activity during the visit, but active status cannot be confirmed.

Inactive: The inactive status will only be determined if the nest is observed for at least one hour each time over the course of two consecutive visits separated by at least one day.

3.0 Washington Ground Squirrel Monitoring

No WAGS were detected during baseline surveys, but any new colonies that are detected incidentally during other surveys, such as raptor nest monitoring, will be documented and the extent of those colonies delineated and included in future WAGS monitoring and reporting activities.

If any incidental WAGS are detected, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ qualified personnel to monitor these locations every 5 years thereafter in years divisible by five for the life of the Facility (i.e., on the same monitoring schedule as the raptor nest surveys). The survey area will include the colonies (i.e., groups of active burrows) and a buffer of 785 feet in suitable habitat, if accessible. The surveyors will walk linear transects spaced 165 to 230 feet (50 to 70 meters) apart two times between February 15 and May 31. Surveys of each location will be spaced at least 2 weeks apart. Surveyors will record locations of activity centers and colony boundaries using a sub-meter accuracy GPS unit; approximate number of burrows; and representative photographs of burrows and scat. Surveyors will describe habitat characteristics at each location and note any noticeable land use or habitat changes that may have occurred since detection.

After each survey, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report the results to ODFW and ODOE and will include maps of the areas surveyed and detection locations. WAGS surveys will not be conducted if there are barriers to WAGS dispersal (i.e., active agriculture fields, highways, perennial waterbodies) or no suitable habitat.

4.0 Wildlife Reporting and Handling System

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will document fatalities found during routine maintenance activities and any other incidentally detected fatalities. However, systematic post-construction fatality monitoring studies are not likely to produce significant findings or provide meaningful data on impacts based on the attributes of this Facility (especially relative to the costs that they incur to implement) as described below, and therefore no systematic post-construction fatality monitoring study is proposed for the Facility nor is one needed to meet the standards under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-022-0060. In a December 2023 meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and ODOE, ODFW stated they are not requesting a post-construction fatality monitoring study for the Facility. If evidence of significant fatality events is detected by operations and maintenance (O&M) staff, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will coordinate with

ODOE and ODFW regarding the need for systematic post-construction fatality monitoring and adaptive management.

Although mortality at the Facility due to collision with infrastructure is possible, as it is with most human development (e.g., buildings), the available literature on avian mortality at utility-scale photovoltaic solar energy sites suggests that mortality at these facilities is comparatively low (Walston et al. 2016, Loss et al. 2014, Kosciuch et al. 2020, Smith et al. 2021). In Oregon, results of a fatality study at a 56-MW photovoltaic facility near Prineville detected only three bird fatalities, only two of which were native birds (i.e., a horned lark [*Eremophila alpestris*] and a dark-eyed junco [*Junco hyemalis*]), during 1 year of standardized searches (ODOE 2020). These results suggest that large fatality events are unlikely at photovoltaic solar facilities in the region but that low numbers of fatalities of common ground-dwelling bird species could be detected at the Facility (ODOE 2020), and may be similar to background mortality levels. Post-construction fatality monitoring studies conducted at utility-scale photovoltaic solar facilities to date have reported lower fatality rates compared to other human development types, with fatalities in general primarily composed of resident ground-nesting birds.

In contrast to wind energy development, impacts to wildlife from photovoltaic solar development are primarily associated with habitat loss rather than direct mortality from collisions. The Facility is located almost entirely on wheat fields, and impacts to wildlife habitat will be minimal, restricted primarily to small tracts of disturbed grasslands. This habitat will be mitigated in accordance with ODFW's Habitat Mitigation Policy (OAR 635-415-0025), as described in the Facility's Exhibit P and Habitat Mitigation Plan (Attachment P-2 to Exhibit P; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will adhere to standard best management practices including following Avian Powerline Interaction Committee guidelines for minimizing avian collisions and electrocutions (APLIC 2006, 2012), primarily burying the medium voltage collector line system, and implementing down-shield lighting for permanent lighting at the substations and O&M buildings, and identifying a licensed local wildlife rehabilitator capable of responding to the Facility in the event of injured wildlife. Based on coordination with ODFW, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will additionally install flight diverters on the overhead collector line that crosses Sand Hollow. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will use wildlife-friendly fencing that does not include a top strand. Thus, the Facility has already minimized the risk of avian collision fatalities, based on known risk factors such as lighting (Gehring et al. 2009; Kerlinger et al. 2010; USFWS 2012, 2013).

Additionally, post-construction fatality monitoring is not necessary for the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder to meet the standards under OAR 345-022-0060 (i.e., that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are consistent with the general fish and wildlife habitat mitigation goals and standards of OAR 635-415-0025, ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy) because the mitigation goals and standards relate to fish and wildlife habitat quality and quantity rather than fatalities of fish and wildlife individuals. OAR 635-415-0025 goals and standards for impacts to Category 2, 3, 4, and 5 habitat (i.e., the habitat categories addressed in the Facility's Habitat Mitigation Plan) include avoidance and, where impacts are unavoidable, mitigation to achieve the goal of no net loss of either habitat quantity or quality (Category 2, 3 and 4 habitat) and/or a net benefit in habitat quantity or quality (Category 2 and 5

habitat). Fatality monitoring, in itself, does not improve or maintain habitat quantity or quality, nor would the results of monitoring affect the habitat mitigation ratios or the size of the mitigation need described in the Facility's Habitat Mitigation Plan attached to Exhibit P and Attachment 6 for RFA 1. Therefore, a systematic post-construction fatality monitoring study is not necessary for the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) to determine that the Facility is consistent with OAR 635-415-0025

Although standardized fatality searches will not be implemented, all incidentally detected fatalities will be reported in the WRHS. The WRHS is a program for O&M staff to report wildlife (including bird and bat) casualties found during operation of the Facility. O&M staff will be trained in the methods needed to carry out this program. This monitoring program includes the initial response, handling, and reporting of bird and bat carcasses discovered incidental to maintenance operations ("incidental finds"). Approximately 10 permanent O&M staff are anticipated to be on-site for Facility operations and be responsible for WRHS program implementation. If a battery energy storage system is installed, additional workers will be on-site, but they will likely be contract employees and will not be included in WRHS program implementation. As part of routine O&M activities, O&M staff will visit each inverter pad approximately every 6 months to visually inspect equipment. If evidence of significant fatality events is detected by O&M staff, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will coordinate with ODOE and ODFW regarding the need for systematic post-construction fatality monitoring.

All carcasses discovered by O&M staff will be photographed and recorded. If O&M staff find a carcass at the Facility, they will notify qualified personnel who will identify the carcass. If the qualified personnel determines that a carcass is a state or federally threatened or endangered or otherwise protected species, agency reporting procedures and timelines specified in Section 5.0 shall be followed. Information recorded for each carcass and reported to ODFW and ODOE will include the location, date of discovery, species if known, as well as any evidence that might assist in determination of cause of death, such as evidence of electrocution, vehicular strike, wire strike, predation, or disease. Based on coordination with ODFW, feather spots[3] will be documented if found as well, consistent with industry standards; however, feather spots will not necessarily be attributed to a Facility-caused fatality (personal communication with J. Thompson, ODFW, December 13, 2023). Fatalities documented by O&M staff will be reported to ODOE and ODFW annually, as described in Section 5.0.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will develop and implement a protocol for handling injured birds. Any injured native birds found at the Facility may be carefully captured by trained qualified personnel and transported to a qualified rehabilitation specialist approved by ODOE. Alternatively, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may contact a qualified rehabilitation specialist approved by ODOE to respond to injured wildlife. Blue Mountain Wildlife (https://bluemountainwildlife.org/, 541.278.0215), located in Pendleton, Oregon, has confirmed the ability to respond to injured native wildlife, especially migratory birds, at the Facility (Lynn Tompkins, personal communication, April 11, 2023). The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will pay costs,

[3] Feather spots are defined as at least 5 tail feathers, or 2 primary feathers, or a total of at least 10 feathers with no attached bone or tissue, within 5 meters of each other (CEC and CDFG 2007).

if any, charged for time and expenses related to care and rehabilitation of injured native birds found on the site, unless the cause of injury is clearly demonstrated to be unrelated to Facility operations.

5.0 Data Reporting

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report wildlife monitoring methods, data, and data analysis to ODOE for each calendar year in which wildlife monitoring occurs. Monitoring data include raptor nest survey data, WAGS monitoring data (if applicable), and WRHS data. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may include the reporting of wildlife monitoring data and analysis in the annual report required under OAR 345-026-0080 or submit this information as a separate document at the same time the annual report is submitted. In addition, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide to ODOE data or records generated in carrying out this WMP upon request by ODOE.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and ODFW if any federal or state endangered or threatened species are killed or injured at the Facility within 24 hours of species identification.

6.0 Plan Amendment

This WMP may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and EFSC. Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this WMP. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.

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Attachment K: Draft Inadvertent Discovery Plan

Inadvertent Discovery Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 5

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Pine Gate Renewables (PGR) proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 5 (Facility), a solar energy generation facility with related or supporting facilities including an energy storage system on private lands in Morrow County, Oregon. PGR seeks a Site Certificate through the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) for the Facility. The Facility will include an up to ~~1,~~200-megawatt (MW) solar project, battery energy storage system, and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1). The ~~proposed~~ approved solar facility siting area (Facility site boundary) ~~will include approximately 10,960 acres of~~is located on privately owned agricultural land with areas of sage brush near the drainages and along Sand Hollow Canyon.

To meet the requirements for site certification, PGR must develop an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) for monitoring construction activities and responding to the discovery of archaeological resources or buried human remains.

2.0 CULTURAL RESOURCES IN THE PROJECT AREA

The entirety of the Facility site boundary and a 2-mile viewshed was surveyed for cultural resources, including pedestrian surveys along with subsurface shovel probing within the Facility site boundary. A total of five~~seven~~ archaeological site~~s, one archaeological site with standing structures, and three isolated finds~~ were identified in the Facility site boundary. All have been recommended as not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). In addition, ~~two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs), Sand Hollow Battleground and Sisupa,~~ one historic site is ~~are~~ identified in ~~the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) archaeological database as overlapping a portion of~~ the Facility site boundary. The ~~HPRCSITs are~~historic site is eligible for listing on the NRHP.

~~Due to the presence of two culturally important resource areas to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) within the Facility site boundary and its viewshed, the CTUIR has recommended monitoring to protect potential HPRCSIT-associated subsurface resources. The CTUIR has recommended that monitoring occur in the following areas:~~

~~Within the HPRSCIT boundaries and a 100-foot surrounding buffer area, monitoring should occur for all ground disturbing activities, except driving posts for the solar modules; and~~

~~Monitoring should occur within the Facility site boundary for all excavation work related to the proposed 3-foot-deep collector cable system.~~

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

Prior to construction, PGR will develop a Monitoring Plan that incorporates this IDP and includes necessary staff, agency, and tribal contact information once determined. This plan should include monitoring protocols and staffing roles and incorporate input from the CTUIR.

3.0 PROCEDURES FOR THE DISCOVERY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

If any staff, contractors, or subcontractors, including archaeological and/or tribal monitors, believe that they have encountered cultural or archaeological remains of any kind, all work at and adjacent to the discovery shall immediately cease. The area of work stoppage will be adequate to provide for the security, protection, and integrity of the archaeological discovery. A cultural resource discovery may be pre-contact period or historic period in age and consist of (but not limited to):

- Areas of charcoal or charcoal-stained soil and stones;
- Stone tools or waste flakes (i.e., an arrowhead or stone chips);
- Bone, burned rock, or shell, whether or not seen in association with stone tools or chips;
- Clusters of tin cans, ceramics, flat glass, or bottles; and
- Concentrations of brick, railway tracks, or logging or agricultural equipment.

In the event unrecorded archaeological resources are identified during the construction or operation of the Sunstone Solar Project 5, work within 100 feet of the find shall be halted and directed away from the discovery until a Qualified Archaeologist[2] assesses the resource and its significance for inclusion on the NRHP. This assessment will include coordination with the CTUIR. (A wider avoidance area will be required for human remains; see below.) The archaeologist, in coordination with ODOE, the SHPO, Facility personnel, CTUIR, and the landowner, shall make the necessary plans for treatment of the finds and for the evaluation and mitigation of impacts if the finds are found to be eligible for listing on the NRHP.

A Qualified Archaeologist will determine if the resources are archaeological and greater than 50 years old. If the archaeologist believes that the discovery is a cultural resource, he or she in coordination with the PGR Construction Manager will establish a 100-foot avoidance buffer to protect the discovery site where construction activities will be suspended until treatment of the discovery can be determined. Vehicles, equipment, and unauthorized personnel will not be permitted to traverse the discovery site or avoidance area. Any newly discovered archaeological resource will be considered eligible to the NRHP until determined otherwise. Work in the immediate area will not resume until treatment of the discovery has been completed.

If archaeological artifacts are observed during construction, the Qualified Archaeologist will ensure proper documentation and assessment of any discovered cultural resources. All precontact and

[2] *Qualified Archaeologist* - means a person with qualifications meeting the federal secretary of the interior's standards for a Professional Archaeologist . An individual who has: (A) A post-graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, history, classics or other germane discipline with a specialization in archaeology, or a documented equivalency of such a degree; (B) Twelve weeks of supervised experience in basic archaeological field research, including both survey and excavation and four weeks of laboratory analysis or curating; and (C) Has designed and executed an archaeological study, as evidenced by a Master of Arts or Master of Science thesis, or report equivalent in scope and quality, dealing with archaeological field research.

historic cultural material discovered during project construction will be recorded by the archaeologist in SHPO's online archaeological site form database. Site overviews, features, and artifacts will be photographed; stratigraphic profiles and soil/sediment descriptions will be prepared for subsurface exposure. Discovery locations will be documented on scaled site plans and site location maps.

If the Qualified Archaeologist in consultation with the SHPO and CTUIR determines that the discovery is an NRHP-eligible cultural resource, they will consult to determine appropriate treatment to be presented and agreed upon in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or other appropriate documentation. Mitigation measures will be developed in consultation with PGR, ODOE, SHPO, CTUIR, and the landowner, and could include avoidance through redesign, conducting data recovery, and/or relocating materials. Treatment measures performed may include protecting in place or data recovery such as mapping, photography, limited probing, and sample collection, or other activity deemed appropriate through an MOA or other appropriate documentation.

If human remains are inadvertently discovered, ODOE, SHPO, the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS), and CTUIR will decide when construction may continue at the discovery location. Where cultural resources are encountered during construction, but additional project effects to the resources are not anticipated, Facility construction may continue while documentation and assessment of the cultural resources proceed. If continued construction is likely to cause additional impacts to such resources, Facility activities within a radius of 100 feet of the discovery will cease until the Qualified Archaeologist has documented the site, evaluated its significance in consultation with CTUIR, and assessed potential effects to the site.

Discovery Procedures: What to do if you find something

1) **Immediately Discontinue All Ground Disturbing Activity. Do Not Touch Or Move The Objects, and Maintain Confidentiality of the Site. Do Not Take Photos.** Removing bone fragments, artifacts, and other items from any archaeological site, without proper authorization, is against the law. Violators could be charged in state or federal court resulting in a fine or imprisonment.
2) Do not draw any attention to the area with obvious flagging or markers. Maintain confidentiality concerning the discovery of the cultural resource, and do not discuss with anyone other than the contact people listed above. Secure and protect area of inadvertent discovery with 100 foot buffer—work may continue outside of this buffer.
3) Notify PGR Project Manager and ODOE (see Attachment A).
4) Construction Manager will need to contact a Qualified Archaeologist to assess the find.
5) If archaeologist determines the find is an archaeological site or object, contact SHPO. If it is determined to *not* be archaeological, you may continue work.

4.0 PROCEDURES FOR THE DISCOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS

If human remains and/or associated grave goods are inadvertently encountered during Project activities, the Oregon State legislature protocol for inadvertent discovery of human remains will be

followed (Oregon State Legislature 2025~~3~~). All activity that may cause further disturbance to the remains shall cease and the area secured and protected from further disturbance. A 200-foot avoidance buffer will be utilized for human remains and associated grave goods until appropriate treatment is completed. The presence of skeletal remains will be immediately reported to the County Medical Examiner, Oregon State Police, SHPO, and LCIS. The remains will not be touched, moved, or further disturbed. The County Medical Examiner or LCIS State Physical Anthropologist will assume jurisdiction over the human skeletal remains and determine whether those remains are forensic or non-forensic. If the remains are non-forensic, then they will report that finding to SHPO and the State Physical Anthropologist with the LCIS, who will then take jurisdiction over the remains and will notify CTUIR.

Although excavation work in the immediate area of a human remains find will not resume until assessment has been completed, excavation work may continue in other parts of the Facility that have been surveyed for cultural resources. Due to the sensitive nature of such a find, human remains should never be left unattended. No work will resume in the area of a human remains discovery until written authorization has been received from the LCIS and SHPO.

Discovery Procedures: What to do if you find something

1) **Immediately Discontinue All Ground Disturbing Activity. Do Not Touch Or Move The Objects, and Maintain Confidentiality of the Site. Do Not Take Photos.** Removing bone fragments, artifacts, and other items from any archaeological site, without proper authorization, is against the law. Violators could be charged in state or federal court resulting in a fine or imprisonment.
2) Do not draw any attention to the area with obvious flagging or markers. Maintain confidentiality concerning the inadvertent discovery, and do not discuss with anyone other than the contact people listed above. Secure and protect area of inadvertent discovery with 60-meter/200-foot buffer, then work may continue outside of this buffer with caution.
3) Cover remains from view and protect them from damage or exposure, restrict access, and leave in place until directed otherwise. Do not take photographs. Do not speak to the media.
4) Notify (refer to Attachment A for contact information):
   - PGR Project Manager
   - ODOE
   - Oregon State Police **DO NOT CALL 911**
   - SHPO
   - LCIS State Physical Anthropologist
   - CTUIR and other appropriate Native American Tribes determined by LCIS
5) If the site is determined not to be a crime scene by the Oregon State Police, do not move anything! The remains will continue to be secured in place along with any associated funerary objects, and protected from weather, water runoff, and shielded from view.

6) Do not resume any work in the buffered area until a plan is developed and carried out between ODOE, SHPO, LCIS, and appropriate Native American Tribes and you are directed that work may proceed.

5.0 CONFIDENTIALITY

The Facility and employees shall make their best efforts, in accordance with federal and state law, to ensure that its personnel and contractors keep the discovery confidential. The media, or any third-party member or members of the public are not to be contacted or have information regarding the discovery, and any public or media inquiry is to be reported to ODOE. Prior to any release, the responsible agencies and Tribes shall concur on the amount of information, if any, to be released to the public.

To protect fragile, vulnerable, or threatened sites, the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (Section 304 [16 U.S.C. 470s-3]), and Oregon State law (Oregon Revised Statute 192.501(11)) establishes that the location of archaeological sites, both on land and underwater, shall be confidential.

6.0 REFERENCES

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2025~~3~~ Electronic document accessed ~~December 21, 2023~~July 2025, https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/cis/Pages/archaeology.aspx

ATTACHMENT A: CONTACTS

1. Pine Gate Renewables

Project Manager	To be determined prior to construction

2. Cultural Resource Contacts

Qualified Archaeologist	Lara Rooke, Tetra Tech (425) 217 7625 (Cell)
Oregon SHPO State Archaeologist	John Pouley (503) 480-9164
State Physical Anthropologist, LCIS	Dr. Elissa Bullion (971) 707-1372 or (503) 986-1067

3. Agency Contacts

ODOE	Christopher Clark (503) 871-7254
Oregon State Police	Craig Heuberger (503) 731-0079 or (503) 731-3030 (dispatch)
Morrow County Medical Examiner	(541) 676-5421

4. Tribal Contacts

CTUIR	Teara Farrow Ferman (Human Remains) (541) 429-7230 or (541) 377-2959 (cell) Ashley Morton (Archaeological Resources) (541) 429-7214

Attachment L: Draft Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 5

Draft Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 5

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APLIC	Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~	Sunstone Solar 5, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC
BMP	best management practice
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
Facility	Sunstone Solar Project 5
Li-ion	lithium-ion
MW	megawatt
O&M	operations and maintenance
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
Plan	Wildfire Mitigation Plan
RACE	Rescue, Alarm, Contain, Extinguish
RFA	Request for Amendment
SCADA	supervisory, control, and data acquisition
UL	Underwriters Laboratories

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 5, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct the approved Sunstone Solar Project 5 (Facility), a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate~~with~~ up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal electric generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. ~~In addition to solar arrays, the proposed Facility would include up to 17.2 gigawatt hours of distributed battery storage capacity, an interconnection substation, up to seven collector substations, an operations and maintenance building, and other structures including roads, perimeter fencing, and gates. The Facility is proposed to be sited within an approximately 10,960-acre (17 square mile) site boundary in Morrow County. All land within the proposed site boundary is privately owned and zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.~~ The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan) is attached to Exhibit V – Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation[2] and updated for Request for Amendment (RFA) 1 (see Attachment 6) which~~that~~ was prepared to meet the submittal requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-021-0010(1)(v), including providing evidence that the Facility complies with the approval standard in OAR 345-022-0115.

2.0 Wildfire Risk Minimization Procedures

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source;

In addition to the measures described in this plan, the risk of a wildfire affecting the public safety, first responders, or Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council–protected resources would be minimized by the procedures listed in Table 1.

The Certificate H~~h~~older will contact local fire districts, as well as local emergency management agencies to request and incorporate any input into final Construction WMP, as appropriate, about

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit V, May 16, 2024.

the location and types of temporary fire breaks needed in the event of a fire on or off site. The final WMP shall designate:

- Estimated response times for on-site staff and local emergency service providers (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Protocols for staff or emergency providers to erect or create fire breaks in the event of a fire (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Identify and provide maps of:
    - Primary access points and facility components.
    - Important safety features or hazards such as shut-offs and hazardous material storage areas.
    - Priority areas where fire breaks would be prioritized to protect fires spreading off site or impacting the facility site.

During construction, the C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older or its contractor will work directly with local emergency responders, if available, to compile and maintain a current list of adjacent landowners/property owners with contact information. The final Wildfire Mitigation Plan will identify the best notification procedures of adjacent landowners/property owners to provide to local and regional emergency services for emergency notifications, in the event of an ignition or fire at the facility.

Table 1: Procedures to Minimize Wildfire Risk

Topic	Procedures
Public health and safety	The public will be excluded from the solar array, substation, and battery energy storage system facilities by fencing. Ground-mounted inverters and junction boxes will be surrounded by bollards to minimize inadvertent vehicle/farm equipment collisions with electrical equipment.
First Responders	The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will offer annual training to local first responders. Training will cover the firefighting responses to electrical fires. Response to fires in the facility should focus on controlling spread to adjacent lands. Operational staff will be trained in the use of fire extinguishers for responding to incipient stage fires on site.
Resource Protection	Resources covered by Energy Facility Siting Council standards near the site boundary include agricultural land, shrub steppe habitat, and cultural resources. The existing county roads will form a fire break between fields that will discourage the spread of wildfire between fields into wildlife habitat or cultural resources. ~~According to Exhibit S, within the analysis area there are four cultural resources that are listed or likely eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The four cultural resources include two historic sites, ES-KB-03 and ES-KB-07, and two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes, Sand Hollow Battle Ground and Sisupa. ES-KB-03 is a Dutch barn that was constructed in the late 19th to early 20th century.~~

3.0 Wildfire Risk Assessment

This Plan has been prepared to meet the approval standard under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b), which requires:

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;*

Prior to construction of the facility provide a summary update of wildfire risk at the site as designated under OAR 345-022-0115, if significantly different from Final Order on ASC and the Request for Amendment 1.

4.0 Inspection and Management

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;*

4.1 Vegetation Management

The Certificate Holder and contractor(s) will maintain vegetation within the Site Boundary and will also maintain a defensible space clearance along Facility features. Defensible space will be free of combustible vegetation or other materials. Roads and parking areas will be maintained to be free of vegetation tall enough to contact the undercarriage of the vehicle.

The following best management practices to minimize fire risk from vehicle travel and fueling activities would be implemented at the site during construction:

- The movement of vehicles will be planned and managed to minimize fire risk.
- The contractor(s) will be responsible for identifying and marking paths for all off-road vehicle travel. All off-road vehicle travel will be required to stay on the identified paths. No off-road vehicle travel will be permitted while working alone. Travel off road or parking in vegetated areas will be restricted during fire season.
- Areas with grass that are as tall or taller than the exhaust system of a vehicle must be wetted before vehicles travel through it.
- Workers will be instructed to shut off the engine of any vehicle that gets stuck, and periodically inspect the area adjacent to the exhaust system for evidence of ignition of vegetation. Stuck vehicles will be pulled out rather than “rocked” free and the area will be inspected again after the vehicle has been moved.
- All combustion engines (including but not limited to off road vehicles, chainsaws, and generators) will be equipped with a spark arrester that meets U.S. Forest Service Standard 5100-1.

- The contractor(s) will designate a location for field fueling operations at the temporary construction yards. Any fueling of generators, pumps, etc. shall take place at this location only.
- Fuel containers, if used, shall remain in a vehicle or equipment trailer, parked at a designated location alongside a county right-of-way. No fuel containers shall be in the vehicles that exit the right-of-way except the five-gallon container that is required for the water truck pump.
- Smoking shall only be allowed in designated smoking areas at the Facility.

5.0 Preventative and Minimization Actions for Wildfire Risk

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;

5.1 Preventative Actions

Unless already paved, access roads will be graveled. Facility roads will be sufficiently sized for emergency vehicle access in accordance with 2019 Oregon Fire Code requirements, including Section 503 and Appendix D - Fire Apparatus Access Roads[3]. Specifically, roads will primarily be 10 feet wide in the solar array area with roads up to 20 feet wide near the substation, with an internal turning radius of 28 feet and less than 10 percent grade, or a similar profile depending on siting, to provide access to emergency vehicles. The areas immediately around the O&M buildings, substations, and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present. See Exhibit U[4] for additional discussion of Project fire prevention measures and coordination with local emergency responders.

5.2 Preventative Programs

The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will implement the following programs to minimize fire risk during construction of the Facility, as applicable.

5.2.1 Occupational Safety and Health Act–Compliant Fire Prevention Plan

To assure safe and healthful working conditions under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, all workers, contracting employees, and other personnel performing official duties at the Facility will conduct work under a Fire Prevention Plan that meets applicable portions of 29 CFR 1910.39, 29 CFR 1910.155, and 29 CFR 1910, subpart L. The plan will ensure that:

- Workers are trained in fire prevention, good housekeeping, and use of a fire extinguisher.

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit D, May 16, 2024.
[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit U, May 16, 2024.

- Necessary equipment is available to fight incipient stage fires. Fire beyond incipient stage shall be managed using local fire response organizations.
- Provide necessary safety equipment for handling and storing combustible and flammable material.
- Ensure equipment is maintained to prevent and control sources of ignition.
- Do not allow smoking or open flames in an area where combustible materials are located.
- Implement a Hot Work Procedure program.

5.2.2 Fire Weather Monitoring and Hot Work

Burn probability, expected flame length, and overall risk may increase during periods of the fire season. Personnel on site will monitor Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings. A fire weather watch indicates the potential for weather conducive to large fore spread in the next 12 to 72 hours. A Red Flag Warning is issued when current weather conditions are conducive to large fire growth in the next 24 hours. Personnel monitoring these conditions shall halt work in high risk locations, designated in this plan, and employ additional mitigation measures designated in this plan. Mitigation measures during a Red Flag Warning include, but are not limited to, communicating to on-site staff of the Red Flag Warning, communicating with local fire protection agency personnel of on-going conditions, driving or parking on roads to avoid sparking a fire in grass or brush, and halting construction activities that may increase fire risk such as hot work. All hot work (any cutting, welding, or other activity that creates spark or open flame) must be conducted on roads or on non-combustible surfaces, and fire suppression equipment will be immediately available during hot work activities. Following the completion of hot work, the Certificate Holder or contractor(s) must maintain a fire watch for 60 minutes to monitor for potential ignition.

5.2.3 Emergency Management Plan

The EMP will be prepared prior to construction by the Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ and construction contractor and will contain policies and procedures for preparing for and responding to a range of potential emergencies, including fires. Implementation of the EMP will ensure risks to public health and safety and risks to emergency responders are minimized. Any potential fires inside the solar array will be controlled by trained staff who will be able to access the Facility around the clock. These measures will help keep external fires out or internal fires in. The EMP will cover response procedures that consider the dry nature of the region and address risks on a seasonal basis. The plan will also specify communication channels the Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ intends to pursue with local fire protection agency personnel, for example, a construction kickoff meeting to discuss emergency planning, and invitations to observe any emergency drill conducted at the Facility.

In addition to the emergency responses to be stipulated in the EMP, personnel will be trained on the RACE (Rescue, Alarm,~~,~~ Contain, Extinguish) procedure to implement in the event of a fire start. The RACE procedure includes:

- **Rescue** anyone in danger (if safe to do so);
- **Alarm** – call the control room, who will then determine if 911 should be alerted;
- **Contain** the fire (if safe to do so); and
- **Extinguish** the incipient fire stage (if safe to do so).

Vehicles on-site will carry fire suppression equipment during the fire season. This equipment shall include, at a minimum:

- Fire Extinguisher: Dry chemical, 2.5 or 2.8 pound, 1A-10B: C U/L rating, properly mounted or secured;
- Shovel;
- Collapsible Pail or Backpack Pump: 5-gallon capacity; and
- Drip Can.

Another safety mitigation measure is to have available on site during construction is a water truck, water buffalo, or tank with minimum 500 gallon capacity.

Personnel will receive training on use of suppression equipment. All personnel shall also be equipped with communication equipment capable of reaching the control room from all locations within the site boundary.

6.0 Plan Updates and Modifications

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.*

The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will track the industry groups and applicable design standards outlined in Table 2 to identify future technologies or best practices that could be implemented at the Facility.

Table 2: Resources for Future Best Practices

Reference	Description	Method
American Clean Power (ACP)	Industry group that establishes best practices for renewable energy projects	The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ is a member of ACP and participates in best practice development[1].

Reference	Description	Method
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)	National Energy Reliability Corporation develops electrical standards for large energy facilities.	The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will follow NERC Standard FAC-003-0 for its vegetation management program of transmission lines[2], or updates to this standard as approved by NERC.
Oregon Specialty Building Codes (OSBC)	Building codes applicable to inhabitable spaces, including the O&M building and the substation enclosure.	Remodeling to the O&M and enclosure structure that requires permits will follow any updates to the OSBC at that time.
APLIC	Avian protection methods for electrical facility reduce fires related to bird/mammal nests on electrical equipment	The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ is a member of APLIC[3]. An operational wildlife monitoring program will inspect for wildlife nesting on facilities that could cause fire, and take actions following applicable laws (e.g., Migratory Bird Treaty Act).

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Attachment M: Draft Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 5

Draft Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 5

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APLIC	Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~	Sunstone Solar 5, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC
BMP	best management practice
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
Facility	Sunstone Solar Project 5
Li-ion	lithium-ion
MW	megawatt
O&M	operations and maintenance
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
Plan	Wildfire Mitigation Plan
RACE	Rescue, Alarm, Contain, Extinguish
RFA	Request for Amendment
SCADA	supervisory, control, and data acquisition
UL	Underwriters Laboratories

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 5, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct the approved Sunstone Solar Project 5 (Facility), a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate~~with~~ up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal electric generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. ~~In addition to solar arrays, the proposed Facility would include up to 7.2 gigawatt hours of distributed battery storage capacity, an interconnection substation, up to seven collector substations, an operations and maintenance building, and other structures including roads, perimeter fencing, and gates. The Facility is proposed to be sited within an approximately 10,960-acre (17 square mile) site boundary in Morrow County. All land within the proposed site boundary is privately owned and zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.~~ The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan) wa~~i~~s attached to Exhibit V – Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation[2] and updated for Request for Amendment (RFA) 1 (see Attachment 6) which~~that~~ was prepared to meet the submittal requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-021-0010(1)(v), including providing evidence that the Facility complies with the approval standard in OAR 345-022-0115.

2.0 Wildfire Risk Minimization Procedures

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source;*

In addition to the measures described above, the risk of a wildfire affecting the public safety, first responders, or Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council–protected resources would be minimized by the procedures listed in Table 1.

The Certificate H~~h~~older will contact local fire districts, as well as local emergency management agencies to request and incorporate any input into final WMP, as appropriate, about the location

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit V, May 16, 2024.

and types of temporary fire breaks needed in the event of a fire on or off site. The final WMP shall designate:

- Estimated response times for on-site staff and local emergency service providers, (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Protocols for staff or emergency providers to erect or create fire breaks in the event of a fire, (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Identify and provide maps of:
  - Primary access points and facility components.
  - Important safety features or hazards such as shut-offs, battery components, and hazardous material storage areas.
  - Priority areas where fire breaks would be prioritized to protect fires spreading off site or impacting the facility site.

During operation, the C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older or its contractor will work directly with local emergency responders, if available, to compile and maintain a current list of adjacent landowners/property owners with contact information. The final Wildfire Mitigation Plan will identify the best notification procedures of adjacent landowners/property owners to provide to local and regional emergency services for emergency notifications, in the event of an ignition or fire at the facility.

Table 1: Procedures to Minimize Wildfire Risk

Topic	Procedures
Public health and safety	The public will be excluded from the solar array, substation, and battery energy storage system facilities by fencing. Ground-mounted inverters and junction boxes will be surrounded by bollards to minimize inadvertent vehicle/farm equipment collisions with electrical equipment.
First Responders	The C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older will offer annual training to local first responders. Training will cover the firefighting responses to electrical fires and how to safely respond to fires involving BESS components. Response to fires in the facility should focus on controlling spread to adjacent lands. Operational staff will be trained in the use of fire extinguishers for responding to incipient stage fires on site.
Resource Protection	Resources covered by Energy Facility Siting Council standards near the site boundary include agricultural land, shrub steppe habitat, and cultural resources. The existing county roads will form a fire break between fields that will discourage the spread of wildfire between fields into wildlife habitat or cultural resources. ~~According to Exhibit S, within the analysis area there are four cultural resources that are listed or likely eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The four cultural resources include two historic sites, ES-KB-03 and ES-KB-07, and two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes, Sand Hollow Battle Ground and Sisupa. ES-KB-03 is a Dutch barn that was constructed in the late 19th to early 20th century.~~

3.0 Wildfire Risk Assessment Update

This Plan has been prepared to meet the approval standard under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b), which requires:

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;

Prior to operation of the facility provide a summary update of wildfire risk at the site as designated under OAR 345-022-0115.

4.0 Inspection and Management

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;

4.1 Facility Inspections

Facility components will be inspected quarterly. The supervisory, control, and data acquisition (SCADA) system collects operating and performance data from the Facility as a whole and allows remote operation. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will monitor the Facility components, such as the substation and solar arrays, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including shutdown capabilities. These operational monitoring and maintenance measures are also discussed in Section 4.0.

The battery energy storage system may consist of either zinc-based batteries or lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries and will be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules. The modules will be stored on a concrete pad to capture any leaks that may occur. Operations and maintenance (O&M) employees will conduct inspections of the battery energy storage systems according to the manufacturer's recommendations, which are assumed to be monthly inspections.

The zinc-based batteries under consideration for this Facility are non-flammable and tolerate wide temperature ranges. As a result, the manufacturer affirms that they are not anticipated to present a fire hazard and do not require on-site fire suppression systems. Section 2.7.1 of Exhibit B summarizes the information pertinent to fire prevention and control for a Li-ion battery energy storage system, if selected.

Table 2 below provides draft operational inspections for electrical facility components from similar types of facilities. As part of finalizing the final operational WMP, the Certificate Holder~~applicant~~ may update this table as applicable to facility equipment, standards, and inspections.

Table 2: Draft Operational Inspections for Electrical Components

Inspection	Procedure	Standard	Time frame
Solar Inverter	Visual inspection of inverter and surrounding area.	SPCC Plan[1] Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations	Monthly SPCC Bi-annual Preventative Maintenance

Inspection	Procedure	Standard	Time frame
Substation	Visual inspection of MPT, Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC) measures, and surrounding area.	Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations APLIC[2]	Monthly Yearly (APLIC)
BESS	Visual inspection of BESS, PCS, and surrounding areas	SPCC Plan Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations	Monthly
Overhead electrical lines	Visual inspection of components, grounding, APLIC measures, vertical clearance distance between conductor and vegetation.	National Energy reliability Corporation (NERC)[3] APLIC	Bi-annual
1. The Operational Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan for the facility will require these components to be inspected monthly for spills. During these inspections, Operational Staff will also visually inspect the component and surrounding area. 2. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will develop an inspection checklist and program of electrical equipment based on manufacturer's recommendations for individual components. 3. Vegetation maintenance standard FAC-003-0 .			

4.2 Vegetation Management

Vegetation within areas temporarily disturbed during construction of the Facility, as well as revegetation of areas within the solar array fence line area, will be revegetated as outlined in the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4[3]; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). As noted in the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, areas within the solar array fence line area will be revegetated with a mixture of low-growing grasses and forbs which would be compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). In addition, vegetation within the solar array fence line area will be managed as needed to reduce fuels for fire. This would include mowing vegetation under solar panels periodically, if required. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will also maintain a 5-foot noncombustible, defensible space clearance along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary. Defensible space will be free of combustible vegetation or other materials. Roads and parking areas will be maintained to be free of vegetation tall enough to contact the undercarriage of the vehicle.

A physical vegetation survey assessment of the fenced area will be completed at least twice a year to monitor for vegetation clearances, maintain fire breaks, as applicable, and monitor for wildfire hazards. One of the vegetation survey assessments will occur in May or June, prior to the start of the dry season, a time when wildfire risk begins to become heightened. The survey will be conducted by the Site Operations Manager and will be used to assess the frequency of any upcoming vegetation maintenance required and identify areas that may need additional attention. The Site

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

Operations Manager will visually assess and document vegetation height, abundance, and areas where vegetation should not be present such as crushed rock bed around collector substations. The vegetation survey assessment will determine that clearances and fire breaks (vegetative clearance areas and areas determined to remain clear to act as permanent fire breaks or areas where temporary fire breaks may be deployed in the event of a fire) are satisfactory, and if not, the mitigation procedures will be implemented (e.g., vegetation management) to ensure clearances and fire breaks are satisfactory The vegetation survey will document::

- Location of observations
- Species
- Estimated growth rate
- Abundance
- Clearance / Setbacks
- Risk of fire hazard

Additional vegetation surveys may be required throughout the season based on seasonally heightened fire risk. Vegetation Maintenance procedures and BMPs will be followed during operation of the Facility to ensure that vegetation does not grow in a manner that blocks or reduces solar radiation reaching the solar panels and reduce the risk of starting a fire. Vegetation control will employ best management practices (BMPs) and techniques that are most appropriate for the local environment. BMPs may include physical vegetation control such as mowing. Noxious weeds within the site boundary will be controlled in accordance with the Noxious Weed Control Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). Efforts will be made to minimize the use of herbicides and only herbicides approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Oregon Department of Agriculture will be used. Herbicides used for vegetation management of the site will be selected and used in a manner that fully complies with all applicable laws and regulations.

Vegetation within the fence line and below the solar arrays will be maintained to a height of 18 inches and provide a minimum of 24-inch clear distance to any exposed electrical cables. Exposed electrical wires should be running under the solar panels at the midpoint or higher than the center of the panel. The areas immediately around the O&M buildings, substations, and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present.

Ongoing vegetation management to ensure that vegetation does not grow in these graveled areas is outlined in Table 3.

Table 3. Vegetation Management Procedures by Facility Component

Vegetation Management	Procedure	Standard	Time Frame
Solar Inverter	Herbicide application on gravel pad around inverter to prevent vegetation growth.	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 80[1] National Electrical Code (NEC) 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Substation	Herbicide application on substation gravel pad. Highly compacted gravel foundations of substation are not suitable for vegetation.	IEEE 80[1] NEC 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Battery energy storage system	Herbicide application on gravel pad surrounding the battery energy storage system. Highly compacted gravel foundations of the battery energy storage system are not suitable for vegetation.	IEEE 80[1] NEC 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Overhead electrical lines	Mow vegetation to achieve clearance requirements between conductor and ground.	North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)[3]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.

1. IEEE (2015)
2. NFPA (2023)
3. NERC (2009)

5.0 Preventative and Minimization Actions for Wildfire Risk

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;

5.1 Preventative Actions and Design Features

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will minimize risk of operation of the facility causing wildfire by implementing a number of systems and procedures. During O&M activities, these will include requirements to conduct welding or metal cutting only in areas cleared of vegetation, and maintaining emergency firefighting equipment on-site. Employees will keep vehicles on roads and off dry grassland when feasible during the dry months of the year, unless such activities are required for emergency purposes, in which case fire precautions will be observed. Fire extinguishers and shovels will be kept in all vehicles. On-site employees will also receive training on fire prevention and response and have on-site fire extinguishers to respond to small fires. In the event of a large fire, emergency responders will be dispatched.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will minimize risk of Facility components causing wildfire through preventative actions. In the design of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement

the design considerations and best practices outlined in Table 4 to minimize electrical fire risk from facility components.

Table 4. Design Considerations for Fire Safety by Facility Component

Consideration	Inverter	Substation	Battery Energy Storage System	Overhead Lines
Electrical connections by qualified electricians	X	X	X	X
Inspections for mechanical integrity prior to energizations	X	X	X	X
Lighting protection	X	X	X	X
Corrosion protection	X	X	X	X
Strain relief of connecting cabling	X	X	X	X
Protection against moisture	X	X	X	X
Grounding systems	X	X	X	X
Safety setback from structures	X[1]	X[1]	X[1]	X[2]
Technology specific design standards	X[3]	X[4]	X[5]	X[3]

1. Graveled inside structure's perimeter fence with additional 3-foot gravel setback outside of structure's perimeter fence
2. Vertical and horizontal clearances from structures depends on voltage of conductor.
3. NFPA 70 (.NFPA 2023).
4. IEEE 979 (IEEE 2012).
5. NFPA 1, Chapter 52 (NFPA 2021).

During Facility operations, the areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire include the solar array areas. The solar array areas will have low-growing vegetation maintained below the solar arrays during the operational period of the Facility. Measures for reducing the risk of fire ignition and reducing the risk of equipment damage were a wildfire to occur are discussed further in Section 3.0, including the Facility's vegetation management program (see Section 3.2), and through the emergency response procedures that will be described in the Emergency Management Plan (EMP). The EMP will be developed for the Facility and is outlined below in Section 4.2.5. The collector substation area, transformer pads, and the permanent, fenced parking and storage area will have reduced risk for fire due to the fact that these areas will have a gravel base with no vegetation within a 10-foot perimeter to reduce fire risk.

The Facility components will meet National Electrical Code and Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers standards and will not pose a significant fire risk. The solar array will have shielded electrical cabling, as required by applicable code, to prevent electrical fires. In addition, the collector system and substation will have redundant surge arrestors to deactivate the Facility during unusual operational events that could start fires. The collector substation and the switchyard will have also sufficient spacing between equipment to prevent the spread of fire.

Unless already paved, access roads will be graveled. Facility roads will be sufficiently sized for emergency vehicle access in accordance with 2019 Oregon Fire Code requirements, including

Section 503 and Appendix D - Fire Apparatus Access Roads. Specifically, roads will primarily be 10 feet wide in the solar array area with roads up to 20 feet wide near the substation, with an internal turning radius of 28 feet and less than 10 percent grade, or a similar profile depending on siting, to provide access to emergency vehicles. A 5-foot noncombustible, defensible space clearance along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary will be maintained. The areas immediately around the O&M buildings, substations, and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present. See Exhibit U for additional discussion of Project fire prevention measures and coordination with local emergency responders. Vegetation free areas such as gravel pads or base and facility perimeter and interior roads act as a permanent fire break which could minimize the spread of fires on site or impacts from an external wildfire.

Smoke/fire detectors will be placed around the site that will be tied to the SCADA system and will contact local firefighting services. This communication system allows each solar string, battery energy storage system, and substation to be monitored by a SCADA system, accessed through both the SCADA control room in the substations or remotely. This system monitors these components for variables such as meteorological conditions, critical operating parameters, and power output. The solar array is controlled and monitored via the SCADA system~~,~~ and can be controlled remotely. SCADA software is tuned specifically to the needs of each project by the solar module manufacturer or a third-party SCADA vendor. This system will be monitored 24/7 by a remote operations center.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes to construct either a direct current–coupled distributed battery energy storage system (located throughout the solar array fence line area at the inverter and transformer sites) or alternating current–coupled battery energy storage system (concentrated in a single location within the solar array fence~~ line area~~). The system as a whole will use a series of self-contained containers located within the solar array fence line area. The containers may have their own additional fencing, to be determined prior to construction. Each container will be placed on a concrete foundation. Regardless of the battery technology selected, the containers are estimated to require up to 0.2 to 0.4 acre each with a total of 2,491~~14,946~~ containers. Each container is rated for outdoor environments and holds the batteries and a battery management system.

The Facility will use either Li-ion batteries or zinc batteries to store up to ~~1,~~200 MW alternating current of power over a 6-hour discharge duration (1~~7~~,200 megawatt-hours alternating current) (ASC Exhibit C, Figure C-2[4]).

The zinc-based batteries under consideration for this Facility are non-flammable and tolerate wide temperature ranges. As a result, the manufacturer affirms that they are not anticipated to present a fire hazard and do not require on-site fire suppression systems. Additionally, zinc batteries will have fans and a heating unit for climate control.

The following paragraphs summarize the information pertinent to fire prevention and control for a Li-ion battery energy storage system, if selected. The chemicals used in Li-ion batteries are generally nontoxic but do present a flammability hazard. Li-ion systems would also include a fire

[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit C, May 16, 2024.

prevention system and cooling units placed either on top of the containers or along the side. Li-ion batteries are susceptible to overheating and typically require cooling systems dedicated to each battery energy storage system enclosure, especially at the utility scale (Jeevarajan et al. 2022). The gas released by an overheating Li-ion cell is mainly carbon dioxide but may also include carbon monoxide, methane, ethylene, and propylene (Jeevarajan et al. 2022).

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following fire prevention and control methods to minimize fire and safety risks for the Li-ion batteries proposed for the battery energy storage system:

- The batteries will be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules.
- Ample working space will be provided around the battery energy storage system for maintenance and safety purposes.
- Off-site, 24-hour monitoring of the battery energy storage system will be implemented and will include shutdown capabilities.
- Transportation of Li-ion batteries is subject to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 173.185 – Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration. This regulation contains requirements for prevention of a dangerous evolution of heat; prevention of short circuits; prevention of damage to the terminals; and prevention of batteries coming into contact with other batteries or conductive materials. Adherence to the requirements and regulations, personnel training, safe interim storage, and segregation from other potential waste streams will minimize any public hazard related to transport, use, or disposal of batteries.
- Design of the battery energy storage system will be in accordance with applicable Underwriters Laboratories (UL; specifically, 1642, 1741, 1973, 9540A), National Electric Code, and National Fire Protection Association (specifically 855) standards, which require rigorous industry testing and certification related to fire safety and/or other regulatory requirements applicable to battery storage at the time of construction.
- Additionally, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ the following design practices, as applicable to the available technology and design at time of construction:
    - Use of Li-ion phosphate battery chemistry that does not release oxygen when it decomposes due to temperature;
    - Employment of an advanced and proven battery management system;
    - Qualification testing of battery systems in accordance with UL 9540A (UL Solutions 2025~~3~~);
    - Employment of Fike fire control panels with 24-hour battery backup at every battery container;

- Installation of fire sensors, smoke and hydrogen detectors, alarms, emergency ventilation systems, cooling systems, and aerosol fire suppression/extinguishing systems in every battery container;
- Installation of doors that are equipped with a contact that will shut down the battery container if opened;
- Installation of fire extinguishing and thermal insulation sheets between each individual battery cell;
- Implementation of locks and fencing to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel;
- Installation of remote power disconnect switches; and
- Clear and visible signs to identify remote power disconnect switches.

5.2 Preventative Programs

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following programs to minimize fire risk during operations of the Facility.

5.2.1 Occupational Safety and Health Act–Compliant Fire Prevention Plan

To assure safe and healthful working conditions under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, all workers, contracting employees, and other personnel performing official duties at the Facility will conduct work under a Fire Prevention Plan that meets applicable portions of 29 CFR 1910.39, 29 CFR 1910.155, and 29 CFR 1910, subpart L. The plan will ensure that:

- Workers are trained in fire prevention, good housekeeping, and use of a fire extinguisher.
- Necessary equipment is available to fight incipient stage fires. Fire beyond incipient stage shall be managed using local fire response organizations.
- Provide necessary safety equipment for handling and storing combustible and flammable material.
- Ensure equipment is maintained to prevent and control sources of ignition.
- Do not allow smoking or open flames in an area where combustible materials are located.
- Implement a Hot Work Procedure program.

5.2.2 Electrical Safety Program

All operational workers will be trained in electrical safety and the specific hazards of the Facility. This training will address:

- Minimum experience requirements to work on different types of electrical components;
- Electrical equipment testing and troubleshooting;
- Switching system;

- Provisions for entering high voltage areas (e.g., substation);
- Minimum approach distances; and
- Required personal protective equipment.

5.2.3 Lock Out/Tag Out Program

During maintenance activities, electrical equipment will be de-energized and physically locked or tagged in the de-energized positions to inadvertent events that could result in arc flash.

5.2.4 Fire Weather Monitoring and Hot Work

Burn probability, expected flame length, and overall risk may increase during periods of the fire season. Personnel on site will monitor Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings. A fire weather watch indicates the potential for weather conducive to large fire spread in the next 12 to 72 hours. A Red Flag Warning is issued when current weather conditions are conducive to large fire growth in the next 24 hours. Personnel monitoring these conditions shall halt work in high-risk locations, as designated in this plan, and employ additional mitigation measures designated in this plan. Mitigation measures during a Red Flag Warning include, but are not limited to, communicating to on-site staff of the Red Flag Warning, communicating with local fire protection agency personnel of on-going conditions, driving or parking on roads to avoid sparking a fire in grass or brush, and halting construction activities that may increase fire risk such as hot work. All hot work (any cutting, welding, or other activity that creates spark or open flame) must be conducted on roads or on non-combustible surfaces, and fire suppression equipment will be immediately available during hot work activities. Following the completion of hot work, the Certificate Holder or contractor(s) must maintain a fire watch for 60 minutes to monitor for potential ignition.

5.2.5 Emergency Management Plan

Emergency Management will cover response procedures that consider the dry nature of the region and address risks on a seasonal basis. The final WMP will specify communication channels the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder intends to pursue with local fire protection agency personnel, for example, annual meetings to discuss emergency planning, protocols for how to respond to electrical fires and safely respond to a fire involving BESS components, and invitations to observe any emergency drill conducted at the Facility.

At the beginning of Facility operations, a copy of the site plan indicating the arrangement of the Facility structures, access points, and fire breaks will be provided to the local fire district.

Personnel will be trained on the RACE (Rescue, Alarm~~,~~, Contain, Extinguish) procedure to implement in the event of a fire start. The RACE procedure includes:

- **Rescue** anyone in danger (if safe to do so);
- **Alarm** – call the control room, who will then determine if 911 should be alerted;

- **Contain** the fire (if safe to do so); and
- **Extinguish** the incipient fire stage (if safe to do so).

Vehicles on-site will carry fire suppression equipment during the fire season. This equipment shall include, at a minimum:

- Fire Extinguisher: Dry chemical, 2.5 or 2.8 pound, 1A-10B: C U/L rating, properly mounted or secured;
- Shovel;
- Collapsible Pail or Backpack Pump: 5-gallon capacity; and
- Drip Can.

During times of heightened wildfire risk, a water truck, water buffalo, or tank with minimum 500 gallon capacity will be stationed at the site during operations and maintenance activities.

Personnel will receive training on use of suppression equipment. All personnel shall also be equipped with communication equipment capable of reaching the control room from all locations within the amended site boundary.

6.0 Plan Updates and Modifications

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.*

This Plan will be updated by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder every 5 years. Updates to this Plan will account for changes in local fire protection agency personnel and changes in best practices for minimizing and mitigating fire risk. It is recommended to consult with Morrow County, the local fire department, and the Morrow County Emergency Manager.

After each 5-year review, a copy of the updated plans will be provided to the Oregon Department of Energy with the annual compliance report required under OAR 345-026-008(2).

Every 5 years, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will review wildfire risk and update this Plan for the site boundary. Evaluation of wildfire risk will be consistent with the requirements of OAR 345-022-0115(1) using current data from reputable sources.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may consider revisions to this Plan at its sole discretion to incorporate future best practices or emerging technology depending on whether the new technology is cost effective and suitable for the site conditions. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will track the industry groups and applicable design standards outlined in Table 5 to identify future technologies or best practices that could be implemented at the Facility.

Table 5. Resources for Future Best Practices

Reference	Description	Method
American Clean Power (ACP)	Industry group that establishes best practices for renewable energy projects	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is a member of ACP and participates in best practice development[1].
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)	National Energy Reliability Corporation develops electrical standards for large energy facilities.	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will follow NERC Standard FAC-003-0 for its vegetation management program of transmission lines[2], or updates to this standard as approved by NERC.
Oregon Specialty Building Codes (OSBC)	Building codes applicable to inhabitable spaces, including the O&M building and the substation enclosure.	Remodeling to the O&M and enclosure structure that requires permits will follow any updates to the OSBC at that time.
APLIC	Avian protection methods for electrical facility reduce fires related to bird/mammal nests on electrical equipment	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is a member of APLIC[3]. An operational wildlife monitoring program will inspect for wildlife nesting on facilities that could cause fire, and take actions following applicable laws (e.g., Migratory Bird Treaty Act).

1. Link to ACP Standards & Practices: https://cleanpower.org/resources/types/standards-and-practices/.
2. NERC FAC-003-0: https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Reliability%20Standards/FAC-003-0.pdf.
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Attachment O: Decommissioning Cost Estimate and Assumptions

Estimate Summary
TETRA TECH, INC.
Job Code: Sunstone solar
Description: Decommissioning Estimate

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5	1.00	Each	SUNSTONE SOLAR RETIREMENT - PHASE 5	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	24,974,952.51	24,974,952.51
5.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Equipment & Facilities Mob / Demob	0.10	Detail	U.S. Dollar	218,136.80	218,136.80
5.1.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Equipment Mob	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	81,200.00	81,200.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UERNTRLG	Rental Equip Transp-Large		8.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	10,000.00	80,000.00
UERNTRSM	Rental Equip Transp-Small		8.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	150.00	1,200.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.1.2	1.00	Lump Sum	Site Facilities	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,200.00	2,200.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UOCONMOB	Connex Box Mob		2.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	300.00	600.00
UOTRLTRN	Trailer Trnsp/Setup/Trdwn		2.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,600.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.1.3	5.00	Day	Crew Mob & Site Setup	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	13,473.68	67,368.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,000.00	20.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	46,970.00
L010101	OPERATOR	400.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	20,398.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.1.4	5.00	Day	Crew Demob & Site Cleanup	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	13,473.68	67,368.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,000.00	20.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	46,970.00
L010101	OPERATOR	400.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	20,398.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.2	4.00	Month	Project Site Support	0.05	Detail	U.S. Dollar	71,469.70	285,878.80
5.2.1	4.00	Month	Site Facilities	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,755.00	7,020.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
URCONNEX	Connex Box		8.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	150.00	1,200.00
UROFFTRL	Office Trailer -12x60		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	500.00	2,000.00
UO1STAID	1st Aid Supplies		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	300.00	1,200.00
UOOFFSUP	Office Supplies($/prs/mo)		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	55.00	220.00
URPRTAJH	Port-a-John Unit(s) (4)		8.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	300.00	2,400.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.2.2	4.00	Month	Field Management	0.05	Detail	U.S. Dollar	69,714.70	278,858.80

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L90FXX02	Field - Proj Superintendent	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	114.95	101,156.00
RPUTRK05	F-250 4X4 3/4 TON PICKUP	2,640.00	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	11.07	29,211.60
L90FEL00	Field - Engr. Tech	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	64.24	56,531.20
L90FXX03	Field - SHSO	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	104.50	91,960.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3	1.00	Each	Substation Retirement	0.04	Detail	U.S. Dollar	170,429.15	170,429.15
5.3.1	1.00	Day	Fence Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.2	1.00	Each	Transformer Removal	0.17	Detail	U.S. Dollar	102,309.50	102,309.50
5.3.2.1	1.00	Each	Oil Removal & Disposal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	66,314.40	66,314.40

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.2.1.1	1.00	Each	Oil Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	939.40	939.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	20.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	939.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.2.1.2	16,000.00	Gallon	Oil Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4.00	64,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		64,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	64,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.2.1.3	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,375.00	1,375.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,375.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,375.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.2.2	1.00	Each	Dismantle & Loadout Transformer	0.20	Detail	U.S. Dollar	35,995.10	35,995.10
5.3.2.2.1	1.00	Each	Dismantle, Cut & Size	0.20	Detail	U.S. Dollar	29,995.10	29,995.10

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	200.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	9,394.00
L010101	OPERATOR	100.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	50.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	6,226.75
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	50.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	9,274.75

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.2.2.2	4.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	6,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		6,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	6,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.3	1.00	Each	Remove Control Building	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,612.51	2,612.51
5.3.3.1	1.00	Each	Demo	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,112.51	1,112.51

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	234.85
L010101	OPERATOR	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	254.98
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	622.68

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.3.2	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.4	1.00	Day	UG Utility & Ground Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.5	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	28,045.10
5.3.5.1	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation - Various Depth	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	15,516.50

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	1,677.50
L010101	OPERATOR	71.43	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	3,642.57
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	5,748.75

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
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Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	35.71	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	4,447.68

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.5.2	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	12,528.60

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	7,429.00
L080940	TEAMSTER	100.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.6	1.00	Each	Misc. Material Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,900.00	2,900.00
5.3.6.1	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.6.2	20.00	Ton	Disposal Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,400.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,400.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,400.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.7	1.00	Each	Restore Yard	0.23	Detail	U.S. Dollar	31,938.02	31,938.02
5.3.7.1	1.60	Acre	Remove Aggregate / Backfill / Regrade	1.60	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,062.47	3,299.96

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	20.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	939.40
L010101	OPERATOR	20.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,019.92
REXCAV06B	Gradall - Excavator	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	75.73	757.29
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	583.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.7.2	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Vegetative Cover	300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	27.36	27,358.07
5.3.7.2.1	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Topsoil, Delivered	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	20.00	20,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
IMSOIL	Topsoil		1,000.00	Cubic Yard	U.S. Dollar	20.00	20,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.7.2.2	1,000.00	Cubic Yard	Placement	300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7.36	7,358.07

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	66.67	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	3,399.73
RDOZER08	CAT D6N XL	66.67	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	59.38	3,958.33

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.3.7.3	1.60	Acre	Re-Seed With Native Vegetation	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,280.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLANDSCAPE	Landscape Sub		1.60	Acre	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,280.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.4	1.00	Each	Switchyard Retirement	0.07	Detail	U.S. Dollar	76,611.39	76,611.39
5.4.1	1.00	Day	Fence Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.4.2	1.00	Day	UG Utility & Ground Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.4.3	1.00	Each	Dismantle & Loadout Racks & Switching	0.50	Detail	U.S. Dollar	13,498.04	13,498.04
5.4.3.1	1.00	Each	Dismantle, Cut & Size	0.50	Detail	U.S. Dollar	11,998.04	11,998.04

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	80.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	3,757.60
L010101	OPERATOR	40.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	2,039.84
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	20.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	2,490.70
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	20.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	3,709.90

5.4.3.2	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00

5.4.4	284.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	7,964.81
5.4.4.1	284.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation - Various Depth	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	4,406.69

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.14	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	476.41
L010101	OPERATOR	20.29	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,034.49
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	10.14	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	1,632.65
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	10.14	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	1,263.14

5.4.4.2	284.00	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	3,558.12

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	28.40	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	2,109.84
L080940	TEAMSTER	28.40	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,448.29

5.4.5	1.00	Each	Misc. Material Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,900.00	2,900.00
5.4.5.1	1.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00

5.4.5.2	20.00	Ton	Disposal Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,400.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,400.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,400.00

5.4.6	1.00	Each	Restore Yard	0.15	Detail	U.S. Dollar	49,624.52	49,624.52
5.4.6.1	3.00	Acre	Remove Aggregate / Backfill / Regrade	1.60	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,062.47	6,187.42

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	37.50	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	1,761.38
L010101	OPERATOR	37.50	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,912.35
REXCAV06B	Gradall - Excavator	18.75	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	75.73	1,419.91
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	18.75	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	1,093.78

5.4.6.2	1,500.00	Cubic Yard	Vegetative Cover	300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	27.36	41,037.10
5.4.6.2.1	1,500.00	Cubic Yard	Topsoil, Delivered	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	20.00	30,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
IMSOIL	Topsoil		1,500.00	Cubic Yard	U.S. Dollar	20.00	30,000.00

5.4.6.2.2	1,500.00	Cubic Yard	Placement	300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7.36	11,037.10

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description		UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR		100.00	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		51.00	5,099.60
RDOZER08	CAT D6N XL		100.00	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		59.38	5,937.50
5.4.6.3	3.00 Acre	Re-Seed With Native Vegetation		0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800.00	2,400.00
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**	**Currency**		**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
USLANDSCAPE	Landscape Sub			3.00 Acre	U.S. Dollar		800.00	2,400.00
5.5	1.00 Lump Sum	Collector Line Retirement		0.07	Detail	U.S. Dollar	46,946.45	46,946.45
5.5.1	5,850.00 Linear Feet	Conductor Removal		585.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	5.50	32,154.10
5.5.1.1	1.00 Lump Sum	Cut / Lower Cable, Size & Loadout		0.10	Detail	U.S. Dollar	31,404.10	31,404.10
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**	**Currency**		**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
L060100	GENERAL LABORER		400.00	4.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		46.97	18,788.00
L010101	OPERATOR		100.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		51.00	5,099.60
*RXMISC14	MAN LIFT GAS 125ft		100.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		53.52	5,352.00
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT		100.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		21.65	2,164.50
5.5.1.2	0.50 Each	Trucking - Per Load		0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	750.00
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**	**Currency**		**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub			750.00 Each	U.S. Dollar		1.00	750.00
5.5.2	26.00 Each	Utility Pole Removal		5.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	568.94	14,792.35
5.5.2.1	26.00 Each	Cut / Lower Pole		10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	191.78	4,986.18
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**	**Currency**		**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
L060100	GENERAL LABORER		52.00	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		46.97	2,442.44
L010101	OPERATOR		26.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		51.00	1,325.90
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON		26.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		46.84	1,217.84
5.5.2.2	26.00 Each	Size & Loadout		10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	191.78	4,986.18
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**	**Currency**		**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
L060100	GENERAL LABORER		52.00	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		46.97	2,442.44
L010101	OPERATOR		26.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		51.00	1,325.90
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON		26.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		46.84	1,217.84
5.5.2.3	2.00 Each	Trucking - Per Load		0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	3,000.00
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**	**Currency**		**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub			3,000.00 Each	U.S. Dollar		1.00	3,000.00
5.5.2.4	26.00 Ton	Disposal Cost		0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,820.00
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**	**Currency**		**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's			1,820.00 Each	U.S. Dollar		1.00	1,820.00

Notes: **
Assumption: 101 poles x 2000' per pole
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CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description		UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.6	1.00 Each	O&M Building Removal		0.21	Detail	U.S. Dollar	27,418.75	27,418.75
5.6.1	40.00 Ton	Structure Demo		10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	505.96	20,238.48
Resource Code	**Description**		**Hours**	**Quantity UM**	**Currency**		**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple		40.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		124.54	4,981.40
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear		40.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		185.50	7,419.80
L010101	OPERATOR		80.00	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		51.00	4,079.68
L060100	GENERAL LABORER		80.00	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar		46.97	3,757.60
5.6.2	50.00 Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade		71.43	Detail	U.S. Dollar	35.61	1,780.27

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.6.2.1	50.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation - Various Depth	250.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	17.38	868.92

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	2.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	93.94
L010101	OPERATOR	4.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	203.98
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	2.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	321.93
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	2.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	249.07

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.6.2.2	50.00	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	18.23	911.35

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	371.45
L080940	TEAMSTER	5.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	254.98
L010101	OPERATOR	2.50	0.50	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	127.49
RFELWH09	CAT 966F LOADER, 4.25CY	2.50	0.50	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	62.97	157.43

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.6.3	40.00	Ton	Material T&D	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	135.00	5,400.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		2,600.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	2,600.00
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		2,800.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	2,800.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.7	1,200.00	MW	DC Storage Retirement	2.47	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,148.02	3,777,627.74
5.7.1	1,200.00	MW	Battery Removal & Disposal	5.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,044.07	2,452,881.60
5.7.1.1	240.00	Day	Remove Batteries, Load For Transport	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,251.10	780,264.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	14,400.00	6.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	676,368.00
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	4,800.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	103,896.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.7.1.2	396.00	Each	Transport Batteries	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,605.60	635,817.60
5.7.1.2.1	396.00	Each	Roll Off Liners	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	105.60	41,817.60

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODCLINER	Rolloff Liner		396.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	105.60	41,817.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.7.1.2.2	396.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	594,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		594,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	594,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.7.1.3	5,184.00	Ton	Disposal Fee's	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	200.00	1,036,800.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,036,800.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,036,800.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.7.2	1,200.00	MW	Structure & Components Removal	4.90	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,103.96	1,324,746.14
5.7.2.1	120.00	Day	Refrigerant Recovery	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,207.80	144,936.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010110	Craft - MEP	2,400.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	60.39	144,936.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.7.2.2	3,936.00	Ton	Structure Demo	43.33	Detail	U.S. Dollar	116.76	459,569.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	908.31	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	113,116.10
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	908.31	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	168,486.54
L010101	OPERATOR	1,816.62	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	92,640.12

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,816.62	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	85,326.42

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.7.2.3	396.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,375.00	544,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		544,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	544,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.7.2.4	105,000.00	Gallon	Glycol Recovery & Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.00	105,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLIQUID	Liquids T&D		105,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	105,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.7.2.5	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	70,740.96
5.7.2.5.1	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	39,138.82

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	4,231.33
L010101	OPERATOR	180.17	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	9,188.02
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	14,500.65
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	11,218.82

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.7.2.5.2	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	31,602.14

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	252.24	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	18,738.91
L080940	TEAMSTER	252.24	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	12,863.23

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.8	1.00	Lump Sum	Solar Array Retirement	0.01	Detail	U.S. Dollar	8,034,997.03	8,034,997.03
5.8.1	148,368.00	Linear Feet	Fence Removal	5,139.55	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.31	194,802.72
5.8.1.1	148,368.00	Linear Feet	Fence Removal	5,139.55	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.04	154,302.72

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	866.04	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	44,164.43
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,732.07	6.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	81,355.54
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	866.04	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	28,782.75

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.8.1.2	27.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	40,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		40,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	40,500.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.8.2	656,256.00	Each	Solar Panel Removal & Disposal	10,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7.17	4,708,588.14
5.8.2.1	656,256.00	Each	Solar Panel Removal	10,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3.07	2,017,928.14

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	6,562.56	10.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	142,046.61
L010101	OPERATOR	6,562.56	10.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	334,664.31
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	32,812.80	50.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	1,541,217.22

Notes: **

Assumed production: 20 panels per laborer per hour,
Includes packaging and preparing for shipment offsite.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.8.2.2	875.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,312,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,312,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,312,500.00

Notes: **************************************

Assumption: 45,000 lbs per load
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Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.8.2.3	19,688.00	Ton	Recycling Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,378,160.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,378,160.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,378,160.00

Notes: **

Assumption: 60 lbs each

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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.8.3	1.00	Lump Sum	Solar Rack (Trackers) & Post Removal	0.01	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,131,606.18	3,131,606.18
5.8.3.1	10,938.00	Each	Solar Rack (Trackers) & Post Removal	160.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	252.98	2,767,106.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10,938.00	16.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	557,794.25
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10,938.00	16.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	513,757.86
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	5,469.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	681,081.92
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	5,469.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	1,014,472.16

Notes: ***

Assumed production: .5 hour per rack per crew. Crew to include 1 excavator w/shear, 1 excavator w/grapple, 2 operators and 2 laborers. Includes post removal and sizing of steel for sale as scrap, and loadout to haul trucks.

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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.8.3.2	243.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	364,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		364,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	364,500.00

Notes: *************************************

Assumption: 45,000 lbs per load

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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.9	54.00	Each	Inverter / Transformer Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,143.21	169,733.07
5.9.1	54.00	Each	Disconnect Electrical	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	592.13	31,974.75

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010110	Craft - MEP	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	60.39	16,305.30
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	12,681.90
RPUTRK05	F-250 4X4 3/4 TON PICKUP	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	11.07	2,987.55

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.9.2	54.00	Each	Loadout Inverter & Transformer	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,051.08	56,758.32

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	540.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	25,363.80
L010101	OPERATOR	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	13,768.92
RHYDCR06	GROVE RT880 73 TON	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	65.28	17,625.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.9.3	54.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	81,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		81,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	81,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.10	105,665.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Inverter / Transformer / BESS Foundations	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	2,963,385.49
5.10.1	105,665.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	1,639,550.97

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	3,773.75	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	177,253.04
L010101	OPERATOR	7,547.50	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	384,892.31
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	3,773.75	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	607,441.67
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	3,773.75	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	469,963.96

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.10.2	105,665.00	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	1,323,834.52

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	10,566.50	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	784,985.29
L080940	TEAMSTER	10,566.50	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	538,849.23

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.11	1.00	Lump Sum	Site Restoration - Partial Site Seeding	0.01	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,322,381.12	1,322,381.12
5.11.1	91,872.00	Linear Feet	Site Roads - Removal & Restoration	5,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.63	149,993.35

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	734.98	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	42,874.82
L010101	OPERATOR	1,286.21	7.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	65,591.46
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	367.49	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	27,300.68
*RFELWH08C	CAT 980 LOADER	183.74	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	77.43	14,226.38

Notes: ************************************

Assume topsoil for restoration available onsite.

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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.11.2	9.00	Each	Remove CONEX Storage & Gravel Pads	6.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	750.46	6,754.10
5.11.2.1	9.00	Each	Remove & Load CONEX	12.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	81.53	733.77

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	7.50	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	382.47
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	7.50	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	351.30

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.11.2.2	9.00	Each	Remove CONEX Gravel Pads	12.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	168.93	1,520.33

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	7.50	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	382.47
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	7.50	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	557.18
*RFELWH08C	CAT 980 LOADER	7.50	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	77.43	580.69

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.11.2.3	9.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	500.00	4,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		4,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	4,500.00

Notes: **

Assumption: CONEX containers will be accepted locally
for re-use, and will only require local transport

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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.11.3	1,086.00	Acre	Spot Grade Disturbed Areas	16.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	273.33	296,833.67

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	2,715.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	158,379.53
L010101	OPERATOR	2,715.00	4.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	138,454.14

Notes: **

Assume that 35% of the area distrubed by construction
will be regraded.

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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.11.4	1,086.00	Acre	Re-Seed With Native Vegetation - Roads & Areas Disturbed By Construction	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800.00	868,800.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLANDSCAPE	Landscape Sub		1,086.00	Acre	U.S. Dollar	800.00	868,800.00

Notes: **

Assume that 35% of the area distrubed by construction
will be re-seeded.

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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.12	1.00	Lump Sum	Contractor Markups	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,546,910.75	3,546,910.75

			Cost Item					
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5.12.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Home Office, Project Management (5% Of Cost)	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	854,677.30	854,677.30

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USMARKUP5	5% Markup		17,093,546.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.05	854,677.30

5.12.2	1.00	Lump Sum	Contractor OH & Fee (15% Of Cost)	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,692,233.45	2,692,233.45

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USMARKUP	15% Markup		17,948,223.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.15	2,692,233.45

5.13	1.00	Lump Sum	ODOE Applied Contingencies	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4,334,495.97	4,334,495.97
5.13.1	1.00	Lump Sum	1% Performance Bond	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	206,404.57	206,404.57

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE1	ODOE 1% Markup		20,640,457.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.01	206,404.57

5.13.2	1.00	Lump Sum	10% Administrative and Project Management	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,064,045.70	2,064,045.70

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE2	ODOE 10% Markup		20,640,457.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.10	2,064,045.70

5.13.3	1.00	Lump Sum	10% Future Development Contingency	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,064,045.70	2,064,045.70

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE2	ODOE 10% Markup		20,640,457.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.10	2,064,045.70

Report Total:	24,974,952.51

Category	Total
Labor	5,949,907.87
Rented Equipment	4,541,915.32
Supplies	43,237.60
Materials	50,000.00
Subcontract	9,948,195.75
Travel-Risk-Adj	105,000.00
ODCs	4,336,695.97

<u>Sunstone Solar Project 6 (SS6)</u>

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ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

OF THE STATE OF OREGON

SITE CERTIFICATE FOR THE

SUNSTONE SOLAR PROJECT 6 (SS6)

~~ISSUE~~ ISSUANCE DATE(S):

Sunstone Solar Project NOVEMBER 18, 2024

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1.0 Introduction and Site Certification

This site certificate is a binding agreement between the State of Oregon (State), acting through the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council), and Sunstone Solar 6, LLC (certificate holder), owned by Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (parent company). Both the State and certificate holder must abide by local ordinances, state law, and the rules of the Council in effect on the date this site certificate is executed. However, upon a clear showing of a significant threat to public health, safety, or the environment that requires application of later-adopted laws or rules, the Council may require compliance with such later-adopted laws or rules (ORS 469.401(2)).

This site certificate binds the State and all counties, cities and political subdivisions in Oregon as to the approval of the site and the construction, operation, and retirement of the facility as to matters that are addressed in and governed by this site certificate (ORS 469.401(3)). Each affected state agency, county, city, and political subdivision in Oregon with authority to issue a permit, license, or other approval addressed in or governed by this site certificate, shall upon submission of the proper application and payment of the proper fees, but without hearings or other proceedings, issue such permit, license or other approval subject only to conditions set forth in this site certificate. In addition, each state agency or local government agency that issues a permit, license or other approval for this facility shall continue to exercise enforcement authority over such permit, license or other approval (ORS 469.401(3)). For those permits, licenses, or other approvals addressed in and governed by this site certificate, the certificate holder shall comply with applicable state and federal laws adopted in the future to the extent that such compliance is required under the respective state agency statutes and rules (ORS 469.401(2)).

This site certificate does not address, and is not binding with respect to, matters that are not included in and governed by this site certificate, and such matters include, but are not limited to: employee health and safety; building code compliance; wage and hour or other labor regulations; local government fees and charges; other design or operational issues that do not relate to siting the facility (ORS 469.401(4)); and permits issued under statutes and rules for which the decision on compliance has been delegated by the federal government to a state agency other than the Council (ORS 469.503(3)).

The obligation of the certificate holder to report information to the Department or the Council under the conditions listed in this site certificate is subject to the provisions of ORS 192.502 *et seq.* and ORS 469.560. To the extent permitted by law, the Department and the Council will not publicly disclose information that may be exempt from public disclosure if the certificate holder has clearly labeled such information and stated the basis for the exemption at the time of submitting the information to the Department or the Council. If the Council or the Department receives a request for the disclosure of the information, the Council or the Department, as appropriate, will make a reasonable attempt to notify the

certificate holder and will refer the matter to the Attorney General for a determination of whether the exemption is applicable, pursuant to ORS 192.450.

Council shall have continuing authority over the site and may inspect, or direct the Oregon Department of Energy (Department) to inspect, or request another state agency or local government to inspect, the site at any time in order to ensure that the facility is being operated consistently with the terms and conditions of this site certificate (ORS 469.430).

The duration of this site certificate shall be the life of the facility, subject to termination pursuant to OAR 345-027-0110 or the rules in effect on the date that termination is sought, or revocation under ORS 469.440 and OAR 345-029-0100 or the statutes and rules in effect on the date that revocation is ordered. The Council shall not change the conditions of this site certificate except as provided for in OAR Chapter 345, Division 27.

In interpreting this site certificate, any ambiguity will be clarified by reference to the following, in order, incorporated herein by this reference: 1) this *Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project 6 – SS6*; 2) the *Final Order on Request for Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project* (hereafter, *Final Order on RFA1*); 3) the *Final Order on the Application for Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project* issued on November 18, 2024 (hereafter, *Final Order on the ASC*); and ~~2~~4) the record of the proceedings that led to the Final Order on the ASC.

The definitions in ORS 469.300 and OAR 345-001-0010 apply to the terms used in this site certificate, except where otherwise stated, or where the context clearly indicates otherwise.

2.0 Facility Location and Site Boundary

The facility is located within an approximately ~~10,960~~ 1,246.5-acre (~~17~~ 1.9 sq. mile) site in Morrow County. The site is located on both sides of State Route 207 and is approximately 15 miles northeast of the Town of Lexington and approximately 4.5 miles west of Butter Creek Junction. The site is approximately 3 miles west of the Umatilla County line at its closest point. Table 1 below provides the Township, Range, and Sections occupied wholly, or in part, by the site. Up to ~~9,442~~1,215.6 of land within the site boundary would be occupied by facility components. The regional location of the facility site boundary, ~~transmission line corridor,~~ and ~~approximately 1,518 acres~~areas within the site boundary ~~are~~ excluded from development as applicable, are shown ~~on ASC Exhibit C, Figures C-2, and C-2.1 to C-2.3, attached to~~in Attachment 1 of this site certificate~~ as Attachment 1~~.

Table 1: Township, Range, and Section for Areas Occupied by the Site Boundary

Township	Range	Sections
1N	26E	~~1, 2, 3,~~ 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, ~~11, 12, 14, 15~~

Table 1: Township, Range, and Section for Areas Occupied by the Site Boundary

Township	Range	Sections
~~2N~~	~~26E~~	~~27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36~~
Reference: SSPAPPDoc25-03 ASC Exhibit C Project Location, Table C-1. 2024-05-15.		

3.0 Facility Description

The energy facility is approved to include the components presented in Table 2 below. Additional details regarding specific components, and discussion of alternative designs or technologies under consideration are provided in the sections that follow.

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Site Boundary		
Site Boundary	~~10,960~~ 1,246.5	acres
Maximum Footprint	~~9,442~~1,215.6	acres
Permanent Impacts~~[1]~~	~~9,442~~1,215.6	acres
Solar Components		
PV Solar Modules		
Approx. total number	~~3,937,536~~656,256	modules
Max Height at full-tilt	15	feet
Posts		
Approx. total number (assumes concrete foundation)	~~535,056~~89,176	posts
Cabling		
Combiner Boxes	~~61,524~~10,254	each
Inverter Step Up (ISU) Transformer Units		
Approx. total number	~~319~~54	each
Noise level	89	dBA
Transformer oil-containing capacity	800	gallons
Related or Supporting Facility Components		
34.5 kV Collection System		
Collector line length, belowground	~~82~~13	miles
Collector line length, overhead (OH)	~~4.3~~0.7	miles
Wood Monopoles (max estimate for OH)	~~151~~26	each

~~[1] The energy facility would occupy approximately 9,442~~400 ~~acres within up to 20 separately fenced areas. Most related or supporting facilities will be located within the energy facility's footprint; however, portions of the overhead 34.5 kV collector and 230-kV transmission lines running between solar array areas would result in additional temporary and permanent disturbance areas.~~

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Collector Substations		
Substations w SCADA; GSU transformers per each	~~6~~1; 1	each
Site size	1.6	acres
Transformer oil-containing capacity	16,000	gallons~~/each~~
Transformer noise level	100	dBA
Max height of structures	45	feet
~~**Switchyards**~~		
~~Stations; Transformers per each~~	~~2; 0~~	~~each~~
~~Site size (northern and/or within solar fence line); with foundations and graveled areas~~	~~3~~	~~acres~~
~~**230 kV Transmission Line**~~		
~~Length (total; northern line; southern line)~~	~~9.5; 3.2; 6.3~~	~~miles~~
~~Structures: Type (Wood or Galvanized Steel); quantity~~	~~H-frame; 50~~	~~each~~
~~Height of structures~~	~~70-180~~	~~feet~~
Battery Energy Storage System (Lithium-ion/Zinc)		
Zinc		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with fans/heating systems; SCADA	~~14,946~~2,491	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	9.5 x 8 x 20	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
Lithium-ion		
Approx. total battery containers on foundations with HVAC and fire suppression systems; SCADA	~~12,000~~2,000	each
Site size	0.2 to 0.4	acres
Approx. container dimensions	11.25 x 8.1 x 5.2	H x W x L; feet
Noise level (broadband)	66	dBA
~~**O&M Building**~~		
~~Quantity~~	~~41~~	~~each~~
~~Site size~~	~~2.8~~	~~acres~~
~~Height~~	~~20~~	~~feet~~
~~Appurtenances~~	~~On-site well, septic system, SCADA System~~	
Storage for Replacement Solar Panels		
Containers	~~50~~ 8 – 9	each
Approx. container dimensions	8.5 x 8 x 40	H x W x L; feet

Table 2: Facility Component Summary

Component and Design Standard	No.	Unit
Location	Dispersed within fence line if not next to O&M buildings for other SS facilities, gravel base	
Facility Roads		
Length	~~55~~6.8	miles
Width	10- 20	feet
Perimeter Fence		
Length	~~58~~6.8	miles
Height	7-8	feet
Access/gates	~~52~~8 – 9	each
Temporary Construction Areas		
Quantity	~~54~~4	each
Site size	5	acres
Description	Gravel base; diesel/gas storage; within fence line	

Energy Facility

The facility includes a solar photovoltaic power generation facility with up to ~~1,200~~200 MW of electric generation capacity. ~~The energy facility consists of up to 20 separately fenced solar arrays organized into six 200 MW blocks.~~

Photovoltaic Modules

Solar photovoltaic modules, or solar panels, convert sunlight into DC electric power. The typical module contains crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells arranged within glass panels equipped with an anti-reflective coating, a metal frame, and wire connectors.

Racking System

The photovoltaic modules are connected in series into strings and then mounted on a racking system. Each rack would contain 2 strings of 32 modules mounted on a single-axis tracking system. Multiple racks are organized into rows between 200 and 400 feet in length depending on topography. Rows would be spaced at least 10 feet apart and at least 15 feet from perimeter fencing to provide vehicle access.

Posts

Each row of tracker mounted modules is supported by multiple hollow, screw pile, or pile-type steel posts. Posts are typically installed to a depth of 6-8 feet below surface and extend 5 feet above grade. Posts at the end of rows may be installed at greater depths to withstand wind

uplift. Posts may be installed directly in the ground or concrete backfill may be required in some soil conditions.

DC Cabling System

Combiner boxes or a Big Lead Assembly (BLA) harness system is used to aggregate the DC output of the photovoltaic modules for transmission to an inverter by low-voltage DC cables. Using the combiner boxes, strings of modules are connected to a pad-mounted combiner box installed at each row, which in turn, are connected to the inverters by low voltage DC cables that are either mounted to the tracking system, installed in trays, or buried underground. Using the BLA system, strings are connected directly to a rack-mounted cabling system.

Inverters and Inverter Step Up (ISU) Transformers

Inverters convert the DC output of the photovoltaic modules to AC power that can be transmitted to the electric grid. A typical inverter in utility scale solar facilities converts the 900 to 1,500 volt DC module output to 660 volt AC output. After conversion, the output is sent to an inverter step-up (ISU) transformer to increase the voltage to 34.5 kV power for transmission to the collector substation via the electrical collector system. Inverters and ISU transformers are collocated on concrete slabs near each module block.

Related or Supporting Facilities

Related or supporting facilities include a battery energy storage system, ~~an interconnection substation, up to six~~one collector substation~~s~~ ~~, up to four~~one ~~operations and maintenance building, ~~, 34.5 kV collection system, and other structures.

Battery Energy Storage System

The battery energy storage system (BESS) is designed to provide up to ~~7~~1.2 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of storage capacity. The BESS may use either Lithium-Ion (Li-ion) or Zinc-based battery technology. Under either technology, batteries are contained in pre-constructed modular containers, or "segments," placed on concrete slab foundations.

The battery storage system includes, but is not limited to, the following elements:

- Batteries and containers, inverters, isolation transformers, and switchboards;
- Balance of plant equipment, which may include medium-voltage and low-voltage electrical systems, fire suppression and HVAC systems (for Li- ion technology, if selected), building auxiliary electrical systems, and network/SCADA systems;
- Cooling system, which may include a separate chiller plant located outside the battery racks with chillers, pumps, and heat exchangers (Li-ion only, if selected); zinc batteries will have fans and a heating unit for climate control; and

- High-voltage (HV) equipment, including a step-up transformer, circuit breaker, current transformers and voltage transformers, a packaged control building for the breaker and transformer equipment, towers, structures, and cabling.

The batteries and associated equipment may be oversized or periodically augmented in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure a minimum of 7,200 MWh of energy storage capability over the life of the BESS, taking into account natural degradation of the batteries over time.

Li-ion batteries are currently the most common battery type used in utility-scale battery energy storage systems. If a Li-ion battery technology is used at the facility, it would use Li-ion phosphate batteries, which are more thermally stable than Li-ion cathode batteries.
Each module contains approximately 10 hermetically sealed battery cells filled with a gel or liquid electrolyte. The module containers serve as secondary containment for the cells. Each container holds approximately 840 cells with a combined capacity of approximately 740 kilowatt-hour AC, and approximately ~~1~~2,000 containers would be required to meet the capacity needs of the facility.

The electrolyte used in Li-ion batteries is flammable and susceptible to overheating and vaporization, so Li-ion Battery Systems typically require cooling, ventilation, and fire suppression systems included in each container. If Li-ion battery technology is used at the site, it would implement the following design features and fire prevention and control methods to minimize fire and safety risks:

- Batteries would be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules.
- Ample working space would be provided around the BESS for maintenance and safety purposes.
- An off-site, 24-hour monitoring system with shutdown capabilities would be implemented.
- Batteries would be transported in accordance with Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration regulations under 49 CFR 173.185
- Battery systems would be designed in accordance with applicable Underwriters Laboratories, National Electric Code, and National Fire Protection Association Standards, including but not limited to, UL 1642, 1741, 1973, and 9540A, and NFPA 855.
- An advanced and proven battery management system would be employed;
- Battery Containers would be equipped with:
  - Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to maintain optimal battery temperatures;
  - Fire control panels with 24-hour battery backup;
  - Fire sensors, smoke and hydrogen detectors, alarms, emergency ventilation systems, cooling systems, and aerosol fire suppression/extinguishing systems;
  - Doors equipped with a contact that will shut down the battery container if opened;

- Fire extinguishing and thermal insulation sheets between each individual battery cell;
- Locks and fencing to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel;
- Remote power disconnect switches with clear and visible signs identifying their location.[2]

Li-ion battery modules under consideration for this facility have an expected useful life of 20 years and it is expected that every module at the facility would need to be replaced at least once during the life of the facility. Used Li-ion batteries are generally considered to be hazardous waste by the EPA and must be transported and disposed of according to the most current guidelines at end of life.

A typical zinc-based BESS container includes 144 zinc-hybrid cathode powered batteries with a combined 700 kWh capacity. Zinc batteries are estimated to have a lifespan of at least 20 years. Zinc battery systems can operate across a higher range of temperatures and only require cooling fans rather than a full HVAC system. Zinc batteries have a lower fire-risk than lithium-ion batteries and do not require fire suppression systems to be included in the container design.

The BESS may be designed either as a DC-coupled system, with containers distributed throughout the energy facility site near inverter/transformer station sites, or as an AC-coupled system with containers concentrated in a single area near the ~~switchyards~~substation. In either case, the containers and other BESS equipment are located within the fenced solar array areas and may have their own additional fencing.

34.5 kV Electrical Collection System

The facility includes up to ~~86~~ 13 miles of 34.5 kV electrical collector lines that connects energy facility components to the collector substation~~s~~ described below. The majority of the collector lines are buried underground; however, overhead lines are installed at long “home run” stretches, stream or canyon crossings, and other areas where burial is infeasible. The collector lines are generally located within the energy facility footprint except at road crossings and crossings between fenced solar array areas.

Communication and SCADA System

The facility includes a system of fiber optic and copper communication lines that connect the solar arrays, BESS, and substations to Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system control rooms within ~~each~~ the collector substation. The communication lines are collocated with the 34.5 kV electrical collection system described above. The SCADA system monitors meteorological conditions, critical operating parameters, and power output, for each solar string, battery energy storage system, and substation. The SCADA system is monitored by a

[2] SSPAPPDoc25-02 ASC Exhibit B Project Description 2024-05-15, Section 2.7.1.

remote operations center. Smoke and fire detectors placed around the site also connect to the SCADA system and will contact local emergency responders in the event of a fire at the site.

Collector Substations

The facility includes ~~up to six~~one collector substation~~s~~ at the site. ~~Each ~~The substation includes a generator-step up (GSU) transformer and control building, and may also include circuit-breakers and fuses, transmission line termination structures, power transformers, bus bars and insulators, disconnect switches, relaying, battery and charger, surge arresters, AC and DC supplies, control systems, metering equipment, grounding, a lightning protection system and associated control wiring.

The GSU transformer~~s~~ increase the 34.5-kV ISU transformer output to 230-kV power. The GSU transformer~~s are~~ is a ground-mounted unit~~s~~ constructed on a concrete pad~~s~~. ~~Each of the six~~The single GSU transformer~~s~~ ~~are ~~is filled with up to 16,000 gallons of non-toxic oil such as mineral or seed oil.

~~Each ~~The GSU transformer is equipped with a secondary spill containment catchment system designed to minimize the possibility of accidental leakage. The concrete catchment system is sized to contain approximately 1.25 times the amount of oil inside the transformer.

All substation structures and components are surrounded by a graveled area and enclosed by an 8-foot-tall chain-link fence with three strands of barbed wire one foot above the top. Access to the substation site~~s~~ is limited with a locked gate.

~~230-kV Transmission Line~~

~~The facility includes up to two 230-kV overhead transmission lines that connect the collector substations to the two primary interconnection switchyards located at the point of interconnection. The transmission lines are supported by steel or wood monopole or H-Frame structures, spaced approximately 1,000 feet between structures, and have a combined length of approximately 9.5 miles. The northern line connects two collector substations along the south side of Alpine Lane to the switchyard and extends approximately 3.2 miles. The southern line connects four collector substations across the southern portion of the site and extend approximately 6.3 miles. The two lines run in parallel for approximately 1-mile between Bombing Range Road and the switchyards.~~

~~The transmission lines are located within the fenced solar array areas except where the lines span roads or corridors between areas and between the switchyards and the point of interconnection. All transmission line components are sited within the facility lease boundary.~~

~~No new or expanded right-of-way will be required, but some portions of the transmission lines are located within existing public rights-of-way. A portion of the transmission line that runs~~

~~along the western boundary of energy facility footprint is within the public right-of-way on the east side of Bombing Range Road. Additionally, portions of the transmission line that connect solar array areas in the southern portion of the site cross Doherty Road and the Lexington-Echo Highway.~~

~~Project Switchyards and~~ Interconnection Facilities

The facility interconnects with the existing Umatilla Electric Cooperative 230kV Blue Ridge Line at the northwest corner of the facility. ~~Two switchyards are approved to be located within a separately fenced site either within or adjacent to the energy facility footprint, each approximately 3 acres. The interconnection switchyards do not contain transformers and are constructed on foundations with surrounding gravel areas.~~

~~Operations and Maintenance Buildings~~

~~The facility includes up to fourone operations and maintenance (O&M) buildings, each includingthat includes a utility room, storage for maintenance supplies and equipment, and a SCADA control room. The buildings each havehas an on-site well and septic system. Power is supplied by a local service provider using overhead and/or underground lines. Each The O&M building site also has a graveled parking and storage areas. The O&M building may be shared with all phases (as further explained below).~~

~~Small quantities of chemical materials, including cleaners, insecticides or herbicides, paint, lubricants, degreasers, and solvents, may be stored at the O&M buildings during construction and operation of the facility. No extremely hazardous materials would be stored on site; other chemicals will be handled in accordance with label instructions as well as state and federal standards.~~

~~The facility includes an aboveground fuel storage tank with capacity to store up to 500 gallons of diesel fuel or gasoline at each the O&M building site.~~

~~The O&M buildings are is equipped with basic firefighting equipment for use on-site during maintenance activities, such as shovels, beaters, portable water for hand sprayers, fire extinguishers, and other equipment.~~

Replacement Solar Panel Storage

~~To store s~~Spare solar panels and associated equipment~~, the facility is approved to~~ may be stored ~~materials~~ either at the O&M building sites (located within the site boundaries of SS1, SS2, SS3, and SS5) or within approximately ~~50~~ 8-9 locked Conex storage containers distributed throughout the site. The containers may be placed directly on the ground or on gravel pads. ~~The containers would store up to the approximately 204,720 replacement panels needed over the life of the facility.~~

Access and Service Roads

The facility includes up to ~~55~~ 6.8 miles of new roads (graded and graveled to meet load requirements for all equipment) to provide access to facility components. Corridors between module racking are at least 10 feet wide and racking are no closer than 15 feet from perimeter fencing. Some new road construction is required to access site features. Roads will be 10 to 20 feet in width, with some exceptions, including access to the substation~~s~~ and main travel corridors where two-way traffic is required. In these cases, roads will be 20 feet wide. A 5-foot maintained vegetative surface or noncombustible base, approved by the fire code official, will be maintained along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary. Use of the roads may continue after construction, or new roads may be removed and the land reclaimed to pre-construction conditions.

Security Fencing and Gates

The facility includes approximately ~~58~~ 7.0 miles of security fence to enclose each solar array area, and substation~~, and switchyard site~~. The perimeter fencing has lockable vehicle and pedestrian access gates to provide access to the site.

Temporary Construction Areas

The facility includes up to ~~54~~ 4 temporary construction areas within the energy facility footprint to support construction, store supplies and equipment, and facilitate the delivery and assembly of materials and equipment. Each area consists of a 5-acre site that would be cleared and graveled prior to construction.

Up to five above-ground diesel tanks and one temporary above-ground gasoline tank may be stored in the temporary construction areas. The tanks each hold up to 1,000 gallons of fuel. Most fuel containers have self-contained secondary containment (e.g., double-walled containers) that provide capacity for the entire container plus precipitation, but in some cases may be placed in a constructed secondary containment area that is impervious and is diked or otherwise contained to provide the required fuel and precipitation capacity.

Shared Facility Components

The certificate holder will share facility components ~~-~~between the Sunstone Solar Projects (SS) 1-6 facilities to support facility operation, including the switchyard, transmission line, O&M buildings, access roads, SCADA system, and temporary constructions areas (including fuel tanks). The compliance obligations for site certificate conditions and EFSC standards apply to

the facility components and applicable related or supporting facilities as described in Section 3.0 and Table 2 of each site certificate (SS1, SS2, SS3, SS4, SS5, SS6).

4.0 Facility Development

4.1 Construction

~~The applicant proposed to construct the proposed facility in six phases, with each phase including approximately 200 MWs of generating capacity.~~

Portions of the site, including the substation ~~sites~~, inverter and battery energy storage system sites, and access roads will be cleared and graded, prior to construction of the applicable facility components. Existing vegetation (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) and associated root systems in the energy facility footprint are left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable to minimize soil and erosion impacts, and that grading in solar arrays is limited to those areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances. Typical grading tolerances within the array are 10% maximum on North slopes and 15% maximum in other directions. Following construction, operational requirements include long-term site stabilization and revegetation of disturbed areas.

Adherence to the requirements of a Fugitive Dust Control Plan is required under Condition PRE-SP-02. Measures implemented under this plan include maintaining existing vegetative root systems, applying dust suppressants, and restricting traffic speeds on-site. Typically, water is applied as a dust suppressant on access roads, but under drought conditions, alternative dust suppressants including synthetic polymer emulsions, chemical suppressants, organic glues, and wood fiber materials may be applied at the site by qualified vendors.

Construction of the facility will generate less than 910 commuting trips and 250 truck trips per day over approximately 1,224 construction workdays. At the peak of construction, if all SS1-SS6 facilities are constructed together, it is estimated a maximum of approximately 1,266 commuting trips per day and 250 truck trips per day. The primary route to the site would be Bombing Range Road via Interstate Highway 84 (I-84) at the I-84/Irrigon Junction. Alternate routes would be via OR-207 via I-84 south of Hermiston.

4.2 Operations and Maintenance

Operation and maintenance activities include routine inspections, replacement of solar modules and battery components, panel washing, and vegetation management. ~~Up to~~Less than 10 permanent employees would operate and maintain the facility, with occasional delivery truck accessing the site during operations depending on the type of maintenance activity.

Individual batteries associated with the BESS will be inspected according to the manufacturer's recommendations and will need to be replaced approximately every 20 years, and every

battery will be replaced during the life of the facility. Each type of electrical facility component would have routine inspections as designated in the operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan. The solar panels may require periodic washing during operations, and other incidental water use for sanitation and equipment washing.

Vegetation will be cleared and maintained along access roads to provide a vegetation clearance area for fire safety. This includes mowing to a height of no more than 12 inches. Use of the roads may continue after construction, or new roads may be removed, and the land reclaimed to pre-construction conditions.

~~An aboveground 500-gallon fuel storage tank sized may be installed at each O&M building. Secondary containment and refueling procedures for on-site fuel storage during operations will continue to follow the SPCC Plan and requirements for secondary containment. No extremely hazardous materials are expected to be produced, used, stored, transported, or disposed of at the facility during operation.~~

4.3 Retirement

The estimated useful life of the ~~proposed~~ facility is 40 years. Operational jobs would be eliminated after the facility ceased operating; however, some short-term contract jobs to monitor restored areas may be added to facilitate retirement activities. Decommissioning requires similar workforce numbers as required for the construction of the facility and is estimated to require a similar duration of up to 47 months.

Final retirement activities will be designated in a retirement plan but would begin with disconnecting all electrical equipment disassembling equipment and components such and the battery storage units, solar panels and transformers. Larger containers and equipment would be removed, trucked off-site and recycled and disposed of. Solar panels would be disconnected, and piles would be removed including the excavation of any concrete foundations. Gravel and foundations from the inverters and transformers, ~~O&M building,~~ substation~~s~~, and battery units would be removed by trenching and excavation. The facility site would then be restored through grading, filling, and revegetation with plants or seed mix consistent with applicable plans and conditions discussed in this order or landowner interests.

5.0 Site Certificate Conditions

The conditions of this Site Certificate are organized and coded to indicate the phase of implementation, the standard the condition is required to satisfy, and an identification number (1, 2, 3, etc.).[3] The table below presents a "key" for phase of implementation:

[3] The identification number is not representative of an order that conditions must be implemented; it is intended only to represent a numerical value for identifying the condition.

Key	Type of Conditions/Phase of Implementation
GEN	General Conditions: Design, Construction and Operation
PRE	Pre-Construction Conditions
CON	Construction Conditions
PRO	Pre-Operational Conditions
OPR	Operational Conditions
RET	Retirement Conditions

To align with the phased construction approach, preconditions requiring applicant actions prior to construction allow for phased compliance. These apply specifically to the area in which the phased activities would occur, rather than the entirety of the site.

5.1 General (GEN) Conditions: Design, Construction and Operations

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
STANDARD: GENERAL STANDARD OF REVIEW (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
GEN-GS-01	The certificate holder must design, construct, operate and retire the facility: a. Substantially as described in the site certificate; b. In compliance with the requirements of ORS Chapter 469, applicable Council rules, and applicable state and local laws, rules and ordinances in effect at the time the site certificate was issued; and c. In compliance with all applicable permit requirements of other state agencies. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(10); General Standard Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-02	The certificate holder must begin and complete construction of the facility ~~or facility phase~~ by the following dates: ~~a. Construction of the facility or first facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2027. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site.~~ ~~b.~~a. Construction of the final facility phase must begin on or before November 18, 2028. Within 7 days of construction commencement, the certificate holder must provide the Department with written verification that it has met the deadline by satisfying applicable preconstruction conditions and completing at least $250,000 work at the site. ~~c.~~b. All facility construction must be completed on or before November 18, 2030.~~within 2 years after the date construction of the final facility phase (under (b)) begins.~~ Within 7 days after completing construction, the certificate holder shall provide the Department written verification that it has met the deadline. [General Standard Condition 2; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
GEN-GS-03	If the certificate holder becomes aware of a significant environmental change or impact attributable to the facility, the certificate holder must, as soon as possible, submit a written report to the Department describing the impact on the facility and any affected site certificate conditions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(6); General Standard Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-04	The certificate holder must prevent the development of any conditions on the site that would preclude restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition to the extent that prevention of such site conditions is within the control of the certificate holder. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(7); General Standard Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-GS-05	Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder must restore vegetation to the extent practicable and must landscape all areas disturbed by construction in a manner compatible with the surroundings and proposed use. Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder must remove all temporary structures not required for facility operation and dispose of all timber, brush, refuse and flammable or combustible material resulting from clearing of land and construction of the facility. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(11); General Standard Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-GS-06	~~The certificate holder is authorized to construct the 230 kV transmission lines anywhere within the approved transmission line corridors, subject to the conditions in the site certificate. The approved transmission line corridor includes:~~ ~~a. Southern transmission line: Approximately 6.3 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to four collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~ ~~b. Northern transmission line: Approximately 3.2 miles, extending between the facility switchyard to two collector substations, as further described in ASC Exhibit B and C as presented in Attachment 1 of the site certificate.~~ ~~[Site Specific Condition OAR 345-025-0010(5); General Standard Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]~~[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]
GEN-GS-07	The certificate holder may operationally share the following facility components between Sunstone Solar 1, Sunstone Solar 2, Sunstone Solar 3, Sunstone Solar 5 and Sunstone Solar 6 (SS1 – SS6): the switchyard, transmission line, O&M buildings, replacement solar panel storage (as needed), access roads, SCADA system, and temporary construction areas, subject to the following: a. Within 30 days of use by certificate holders of the shared facilities, the certificate holder must provide evidence to the Department that the certificate holders of the shared facilities have an executed agreement for shared use of any constructed shared facilities. The Shared Use Agreements must allow operation and maintenance personnel and contractors access to the shared SS1 – SS6 facilities. b. If a certificate holder for SS1 - SS6 proposes to substantially modify any of the shared facilities listed in sub(a) of this condition, or supporting facility or ceases facility operation, the applicable/relevant certificate holder is obligated to submit an amendment determination request to the Department to determine the appropriate process for evaluating the change and ensuring full regulatory coverage under each site certificate, or remaining site certificate if either is terminated, in the future. [General Standard Condition 11, Final Order on AMD1]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-OE-01	Before any transfer of ownership of the facility or ownership of the site certificate holder, the certificate holder must inform the Department of the proposed new owners. The requirements of OAR 345-027-0400 apply to any transfer of ownership that requires a transfer of the site certificate. [Organizational Expertise Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-02	Any matter of non-compliance under the site certificate is the responsibility of the certificate holder. Any notice of violation issued under the site certificate will be issued to the certificate holder. Any civil penalties under the site certificate will be levied on the certificate holder. [Organizational Expertise Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-03	The certificate holder must notify the Department within 72 hours of any occurrence of the following: a. There is an attempt by anyone to interfere with the facility's safe operation. b. There is a significant nature event such as a fire, earthquake, flood, tsunami or tornado, or human-caused event such as a fire or explosion. c. There is any fatal injury at the facility. [Organizational Expertise Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-OE-04	The certificate holder shall, as soon as reasonably possible: a. Report incidents or circumstances that may violate the terms or conditions of the site certificate, terms or conditions of any order of the Council, or the terms or conditions of any order issued under OAR 345-027-0230, to the Department. In the report to the Department, the certificate holder shall provide all pertinent facts including an estimate of how long the conditions or circumstances existed, how long they are expected to continue before they can be corrected, and whether the conditions or circumstances were discovered as a result of a regularly scheduled compliance audit; b. Initiate and complete appropriate action to correct the conditions or circumstances and to minimize the possibility of recurrence; c. Submit a written report within 30 days of discovery to the Department. The report must refer to the language in (d) of the condition and contain: i. A discussion of the cause of the reported conditions or circumstances; ii. The date of discovery of the conditions or circumstances by the responsible party; iii. A description of immediate actions taken to correct the reported conditions or circumstances; iv. A description of actions taken or planned to minimize the possibility of recurrence; and v. For conditions or circumstances that may violate the terms or conditions of a site certificate, an assessment of the impact on the resources considered under the standards of OAR Chapter 345 Divisions 22 and 24 as a result of the reported conditions or circumstances.

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
	d. Upon receipt of the written report in sub(c) of this condition, the Department may review the facility record for incidents or circumstances reported or reportable under sub(a) related to public health and safety, the environment, or other resources protected under Council standards. If these incidences are determined by the Department to impact the adequacy of the facility decommissioning cost, the Department or Council may adjust the contingencies identified in Final Order on ASC Table 4 and shall request and receive an updated bond or letter of credit from certificate holder in the adjusted amount. [Organizational Expertise Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Structural Standard (SS) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
GEN-SS-01	The certificate holder must design, engineer and construct the facility to avoid dangers to human safety and the environment presented by seismic hazards affecting the site that are expected to result from all maximum probable seismic events. "Seismic hazards" include ground shaking, ground failure, landslide, liquefaction triggering and consequences (including flow failure, settlement buoyancy, and lateral spreading), cyclic softening of clays and silts, fault rupture, directivity effects and soil-structure interaction. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(12); Structural Standard Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-02	The certificate holder must notify the Department, the State Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly if site investigations or trenching reveal that conditions in the foundation rocks differ significantly from those described in the application for a site certificate. After the Department receives the notice, the Council may require the certificate holder to consult with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building Codes Division to propose and implement corrective or mitigation actions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(13); Structural Standard Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-03	The certificate holder must notify the Department, the State Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly if shear zones, artesian aquifers, deformations or clastic dikes are found at or in the vicinity of the site. After the Department receives notice, the Council may require the certificate holder to consult with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building Codes Division to propose and implement corrective or mitigation actions. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(14); Structural Standard Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-SS-04	The certificate holder shall design, engineer, and construct the facility in accordance with the versions of the International Building Code, Oregon Structural Specialty Code, and local building codes in effect at the time of construction. [Structural Standard Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	

Condition Number	General (GEN) Conditions
GEN-LU-01	The certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department of coordination with the owners of adjacent lands dedicated to agricultural use. Coordination must include information about the facility that could impact agricultural activities. The certificate holder must document any recommendations made by adjacent landowners regarding measures to reduce or avoid any adverse impacts to farm practices on surrounding lands and to avoid any increase in farming costs as well as any responses made to these recommendations. [Land Use Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
GEN-LU-02	The certificate holder must adhere to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund included in Attachment F of the Final Order on the ASC, or subsequently amended. It is the certificate holder's responsibility to ensure that the Council and Department receive all reports and notifications required by the agreement. If the Memorandum of Agreement is amended, the certificate holder shall provide a copy of the amended Agreement to the Department within 30 days of it being amended. [Land Use Condition 12; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
GEN-RF-01	The certificate holder shall prevent the development of any conditions on the site that would preclude restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition to the extent that prevention of such site conditions is within the control of the certificate holder. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(7); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Siting Standards for Transmission Lines (TL) [OAR 345-024-0090]	
GEN-TL-01	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~The certificate holder shall:~~ ~~a. Design, construct and operate the transmission lines in accordance with the requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code as approved by the American National Standards Institute; and~~ ~~b. Develop and implement a program that provides reasonable assurance that all fences, gates, cattle guards, trailers, or other objects or structures of a permanent nature that could become inadvertently charged with electricity are grounded or bonded throughout the life of the line.~~ ~~[Siting Standards for Transmission Line Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]~~

5.3 Pre-Construction (PRE) Conditions

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
STANDARD: General Standard of Review (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
PRE-GS-01	Except as necessary for the initial survey, the certificate holder may not begin construction of the facility or phase, or create a clearing on any part of the site of the facility or phase, as applicable, until the certificate holder has the legal right to engage in construction activities on the relevant parts of the site for the facility or phase. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(5); General Standard Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-GS-02	At least 90 days prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable (unless otherwise agreed to by the Department), the certificate holder shall submit to the Department a compliance plan documenting and demonstrating actions completed or to be completed to satisfy the requirements of all site certificate terms and conditions and applicable statutes and rules. The plan shall be provided to the Department for review and compliance determination for each requirement. The Department may request additional information or evaluation deemed necessary to demonstrate compliance. [OAR 345-026-0048, General Standard Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
PRE-OE-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall notify the Department of the identity and qualifications of the major design, engineering and construction contractor(s). The certificate holder shall select contractors that have substantial experience in the design, engineering and construction of similar facilities. The certificate holder shall report to the Department any changes of major contractors. [Organizational Expertise Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall select a construction contractor with a low rate of historic environmental and safety compliance citations. Certificate holder shall provide the following documentation to the Department: a. Qualifications and contact information of the of the major design, engineering and construction contractor(s) and subcontractors, as applicable. b. Construction contractor compliance history. c. Contract excerpt affirming that contractors are required to comply with the terms and conditions of the site certificate, including selecting design layout and construction materials that minimize impacts to resources protected under Council standards. [Organizational Expertise Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the certificate holder's construction manager.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Organizational Expertise Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-OE-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Provide the Department a list of federal, state and local permits, including any third-party permits related to facility siting; and a schedule for obtaining identified permits. b. Once obtained, provide copies of all permits, including third-party permits, required for facility siting to the Department. [Organizational Expertise Condition 12; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Structural (SS) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRE-SS-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit a site-specific geotechnical investigation report, consistent with the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners Guideline for Preparing Engineering Geologic Reports, or newer guidelines if available to the Department, for review in consultation with its third-party consultant. [Structural Standard Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRE-SP-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide a Vegetation and Grading Plan that demonstrates contractors are required to adhere to the following: a. Existing vegetation (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) and associated root systems shall be left intact to the maximum extent practicable. b. Grading within solar arrays shall be limited to areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances (typically 10% maximum on North slopes and 15% maximum in other directions). [Soil Protection Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-SP-02	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Obtain a NPDES 1200-C Pemit from DEQ. A copy of the approved permit and attached Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) must be submitted to the Department. b. Finalize the Fugitive Dust Control Plan, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment D. Finalization includes verification of names and contact information of individuals responsible for implementation, measures to be implemented and forms to be used for monitoring and reporting. [Soil Protection Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-SP-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must submit to the Department a Construction Spill Prevention Countermeasures and Control (SPCC) Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
PRE-LU-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must provide to the Department a copy of the approved Conditional Use Permit and applicable Zoning Permit(s). [Land Use Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-02	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~Prior to construction of the 230 kV transmission lines, the certificate holder shall demonstrate to the Department that the transmission lines will be sited within the exiting road rights-of-way, unless Morrow County Public Works Department and Oregon Department of Transportation, as applicable, confirm that use of the existing road rights-of-way is not feasible.~~ ~~[Land Use Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]~~
PRE-LU-03	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the draft Noxious Weed Control Plan, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment E, and submit to the Department for review and approval in consultation with the Morrow County Weed Department. [Land Use Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must submit an executed document prohibiting the certificate holder, and the certificate holder's successors in interest, from pursuing a claim for relief or cause of action alleging injury from farming or forest practices as defined in ORS 30.930(2) and (4), and provide evidence that the document has been recorded in the deed records for Morrow County. [Land Use Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-05	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall demonstrate that the final design adheres to the following setbacks: a. All facility structures and above-ground components except the perimeter fenceline must be sited: 1. At least 20 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way of a local minor collector or marginal access street, including but not limited to Sand Hollow Road, Grieb Lane, Alpine Lane, Doherty Road, or Melville Road. 2. At least 30 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way, of a major collector, including but not limited to, Bombing Range Road. 3. At least 80 feet from a property line fronting the right-of-way for an arterial road, including but not limited to State Highway 207. b. All facility structures, and all on-site septic systems or other sewage disposal systems must be set back at least 100 feet from delineated waterways. [Land Use Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-06	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit a final site plan that includes all information required by MCZO 4.165.E to the County and the Department. The Department may defer review and approval to the County.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Land Use Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
PRE-LU-07	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must complete the preconstruction requirements identified in the Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund, as provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment F, or subsequently amended. [Land Use Condition 11; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
PRE-RF-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon, through the Council, a bond or letter of credit naming the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as beneficiary or payee. The approved bond or letter of credit amount of $~~117,945,000~~23,895,458 ~~23,669,565.82~~ (~~Q1~~ Q3 ~~2023~~ 2025 dollars) may be adjusted based on the design configuration of the facility, or phase of the facility, as provided in Sub(a) and adjusted to the year and quarter of issuance as provided under Sub(b). a. The bond or letter of credit amount may be adjusted based on actual design/number of components of the facility or phase, as applicable, and shall use the same unit costs and contingencies presented in the Final Order on ~~the ASC~~Sunstone Solar RFA1 Table 5~~8~~. b. Adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation. c. The bond or letter of credit must be issued by a financial institution that is included on the Council's pre-approved financial institution list. The certificate holder may request to have a financial institution added to the list at any time. d. The bond or letter of credit must be prepared using the most recent Council-approved template. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 4; Final Order on ASC; AMD1]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
PRE-FW-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, based on Attachment G of the Final Order on the ASC, and submit to the Department for review and approval. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 1]
PRE-FW-02	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall submit the draft legal agreement for review and approval by the Department, in consultation with ODFW. The legal agreement shall ensure that payment provided for long-term~~

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	~~management and enhancement of the mitigation area is adequate to cover the permanent habitat loss from the facility.~~ ~~[Fish and Wildlife Condition 4, Final Order on ASC]~~
PRE-FW-03	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Habitat Mitigation Plan, as provided in Attachment H of the Final Order on ASC, based on the impacts associated with the final facility design and the legal agreement, as approved by the Department.~~ ~~[Fish and Wildlife Condition 5, Final Order on ASC]~~
PRE-FW-04	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department that the design measures included in the Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Final Order on ASC Attachment I) have been included in the final facility design and construction contractor contracts, as applicable. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 7; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Threatened and Endangered Species (TE) [OAR 345-022-0070]	
PRE-TE-01	If construction commences after April 2025, certificate holder shall, prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, conduct protocol-level Washington ground squirrel (WAGS) surveys within areas of planned facility construction that are within suitable WAGS habitat. The certificate holder shall: a. Submit a protocol-level survey plan for surveys to be conducted within suitable WAGS habitat, for review and approval by the Department in consultation with ODFW. At a minimum, the survey plan shall specify the survey area (all areas of suitable habitat within 1,000 feet of ground disturbing activities except where there is a habitat barrier (e.g., a paved road) or access restrictions); and survey timing (February 15 to May 31, unless otherwise approved by ODFW). b. Complete protocol-level WAGS surveys based on the protocol approved per (a). c. Submit survey reports to the Department and ODFW. The certificate holder shall not begin construction within 1,000 feet of Category 1 or Category 2 WAGS habitat until the identified boundaries of Category 1 WAGS habitat have been approved by the Department, in consultation with ODFW. Category 1 habitat includes a 785-foot buffer from an identified active burrow, and the area within the perimeter of multiple active burrows. Category 2 WAGS habitat consists of a 4,136-foot buffer from the exterior boundary of all Category 1 WAGS habitat. The survey results are valid for 3-years. d. Develop maps and worker training materials to inform of sensitive Category 1 and Category 2 habitat. Submit to the Department final facility design maps demonstrating that Category 1 habitat, including 785-buffer from any colonies identified per (b), is avoided. e. Install flagging or other demarcation, as appropriate, to inform workers of sensitive WGS habitat and of avoidance requirement.

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
	[Threatened and Endangered Species Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
PRE-HC-01	Prior to construction of the facility, or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall update the contact information provided in the Final Order on ASC Attachment K, Inadvertent Discovery Plan. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Public Services (PS) [OAR 345-022-0100]	
PRE-PS-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall execute a final Road Use Agreement, based on Final Order on ASC Attachment N, and provide a copy to the Department. [Public Services Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]
PRE-PS-02	At least 180-days prior to construction of any phase, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department and Morrow County a temporary housing plan for the construction workforce. The plan shall provide for coordination with contractors and local officials on housing options and strategies to minimize impacts to local housing supply based on an ongoing evaluation of patterns of uses and potential shortages or changes in housing demand. [Public Services Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
PRE-WF-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall finalize the Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan, as provided in Attachment L to the Final Order on ASC. The final Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
PRE-WM-01	Prior to construction of the facility, or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require contractors to develop and submit to the Department for review and approval, Construction Waste Management Plan(s) that, at a minimum, include the following: a. All sources and quantities of construction waste and wastewater, including damaged or dysfunctional energy facility components, and where feasible, estimated quantities that can be recycled. b. Process for disposal and recycling, including use of licensed haulers and disposal/recycling facilities; names and locations of licensed recycling and disposal facilities; collection, hauling and tracking requirements. c. Process for requesting a permit exemption from DEQ pursuant to OAR 340-093-0080 to ensure that concrete washout materials reused in foundation backfill are substantially the same as clean fill. d. Process for training workers and tracking compliance with the requirements of the plan. [Waste Minimization Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	Preconstruction (PRE) Conditions
STANDARD: Noise Control Regulations (NC) [OAR 340-035-0035]	
PRE-NC-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall demonstrate that the operational noise levels comply with OAR 345-035-0035(1)(b), based on an updated acoustic modeling analysis using final design/layout and equipment specifications. [Noise Control Condition 1; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Removal-Fill (WL)	
PRE-WL-01	Prior to construction of the facility, facility component or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder must provide documentation of a valid jurisdictional determination from the Oregon Department of State Lands demonstrating that no waterways subject to the State Removal-Fill law under ORS 196.795 through 196.990 are present within areas to be disturbed during construction or operation. [Removal-Fill Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
PRE-WR-01	Prior to construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Identify all water-related needs and estimate daily and annual water demand for each construction phase, as applicable. b. Provide, to the Department, a contract or purchase agreement demonstrating that adequate water supply to meet construction demand has been secured from sources with valid water rights. [Water Rights Condition 1, Final Order on ASC]

5.4 Construction (CON) Conditions

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<tr><td>CON-OE-01</td><td>The certificate holder shall contractually require all contractors and subcontractors to comply with all applicable laws and regulations and with the terms and conditions of the site certificate. The contractual obligation shall be required of each contractor and subcontractor prior to that firm working on the facility. Such contractual provisions shall not operate to relieve the certificate holder of responsibility under the site certificate.
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<tr><td>CON-OE-02</td><td>During construction, the certificate holder shall:
a. Maintain an onsite construction manager.
b. Require that the construction manager implement and monitor all applicable construction related site certificate conditions.
c. Within six months after beginning construction, and every six months thereafter during construction of the energy facility and related or supporting facilities, the certificate holder shall submit a semiannual construction progress report to the Department. In each construction progress report, the certificate holder shall describe any significant changes to major milestones for construction. The certificate holder shall report on the progress of construction and shall address the following:
i. Facility Status: An overview of site conditions, the status of facilities under construction and a summary of the operating experience of facilities that are in operation. The certificate holder shall describe any unusual events, such as earthquakes, extraordinary windstorms, major accidents or the like that occurred during the year and that had a significant adverse impact on the facility.
ii. Status of Surety Information: Documentation demonstrating that bonds or letters of credit as described in the site certificate are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect for the term of the next reporting period.
iii. Compliance Report: A report describing the certificate holder’s compliance with all site certificate conditions that are applicable during the reporting period. For ease of review, the certificate holder shall, in this section of the report, use numbered subparagraphs corresponding to the applicable sections of the site certificate.
iv. Facility Modification Report: A summary of changes to the facility that the certificate holder has made during the reporting period without an amendment of the site certificate in accordance with OAR 345-027-0050.
[Organizational Expertise Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]</td></tr>
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Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
CON-SP-01	During construction, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require that contractors adhere to the requirements of the Vegetation and Grading Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-SP-02	During construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall: a. Conduct all work in compliance with the NPDES 1200-C Permit and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) or revised ESCP if applicable. The ESCP shall be revised if determined necessary by the certificate holder, certificate holder's contractor(s) or the Department. Any Department-required ESCP revisions shall be implemented within 14-days, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department based on a good faith effort to address erosion issues. b. Conduct all work in compliance with the Fugitive Dust Control Plan. The Fugitive Dust Control Plan may be amended, as needed, to ensure that control measures are effective at the site. [Soil Protection Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
CON-SP-03	During construction, the certificate holder shall require that all onsite contractors and personnel adhere to the requirements of the SPCC Plan. Any SPCC revisions and updates shall be reported to the Department. [Soil Protection Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	
CON-LU-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Noxious Weed Control Plan required under Condition PRE-LU-02. [Land Use Condition 4, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
CON-RF-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall: a. Describe the status of the bond or letter of credit in the semi-annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. b. If construction extends for more than 12 months, the certificate holder shall adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit on an annual basis thereafter as described in under Condition PRE-RF-01. c. The Department and Council reserve the right to adjust the contingencies, as necessary to ensure that costs to restore the site are adequate. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
CON-FW-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, as applicable. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 2, Final Order on ASC]
CON-FW-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Attachment I of the Final Order on the ASC). Monitoring records shall be maintained throughout construction and included in the semi-annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
STANDARD: Threatened and Endangered Species (TE) [OAR 345-022-0070]	
CON-TE-01	Prior to and during construction of the facility or phase, as applicable, any incidentally identified occurrence(s) of Lawrence's milkvetch shall be avoided using a 100-foot buffer via mapping and flagging. [Threatened and Endangered Species Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
CON-HC-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall require all onsite employees and contractors to implement and adhere to the requirements of the Inadvertent Discovery Plan, as submitted to the Department under PRE-HC-01. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Public Services (PS) [OAR 345-022-0100]	
CON-PS-01	During construction, the certificate holder shall adhere to the terms and conditions of the Road Use Agreement executed under PRE-PS-01. [Public Services Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-PS-02	During construction, the certificate holder shall report to the Department the outcomes of the work completed under the temporary housing plan required under PRE-PS-02. The report shall be included in the construction progress report required under CON-OE-02, and shall include, at a minimum: a. Outcome of coordination with construction contractors to identify housing options for incoming workers, including aggregate data on the location (i.e. city) and type of housing used by workers. b. Documentation of coordination with local officials such as the Morrow County Planning Department, nearby cities and towns such as Lexington and Ione, the Lexington Community Development Group, the Ione Community Agri-Business Organization, the Boardman Community Development Association, the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, and other housing providers to identify housing options and strategies to minimize that impacts to local housing supply. [Public Services Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
CON-WF-01	During construction of the facility of phase, as applicable, the certificate holder shall implement and require all onsite contractors and employees to adhere to the Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan required under Condition PRE-WF-01. Updates to the Wildfire Mitigation Plan may be required if determined necessary by the certificate holder, certificate holder's contractor(s), or the Department to address wildfire hazard to public health and safety. Any Department required updates shall be implemented within 14 days, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department based on a good faith effort to address wildfire hazard. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	

Condition Number	Construction (CON) Conditions
CON-WM-01	During construction, as applicable, the certificate holder shall require that contractors adhere to the requirements of the Construction Waste Management Plan(s) and maintain records of employee training and tracking compliance onsite and available upon Department request. [Waste Minimization Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
CON-WM-02	During construction, on-site concrete washwater disposal is prohibited unless DEQ approval of a permit exemption for materials substantially similar to clean fill is obtained. If DEQ approval of a permit exemption is obtained, concrete washwater must be disposed of onsite via infiltration and evaporation in accordance with the DEQ-issued NPDES 1200-C permit required under Condition CON-SP-02. [Waste Minimization Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
CON-WR-01	During construction: a. All water used for construction activities shall be appropriated and used in accordance with the applicable provisions of ORS chapter 537 and OAR chapter 690. b. The certificate holder shall report the source and amount of water used during each month of construction under Condition CON-OE-02. The certificate holder shall maintain records adequate to substantiate reports (e.g., written logs and photographs of well meter readings, copies of invoices from water sources) and make such records available to the Department upon request. c. If a water right, limited water use license, or water rights transfer is needed and would not be obtained by a third-party, the certificate holder shall submit and obtain approval of the applicable water permit through the site certificate amendment process. [Water Rights Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]

5.5 Pre-Operational (PRO) Conditions

Condition Number	Pre-Operational (PRO) Conditions
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
PRO-OE-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the individuals responsible for monitoring facility operations, including individuals or third-party entity responsible for onsite maintenance. [Organizational Expertise Condition 10; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
PRO-SP-01	Following the termination of the 1200-C, the certificate holder shall update the requirements of the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, specific to the areas within the fenceline not occupied by facility infrastructure. Certificate holder shall provide evidence to the Department that the permit was terminated by DEQ. [Soil Protection Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
PRO-SP-02	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall submit to the Department an Operational Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan. [Soil Protection Condition 8; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
PRO-WF-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall finalize the operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) included as Attachment M to the Final Order on ASC. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
PRO-WM-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall develop an Operational Recycling Plan or protocol requiring that damaged or nonfunctional panels and lithium-ion batteries be recycled to the extent practicable. The certificate holder shall report in its annual report to the Department the quantities of panels and lithium-ion batteries recycled, reused or disposed of in a landfill. Requirements for lithium-ion battery recycling do not apply if the BESS is not constructed. [Waste Minimization Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other - Water Rights (WR)	
PRO-WR-01	Prior to operation, the certificate holder shall provide, to the Department, a copy of the map, well log and all other information it provided to OWRD pursuant to ORS 537.545 and ORS 537.765 to qualify for an exempt ground water use for any onsite exempt wells. [Water Rights Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]

5.6 Operational (OPR) Conditions

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
STANDARD: General Standard of Review (GS) [OAR 345-022-0000]	
OPR-GS-01	The certificate holder must submit a legal description of the site to the Department within 90 days after beginning operation of the facility. The legal description must include a description of metes and bounds or a description of the site by reference to a map and geographic data that clearly and specifically identify the outer boundaries that contain all parts of the facility. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(2); General Standard Condition 9]
OPR-GS-02	After January 1 but no later than April 30 of each year after beginning operation of the facility, the certificate holder shall submit an annual report to the Department. The Council Secretary and the certificate holder may, by mutual agreement, change the reporting date. a. The annual report must include the following information for the calendar year preceding the date of the report: 1. Facility Status: An overview of site conditions, the status of facilities under construction and a summary of the operating experience of facilities that are in operation. The certificate holder shall describe any unusual events, such as earthquakes, extraordinary windstorms, major accidents or the like that occurred during the year and that had a significant adverse impact on the facility. 2. Reliability and Efficiency of Power Production: For electric power plants, the plant availability and capacity factors for the reporting year. The certificate holder shall describe any equipment failures or plant breakdowns that had a significant impact on those factors and shall describe any actions taken to prevent the recurrence of such problems. 3. Status of Surety Information: Documentation demonstrating that bonds or letters of credit as described in the site certificate are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect for the term of the next reporting period. 4. Monitoring Report: A list and description of all significant monitoring and mitigation activities performed during the previous year in accordance with site certificate terms and conditions, a summary of the results of those activities and a discussion of any significant changes to any monitoring or mitigation program, including the reason for any such changes. 5. Compliance Report: A report describing the certificate holder’s compliance with all site certificate conditions that are applicable during the reporting period. For ease of review, the certificate holder shall, in this section of the report, use numbered subparagraphs corresponding to the applicable sections of the site certificate.

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	6. Facility Modification Report: A summary of changes to the facility that the certificate holder has made during the reporting period without an amendment of the site certificate in accordance with OAR 345-027-0350. b. To the extent that information required by this rule is contained in reports the certificate holder submits to other state, federal or local agencies, the certificate holder may submit excerpts from such other reports to satisfy this rule. The Council reserves the right to request full copies of such excerpted reports. [Mandatory Condition 345-026-0080(1); General Standard Condition 10, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Organizational Expertise (OE) [OAR 345-022-0010]	
OPR-OE-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department the qualifications and contact information of the individuals responsible for monitoring facility operations, including individuals or third-party entity responsible for onsite maintenance. [Organizational Expertise Condition 11; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Soil Protection (SP) [OAR 345-022-0020]	
OPR-SP-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational SPCC Plan. Any SPCC updates shall be described and included in the Annual Report to the Department. Certificate holder shall report spill and cleanup activities to the Department within 72 hours and shall make inspection records available to the Department upon request. [Soil Protection Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Land Use (LU) [OAR 345-022-0030]	
OPR-LU-01	Following the fifth year of monitoring under the Noxious Weed Control Plan required under PRE-LU-03, the certificate holder shall submit a Long-term Noxious Weed Monitoring Plan to the Department, for review and approval. The certificate holder shall implement the plan for the remainder of the facility's operating life. [Land Use Condition 5, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
OPR-RF-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Annually adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency by using the index value for the year and quarter of the nominal value and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust the amount for inflation. b. Any changes to the template made by the Council must be incorporated into the bond or letter or letter of credit whenever the amount is adjusted under Sub(a). c. The Department and Council reserve the right to adjust the contingencies, as

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	necessary to ensure that costs to restore the site are adequate. [Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 6; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Fish and Wildlife Habitat (FW) [OAR 345-022-0060]	
OPR-FW-01	During operation, as applicable, the certificate holder shall implement and adhere to the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan. [Fish and Wildlife Habitat Condition 3, Final Order on ASC]
OPR-FW-02	[Condition Deleted by Amendment 1 of the Sunstone Solar Project]~~During operation, the certificate holder shall provide reports from The Nature Conservancy on the status of long-term management and enhancement of the habitat mitigation area, consistent with the Habitat Mitigation Plan.~~ ~~[Fish and Wildlife Condition 6, Final Order on ASC]~~
OPR-FW-03	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational Wildlife Monitoring Plan (Attachment J of the Final Order on the ASC). Monitoring records shall be maintained throughout operation and included in the annual report submitted to the Department pursuant to OAR 345-026-0080. [Fish and Wildlife Condition 9; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Historic, Cultural and Archeological (HC) [OAR 345-022-0090]	
OPR-HC-01	During operations, the certificate holder shall require all onsite employees and contractors to implement and adhere to the requirements of the Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP), as provided for Condition PRE-HC-01. The IDP shall be reviewed and updated annually for current contact information. [Historic, Cultural and Archeological Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation (WF) [OAR 345-022-0115]	
OPR-WF-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Implement the Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan finalized under Condition PRO-WF-01. b. Every 5 years after the first operational year, review and update the evaluation of wildfire risk under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b) and submit the results in the annual report required under Condition CON-OE-02 for that year. c. Submit an updated Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan to the Department if substantive changes are made to the plan because of the review under sub (b) of this condition, or at any other time substantiative revisions are made. [Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Waste Minimization (WM) [OAR 345-022-0120]	
OPR-WM-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall adhere to the requirements of the Operational Recycling Plan or protocol developed under Condition PRO-WM-01. [Waste Minimization Condition 5; Final Order on ASC]
OPR-WM-02	During operation, the certificate holder shall: a. Prohibit use of chemicals, soaps, detergents and heated water unless Chemical Safety Data Sheets for low volatile organic compound/biodegradable cleaning

Condition Number	Operational (OPR) Conditions
	chemicals and solvents are submitted to the Department for review and approval prior to use. b. Ensure that washing is conducted in a manner that does not remove paint or other finishes. c. Discharge wash water through evaporation and infiltration only. [Waste Minimization Condition 6, Final Order on ASC]
STANDARD: Other – Water Rights (WR)	
OPR-WR-01	During operation, the certificate holder shall verify that any onsite exempt wells do not use more than 5,000 gallons of ground water a day, collectively, and shall monitor the volume of groundwater used on a daily basis, maintain a record of such use and make the monitoring records available to the Department upon request. [Water Rights Condition 4; Final Order on ASC]

5.7 Retirement (RET) Conditions

Condition Number	Retirement (RET) Conditions
STANDARD: Retirement and Financial Assurance (RF) [OAR 345-022-0050]	
RET-RF-01	The certificate holder must retire the facility if the certificate holder permanently ceases construction or operation of the facility. The certificate holder must retire the facility according to a final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0410. The certificate holder must pay the actual cost to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition at the time of retirement, notwithstanding the Council's approval in the site certificate of an estimated amount required to restore the site. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(9); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 2; Final Order on ASC]
RET-RF-02	If the Council finds that the certificate holder has permanently ceased construction or operation of the facility without retiring the facility according to a final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0410, the Council must notify the certificate holder and request that the certificate holder submit a proposed final retirement plan to the Department within a reasonable time not to exceed 90 days. If the certificate holder does not submit a proposed final retirement plan by the specified date, the Council may direct the Department to prepare a proposed final retirement plan for the Council's approval. Upon the Council's approval of the final retirement plan, the Council may draw on the bond or letter of credit described in Condition PRE-RF~~T~~-01 to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition according to the final retirement plan, in addition to any penalties the Council may impose under OAR chapter 345, division 29. If the amount of the bond or letter of credit is insufficient to pay the actual cost of retirement, the certificate holder must pay any additional cost necessary to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition. After completion of site restoration, the Council must issue an order to terminate the site certificate if the Council finds that the facility has been retired according to the approved final retirement plan. [Mandatory Condition OAR 345-025-0006(16); Retirement and Financial Assurance Condition 3; Final Order on ASC]

6.0 Successors and Assigns

To transfer this site certificate or any portion thereof or to assign or dispose of it in any other manner, directly or indirectly, the certificate holder shall comply with OAR 345-027-0400.

7.0 Severability and Construction

If any provision of this agreement and certificate is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the agreement and certificate did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

8.0 Execution

This site certificate may be executed in counterparts and will become effective upon signature by the Chair of the Energy Facility Siting Council and the authorized representative of the certificate holder.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this site certificate has been executed by the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Energy Facility Siting Council and Sunstone Solar 6, LLC (certificate holder).

ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL	**SUNSTONE SOLAR 6, LLC**
By: _____________________________	By: __________________________________
Kent Howe, Chair	XXX, Authorized Representative
Date: ___________________________	Date:________________________________

ATTACHMENT 1: FIGURES

Figure 1: Regional Location of Facility ~~and Site Boundary~~

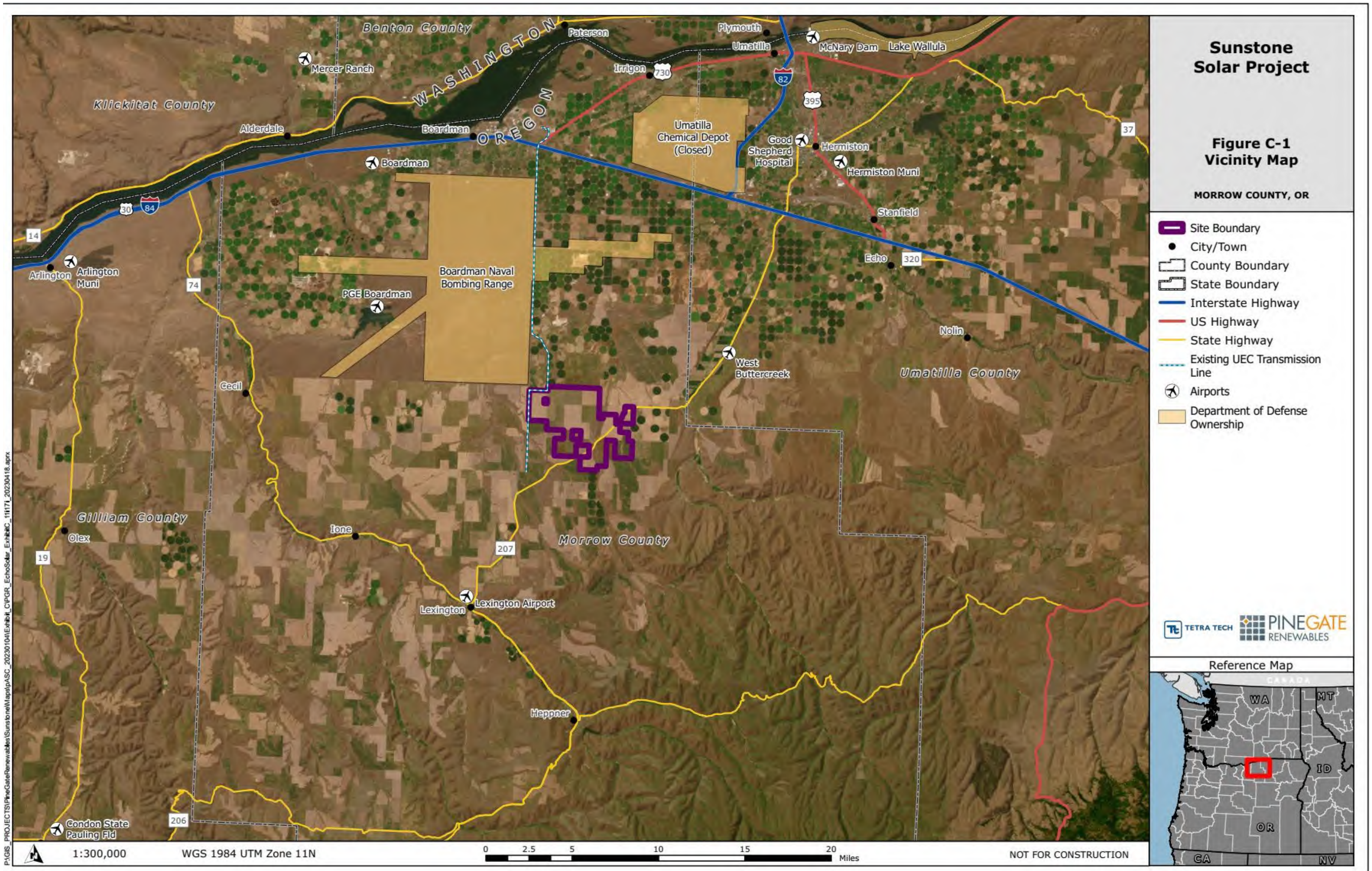


Figure 2: Original Site Boundary and RFA1 facility division (into six -facilities)

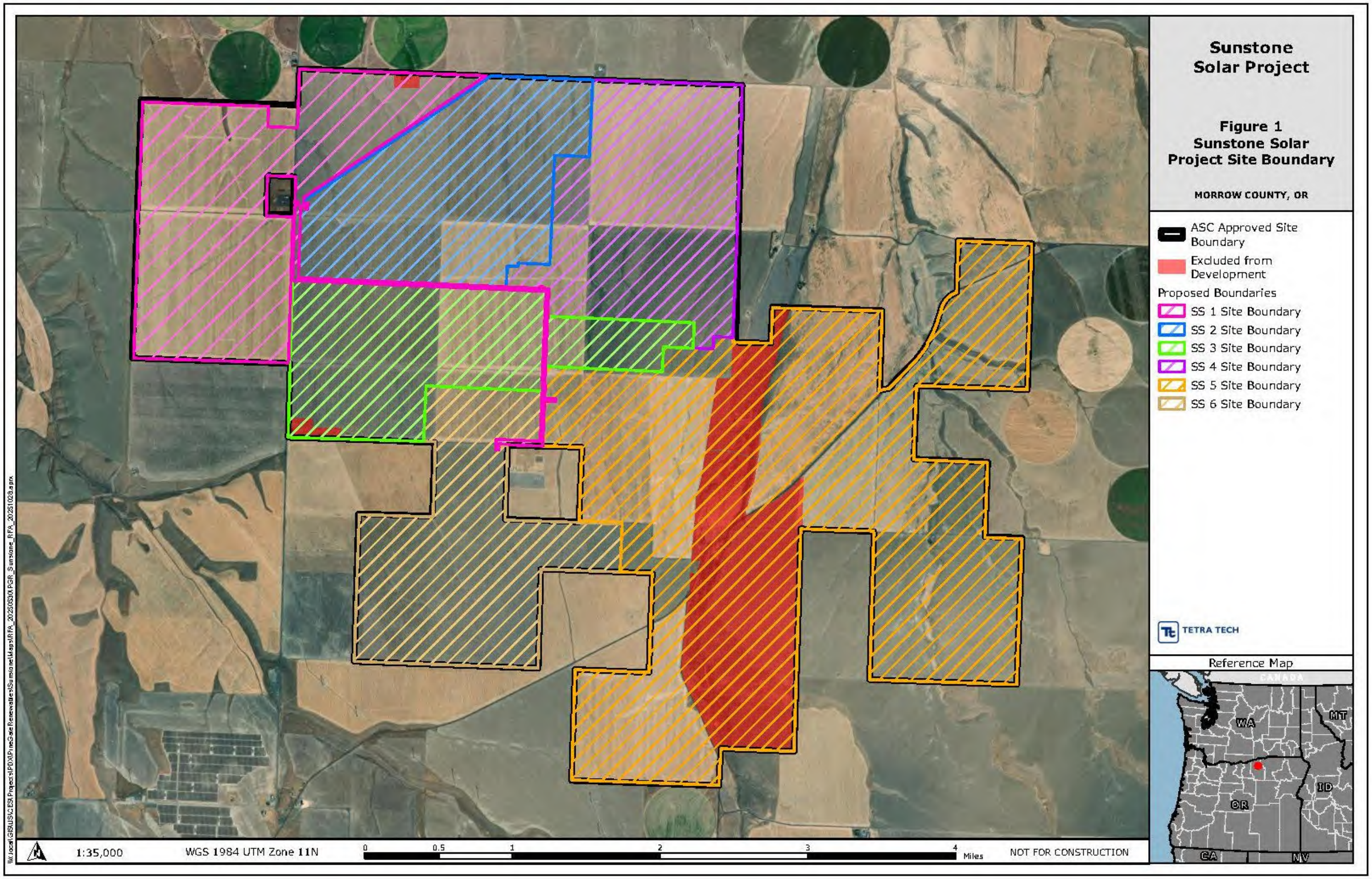


Figure 3: Sunstone Solar Project 6 (SS6) Site Boundary

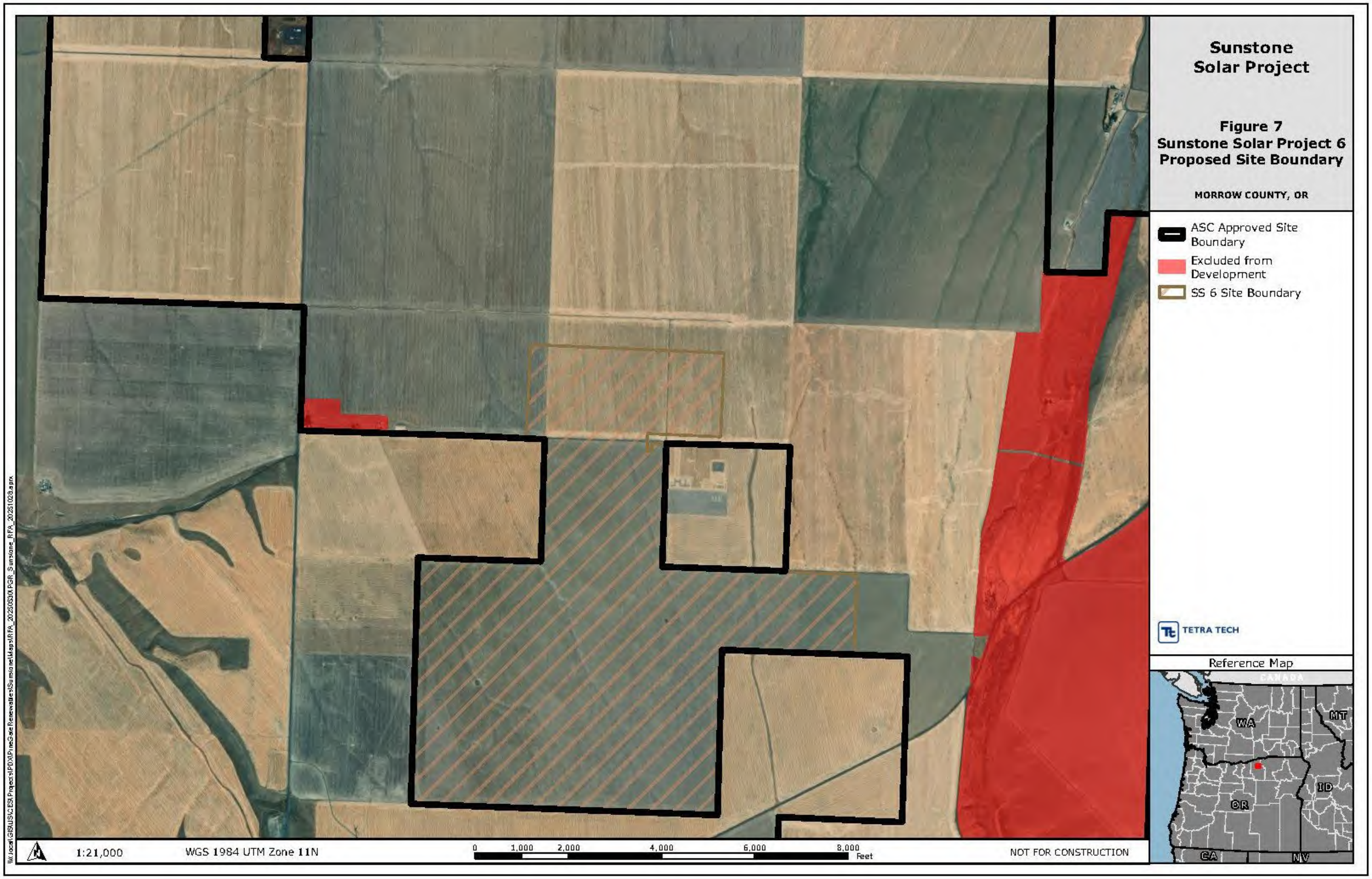
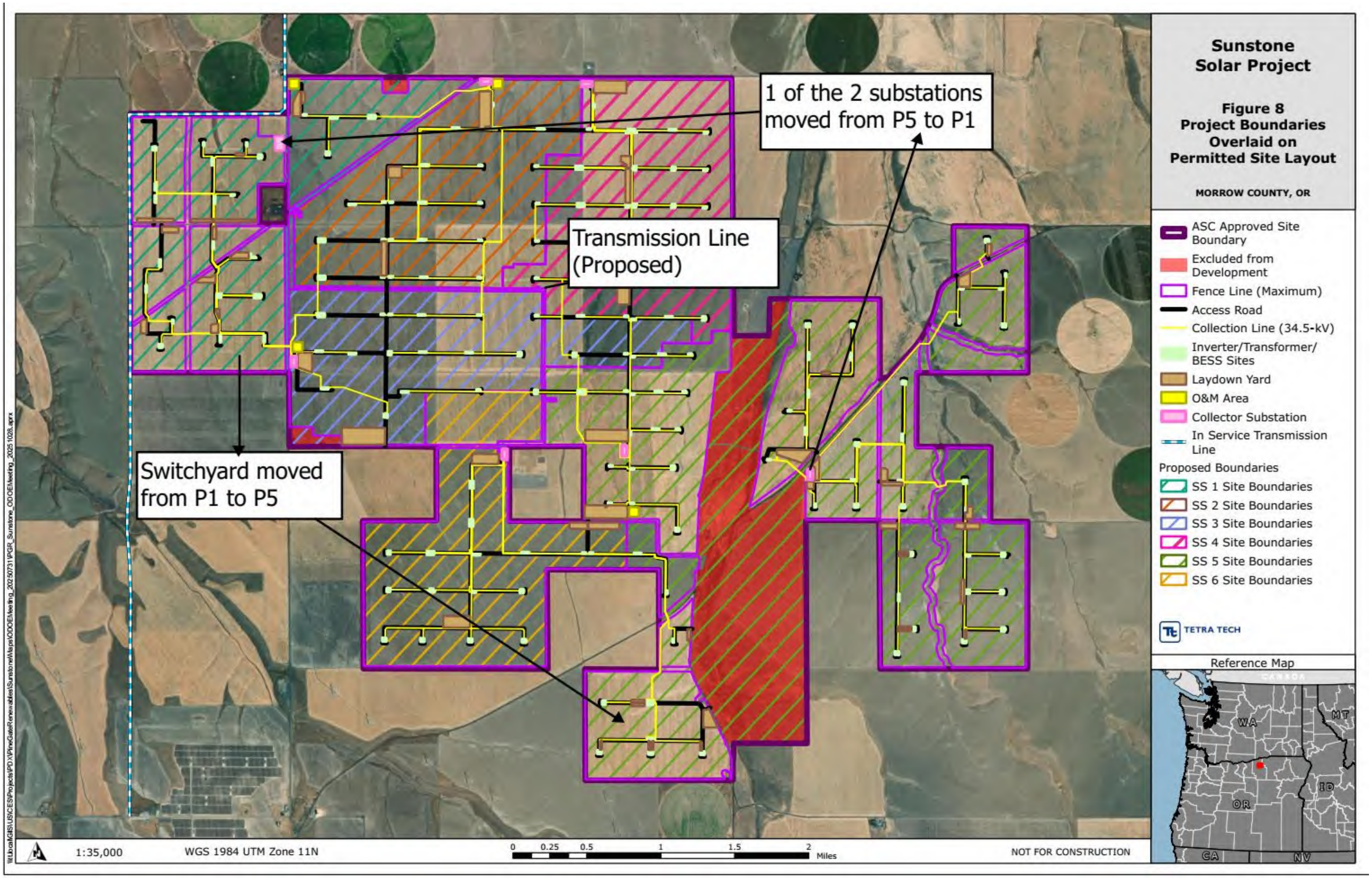
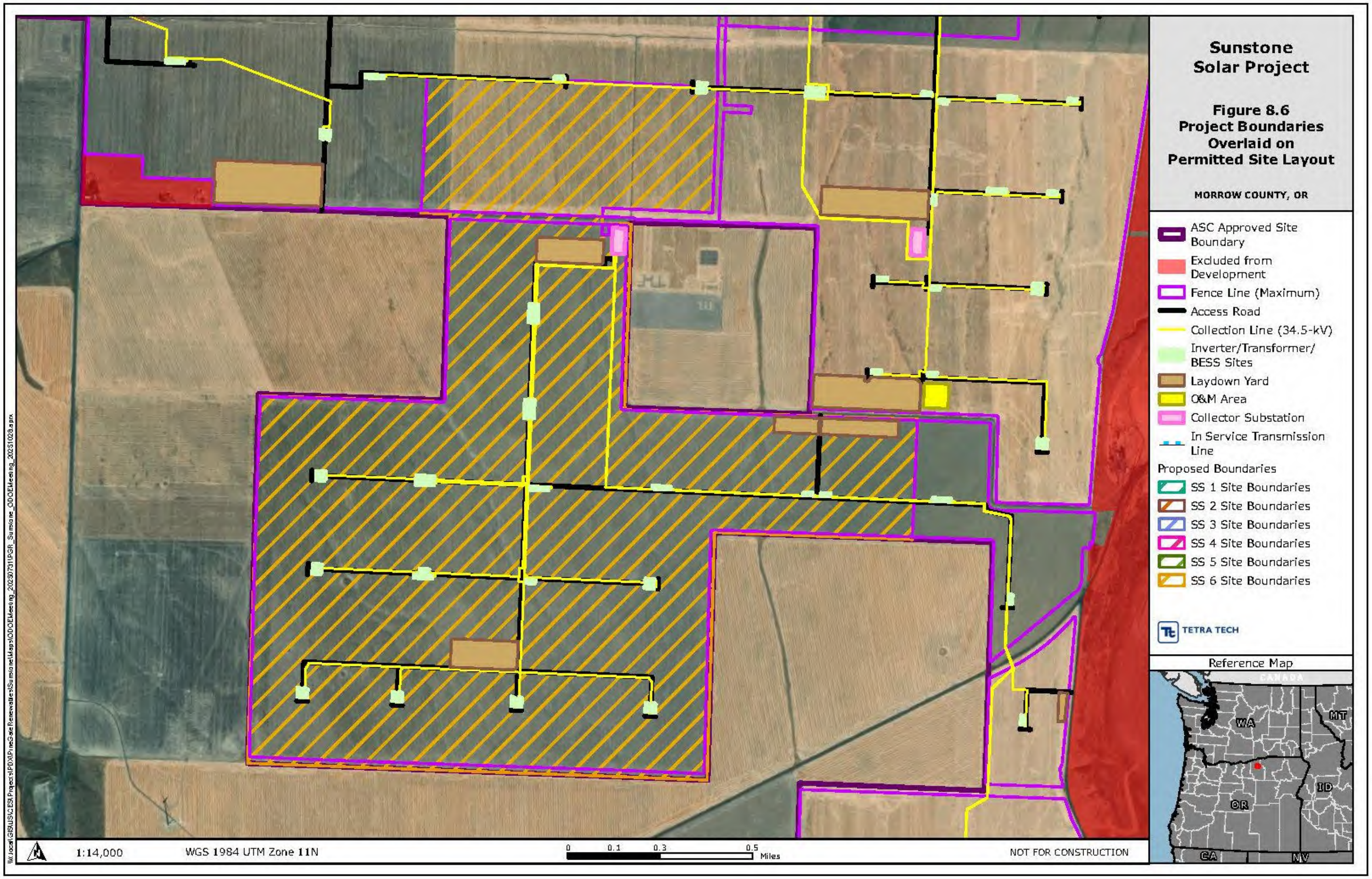


Figure 4: SS6 Preliminary Facility Component Layout





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Project Boundaries Overlaid on Permitted Site Layout
MORROW COUNTY, OR
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Attachment D: Draft Fugitive Dust Control Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 6

Draft Fugitive Dust Control Plan

Prepared for

Sunstone Solar 6, LLC

Prepared by

Tetra Tech, Inc.

July 2025~~**November 2023**~~

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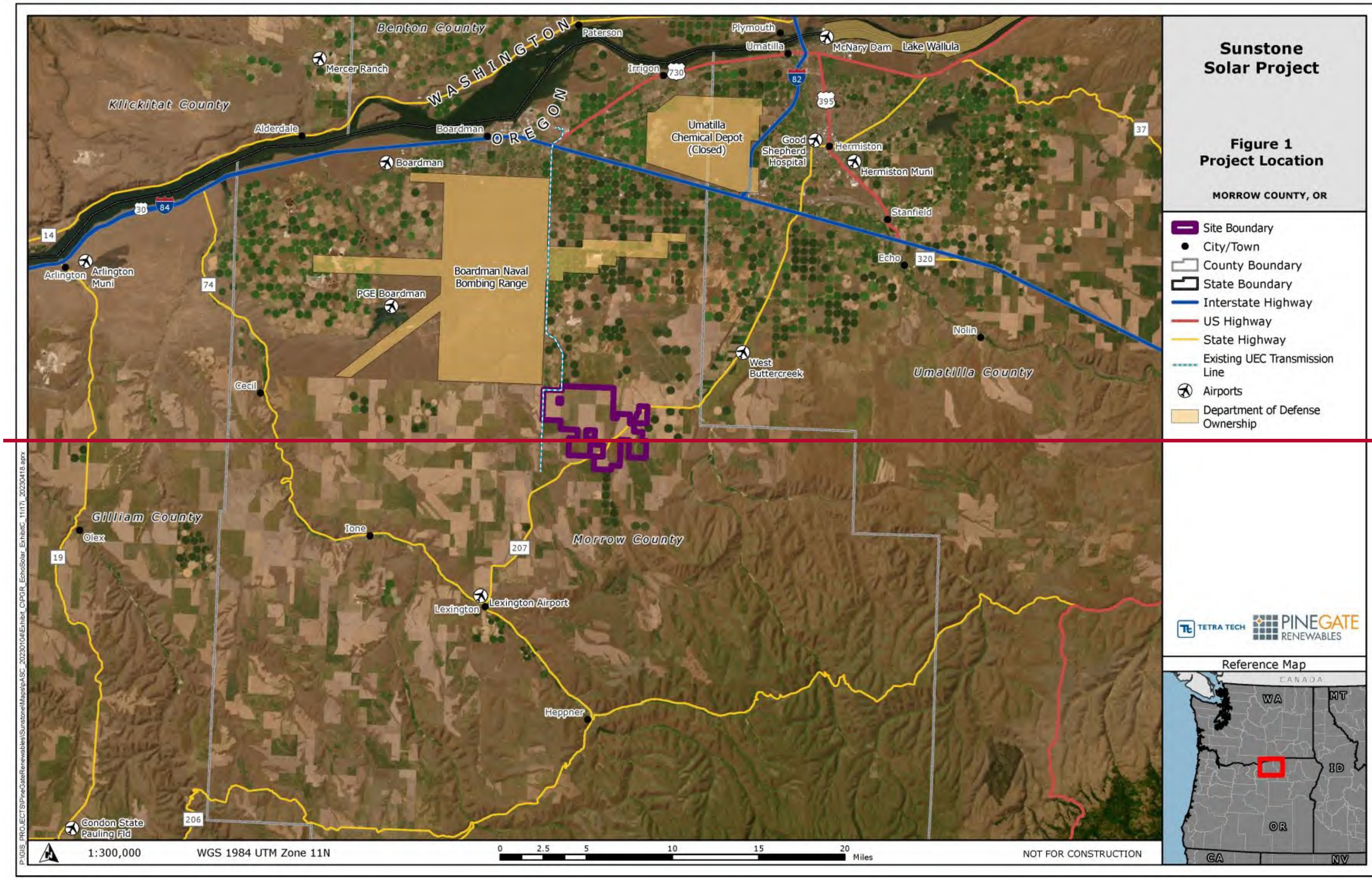
1.0 Introduction

This Fugitive Dust Control Plan (Plan) has been developed by Sunstone Solar 6, LLC (~~Sunstone Solar~~ Certificate Holder), a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC, for the ~~proposed~~ approved Sunstone Solar Project 6 (Facility) in Morrow County, Oregon ~~(Figure 1)~~. The purpose of this Plan is to reduce fugitive dust emissions associated with construction-related activities of a photovoltaic energy generation facility with up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) alternating current and related or supporting facilities, as well as a 1,200 MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system. The majority of the site consists of a mix of fallow fields and fields in small grain production, primarily dryland wheat; no farmlands within the site boundary receive irrigation (the application of water to land for purposes of growing agricultural products; Sunstone Solar 2024~~3a~~). This Plan summarizes the sources of and regulatory issues that relate to fugitive dust emissions; identifies responsibilities, monitoring, and training; and provides reasonable available control methods for fugitive dust in a table for easy reference in the field (Attachment 1).

This is an owner-imposed Plan that is expected to be implemented, maintained, and adaptively managed by the selected contractor throughout all phases of construction. The performance criteria and suggested measures identified in this Plan are minimums, and the contractor is expected to identify and implement additional measures as needed to fully meet all regulatory and public safety performance criteria. As identified in this Plan, the contractor may propose alternative approaches for consideration by the owner.

1.1 Fugitive Dust Sources

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey identified five~~13~~ major soil types within the project area (NRCS 2025~~3; see Sunstone Solar 2023b~~). Approximately 56~~64~~ percent of the site is composed of Warden silt loam ~~(Sunstone Solar 2023a)~~, which is moderately or severely susceptible to erosion from ground disturbance, wind, and vehicle traffic on unpaved roads due to its composition of hemic organic soil materials and very fine sand (~~Sunstone Solar 2023b;~~ NRCS 2025, NRCS 2011). Additionally, 38~~20~~ percent of the site is composed of Ritzville silt loam, which is also moderately or severely susceptible to erosion from ground disturbance, wind, and vehicle traffic due to its composition of silt and fibric organic material (~~Sunstone Solar 2023b;~~ NRCS 2025, NRCS 2011). Due to their composition, the retention of moisture in these sediments is thus restricted. Furthermore, these sediment particles have a low resistance to dust propagation and would be transported or drift to adjacent lands due to the lack of water through irrigation; thus, these soils are considered at high risk for fugitive dust.



~~Figure 1. Project Location~~

Fugitive dust can arise from a variety of construction and operational activities associated with solar development. The sources can be grouped into three general categories: dust created from ground-disturbing activities such as clearing and grading, dust created from wind action on bare soils and stockpiles such as those not fully stabilized post-construction with either vegetation or a tackifier, and dust created from traffic on unpaved roads. Sediment is the basis for fugitive dust, meaning that sediment particles can become fugitive dust if they are windborne. Therefore, the thresholds for treating sediment and erosion on the site will be similar if not the same as the thresholds for treating fugitive dust. Maintaining existing vegetation and root systems is the single most effective method for avoiding fugitive dust and sediment. Where existing vegetation and root systems are disturbed, quickly reestablishing vegetation is critical.

1.2 Regulatory Compliance

Fugitive dust is a source of particulate matter with a mean diameter less than 10 microns (PM_{10}) which is one of the seven air pollutants the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). To a lesser extent, fugitive dust is a source of particulate matter with a mean diameter less than 2.5 microns ($PM_{2.5}$), which has proposed regulations pending under NAAQS. These soil particles are very small, can remain suspended in the air for long periods of time, and are easily inhaled into the lungs. Increased risks of death and disease have been linked to periods of high outdoor PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations. These fine particles can potentially be lifted thousands of feet into the atmosphere and transported across continents and oceans creating global health, ecological, and climate change impacts.

The EPA shares responsibility with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) for the implementation of Clean Air Act (CAA) criteria in Oregon. ODEQ implements the CAA rules under the EPA-approved Oregon Administrative Rules (Chapter 340, Division 21 General Emission Standards for Particulate Matter). Fugitive dust is the primary concern related to the CAA at the Project. Fugitive dust is defined by ODEQ as dust that visibly leaves the project site for a period of more than **18 seconds in a 6-minute period,** determined by the attached EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019) at the downwind property boundary (Oregon Administrative Rules [OAR] 340-208-0210 (2)-a and -b).

The ODEQ Rule 340-208-0210 contains the following requirements for fugitive dust:

- Reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of water or other chemicals to control dust during construction, on unpaved roads, and during the transport of materials; enclosure of materials stockpiles and covering of open-body trucks; and prompt removal from paved streets of earth or other material.
- If fugitive dust is discovered, ODEQ may require the Facility to cease work until the fugitive dust emissions are controlled. Emissions are considered controlled when fugitive dust is no longer leaving the Facility site for more than 18 seconds in a 6-minute period.

Further, ODEQ Rule 340-208-0300 specifies that it is prohibited to cause or allow any air contaminants (e.g., fugitive dust) to create a nuisance. If ODEQ determines that a nuisance has been created, the agency may pursue informal or formal enforcement actions to abate the nuisance.

A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction Stormwater Discharge Permit (Oregon 1200-C Construction Stormwater Permit), pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 468.050 and Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act, will be obtained from ODEQ. This permit requires the permit holder to "Prevent wind-blown soil and dust from areas with exposed soil through the appropriate application of water or other dust suppression techniques to control the generation of pollutants that could be discharged in stormwater from the site" (Section 2.2.9) and requires permit holders to implement measures including monitoring, record keeping, reporting of exceedances, and installation, maintenance, and adaptive management of best management practices (BMPs) to control both stormwater and fugitive dust discharges. Implementation of these measures is intended to reduce fugitive dust to a negligible impact and ensure compliance with applicable air quality regulations.

The Morrow County Code regulates nuisances through the Oregon State Statute Chapter 203. Controlling fugitive dust emissions is required to avoid creating a public nuisance, which is defined as "any thing, substance, or act that is a threat to the public health, safety or welfare" (Morrow County Code Enforcement Ordinance ORD-2021-4).

2.0 Fugitive Dust Control Plan

2.1 Responsibility

The expectation is that the Contractor will implement and adaptively manage this Plan, controlling fugitive dust emissions and meeting all regulatory and public safety performance criteria throughout construction. As described in Section 1.2 above, the holder of the Oregon 1200-C permit is required to control fugitive dust emissions, including ensuring compliance by all subcontractors and outside service providers.

If the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ identifies that the regulatory and public safety performance criteria are not being met, the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ will implement enforcement measures, including but not limited to:

- Issuance of a Non-Conformance and/or Non-Compliance Report.
- Contractor to prepare and submit a corrective action plan.
- Contractor to document corrective actions taken and performance criteria met.
- Partial or full stoppage of work on site through activation of shut-down clause in contract.
- At ~~Sunstone Solar's~~the Certificate Holder's sole discretion, an outside contractor may be contracted to implement corrective actions, to be reimbursed by the Contractor.

Additionally, the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ may establish a Community Action Council to create an open and ongoing pathway for communication with stakeholders for the Project, including controlling fugitive dust emissions and avoiding the creation of nuisances. The Community Action Council could include representatives from the Morrow County Commissioners' Office, Morrow County Planning Department, Oregon Department of Transportation, and neighboring landowners. The Contractor will work with the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ to determine whether this Community Action Council will be established, and if so, the details of its establishment.

2.2 Monitoring

As required by the 1200-C permit, the permit holder will perform visual monitoring and recordkeeping by a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control or Storm Water Quality Inspector (inspector). The Contractor's construction site manager and inspector will be responsible for ensuring that the measures in this Plan are implemented, monitored, and adaptively managed, and that any exceedances are immediately reported to the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~.

The visual monitoring required by the 1200-C permit must occur at least once every 14 calendar days. However, because OAR 340-208-0210 restricts visible fugitive emissions on a continuous standard to a maximum of 18 seconds in a given 6-minute period, and because fugitive dust emissions may provide an immediate public safety concern in this location, this Plan requires that fugitive dust be monitored and controlled on an ongoing basis.

Monitoring for fugitive dust emissions shall include:

- Use of EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019; see Attachment 2) as specified in OAR 340-208-0210, at least once a day.
- The observation shall be performed during times of peak construction activity at the downwind property boundary.
- Recording of observations in a fugitive dust inspection log that is kept on site and shall be available digitally to the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~. This log shall include all information required in EPA Method 22 and shall also include photos and/or video taken during the observation period to document conditions.
- Installation and operation of a weather station, recording (at a minimum) wind speed and direction.

Triggers for additional, more frequent monitoring will include:

- Observation of visible fugitive dust emissions by Contractor, agency, or the Certificate Holder ~~Sunstone Solar~~ staff.
- Request by a member of the Community Action Council established by the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~.
- Wind speeds greater than 15 miles per hour.

- Receipt of complaints or concerns through the Project Dust Control Hotline.

2.3 Training

EPA Method 22 (ODEQ 2019) does not require a specific certification, but it is necessary that the person responsible for observations completed for this method be knowledgeable with respect to the general procedures for determining the presence of visible emissions. At a minimum, the observer must be trained and knowledgeable regarding the effects of background contrast, ambient lighting, observer position relative to lighting, wind, and the presence of uncombined water (condensing water vapor) on the visibility of emissions. This training is to be obtained from written materials found in the references cited in Method 22 (EPA 2019) or from the lecture portion of the EPA Method 9 certification course. The Contractor shall document in the inspection log how the person responsible for observations meets this requirement.

Construction workers will attend a Worker Environmental Awareness Program training prior to conducting construction activities. This training will include a summary of fugitive dust control measures included in this Plan and the responsibilities of personnel working on the Facility related to fugitive dust control.

2.4 Fugitive Dust Prevention and Management

This document and the attached table are intended to provide guidance to construction personnel on measures intended to minimize impacts and control fugitive dust emissions during construction. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to monitor and adaptively manage the site to maintain compliance with all local, state, and federal requirements. Additionally, this Plan is supplemental to the Contractor's Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and does not substitute for any requirements of ODEQ or other agencies.

This Plan is performance-based. As shown in the flow chart in Figure 1~~2~~, if fugitive dust emissions in excess of the ODEQ criteria of **18 seconds in a 6-minute period** occur, the Contractor shall:

- Implement adaptive management actions, including altering work operations and/or pause work until the fugitive dust emissions are controlled.
- Document that fugitive dust emissions have been controlled, including monitoring with EPA Method 22.
- In addition to any reporting requirements required in the 1200-C permit, report noncompliance incidents and adaptive management actions taken by the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~ within 24 hours of occurrence.

The Contractor shall maintain and implement this Plan during all phases of construction. The table in Attachment 1 provides suggested Reasonable Available Control Measures (RACMs) for anticipated fugitive dust sources based on industry-standard BMPs and reasonable precautions specified in the Oregon 1200-C permit, ODEQ's Construction Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual (Manual) (ODEQ 2021), and OAR 340-208-0210. Supplemental RACMs are

identified in the table in case initial RACMs are not effective in controlling fugitive dust or are not feasible to implement (Attachment 1).

The Contractor shall identify and implement additional RACMs as needed to control fugitive dust emissions. Additionally, the Contractor may propose alternative approaches and RACMs for controlling fugitive dust. This proposal shall be made in writing and is subject to the approval of the Certificate Holder~~Sunstone Solar~~.

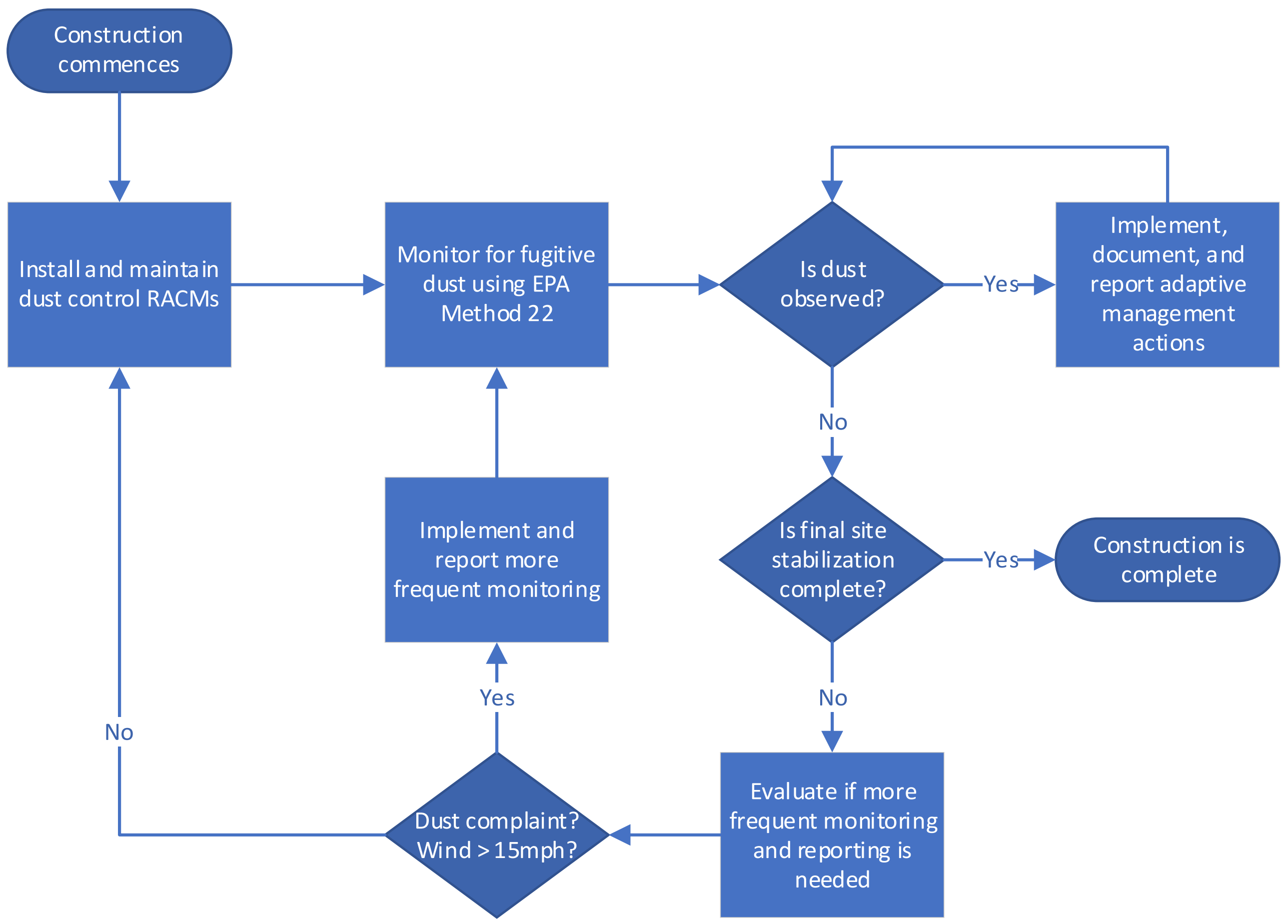


Figure 1. Dust Control Plan Flow Chart

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Attachment 1: Fugitive Dust Sources and Reasonable Available Control Measures

~~Sunstone Solar:~~ Fugitive Dust Sources and Reasonable Available Control Measures

Construction Phase	RACM(s)	Supplemental RACM(s)
All Phases of Construction	Daily fugitive dust monitoring and record keeping.	Increase frequency of monitoring.
	Prominent display of Dust Control Hotline signs, providing direct access to the Contractor's site manager or inspector.	If established, proactive engagement with Community Action Council.
	If established, Worker Environmental Awareness Program training for all construction employees.	Additional trainings and refreshers for employees.
	Maintain stockpile of BMPs on site, including sufficient palliatives for a single treatment of all site access roads and sufficient palliatives, mulch, and/or hydromulch for a minimum of 25 percent of the total disturbed area, and machinery for application.	Increase stockpile of palliatives, mulch, and/or hydromulch and add additional BMPs.
	Documentation and reporting of adaptive management actions.	Development and submittal of revised Fugitive Dust Control Plan.
Site Access	Install and maintain stabilized construction entrances at ingress/egress locations and restrict traffic to these locations.	Add additional construction entrance BMPs (e.g., wheel wash).
	Daily sweeping up of sediment from paved surfaces utilizing vacuum sweeper with HEPA filtration.	Increase sweeper frequency.
	Access roads shall be graveled.	Road maintenance and reapplication of gravel.
	Access roads will be stabilized with water or palliative sufficient to eliminate visible and sustained dust from vehicular travel and wind erosion. Reapply stabilization as necessary to maintain dust-free condition.	If water is unavailable or ineffective, or if water use is limited by any agency or regulation, access roads will be stabilized with longer-lasting palliatives.
	Restrict construction traffic to established and stabilized access routes.	Install fencing or barricades to prevent traffic outside of established routes.
	Limit traffic speeds to 15 miles per hour on stabilized unpaved roads within the site as long as such speeds do not create significant visible dust emissions. Traffic speed signs shall be displayed prominently at all site entrances and exits.	Limit traffic speeds within the site to 5 or 10 miles per hour.

Construction Phase	RACM(s)	Supplemental RACM(s)
Clearing, Grading, and Unstable Surfaces	Maintain the natural topography and vegetation of the site to the extent possible, including by limited grading and limited establishment of temporary access roads.	Reduce area being actively worked and stabilize unworked areas.
	Phase construction to expose the minimum amount of soil necessary.	Increase construction phasing to further minimize exposed soil.
	Leave existing vegetation intact to the extent possible.	Utilize mowing and rolling techniques to maintain plant root systems for soil stabilization.
	Minimize disturbance areas and soil exposure to the maximum extent feasible.	Limit work to a portion of the disturbed area until all disturbed areas receive temporary or final stabilization.
	When wind speeds exceed 15 miles per hour, minimize new disturbances to the extent possible and/or mobilize additional water trucks or palliatives to minimize fugitive dust from exposed surfaces.	Stop all ground disturbing activities and apply additional dust control measures until measures are effective or wind speeds slow and fugitive emissions stop.
	Separate and cover topsoil.	Increase maintenance frequency for topsoil cover. Combine methods, such as mulch plus tackifier.
	Stabilize exposed soils within the timeframes established in the 1200-C permit. Stabilize exposed soils in stages based on site conditions and weather.	Stabilize exposed soils more frequently, even if additional work is anticipated within the timeframe established in the 1200-C permit. Reapply stabilization measures following any additional disturbances.
	Temporarily stabilize exposed surfaces to prohibit significant and sustained visible fugitive dust from wind erosion. Utilize BMPs such as mulch, hydromulch with or without seeds, tackifier, spreading stone or gravel, and trackwalking.	Combine stabilization methods, such as mulch plus tackifier, or trackwalking plus hydromulch. Increase frequency of maintenance of stabilization.
	Seed exposed surfaces during the appropriate season with approved temporary or permanent seed mixes.	Reapply seed to newly disturbed areas or areas with poor germination. Use temporary seeding even if additional work is anticipated before final stabilization. Use irrigation to enhance seeding success.
	Gate seals should be tight on dump trucks. Soil load shall be kept below 6 inches of the freeboard of the truck. Drop heights shall be minimized when loaders dump soil into trucks.	Cover haul trucks with a tarp or other suitable cover.

Attachment 2: EPA Method 22

State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

OAR 340-208-0210
EPA Method 22

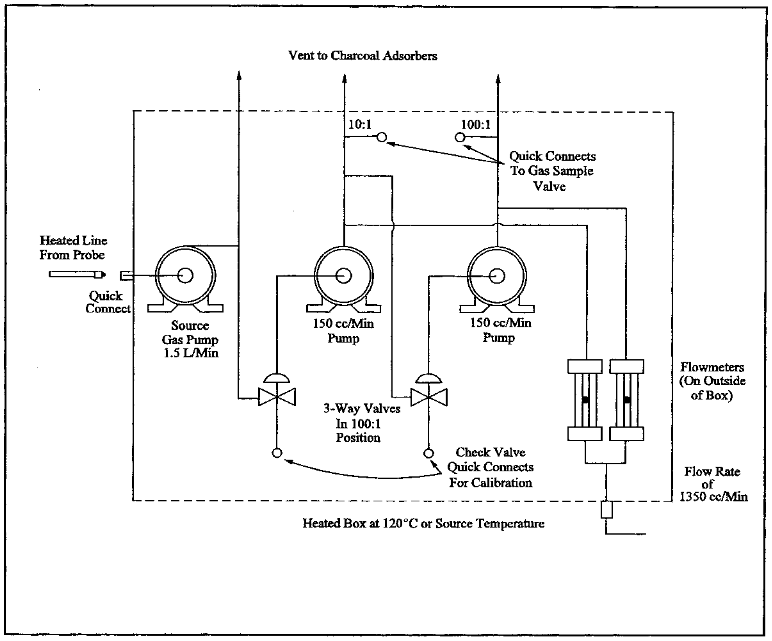

Figure 18-13. Schematic Diagram of the Heated Box Required for Dilution of Sample Gas.

GASEOUS ORGANIC SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS CHECK LIST

[Respond with initials or number as appropriate]

1. Presurvey data:		
A. Grab sample collected	☐	______
B. Grab sample analyzed for composition	☐	______
Method GC	☐	______
GC/MS	☐	______
Other	☐	______
C. GC-FID analysis performed	☐	______
2. Laboratory calibration data:		
A. Calibration curves prepared	☐	______
Number of components	☐	______
Number of concentrations/component (3 required).	☐	______
B. Audit samples (optional):		
Analysis completed	☐	______
Verified for concentration	☐	______
OK obtained for field work	☐	______
3. Sampling procedures:		
A. Method:		
Bag sample	☐	______
Direct interface	☐	______
Dilution interface	☐	______
B. Number of samples collected	☐	______
4. Field Analysis:		
A. Total hydrocarbon analysis performed	☐	______
B. Calibration curve prepared	☐	______
Number of components	☐	______
Number of concentrations per component (3 required).	☐	______

Gaseous Organic Sampling and Analysis Data

Date ______________

Location ______________

Plant ______________

GASEOUS ORGANIC SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS CHECK LIST (RESPOND WITH INITIALS OR NUMBER AS APPROPRIATE)

	Date
1. Pre-survey data	
A. Grab sample collected	______
B. Grab sample analyzed for composition	______
Method GC	______
GC/MS	______
Other______________	______
C. GC–FID analysis performed	______
2. Laboratory calibration curves prepared	______
A. Number of components	______
B. Number of concentrations per component (3 required)	______
C. OK obtained for field work	______
3. Sampling procedures.	
A. Method.	
Bag sample	______
Direct interface	______
Dilution interface	______
B. Number of samples collected	______
4. Field Analysis.	
A. Total hydrocarbon analysis performed	______
B. Calibration curve prepared	______
Number of components	______
Number of concentrations per component (3 required)	______

Figure 18–14. Sampling and Analysis Sheet

[36 FR 24877, Dec. 23, 1971]

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APPENDIX A–7 TO PART 60—TEST METHODS 19 THROUGH 25E

Method 19—Determination of sulfur dioxide removal efficiency and particulate, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emission rates

Method 20—Determination of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and diluent emissions from stationary gas turbines

Method 21—Determination of volatile organic compound leaks

Method 22—Visual determination of fugitive emissions from material sources and smoke emissions from flares

Method 23—Determination of Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p-Dioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans From Stationary Sources

Method 24—Determination of volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of surface coatings

Method 24A—Determination of volatile matter content and density of printing inks and related coatings

Method 25—Determination of total gaseous nonmethane organic emissions as carbon

Method 25A—Determination of total gaseous organic concentration using a flame ionization analyzer

Method 25B—Determination of total gaseous organic concentration using a nondispersive infrared analyzer

Method 25C—Determination of nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC) in MSW landfill gases

Method 25D—Determination of the Volatile Organic Concentration of Waste Samples

Method 25E—Determination of Vapor Phase Organic Concentration in Waste Samples

The test methods in this appendix are referred to in §60.8 (Performance Tests) and §60.11 (Compliance With Standards and Maintenance Requirements) of 40 CFR part 60, subpart A (General Provisions). Specific uses of these test methods are described in the standards of performance contained in the subparts, beginning with Subpart D.

Within each standard of performance, a section title "Test Methods and Procedures" is provided to: (1) Identify the test methods to be used as reference methods to the facility subject to the respective standard and (2) identify any special instructions or conditions to be followed when applying a method to the respective facility. Such instructions (for example, establish sampling rates, volumes, or temperatures) are to be used either in addition to, or as a substitute for procedures in a test method. Similarly, for sources subject to emission monitoring requirements, specific instructions pertaining to any use of a test method as a reference method are provided in the subpart or in Appendix B.

Inclusion of methods in this appendix is not intended as an endorsement or denial of their applicability to sources that are not subject to standards of performance. The methods are potentially applicable to other sources; however, applicability should be confirmed by careful and appropriate evaluation of the conditions prevalent at such sources.

The approach followed in the formulation of the test methods involves specifications for equipment, procedures, and performance. In concept, a performance specification approach would be preferable in all methods because this allows the greatest flexibility to the user. In practice, however, this approach is impractical in most cases because performance specifications cannot be established. Most of the methods described herein, therefore, involve specific equipment specifications and procedures, and only a few methods in this appendix rely on performance criteria.

Minor changes in the test methods should not necessarily affect the validity of the results and it is recognized that alternative and equivalent methods exist. section 60.8 provides authority for the Administrator to specify or approve (1) equivalent methods, (2) alternative methods, and (3) minor changes in the methodology of the test methods. It should be clearly understood that unless otherwise identified all such methods and changes must have prior approval of the Administrator. An owner employing such methods or deviations from the test methods without obtaining prior approval does so at the risk of subsequent disapproval and retesting with approved methods.

Within the test methods, certain specific equipment or procedures are recognized as being acceptable or potentially acceptable and are specifically identified in the methods. The items identified as acceptable options may be used without approval but must be identified in the test report. The potentially approvable options are cited as "subject to the approval of the Administrator" or as "or equivalent." Such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives may be used at the discretion of the owner without prior approval. However, detailed descriptions for applying these potentially approvable techniques or alternatives are not provided in the test methods. Also, the potentially approvable options are not necessarily acceptable in all applications. Therefore, an owner electing to use such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives is responsible for: (1) assuring that the techniques or alternatives are in fact applicable and are properly executed; (2) including a written description of the alternative method in the test report (the written method must be clear and must be capable of being performed without additional instruction, and the degree of detail should be similar to the detail contained in the test methods); and (3) providing any rationale or supporting data necessary to show the validity of the alternative in the particular application. Failure to meet these requirements can result in the Administrator's disapproval of the alternative.

METHOD 19—DETERMINATION OF SULFUR DIOXIDE REMOVAL EFFICIENCY AND PARTICULATE MATTER, SULFUR DIOXIDE, AND NITROGEN OXIDE EMISSION RATES

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes. This method provides data reduction procedures relating to the following pollutants, but does not include any sample collection or analysis procedures.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Nitrogen oxides (NO_X), including:		
Nitric oxide (NO)	10102–43–9	N/A
Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2)	10102–44–0.	
Particulate matter (PM)	None assigned	N/A
Sulfur dioxide (SO_2)	7499–09–05	N/A

1.2 Applicability. Where specified by an applicable subpart of the regulations, this method is applicable for the determination of (a) PM, SO_2, and NO_X emission rates; (b) sulfur removal efficiencies of fuel pretreatment and SO_2 control devices; and (c) overall reduction of potential SO_2 emissions.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Emission Rates. Oxygen (O_2) or carbon dioxide (CO_2) concentrations and appropriate F factors (ratios of combustion gas volumes to heat inputs) are used to calculate pollutant emission rates from pollutant concentrations.

2.2 Sulfur Reduction Efficiency and SO_2 Removal Efficiency. An overall SO_2 emission reduction efficiency is computed from the efficiency of fuel pretreatment systems, where applicable, and the efficiency of SO_2 control devices.

2.2.1 The sulfur removal efficiency of a fuel pretreatment system is determined by fuel sampling and analysis of the sulfur and heat contents of the fuel before and after the pretreatment system.

2.2.2 The SO_2 removal efficiency of a control device is determined by measuring the SO_2 rates before and after the control device.

2.2.2.1 The inlet rates to SO_2 control systems (or, when SO_2 control systems are not used, SO_2 emission rates to the atmosphere) are determined by fuel sampling and analysis.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety [Reserved]

6.0 Equipment and Supplies [Reserved]

7.0 Reagents and Standards [Reserved]

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport [Reserved]

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedures [Reserved]

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature

B_{wa} = Moisture fraction of ambient air, percent.

B_{ws} = Moisture fraction of effluent gas, percent.

%C = Concentration of carbon from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

C_d = Pollutant concentration, dry basis, ng/scm (lb/scf)

$\%CO_{2d}$,$\%CO_{2w}$ = Concentration of carbon dioxide on a dry and wet basis, respectively, percent.

C_w = Pollutant concentration, wet basis, ng/scm (lb/scf).

D = Number of sampling periods during the performance test period.

E = Pollutant emission rate, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_a = Average pollutant rate for the specified performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ao}, E_{ai} = Average pollutant rate of the control device, outlet and inlet, respectively, for the performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{bi} = Pollutant rate from the steam generating unit, ng/J (lb/million Btu)

E_{bo} = Pollutant emission rate from the steam generating unit, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ci} = Pollutant rate in combined effluent, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{co} = Pollutant emission rate in combined effluent, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_d = Average pollutant rate for each sampling period (*e.g.*, 24-hr Method 6B sample or 24-hr fuel sample) or for each fuel lot (*e.g.*, amount of fuel bunkered), ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{di} = Average inlet SO_2 rate for each sampling period d, ng/J (lb/million Btu)

E_g = Pollutant rate from gas turbine, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{ga} = Daily geometric average pollutant rate, ng/J (lbs/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

E_{jo},E_{ji} = Matched pair hourly arithmetic average pollutant rate, outlet and inlet, respectively, ng/J (lb/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

E_h = Hourly average pollutant, ng/J (lb/million Btu).

E_{hj} = Hourly arithmetic average pollutant rate for hour ''j,'' ng/J (lb/million Btu) or ppm corrected to 7 percent O_2.

EXP = Natural logarithmic base (2.718) raised to the value enclosed by brackets.

F_d, F_w, F_c = Volumes of combustion components per unit of heat content, scm/J (scf/million Btu).

GCV = Gross calorific value of the fuel consistent with the ultimate analysis, kJ/kg (Btu/lb).

GCV_p, GCV_r = Gross calorific value for the product and raw fuel lots, respectively, dry basis, kJ/kg (Btu/lb).

%H = Concentration of hydrogen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.

H = Total number of operating hours for which pollutant rates are determined in the performance test period.

H_b = Heat input rate to the steam generating unit from fuels fired in the steam generating unit, J/hr (million Btu/hr).

H_g = Heat input rate to gas turbine from all fuels fired in the gas turbine, J/hr (million Btu/hr).

$\%H_2O$ = Concentration of water from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
H_r = Total numbers of hours in the performance test period (*e.g.*, 720 hours for 30-day performance test period).
K = Conversion factor, 10^{-5} (kJ/J)/(%) [10^6 Btu/million Btu].
K_c = (9.57 scm/kg)/% [(1.53 scf/lb)/%].
K_{cc} = (2.0 scm/kg)/% [(0.321 scf/lb)/%].
K_{hd} = (22.7 scm/kg)/% [(3.64 scf/lb)/%].
K_{hw} = (34.74 scm/kg)/% [(5.57 scf/lb)/%].
K_n = (0.86 scm/kg)/% [(0.14 scf/lb)/%].
K_o = (2.85 scm/kg)/% [(0.46 scf/lb)/%].
K_s = (3.54 scm/kg)/% [(0.57 scf/lb)/%].
K_w = (1.30 scm/kg)/% [(0.21 scf/lb)/%].
ln = Natural log of indicated value.
L_p,L_r = Weight of the product and raw fuel lots, respectively, metric ton (ton).
%N = Concentration of nitrogen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
N = Number of fuel lots during the averaging period.
n = Number of fuels being burned in combination.
n_d = Number of operating hours of the affected facility within the performance test period for each E_d determined.
n_t = Total number of hourly averages for which paired inlet and outlet pollutant rates are available within the 24-hr midnight to midnight daily period.
%O = Concentration of oxygen from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
$\%O_{2d}$, $\%O_{2w}$ = Concentration of oxygen on a dry and wet basis, respectively, percent.
P_s = Potential SO_2 emissions, percent.
$\%R_f$ = SO_2 removal efficiency from fuel pretreatment, percent.
$\%R_g$ = SO_2 removal efficiency of the control device, percent.
$\%R_{ga}$ = Daily geometric average percent reduction.
$\%R_o$ = Overall SO_2 reduction, percent.
%S = Sulfur content of as-fired fuel lot, dry basis, weight percent.
S_e = Standard deviation of the hourly average pollutant rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).
$\%S_f$ = Concentration of sulfur from an ultimate analysis of fuel, weight percent.
S_i = Standard deviation of the hourly average inlet pollutant rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).
S_o = Standard deviation of the hourly average emission rates for each performance test period, ng/J (lb/million Btu).
$\%S_p$, $\%S_r$ = Sulfur content of the product and raw fuel lots respectively, dry basis, weight percent.
$t_{0.95}$ = Values shown in Table 19–3 for the indicated number of data points n.
X_k = Fraction of total heat input from each type of fuel k.

12.2 Emission Rates of PM, SO_2, and NO_X. Select from the following sections the applicable procedure to compute the PM, S_{O2}, or NO_X emission rate (E) in ng/J (lb/million Btu). The pollutant concentration must be in ng/scm (lb/scf) and the F factor must be in scm/J (scf/million Btu). If the pollutant concentration (C) is not in the appropriate units, use Table 19–1 in section 17.0 to make the proper conversion. An F factor is the ratio of the gas volume of the products of combustion to the heat content of the fuel. The dry F factor (F_d) includes all components of combustion less water, the wet F factor (F_w) includes all components of combustion, and the carbon F factor (F_c) includes only carbon dioxide.

NOTE: Since F_w factors include water resulting only from the combustion of hydrogen in the fuel, the procedures using F_w factors are not applicable for computing E from steam generating units with wet scrubbers or with other processes that add water (*e.g.*, steam injection).

12.2.1 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Dry Basis. When measurements are on a dry basis for both O ($\%O_{2d}$) and pollutant (C_d) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_d \frac{20.9}{(20.9 - \%O_{2d})} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-1}$$

12.2.2 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Wet Basis. When measurements are on a wet basis for both O_2 ($\%O_{2w}$) and pollutant (C_w) concentrations, use either of the following:

12.2.2.1 If the moisture fraction of ambient air (B_{wa}) is measured:

$$E = C_w F_w \frac{20.9}{\left[20.9(1 - B_{wa}) - \%O_{2w}\right]} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-2}$$

Instead of actual measurement, B_{wa} may be estimated according to the procedure below.

NOTE: The estimates are selected to ensure that negative errors will not be larger than −1.5 percent. However, positive errors, or over-estimation of emissions by as much as 5 percent may be introduced depending upon the geographic location of the facility and the associated range of ambient moisture.

12.2.2.1.1 B_{wa} = 0.027. This value may be used at any location at all times.

12.2.2.1.2 B_{wa} = Highest monthly average of B_{wa} that occurred within the previous calendar year at the nearest Weather Service Station. This value shall be determined annually and may be used as an estimate for the entire current calendar year.

12.2.2.1.3 B_{wa} = Highest daily average of Bwa that occurred within a calendar month at the nearest Weather Service Station, calculated from the data from the past 3 years. This value shall be computed for each month and may be used as an estimate for the current respective calendar month.

12.2.2.2 If the moisture fraction (B_{ws}) of the effluent gas is measured:

$$E = C_w F_d \frac{20.9}{\left[20.9\left(1 - B_{ws}\right) - \%O_{2w}\right]} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-3}$$

12.2.3 Oxygen-Based F Factor, Dry/Wet Basis.

12.2.3.1 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a wet basis (C_w) and O_2 concentration is measured on a dry basis ($\%O_{2d}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{\left(C_w F_d\right)(20.9)}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)\left(20.9 - \%O_{2d}\right)} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-4}$$

12.2.3.2 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a dry basis (C_d) and the O_2 concentration is measured on a wet basis ($\%O_{2w}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{C_d F_d\, 20.9}{\dfrac{\left(20.9 - \%O_{2w}\right)}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-5}$$

12.2.4 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Dry Basis. When measurements are on a dry basis for both CO_2 ($\%CO_{2d}$) and pollutant (C_d) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_c \frac{100}{\%CO_{2d}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-6}$$

12.2.5 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Wet Basis. When measurements are on a wet basis for both CO_2 ($\%CO_{2w}$) and pollutant (C_w) concentrations, use the following equation:

$$E = C_w F_c \frac{100}{\%CO_{2w}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-7}$$

12.2.6 Carbon Dioxide-Based F Factor, Dry/Wet Basis.

12.2.6.1 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a wet basis (C_w) and CO_2 concentration is measured on a dry basis ($\%CO_{2d}$), use the following equation:

$$E = \frac{C_w F_c}{\left(1 - B_{ws}\right)} \frac{100}{\%CO_{2d}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-8}$$

12.2.6.2 When the pollutant concentration is measured on a dry basis (C_d) and CO_2 concentration is measured on a wet basis ($\%CO_{2w}$), use the following equation:

$$E = C_d F_c \left(1 - B_{ws}\right) \frac{100}{\%CO_{2w}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-9}$$

12.2.7 Direct-Fired Reheat Fuel Burning. The effect of direct-fired reheat fuel burning (for the purpose of raising the temperature of the exhaust effluent from wet scrubbers to above the moisture dew-point) on emission rates will be less than 1.0 percent and, therefore, may be ignored.

12.2.8 Combined Cycle-Gas Turbine Systems. For gas turbine-steam generator combined cycle systems, determine the emissions from the steam generating unit or the percent reduction in potential SO_2 emissions as follows:

12.2.8.1 Compute the emission rate from the steam generating unit using the following equation:

$$E_{bo} = E_{co} + \frac{H_g}{H_b}\left(E_{co} - E_g\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-10}$$

12.2.8.1.1 Use the test methods and procedures section of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart GG to obtain E_{co} and E_g. Do not use F_w factors for determining E_g or E_{co}. If an SO_2 control device is used, measure E_{co} after the control device.

12.2.8.1.2 Suitable methods shall be used to determine the heat input rates to the steam generating units (H_b) and the gas turbine (H_g).

12.2.8.2 If a control device is used, compute the percent of potential SO_2 emissions (P_s) using the following equations:

$$E_{bi} = E_{ci} - \frac{H_g}{H_b}\left(E_{ci} - E_g\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-11}$$

$$P_s = 100\left(1 - \frac{E_{bo}}{E_{bi}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-12}$$

NOTE: Use the test methods and procedures section of Subpart GG to obtain E_{ci} and E_g. Do not use F_w factors for determining E_g or E_{ci}.

12.3 F Factors. Use an average F factor according to section 12.3.1 or determine an applicable F factor according to section 12.3.2. If combined fuels are fired, prorate the applicable F factors using the procedure in section 12.3.3.

12.3.1 Average F Factors. Average F factors (F_d, F_w, or F_c) from Table 19–2 in section 17.0 may be used.

12.3.2 Determined F Factors. If the fuel burned is not listed in Table 19–2 or if the owner or operator chooses to determine an F factor rather than use the values in Table 19–2, use the procedure below:

12.3.2.1 Equations. Use the equations below, as appropriate, to compute the F factors:

$$F_d = \frac{K\left(K_{hd}\%H + K_c\%C + K_s\%S + K_n\%N - K_o\%O\right)}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-13}$$

$$F_w = \frac{K\left[K_{hw}\%H + K_c\%C + K_s\%S + K_n\%N - K_o\%O + K_w\%H_2O\right]}{GCV_w} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-14}$$

$$F_c = \frac{K\left(K_{cc}\%C\right)}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-15}$$

NOTE: Omit the $\%H_2O$ term in the equations for F_w if %H and %O include the unavailable hydrogen and oxygen in the form of H_2O.)

12.3.2.2 Use applicable sampling procedures in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to obtain samples for analyses.

12.3.2.3 Use ASTM D 3176–74 or 89 (all cited ASTM standards are incorporated by reference—see §60.17) for ultimate analysis of the fuel.

12.3.2.4 Use applicable methods in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to determine the heat content of solid or liquid fuels. For gaseous fuels, use ASTM D 1826–77 or 94 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17) to determine the heat content.

12.3.3 F Factors for Combination of Fuels. If combinations of fuels are burned, use the following equations, as applicable unless otherwise specified in an applicable subpart:

$$F_d = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{dk}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-16}$$

$$F_w = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{wk}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-17}$$

$$F_c = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(X_k F_{ck}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-18}$$

12.4 Determination of Average Pollutant Rates.

12.4.1 Average Pollutant Rates from Hourly Values. When hourly average pollutant rates (E_h), inlet or outlet, are obtained (*e.g.*, CEMS values), compute the average pollutant rate (E_a) for the performance test period (*e.g.*, 30 days) specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$E_a = \frac{1}{H}\sum_{j=1}^{n} E_{hj} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-19}$$

12.4.2 Average Pollutant Rates from Other than Hourly Averages. When pollutant rates are determined from measured values representing longer than 1-hour periods (*e.g.*, daily fuel sampling and analyses or Method 6B values), or when pollutant rates are determined from combinations of 1-hour and longer than 1-hour periods (*e.g.*, CEMS and Method 6B values), compute the average pollutant rate (E_a) for the performance test period (*e.g.*, 30 days) specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$E_a = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{D}\left(n_d E_d\right)_j}{\sum_{j=1}^{D} n_{dj}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-20}$$

12.4.3 Daily Geometric Average Pollutant Rates from Hourly Values. The geometric average pollutant rate (E_{ga}) is computed using the following equation:

$$E_{ga} = \exp\left[\frac{1}{n_t}\sum_{j=1}^{n_t}\left[\ln\left(E_{hj}\right)\right]\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-21}$$

12.5 Determination of Overall Reduction in Potential Sulfur Dioxide Emission.

12.5.1 Overall Percent Reduction. Compute the overall percent SO_2 reduction ($\%R_o$) using the following equation:

$$\%R_o = 100\left[1.0 - \left(1.0 - \frac{\%R_f}{100}\right)\left(1.0 - \frac{\%R_g}{100}\right)\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-22}$$

12.5.2 Pretreatment Removal Efficiency (Optional). Compute the SO_2 removal efficiency from fuel pretreatment ($\%R_f$) for the averaging period (*e.g.*, 90 days) as specified in the applicable regulation using the following equation:

$$\%R_f = 100\left[1.0 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left(\frac{\%S_{pj}}{GCV_{pj}}\right)L_{pj}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left(\frac{\%S_{rj}}{GCV_{rj}}\right)L_{rj}}\right] \quad \text{Eq. 19-23}$$

NOTE: In calculating $\%R_f$, include %S and GCV values for all fuel lots that are not pretreated and are used during the averaging period.

12.5.2.1 Solid Fossil (Including Waste) Fuel/Sampling and Analysis.

NOTE: For the purposes of this method, raw fuel (coal or oil) is the fuel delivered to the desulfurization (pretreatment) facility. For oil, the input oil to the oil desulfurization process (*e.g.*, hydrotreatment) is considered to be the raw fuel.

12.5.2.1.1 Sample Increment Collection. Use ASTM D 2234–76, 96, 97a, or 98 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17), Type I, Conditions A, B, or C, and systematic spacing. As used in this method, systematic spacing is intended to include evenly spaced increments in time or increments based on equal weights of coal passing the collection area. As a minimum, determine the number and weight of increments required per gross sample representing each coal lot according to Table 2 or Paragraph 7.1.5.2 of ASTM D 2234. Collect one gross sample for each lot of raw coal and one gross sample for each lot of product coal.

12.5.2.1.2 ASTM Lot Size. For the purpose of section 12.5.2 (fuel pretreatment), the lot size of product coal is the weight of product coal from one type of raw coal. The lot size of raw coal is the weight of raw coal used to produce one lot of product coal. Typically, the lot size is the weight of coal processed in a 1-day (24-hour) period. If more than one type of coal is treated and produced in 1 day, then gross samples must be collected and analyzed for each type of coal. A coal lot size equaling the 90-day quarterly fuel quantity for a steam generating unit may be used if representative sampling can be conducted for each raw coal and product coal.

NOTE: Alternative definitions of lot sizes may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.2.1.3 Gross Sample Analysis. Use ASTM D 2013–72 or 86 to prepare the sample, ASTM D 3177–75 or 89 or ASTM D 4239–85, 94, or 97 to determine sulfur content (%S), ASTM D 3173–73 or 87 to determine moisture content, and ASTM D 2015–77 (Reapproved 1978) or 96, D 3286–85 or 96, or D 5865–98 or 10 to determine gross calorific value (GCV) (all standards cited are incorporated by reference—see §60.17 for acceptable versions of the standards) on a dry basis for each gross sample.

12.5.2.2 Liquid Fossil Fuel-Sampling and Analysis. See Note under section 12.5.2.1.

12.5.2.2.1 Sample Collection. Follow the procedures for continuous sampling in ASTM D 270 or D 4177–95 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17) for each gross sample from each fuel lot.

12.5.2.2.2 Lot Size. For the purpose of section 12.5.2 (fuel pretreatment), the lot size of a product oil is the weight of product oil from one pretreatment facility and intended as one shipment (ship load, barge load, etc.). The lot size of raw oil is the weight of each crude liquid fuel type used to produce a lot of product oil.

NOTE: Alternative definitions of lot sizes may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.2.2.3 Sample Analysis. Use ASTM D 129–64, 78, or 95, ASTM D 1552–83 or 95, or ASTM D 4057–81 or 95 to determine the sulfur content (%S) and ASTM D 240–76 or 92 (all standards cited are incorporated by reference—see §60.17) to determine the GCV of each gross sample. These values may be assumed to be on a dry basis. The owner or operator of an affected facility may elect to determine the GCV by sampling the oil combusted on the first steam generating unit operating day of each calendar month and then using the lowest GCV value of the three GCV values per quarter for the GCV of all oil combusted in that calendar quarter.

12.5.2.3 Use appropriate procedures, subject to the approval of the Administrator, to determine the fraction of total mass input derived from each type of fuel.

12.5.3 Control Device Removal Efficiency. Compute the percent removal efficiency ($\%R_g$) of the control device using the following equation:

$$\%R_g = 100\left(1.0 - \frac{E_{ao}}{E_{ai}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-24}$$

12.5.3.1 Use continuous emission monitoring systems or test methods, as appropriate, to determine the outlet SO_2 rates and, if appropriate, the inlet SO_2 rates. The rates may be determined as hourly (E_h) or other sampling period averages (E_d). Then, compute the average pollutant rates for the performance test period (E_{ao} and E_{ai}) using the procedures in section 12.4.

12.5.3.2 As an alternative, as-fired fuel sampling and analysis may be used to determine inlet SO_2 rates as follows:

12.5.3.2.1 Compute the average inlet SO_2 rate (E_{di}) for each sampling period using the following equation:

$$E_{di} = K\frac{\%S}{GCV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-25}$$

Where:

$$K = 2\times10^7\left(\frac{\text{ng SO}_2}{\%\text{S}}\right)\left(\frac{(\text{kJ})}{\text{J}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{kg coal}}\right)\left[2\times10^4\left(\frac{\text{lb SO}_2}{\%\text{S}}\right)\left(\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{million Btu}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{lb coal}}\right)\right]$$

After calculating E_{di}, use the procedures in section 12.4 to determine the average inlet SO_2 rate for the performance test period (E_{ai}).

12.5.3.2.2 Collect the fuel samples from a location in the fuel handling system that provides a sample representative of the fuel bunkered or consumed during a steam generating unit operating day. For the purpose of as-fired fuel sampling under section 12.5.3.2 or section 12.6, the lot size for coal is the weight of coal bunkered or consumed during each steam generating unit operating day. The lot size for oil is the weight of oil supplied to the ''day'' tank or consumed during each steam generating unit operating day. For reporting and calculation purposes, the gross sample shall be identified with the calendar day on which sampling began. For steam generating unit operating days when a coal-fired steam generating unit is operated without coal being added to the bunkers, the coal analysis from the previous ''as bunkered'' coal sample shall be used until coal is bunkered again. For steam generating unit operating days when an oil-fired steam generating unit is operated without oil being added to the oil ''day'' tank, the oil analysis from the previous day shall be used until the ''day'' tank is filled again. Alternative definitions of fuel lot size may be used, subject to prior approval of the Administrator.

12.5.3.2.3 Use ASTM procedures specified in section 12.5.2.1 or 12.5.2.2 to determine %S and GCV.

12.5.4 Daily Geometric Average Percent Reduction from Hourly Values. The geometric average percent reduction ($\%R_{ga}$) is computed using the following equation:

$$\%R_{ga} = 100\left[1 - \text{EXP}\left(\frac{1}{n_t}\sum_{j=1}^{n_t}\ln\frac{E_{jo}}{E_{ji}}\right)\right] \qquad \text{Eq. 19-26}$$

NOTE: The calculation includes only paired data sets (hourly average) for the inlet and outlet pollutant measurements.

12.6 Sulfur Retention Credit for Compliance Fuel. If fuel sampling and analysis procedures in section 12.5.2.1 are being used to determine average SO_2 emission rates (E_{as}) to the atmosphere from a coal-fired steam generating unit when there is no SO_2 control device, the following equation may be used to adjust the emission rate for sulfur retention credits (no credits are allowed for oil-fired systems) (E_{di}) for each sampling period using the following equation:

$$E_{di} = 0.97K \frac{\%S}{GDV} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-27}$$

Where:

$$K = 2\times10^{7}\left(\frac{\text{ng }SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{J}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{kg coal}}\right)\left[2\times10^{4}\left(\frac{\text{lb }SO_2}{\%S}\right)\left(\frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{million Btu}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\text{lb coal}}\right)\right]$$

After calculating E_{di}, use the procedures in section 12.4.2 to determine the average SO_2 emission rate to the atmosphere for the performance test period (E_{ao}).

12.7 Determination of Compliance When Minimum Data Requirement Is Not Met.

12.7.1 Adjusted Emission Rates and Control Device Removal Efficiency. When the minimum data requirement is not met, the Administrator may use the following adjusted emission rates or control device removal efficiencies to determine compliance with the applicable standards.

12.7.1.1 Emission Rate. Compliance with the emission rate standard may be determined by using the lower confidence limit of the emission rate (E_{ao}*) as follows:

$$E_{ao}^{*} = E_{ao} - t_{0.95} S_o \qquad \text{Eq. 19-28}$$

12.7.1.2 Control Device Removal Efficiency. Compliance with the overall emission reduction ($\%R_o$) may be determined by using the lower confidence limit of the emission rate (E_{ao}*) and the upper confidence limit of the inlet pollutant rate (E_{ai}*) in calculating the control device removal efficiency ($\%R_g$) as follows:

$$\%R_g = 100\left(1.0 - \frac{E_{ao}^{*}}{E_{ai}^{*}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 19-29}$$

$$E_{ai}^{*} = E_{ai} + t_{0.95} S_i \qquad \text{Eq. 19-30}$$

12.7.2 Standard Deviation of Hourly Average Pollutant Rates. Compute the standard deviation (S_e) of the hourly average pollutant rates using the following equation:

$$S_e = \sqrt{\frac{1}{H} - \frac{1}{H_r}}\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{H}\left(E_{hj} - E_a\right)^2}{H-1}} \qquad \text{Eq. 19-31}$$

Equation 19–19 through 19–31 may be used to compute the standard deviation for both the outlet (S_o) and, if applicable, inlet (S_i) pollutant rates.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References [Reserved]

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

TABLE 19–1—CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CONCENTRATION

From	To	Multiply by
g/scm	ng/scm	10^9
mg/scm	ng/scm	10^6
lb/scf	ng/scm	1.602×10^{13}

TABLE 19–1—CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CONCENTRATION—Continued

From	To	Multiply by
ppm SO_2	ng/scm	2.66×10^{6}
ppm NO_X	ng/scm	1.912×10^{6}
ppm SO_2	lb/scf	1.660×10^{-7}
ppm NO_X	lb/scf	1.194×10^{-7}

TABLE 19–2—F FACTORS FOR VARIOUS FUELS[1]

Fuel Type	F_d		F_w		F_c	
	dscm/J	dscf/10^6 Btu	wscm/J	wscf/10^6 Btu	scm/J	scf/10^6 Btu
Coal:						
Anthracite[2]	2.71×10^{-7}	10,100	2.83×10^{-7}	10,540	0.530×10^{-7}	1,970
Bituminus[2]	2.63×10^{-7}	9,780	2.86×10^{-7}	10,640	0.484×10^{-7}	1,800
Lignite	2.65×10^{-7}	9,860	3.21×10^{-7}	11,950	0.513×10^{-7}	1,910
Oil[3]	2.47×10^{-7}	9,190	2.77×10^{-7}	10,320	0.383×10^{-7}	1,420
Gas:.						
Natural	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.85×10^{-7}	10,610	0.287×10^{-7}	1,040
Propane	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.74×10^{-7}	10,200	0.321×10^{-7}	1,190
Butane	2.34×10^{-7}	8,710	2.79×10^{-7}	10,390	0.337×10^{-7}	1,250
Wood	2.48×10^{-7}	9,240			0.492×10^{-7}	1,830
Wood Bark	2.58×10^{-7}	9,600			0.516×10^{-7}	1,920
Municipal	2.57×10^{-7}	9,570			0.488×10^{-7}	1,820
Solid Waste						

[1] Determined at standard conditions: 20 °C (68 °F) and 760 mm Hg (29.92 in Hg)
[2] As classified according to ASTM D 388.
[3] Crude, residual, or distillate.

TABLE 19–3—VALUES FOR $T_{0.95}$*

n[1]	$t_{0.95}$	n[1]	$t_{0.95}$	n[1]	$t_{0.95}$
2	6.31	8	1.89	22–26	1.71
3	2.42	9	1.86	27–31	1.70
4	2.35	10	1.83	32–51	1.68
5	2.13	11	1.81	52–91	1.67
6	2.02	12–16	1.77	92–151	1.66
7	1.94	17–21	1.73	152 or more	1.65

[1]The values of this table are corrected for n-1 degrees of freedom. Use n equal to the number (H) of hourly average data points.

METHOD 20—DETERMINATION OF NITROGEN OXIDES, SULFUR DIOXIDE, AND DILUENT EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY GAS TURBINES

1.0 Scope and Application

What is Method 20?

Method 20 contains the details you must follow when using an instrumental analyzer to determine concentrations of nitrogen oxides, oxygen, carbon dioxide, and sulfur dioxide in the emissions from stationary gas turbines. This method follows the specific instructions for equipment and performance requirements, supplies, sample collection and analysis, calculations, and data analysis in the methods listed in section 2.0.

1.1 Analytes. What does this method determine?

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Nitrogen oxides (NO_X) as nitrogen dioxide:	10102–43–9	Typically <2% of Calibration Span.
Nitric oxide (NO)	10102–44–0	
Nitrogen dioxide NO_2.		
Diluent oxygen (O_2) or carbon dioxide (CO_2)		Typically <2% of Calibration Span.
Sulfur dioxide (SO_X)	7446–09–5	Typically <2% of Calibration Span.

1.2 Applicability. When is this method required? The use of Method 20 may be required by specific New Source Performance Standards, Clean Air Marketing rules, and State Implementation Plans and permits where

measuring SO_2, NO_X, CO_2, and/or O_2 concentrations in stationary gas turbines emissions are required. Other regulations may also require its use.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. How good must my collected data be? Refer to section 1.3 of Method 7E.

2.0 Summary of Method

In this method, NO_X, O_2 (or CO_2), and SO_X are measured using the following methods found in appendix A to this part:

(a) Method 1—Sample and Velocity Traverses for Stationary Sources.

(b) Method 3A—Determination of Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(c) Method 6C—Determination of Sulfur Dioxide Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(d) Method 7E—Determination of Nitrogen Oxides Emissions From Stationary Sources (Instrumental Analyzer Procedure).

(e) Method 19—Determination of Sulfur Dioxide Removal Efficiency and Particulate Matter, Sulfur Dioxide, and Nitrogen Oxide Emission Rates.

3.0 Definitions

Refer to section 3.0 of Method 7E for the applicable definitions.

4.0 Interferences

Refer to section 4.0 of Methods 3A, 6C, and 7E as applicable.

5.0 Safety

Refer to section 5.0 of Method 7E.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The measurement system design is shown in Figure 7E–1 of Method 7E. Refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for equipment and supplies.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for reagents and standards.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sampling Site and Sampling Points. Follow the procedures of section 8.1 of Method 7E. For the stratification test in section 8.1.2, determine the diluent-corrected pollutant concentration at each traverse point.

8.2 Initial Measurement System Performance Tests. You must refer to the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0 for the measurement system performance tests as applicable.

8.3 Interference Check. You must follow the procedures in section 8.3 of Method 3A or 6C, or section 8.2.7 of Method 7E (as appropriate).

8.4 Sample Collection. You must follow the procedures of section 8.4 of the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0. A test run must have a duration of at least 21 minutes.

8.5 Post-Run System Bias Check, Drift Assessment, and Alternative Dynamic Spike Procedure. You must follow the procedures of sections 8.5 and 8.6 of the appropriate methods listed in section 2.0. A test run must have a duration of at least 21 minutes.

9.0 Quality Control

Follow quality control procedures in section 9.0 of Method 7E.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

Follow the procedures for calibration and standardization in section 10.0 of Method 7E.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

Because sample collection and analysis are performed together (see section 8), additional discussion of the analytical procedure is not necessary.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

You must follow the procedures for calculations and data analysis in section 12.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0. Follow the procedures in section 12.0 of Method 19 for calculating fuel-specific F factors, diluent-corrected pollutant concentrations, and emission rates.

13.0 Method Performance

The specifications for the applicable performance checks are the same as in section 13.0 of Method 7E.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 Alternative Procedures

Refer to section 16.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for alternative procedures.

17.0 References

Refer to section 17.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for references.

18.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

Refer to section 18.0 of the appropriate method listed in section 2.0 for tables, diagrams, flowcharts, and validation data.

METHOD 21—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND LEAKS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Scope. This method is applicable for the determination of VOC leaks from process equipment. These sources include, but are not limited to, valves, flanges and other connections, pumps and compressors, pressure relief devices, process drains, open-ended valves, pump and compressor seal system degassing vents, accumulator vessel vents, agitator seals, and access door seals.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A portable instrument is used to detect VOC leaks from individual sources. The instrument detector type is not specified, but it must meet the specifications and performance criteria contained in section 6.0. A leak definition concentration based on a reference compound is specified in each applicable regulation. This method is intended to locate and classify leaks only, and is not to be used as a direct measure of mass emission rate from individual sources.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Calibration gas* means the VOC compound used to adjust the instrument meter reading to a known value. The calibration gas is usually the reference compound at a known concentration approximately equal to the leak definition concentration.

3.2 *Calibration precision* means the degree of agreement between measurements of the same known value, expressed as the relative percentage of the average difference between the meter readings and the known concentration to the known concentration.

3.3 *Leak definition concentration* means the local VOC concentration at the surface of a leak source that indicates that a VOC emission (leak) is present. The leak definition is an instrument meter reading based on a reference compound.

3.4 *No detectable emission* means a local VOC concentration at the surface of a leak source, adjusted for local VOC ambient concentration, that is less than 2.5 percent of the specified leak definition concentration. that indicates that a VOC emission (leak) is not present.

3.5 *Reference compound* means the VOC species selected as the instrument calibration basis for specification of the leak definition concentration. (For example, if a leak definition concentration is 10,000 ppm as methane, then any source emission that results in a local concentration that yields a meter reading of 10,000 on an instrument meter calibrated with methane would be classified as a leak. In this example, the leak definition concentration is 10,000 ppm and the reference compound is methane.)

3.6 *Response factor* means the ratio of the known concentration of a VOC compound to the observed meter reading when measured using an instrument calibrated with the reference compound specified in the applicable regulation.

3.7 *Response time* means the time interval from a step change in VOC concentration at the input of the sampling system to the time at which 90 percent of the corresponding final value is reached as displayed on the instrument readout meter.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Pollutants. Several of the compounds, leaks of which may be determined by this method, may be irritating or corrosive to tissues (*e.g.*, heptane) or may be toxic (*e.g.*, benzene, methyl alcohol). Nearly all are fire hazards. Compounds in emissions should be determined through familiarity with the source. Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as reference No. 4 in section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

A VOC monitoring instrument meeting the following specifications is required:

6.1 The VOC instrument detector shall respond to the compounds being processed. Detector types that may meet this requirement include, but are not limited to, catalytic oxidation, flame ionization, infrared absorption, and photoionization.

6.2 The instrument shall be capable of measuring the leak definition concentration specified in the regulation.

6.3 The scale of the instrument meter shall be readable to ±2.5 percent of the specified leak definition concentration.

6.4 The instrument shall be equipped with an electrically driven pump to ensure that a sample is provided to the detector at a constant flow rate. The nominal sample flow rate, as measured at the sample probe tip, shall be 0.10 to 3.0 l/min (0.004 to 0.1 ft^3/min) when the probe is fitted with a glass wool plug or filter that may be used to prevent plugging of the instrument.

6.5 The instrument shall be equipped with a probe or probe extension or sampling not to exceed 6.4 mm (1/4 in) in outside diameter,

with a single end opening for admission of sample.

6.6 The instrument shall be intrinsically safe for operation in explosive atmospheres as defined by the National Electrical Code by the National Fire Prevention Association or other applicable regulatory code for operation in any explosive atmospheres that may be encountered in its use. The instrument shall, at a minimum, be intrinsically safe for Class 1, Division 1 conditions, and/or Class 2, Division 1 conditions, as appropriate, as defined by the example code. The instrument shall not be operated with any safety device, such as an exhaust flame arrestor, removed.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Two gas mixtures are required for instrument calibration and performance evaluation:

7.1.1 Zero Gas. Air, less than 10 parts per million by volume (ppmv) VOC.

7.1.2 Calibration Gas. For each organic species that is to be measured during individual source surveys, obtain or prepare a known standard in air at a concentration approximately equal to the applicable leak definition specified in the regulation.

7.2 Cylinder Gases. If cylinder calibration gas mixtures are used, they must be analyzed and certified by the manufacturer to be within 2 percent accuracy, and a shelf life must be specified. Cylinder standards must be either reanalyzed or replaced at the end of the specified shelf life.

7.3 Prepared Gases. Calibration gases may be prepared by the user according to any accepted gaseous preparation procedure that will yield a mixture accurate to within 2 percent. Prepared standards must be replaced each day of use unless it is demonstrated that degradation does not occur during storage.

7.4 Mixtures with non-Reference Compound Gases. Calibrations may be performed using a compound other than the reference compound. In this case, a conversion factor must be determined for the alternative compound such that the resulting meter readings during source surveys can be converted to reference compound results.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Instrument Performance Evaluation. Assemble and start up the instrument according to the manufacturer's instructions for recommended warmup period and preliminary adjustments.

8.1.1 Response Factor. A response factor must be determined for each compound that is to be measured, either by testing or from reference sources. The response factor tests are required before placing the analyzer into service, but do not have to be repeated at subsequent intervals.

8.1.1.1 Calibrate the instrument with the reference compound as specified in the applicable regulation. Introduce the calibration gas mixture to the analyzer and record the observed meter reading. Introduce zero gas until a stable reading is obtained. Make a total of three measurements by alternating between the calibration gas and zero gas. Calculate the response factor for each repetition and the average response factor.

8.1.1.2 The instrument response factors for each of the individual VOC to be measured shall be less than 10 unless otherwise specified in the applicable regulation. When no instrument is available that meets this specification when calibrated with the reference VOC specified in the applicable regulation, the available instrument may be calibrated with one of the VOC to be measured, or any other VOC, so long as the instrument then has a response factor of less than 10 for each of the individual VOC to be measured.

8.1.1.3 Alternatively, if response factors have been published for the compounds of interest for the instrument or detector type, the response factor determination is not required, and existing results may be referenced. Examples of published response factors for flame ionization and catalytic oxidation detectors are included in References 1–3 of section 17.0.

8.1.2 Calibration Precision. The calibration precision test must be completed prior to placing the analyzer into service and at subsequent 3-month intervals or at the next use, whichever is later.

8.1.2.1 Make a total of three measurements by alternately using zero gas and the specified calibration gas. Record the meter readings. Calculate the average algebraic difference between the meter readings and the known value. Divide this average difference by the known calibration value and multiply by 100 to express the resulting calibration precision as a percentage.

8.1.2.2 The calibration precision shall be equal to or less than 10 percent of the calibration gas value.

8.1.3 Response Time. The response time test is required before placing the instrument into service. If a modification to the sample pumping system or flow configuration is made that would change the response time, a new test is required before further use.

8.1.3.1 Introduce zero gas into the instrument sample probe. When the meter reading has stabilized, switch quickly to the specified calibration gas. After switching, measure the time required to attain 90 percent of the final stable reading. Perform this test sequence three times and record the results. Calculate the average response time.

8.1.3.2 The instrument response time shall be equal to or less than 30 seconds. The instrument pump, dilution probe (if any), sample probe, and probe filter that will be used

during testing shall all be in place during the response time determination.

8.2 Instrument Calibration. Calibrate the VOC monitoring instrument according to section 10.0.

8.3 Individual Source Surveys.

8.3.1 Type I—Leak Definition Based on Concentration. Place the probe inlet at the surface of the component interface where leakage could occur. Move the probe along the interface periphery while observing the instrument readout. If an increased meter reading is observed, slowly sample the interface where leakage is indicated until the maximum meter reading is obtained. Leave the probe inlet at this maximum reading location for approximately two times the instrument response time. If the maximum observed meter reading is greater than the leak definition in the applicable regulation, record and report the results as specified in the regulation reporting requirements. Examples of the application of this general technique to specific equipment types are:

8.3.1.1 Valves. The most common source of leaks from valves is the seal between the stem and housing. Place the probe at the interface where the stem exits the packing gland and sample the stem circumference. Also, place the probe at the interface of the packing gland take-up flange seat and sample the periphery. In addition, survey valve housings of multipart assembly at the surface of all interfaces where a leak could occur.

8.3.1.2 Flanges and Other Connections. For welded flanges, place the probe at the outer edge of the flange-gasket interface and sample the circumference of the flange. Sample other types of nonpermanent joints (such as threaded connections) with a similar traverse.

8.3.1.3 Pumps and Compressors. Conduct a circumferential traverse at the outer surface of the pump or compressor shaft and seal interface. If the source is a rotating shaft, position the probe inlet within 1 cm of the shaft-seal interface for the survey. If the housing configuration prevents a complete traverse of the shaft periphery, sample all accessible portions. Sample all other joints on the pump or compressor housing where leakage could occur.

8.3.1.4 Pressure Relief Devices. The configuration of most pressure relief devices prevents sampling at the sealing seat interface. For those devices equipped with an enclosed extension, or horn, place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the exhaust area to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.5 Process Drains. For open drains, place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the area open to the atmosphere. For covered drains, place the probe at the surface of the cover interface and conduct a peripheral traverse.

8.3.1.6 Open-ended Lines or Valves. Place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the opening to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.7 Seal System Degassing Vents and Accumulator Vents. Place the probe inlet at approximately the center of the opening to the atmosphere.

8.3.1.8 Access door seals. Place the probe inlet at the surface of the door seal interface and conduct a peripheral traverse.

8.3.2 Type II—''No Detectable Emission''. Determine the local ambient VOC concentration around the source by moving the probe randomly upwind and downwind at a distance of one to two meters from the source. If an interference exists with this determination due to a nearby emission or leak, the local ambient concentration may be determined at distances closer to the source, but in no case shall the distance be less than 25 centimeters. Then move the probe inlet to the surface of the source and determine the concentration as outlined in section 8.3.1. The difference between these concentrations determines whether there are no detectable emissions. Record and report the results as specified by the regulation. For those cases where the regulation requires a specific device installation, or that specified vents be ducted or piped to a control device, the existence of these conditions shall be visually confirmed. When the regulation also requires that no detectable emissions exist, visual observations and sampling surveys are required. Examples of this technique are:

8.3.2.1 Pump or Compressor Seals. If applicable, determine the type of shaft seal. Perform a survey of the local area ambient VOC concentration and determine if detectable emissions exist as described in section 8.3.2.

8.3.2.2 Seal System Degassing Vents, Accumulator Vessel Vents, Pressure Relief Devices. If applicable, observe whether or not the applicable ducting or piping exists. Also, determine if any sources exist in the ducting or piping where emissions could occur upstream of the control device. If the required ducting or piping exists and there are no sources where the emissions could be vented to the atmosphere upstream of the control device, then it is presumed that no detectable emissions are present. If there are sources in the ducting or piping where emissions could be vented or sources where leaks could occur, the sampling surveys described in section 8.3.2 shall be used to determine if detectable emissions exist.

8.3.3 Alternative Screening Procedure.

8.3.3.1 A screening procedure based on the formation of bubbles in a soap solution that is sprayed on a potential leak source may be used for those sources that do not have continuously moving parts, that do not have surface temperatures greater than the boiling point or less than the freezing point of the soap solution, that do not have open

areas to the atmosphere that the soap solution cannot bridge, or that do not exhibit evidence of liquid leakage. Sources that have these conditions present must be surveyed using the instrument technique of section 8.3.1 or 8.3.2.

8.3.3.2 Spray a soap solution over all potential leak sources. The soap solution may be a commercially available leak detection solution or may be prepared using concentrated detergent and water. A pressure sprayer or squeeze bottle may be used to dispense the solution. Observe the potential leak sites to determine if any bubbles are formed. If no bubbles are observed, the source is presumed to have no detectable emissions or leaks as applicable. If any bubbles are observed, the instrument techniques of section 8.3.1 or 8.3.2 shall be used to determine if a leak exists, or if the source has detectable emissions, as applicable.

9.0 Quality Control

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.1.2	Instrument calibration precision check	Ensure precision and accuracy, respectively, of instrument response to standard.
10.0	Instrument calibration.	

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Calibrate the VOC monitoring instrument as follows. After the appropriate warmup period and zero internal calibration procedure, introduce the calibration gas into the instrument sample probe. Adjust the instrument meter readout to correspond to the calibration gas value.

NOTE: If the meter readout cannot be adjusted to the proper value, a malfunction of the analyzer is indicated and corrective actions are necessary before use.

11.0 Analytical Procedures [Reserved]

12.0 Data Analyses and Calculations [Reserved]

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 22—VISUAL DETERMINATION OF FUGITIVE EMISSIONS FROM MATERIAL SOURCES AND SMOKE EMISSIONS FROM FLARES

NOTE: This method is not inclusive with respect to observer certification. Some material is incorporated by reference from Method 9.

1.0 Scope and Application

This method is applicable for the determination of the frequency of fugitive emissions from stationary sources, only as specified in an applicable subpart of the regulations. This method also is applicable for the determination of the frequency of visible smoke emissions from flares.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Fugitive emissions produced during material processing, handling, and transfer operations or smoke emissions from flares are visually determined by an observer without the aid of instruments.

2.2 This method is used also to determine visible smoke emissions from flares used for combustion of waste process materials.

2.3 This method determines the amount of time that visible emissions occur during the observation period (*i.e.*, the accumulated emission time). This method does not require that the opacity of emissions be determined. Since this procedure requires only the determination of whether visible emissions occur and does not require the determination of opacity levels, observer certification according to the procedures of Method 9 is not required. However, it is necessary that the observer is knowledgeable with respect to the general procedures for determining the presence of visible emissions. At a minimum, the observer must be trained and knowledgeable regarding the effects of background contrast, ambient lighting, observer position relative

to lighting, wind, and the presence of uncombined water (condensing water vapor) on the visibility of emissions. This training is to be obtained from written materials found in References 1 and 2 or from the lecture portion of the Method 9 certification course.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Emission frequency* means the percentage of time that emissions are visible during the observation period.

3.2 *Emission time* means the accumulated amount of time that emissions are visible during the observation period.

3.3 *Fugitive emissions* means emissions generated by an affected facility which is not collected by a capture system and is released to the atmosphere. This includes emissions that (1) escape capture by process equipment exhaust hoods; (2) are emitted during material transfer; (3) are emitted from buildings housing material processing or handling equipment; or (4) are emitted directly from process equipment.

3.4 *Observation period* means the accumulated time period during which observations are conducted, not to be less than the period specified in the applicable regulation.

3.5 *Smoke emissions* means a pollutant generated by combustion in a flare and occurring immediately downstream of the flame. Smoke occurring within the flame, but not downstream of the flame, is not considered a smoke emission.

4.0 Interferences

4.1 Occasionally, fugitive emissions from sources other than the affected facility (*e.g.*, road dust) may prevent a clear view of the affected facility. This may particularly be a problem during periods of high wind. If the view of the potential emission points is obscured to such a degree that the observer questions the validity of continuing observations, then the observations shall be terminated, and the observer shall clearly note this fact on the data form.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment

6.1 Stopwatches (two). Accumulative type with unit divisions of at least 0.5 seconds.

6.2 Light Meter. Light meter capable of measuring illuminance in the 50 to 200 lux range, required for indoor observations only.

7.0 Reagents and Supplies [Reserved]

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transfer [Reserved]

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedure

11.1 Selection of Observation Location. Survey the affected facility, or the building or structure housing the process to be observed, and determine the locations of potential emissions. If the affected facility is located inside a building, determine an observation location that is consistent with the requirements of the applicable regulation (*i.e.*, outside observation of emissions escaping the building/structure or inside observation of emissions directly emitted from the affected facility process unit). Then select a position that enables a clear view of the potential emission point(s) of the affected facility or of the building or structure housing the affected facility, as appropriate for the applicable subpart. A position at least 4.6 m (15 feet), but not more than 400 m (0.25 miles), from the emission source is recommended. For outdoor locations, select a position where the sunlight is not shining directly in the observer's eyes.

11.2 Field Records.

11.2.1 Outdoor Location. Record the following information on the field data sheet (Figure 22–1): Company name, industry, process unit, observer's name, observer's affiliation, and date. Record also the estimated wind speed, wind direction, and sky condition. Sketch the process unit being observed, and note the observer location relative to the source and the sun. Indicate the potential and actual emission points on the sketch.

11.2.2 Indoor Location. Record the following information on the field data sheet (Figure 22–2): Company name, industry, process unit, observer's name, observer's affiliation, and date. Record as appropriate the type, location, and intensity of lighting on the data sheet. Sketch the process unit being observed, and note the observer location relative to the source. Indicate the potential and actual fugitive emission points on the sketch.

11.3 Indoor Lighting Requirements. For indoor locations, use a light meter to measure the level of illumination at a location as close to the emission source(s) as is feasible. An illumination of greater than 100 lux (10 foot candles) is considered necessary for proper application of this method.

11.4 Observations.

11.4.1 Procedure. Record the clock time when observations begin. Use one stopwatch to monitor the duration of the observation

period. Start this stopwatch when the observation period begins. If the observation period is divided into two or more segments by process shutdowns or observer rest breaks (see section 11.4.3), stop the stopwatch when a break begins and restart the stopwatch without resetting it when the break ends. Stop the stopwatch at the end of the observation period. The accumulated time indicated by this stopwatch is the duration of observation period. When the observation period is completed, record the clock time. During the observation period, continuously watch the emission source. Upon observing an emission (condensed water vapor is not considered an emission), start the second accumulative stopwatch; stop the watch when the emission stops. Continue this procedure for the entire observation period. The accumulated elapsed time on this stopwatch is the total time emissions were visible during the observation period (*i.e.*, the emission time.)

11.4.2 Observation Period. Choose an observation period of sufficient length to meet the requirements for determining compliance with the emission standard in the applicable subpart of the regulations. When the length of the observation period is specifically stated in the applicable subpart, it may not be necessary to observe the source for this entire period if the emission time required to indicate noncompliance (based on the specified observation period) is observed in a shorter time period. In other words, if the regulation prohibits emissions for more than 6 minutes in any hour, then observations may (optional) be stopped after an emission time of 6 minutes is exceeded. Similarly, when the regulation is expressed as an emission frequency and the regulation prohibits emissions for greater than 10 percent of the time in any hour, then observations may (optional) be terminated after 6 minutes of emission are observed since 6 minutes is 10 percent of an hour. In any case, the observation period shall not be less than 6 minutes in duration. In some cases, the process operation may be intermittent or cyclic. In such cases, it may be convenient for the observation period to coincide with the length of the process cycle.

11.4.3 Observer Rest Breaks. Do not observe emissions continuously for a period of more than 15 to 20 minutes without taking a rest break. For sources requiring observation periods of greater than 20 minutes, the observer shall take a break of not less than 5 minutes and not more than 10 minutes after every 15 to 20 minutes of observation. If continuous observations are desired for extended time periods, two observers can alternate between making observations and taking breaks.

11.5 Recording Observations. Record the accumulated time of the observation period on the data sheet as the observation period duration. Record the accumulated time emissions were observed on the data sheet as the emission time. Record the clock time the observation period began and ended, as well as the clock time any observer breaks began and ended.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

If the applicable subpart requires that the emission rate be expressed as an emission frequency (in percent), determine this value as follows: Divide the accumulated emission time (in seconds) by the duration of the observation period (in seconds) or by any minimum observation period required in the applicable subpart, if the actual observation period is less than the required period, and multiply this quotient by 100.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION OUTDOOR LOCATION	
Company Location Company Rep.	Observer Affiliation Date
Sky Conditions Precipitation	Wind Direction Wind Speed
Industry	Process Unit

Sketch process unit: indicate observer position relative to source; indicate potential emission points and/or actual emission points.

OBSERVATIONS	Clock Time	Observation period duration, min:sec	Accumulated emission time, min:sec
Begin Observation	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______	______	______
	______		
End Observation	______	______	______

Figure 22-1

FUGITIVE OR SMOKE EMISSION INSPECTION
INDOOR LOCATION

Company Location Company Rep.	Observer Affiliation Date
Industry	Process Unit

Light type (fluorescent, incandescent, natural)
Light location (overhead, behind observer, etc.)
Illuminance (lux or footcandles)
Sketch process unit: indicate observer position relative to source; indicate potential emission points and/or actual emission points.

OBSERVATIONS	Clock Time	Observation period duration, min:sec	Accumulated emission time, min:sec
Begin			
End Observation			

Figure 22-2

METHOD 23—DETERMINATION OF POLYCHLORINATED DIBENZO-P-DIOXINS AND POLYCHLORINATED DIBENZOFURANS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES

1. Applicability and Principle

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable to the determination of polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDD's) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDF's) from stationary sources.

1.2 Principle. A sample is withdrawn from the gas stream isokinetically and collected in the sample probe, on a glass fiber filter, and on a packed column of adsorbent material. The sample cannot be separated into a particle vapor fraction. The PCDD's and

PCDF's are extracted from the sample, separated by high resolution gas chromatography, and measured by high resolution mass spectrometry.

2. Apparatus

2.1 Sampling. A schematic of the sampling train used in this method is shown in Figure 23–1. Sealing greases may not be used in assembling the train. The train is identical to that described in section 2.1 of Method 5 of this appendix with the following additions:

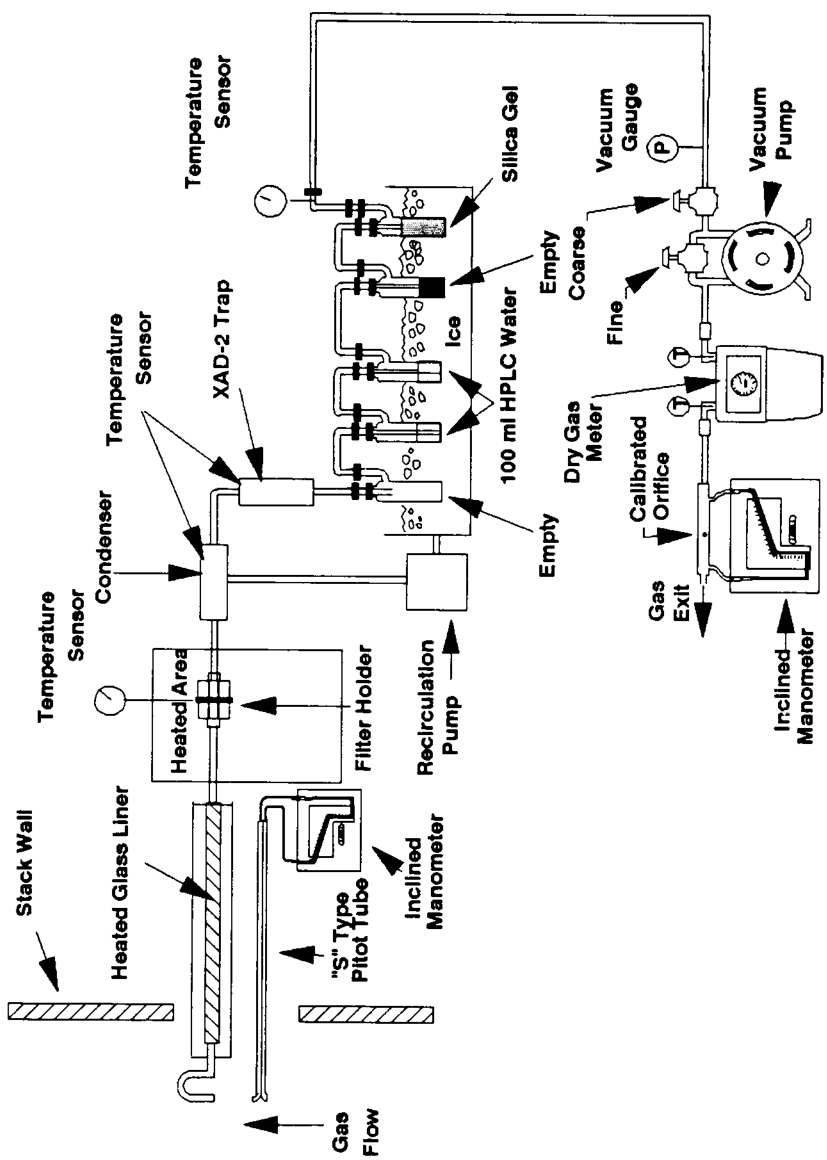

Figure 23.1 Sampling train

2.1.1 Nozzle. The nozzle shall be made of nickel, nickel-plated stainless steel, quartz, or borosilicate glass.

2.1.2 Sample Transfer Lines. The sample transfer lines, if needed, shall be heat traced, heavy walled TFE (½ in. OD with ⅛ in. wall) with connecting fittings that are capable of forming leak-free, vacuum-tight connections without using sealing greases. The line shall be as short as possible and must be maintained at 120 °C.

2.1.1 Filter Support. Teflon or Teflon-coated wire.

2.1.2 Condenser. Glass, coil type with compatible fittings. A schematic diagram is shown in Figure 23–2.

2.1.3 Water Bath. Thermostatically controlled to maintain the gas temperature exiting the condenser at <20 °C (68 °F).

2.1.4 Adsorbent Module. Glass container to hold the solid adsorbent. A shematic diagram is shown in Figure 23–2. Other physical configurations of the resin trap/condenser assembly are acceptable. The connecting fittings shall form leak-free, vacuum tight seals. No sealant greases shall be used in the sampling train. A coarse glass frit is included to retain the adsorbent.

2.2 Sample Recovery.

2.2.1 Fitting Caps. Ground glass, Teflon tape, or aluminum foil (Section 2.2.6) to cap off the sample exposed sections of the train.

2.2.2 Wash Bottles. Teflon, 500-ml.

2.2.3 Probe-Liner Probe-Nozzle, and Filter-Holder Brushes. Inert bristle brushes with precleaned stainless steel or Teflon handles. The probe brush shall have extensions of stainless steel or Teflon, at least as long as the probe. The brushes shall be properly sized and shaped to brush out the nozzle, probe liner, and transfer line, if used.

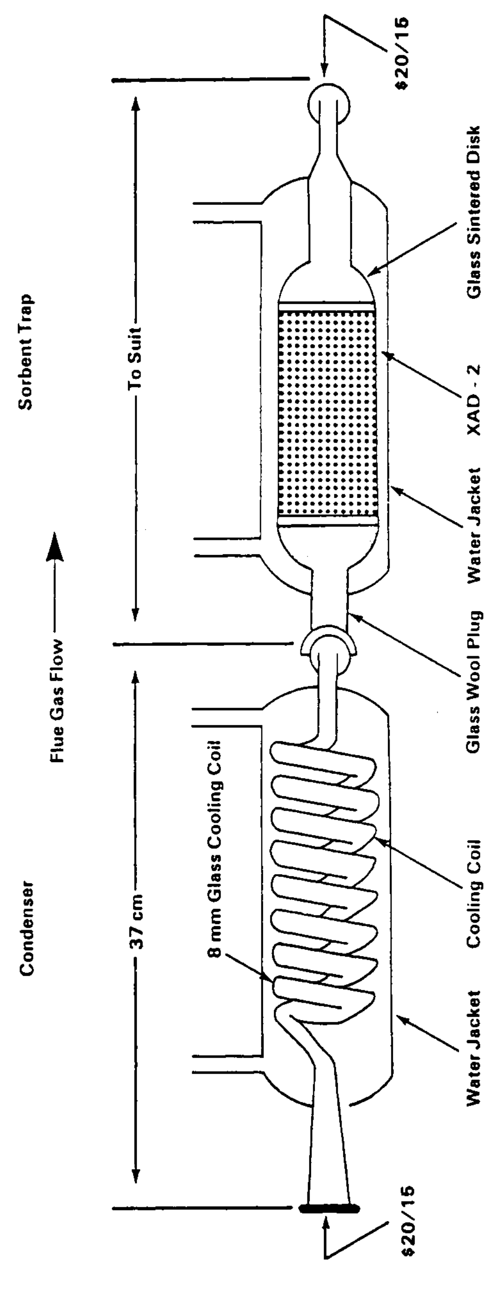

Figure 23.2. Condenser and adsorbent trap

2.2.4 Filter Storage Container. Sealed filter holder, wide-mouth amber glass jar with Teflon-lined cap, or glass petri dish.

2.2.5 Balance. Triple beam.

2.2.6 Aluminum Foil. Heavy duty, hexane-rinsed.

2.2.7 Storage Container. Air-tight container to store silica gel.

2.2.8 Graduated Cylinder. Glass, 250-ml with 2-ml graduation.

2.2.9 Glass Sample Storage Container. Amber glass bottle for sample glassware washes, 500- or 1000-ml, with leak free Teflon-lined caps.

2.3 Analysis.

2.3.1 Sample Container. 125- and 250-ml flint glass bottles with Teflon-lined caps.

2.3.2 Test Tube. Glass.

2.3.3 Soxhlet Extraction Apparatus. Capable of holding 43 × 123 mm extraction thimbles.

2.3.4 Extraction Thimble. Glass, precleaned cellulosic, or glass fiber.

2.3.5 Pasteur Pipettes. For preparing liquid chromatographic columns.

2.3.6 Reacti-vials. Amber glass, 2-ml, silanized prior to use.

2.3.7 Rotary Evaporator. Buchi/Brinkman RF–121 or equivalent.

2.3.8 Nitrogen Evaporative Concentrator. N-Evap Analytical Evaporator Model III or equivalent.

2.3.9 Separatory Funnels. Glass, 2-liter.

2.3.10 Gas Chromatograph. Consisting of the following components:

2.3.10.1 Oven. Capable of maintaining the separation column at the proper operating temperature ±°C and performing programmed increases in temperature at rates of at least 40 °C/min.

2.3.10.2 Temperature Gauge. To monitor column oven, detector, and exhaust temperatures ±1 °C.

2.3.10.3 Flow System. Gas metering system to measure sample, fuel, combustion gas, and carrier gas flows.

2.3.10.4 Capillary Columns. A fused silica column, 60 × 0.25 mm inside diameter (ID), coated with DB–5 and a fused silica column, 30 m × 0.25 mm ID coated with DB–225. Other column systems may be used provided that the user is able to demonstrate using calibration and performance checks that the column system is able to meet the specifications of section 6.1.2.2.

2.3.11 Mass Spectrometer. Capable of routine operation at a resolution of 1:10000 with a stability of ±5 ppm.

2.3.12 Data System. Compatible with the mass spectrometer and capable of monitoring at least five groups of 25 ions.

2.3.13 Analytical Balance. To measure within 0.1 mg.

3. Reagents

3.1 Sampling.

3.1.1 Filters. Glass fiber filters, without organic binder, exhibiting at least 99.95 percent efficiency (<0.05 percent penetration) on 0.3-micron dioctyl phthalate smoke particles. The filter efficiency test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM Standard Method D 2986–71 (Reapproved 1978) (incorporated by reference—see §60.17).

3.1.1.1 Precleaning. All filters shall be cleaned before their initial use. Place a glass extraction thimble and 1 g of silica gel and a plug of glass wool into a Soxhlet apparatus, charge the apparatus with toluene, and reflux for a minimum of 3 hours. Remove the toluene and discard it, but retain the silica gel. Place no more than 50 filters in the thimble onto the silica gel bed and top with the cleaned glass wool. Charge the Soxhlet with toluene and reflux for 16 hours. After extraction, allow the Soxhlet to cool, remove the filters, and dry them under a clean N_2 stream. Store the filters in a glass petri dish sealed with Teflon tape.

3.1.2 Adsorbent Resin. Amberlite XAD–2 resin. Thoroughly cleaned before initial use.

3.1.2.1 Cleaning Procedure. This procedure may be carried out in a giant Soxhlet extractor. An all-glass filter thimble containing an extra-course frit is used for extraction of XAD–2. The frit is recessed 10–15 mm above a crenelated ring at the bottom of the thimble to facilitate drainage. The resin must be carefully retained in the extractor cup with a glass wool plug and a stainless steel ring because it floats on methylene chloride. This process involves sequential extraction in the following order.

Solvent	Procedure
Water	Initial rinse: Place resin in a beaker, rinse once with water, and discard. Fill with water a second time, let stand overnight, and discard.
Water	Extract with water for 8 hours.
Methanol	Extract for 22 hours.
Methylene Chloride	Extract for 22 hours.
Toluene	Extract for 22 hours.

3.1.2.2 Drying.

3.1.2.2.1 Drying Column. Pyrex pipe, 10.2 cm ID by 0.6 m long, with suitable retainers.

3.1.2.2.2 Procedure. The adsorbent must be dried with clean inert gas. Liquid nitrogen from a standard commercial liquid nitrogen cylinder has proven to be a reliable source of large volumes of gas free from organic contaminants. Connect the liquid nitrogen cylinder to the column by a length of cleaned copper tubing, 0.95 cm ID, coiled to pass through a heat source. A convenient heat source is a water-bath heated from a steam line. The final nitrogen temperature should only be warm to the touch and not over 40 °C. Continue flowing nitrogen through the adsorbent until all the residual solvent is removed. The flow rate should be sufficient to gently agitate the particles but not so excessive as the cause the particles to fracture.

3.1.2.3 Quality Control Check. The adsorbent must be checked for residual toluene.

3.1.2.3.1 Extraction. Weigh 1.0 g sample of dried resin into a small vial, add 3 ml of toluene, cap the vial, and shake it well.

3.1.2.3.2 Analysis. Inject a 2 μl sample of the extract into a gas chromatograph operated under the following conditions:

Column: 6 ft × 1/8 in stainless steel containing 10 percent OV–101 on 100/120 Supelcoport.
Carrier Gas: Helium at a rate of 30 ml/min.
Detector: Flame ionization detector operated at a sensitivity of 4×10^{-11} A/mV.
Injection Port Temperature: 250 °C.
Detector Temperature: 305 °C.
Oven Temperature: 30 °C for 4 min; programmed to rise at 40 °C/min until it reaches 250 °C; return to 30 °C after 17 minutes.

Compare the results of the analysis to the results from the reference solution. Prepare the reference solution by injection 2.5 μl of methylene chloride into 100 ml of toluene. This corresponds to 100 μg of methylene chloride per g of adsorbent. The maximum acceptable concentration is 1000 μg/g of adsorbent. If the adsorbent exceeds this level, drying must be continued until the excess methylene chloride is removed.

3.1.2.4 Storage. The adsorbent must be used within 4 weeks of cleaning. After cleaning, it may be stored in a wide mouth amber glass container with a Teflon-lined cap or placed in one of the glass adsorbent modules tightly sealed with glass stoppers. If precleaned adsorbent is purchased in sealed containers, it must be used within 4 weeks after the seal is broken.

3.1.3 Glass Wool. Cleaned by sequential immersion in three aliquots of methylene chloride, dried in a 110 °C oven, and stored in a methylene chloride-washed glass jar with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.1.4 Water. Deionized distilled and stored in a methylene chloride-rinsed glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.1.5 Silica Gel. Indicating type, 6 to 16 mesh. If previously used, dry at 175 °C (350 °F) for two hours. New silica gel may be used as received. Alternately other types of desiccants (equivalent or better) may be used, subject to the approval of the Administrator.

3.1.6 Chromic Acid Cleaning Solution. Dissolve 20 g of sodium dichromate in 15 ml of water, and then carefully add 400 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid.

3.2 Sample Recovery.

3.2.2 Acetone. Pesticide quality.

3.2.2 Methylene Chloride. Pesticide qualtity.

3.2.3 Toluene. Pesticide quality.

3.3 Analysis.

3.3.1 Potassium Hydroxide. ACS grade, 2-percent (weight/volume) in water.

3.3.2 Sodium Sulfate. Granulated, reagent grade. Purify prior to use by rinsing with methylene chloride and oven drying. Store the cleaned material in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.3 Sulfuric Acid. Reagent grade.

3.3.4 Sodium Hydroxide. 1.0 N. Weigh 40 g of sodium hydroxide into a 1-liter volumetric flask. Dilute to 1 liter with water.

3.3.5 Hexane. Pesticide grade.

3.3.6 Methylene Chloride. Pesticide grade.

3.3.7 Benzene. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.8 Ethyl Acetate.

3.3.9 Methanol. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.10 Toluene. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.11 Nonane. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.12 Cyclohexane. Pesticide Grade.

3.3.13 Basic Alumina. Activity grade 1, 100–200 mesh. Prior to use, activate the alumina by heating for 16 hours at 130 °C before use. Store in a desiccator. Pre-activated alumina may be purchased from a supplier and may be used as received.

3.3.14 Silica Gel. Bio-Sil A, 100–200 mesh. Prior to use, activate the silica gel by heating for at least 30 minutes at 180 °C. After cooling, rinse the silica gel sequentially with methanol and methylene chloride. Heat the rinsed silica gel at 50 °C for 10 minutes, then increase the temperature gradually to 180 °C over 25 minutes and maintain it at this temperature for 90 minutes. Cool at room temperature and store in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.15 Silica Gel Impregnated with Sulfuric Acid. Combine 100 g of silica gel with 44 g of concentrated sulfuric acid in a screw capped glass bottle and agitate thoroughly. Disperse the solids with a stirring rod until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store the mixture in a glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.16 Silica Gel Impregnated with Sodium Hydroxide. Combine 39 g of 1 N sodium hydroxide with 100 g of silica gel in a screw capped glass bottle and agitate thoroughly. Disperse solids with a stirring rod until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store the mixture in glass container with a Teflon-lined screw cap.

3.3.17 Carbon/Celite. Combine 10.7 g of AX–21 carbon with 124 g of Celite 545 in a 250-ml glass bottle with a Teflon-lined screw cap. Agitate the mixture thoroughly until a uniform mixture is obtained. Store in the glass container.

3.3.18 Nitrogen. Ultra high purity.

3.3.19 Hydrogen. Ultra high purity.

3.3.20 Internal Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Internal Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

3.3.21 Surrogate Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Surrogate Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

3.3.22 Recovery Standard Solution. Prepare a stock standard solution containing the

isotopically labelled PCDD's and PCDF's at the concentrations shown in Table 1 under the heading ''Recovery Standards'' in 10 ml of nonane.

4. Procedure

4.1 Sampling. The complexity of this method is such that, in order to obtain reliable results, testers should be trained and experienced with the test procedures.

4.1.1 Pretest Preparation.

4.1.1.1 Cleaning Glassware. All glass components of the train upstream of and including the adsorbent module, shall be cleaned as described in section 3A of the ''Manual of Analytical Methods for the Analysis of Pesticides in Human and Environmental Samples.'' Special care shall be devoted to the removal of residual silicone grease sealants on ground glass connections of used glassware. Any residue shall be removed by soaking the glassware for several hours in a chromic acid cleaning solution prior to cleaning as described above.

4.1.1.2 Adsorbent Trap. The traps must be loaded in a clean area to avoid contamination. They may not be loaded in the field. Fill a trap with 20 to 40 g of XAD–2. Follow the XAD–2 with glass wool and tightly cap both ends of the trap. Add 100 µl of the surrogate standard solution (section 3.3.21) to each trap.

4.1.1.3 Sample Train. It is suggested that all components be maintained according to the procedure described in APTD–0576. Alternative mercury-free thermometers may be used if the thermometers are, at a minimum, equivalent in terms of performance or suitably effective for the specific temperature measurement application.

4.1.1.4 Silica Gel. Weigh several 200 to 300 g portions of silica gel in an air tight container to the nearest 0.5 g. Record the total weight of the silica gel plus container, on each container. As an alternative, the silica gel may be weighed directly in its impinger or sampling holder just prior to sampling.

4.1.1.5 Filter. Check each filter against light for irregularities and flaws or pinhole leaks. Pack the filters flat in a clean glass container.

4.1.2 Preliminary Determinations. Same as section 4.1.2 of Method 5.

4.1.3 Preparation of Collection Train.

4.1.3.1 During preparation and assembly of the sampling train, keep all train openings where contamination can enter, sealed until just prior to assembly or until sampling is about to begin.

NOTE: Do not use sealant grease in assembling the train.

4.1.3.2 Place approximately 100 ml of water in the second and third impingers, leave the first and fourth impingers empty, and transfer approximately 200 to 300 g of preweighed silica gel from its container to the fifth impinger.

4.1.3.3 Place the silica gel container in a clean place for later use in the sample recovery. Alternatively, the weight of the silica gel plus impinger may be determined to the nearest 0.5 g and recorded.

4.1.3.4 Assemble the train as shown in Figure 23–1.

4.1.3.5 Turn on the adsorbent module and condenser coil recirculating pump and begin monitoring the adsorbent module gas entry temperature. Ensure proper sorbent temperature gas entry temperature before proceeding and before sampling is initiated. It is extremely important that the XAD–2 adsorbent resin temperature never exceed 50 °C because thermal decomposition will occur. During testing, the XAD–2 temperature must not exceed 20 °C for efficient capture of the PCDD's and PCDF's.

4.1.4 Leak-Check Procedure. Same as Method 5, section 4.1.4.

4.1.5 Sample Train Operation. Same as Method 5, section 4.1.5.

4.2 Sample Recovery. Proper cleanup procedure begins as soon as the probe is removed from the stack at the end of the sampling period. Seal the nozzle end of the sampling probe with Teflon tape or aluminum foil.

When the probe can be safely handled, wipe off all external particulate matter near the tip of the probe. Remove the probe from the train and close off both ends with aluminum foil. Seal off the inlet to the train with Teflon tape, a ground glass cap, or aluminum foil.

Transfer the probe and impinger assembly to the cleanup area. This area shall be clean and enclosed so that the chances of losing or contaminating the sample are minimized. Smoking, which could contaminate the sample, shall not be allowed in the cleanup area.

Inspect the train prior to and during disassembly and note any abnormal conditions, e.g., broken filters, colored impinger liquid, etc. Treat the samples as follows:

4.2.1 Container No. 1. Either seal the filter holder or carefully remove the filter from the filter holder and place it in its identified container. Use a pair of cleaned tweezers to handle the filter. If it is necessary to fold the filter, do so such that the particulate cake is inside the fold. Carefully transfer to the container any particulate matter and filter fibers which adhere to the filter holder gasket, by using a dry inert bristle brush and a sharp-edged blade. Seal the container.

4.2.2 Adsorbent Module. Remove the module from the train, tightly cap both ends, label it, cover with aluminum foil, and store it on ice for transport to the laboratory.

4.2.3 Container No. 2. Quantitatively recover material deposited in the nozzle, probe transfer lines, the front half of the filter holder, and the cyclone, if used, first, by

brushing while rinsing three times each with acetone and then, by rinsing the probe three times with methylene chloride. Collect all the rinses in Container No. 2.

Rinse the back half of the filter holder three times with acetone. Rinse the connecting line between the filter and the condenser three times with acetone. Soak the connecting line with three separate portions of methylene chloride for 5 minutes each. If using a separate condenser and adsorbent trap, rinse the condenser in the same manner as the connecting line. Collect all the rinses in Container No. 2 and mark the level of the liquid on the container.

4.2.4 Container No. 3. Repeat the methylene chloride-rinsing described in section 4.2.3 using toluene as the rinse solvent. Collect the rinses in Container No. 3 and mark the level of the liquid on the container.

4.2.5 Impinger Water. Measure the liquid in the first three impingers to within ±1 ml by using a graduated cylinder or by weighing it to within ±0.5 g by using a balance. Record the volume or weight of liquid present. This information is required to calculate the moisture content of the effluent gas.

Discard the liquid after measuring and recording the volume or weight.

4.2.7 Silica Gel. Note the color of the indicating silica gel to determine if it has been completely spent and make a mention of its condition. Transfer the silica gel from the fifth impinger to its original container and seal. If a moisture determination is made, follow the applicable procedures in sections 8.7.6.3 and 11.2.3 of Method 5 to handle and weigh the silica gel. If moisture is not measured, the silica gel may be disposed.

5. Analysis

All glassware shall be cleaned as described in section 3A of the ‘‘Manual of Analytical Methods for the Analysis of Pesticides in Human and Environmental Samples.’’ All samples must be extracted within 30 days of collection and analyzed within 45 days of extraction.

5.1 Sample Extraction.

5.1.1 Extraction System. Place an extraction thimble (section 2.3.4), 1 g of silica gel, and a plug of glass wool into the Soxhlet apparatus, charge the apparatus with toluene, and reflux for a minimum of 3 hours. Remove the toluene and discard it, but retain the silica gel. Remove the extraction thimble from the extraction system and place it in a glass beaker to catch the solvent rinses.

5.1.2 Container No. 1 (Filter). Transfer the contents directly to the glass thimble of the extraction system and extract them simultaneously with the XAD–2 resin.

5.1.3 Adsorbent Cartridge. Suspend the adsorbent module directly over the extraction thimble in the beaker (See section 5.1.1). The glass frit of the module should be in the up position. Using a Teflon squeeze bottle containing toluene, flush the XAD–2 into the thimble onto the bed of cleaned silica gel. Thoroughly rinse the glass module catching the rinsings in the beaker containing the thimble. If the resin is wet, effective extraction can be accomplished by loosely packing the resin in the thimble. Add the XAD–2 glass wool plug into the thimble.

5.1.4 Container No. 2 (Acetone and Methylene Chloride). Concentrate the sample to a volume of about 1–5 ml using the rotary evaporator apparatus, at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container three times with small portions of methylene chloride and add these to the concentrated solution and concentrate further to near dryness. This residue contains particulate matter removed in the rinse of the train probe and nozzle. Add the concentrate to the filter and the XAD–2 resin in the Soxhlet apparatus described in section 5.1.1.

5.1.5 Extraction. Add 100 µl of the internal standard solution (Section 3.3.20) to the extraction thimble containing the contents of the adsorbent cartridge, the contents of Container No. 1, and the concentrate from section 5.1.4. Cover the contents of the extraction thimble with the cleaned glass wool plug to prevent the XAD–2 resin from floating into the solvent reservoir of the extractor. Place the thimble in the extractor, and add the toluene contained in the beaker to the solvent reservoir. Pour additional toluene to fill the reservoir approximately ⅔ full. Add Teflon boiling chips and assemble the apparatus. Adjust the heat source to cause the extractor to cycle three times per hour. Extract the sample for 16 hours. After extraction, allow the Soxhlet to cool. Transfer the toluene extract and three 10-ml rinses to the rotary evaporator. Concentrate the extract to approximately 10 ml. At this point the analyst may choose to split the sample in half. If so, split the sample, store one half for future use, and analyze the other according to the procedures in sections 5.2 and 5.3. In either case, use a nitrogen evaporative concentrator to reduce the volume of the sample being analyzed to near dryness. Dissolve the residue in 5 ml of hexane.

5.1.6 Container No. 3 (Toluene Rinse). Add 100 µl of the Internal Standard solution (section 3.3.2) to the contents of the container. Concentrate the sample to a volume of about 1–5 ml using the rotary evaporator apparatus at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container apparatus at a temperature of less than 37 °C. Rinse the sample container three times with small portions of toluene and add these to the concentrated solution and concentrate further to near dryness. Analyze the extract separately according to the procedures in sections 5.2 and 5.3, but concentrate the solution in a rotary evaporator apparatus rather than a nitrogen evaporative concentrator.

5.2 Sample Cleanup and Fractionation.

5.2.1 Silica Gel Column. Pack one end of a glass column, 20 mm × 230 mm, with glass wool. Add in sequence, 1 g silica gel, 2 g of sodium hydroxide impregnated silica gel, 1 g silica gel, 4 g of acid-modified silica gel, and 1 g of silica gel. Wash the column with 30 ml of hexane and discard it. Add the sample extract, dissolved in 5 ml of hexane to the column with two additional 5-ml rinses. Elute the column with an additional 90 ml of hexane and retain the entire eluate. Concentrate this solution to a volume of about 1 ml using the nitrogen evaporative concentrator (section 2.3.7).

5.2.2 Basic Alumina Column. Shorten a 25-ml disposable Pasteur pipette to about 16 ml. Pack the lower section with glass wool and 12 g of basic alumina. Transfer the concentrated extract from the silica gel column to the top of the basic alumina column and elute the column sequentially with 120 ml of 0.5 percent methylene chloride in hexane followed by 120 ml of 35 percent methylene chloride in hexane. Discard the first 120 ml of eluate. Collect the second 120 ml of eluate and concentrate it to about 0.5 ml using the nitrogen evaporative concentrator.

5.2.3 AX–21 Carbon/Celite 545 Column. Remove the botton 0.5 in. from the tip of a 9-ml disposable Pasteur pipette. Insert a glass fiber filter disk in the top of the pipette 2.5 cm from the constriction. Add sufficient carbon/celite mixture to form a 2 cm column. Top with a glass wool plug. In some cases AX–21 carbon fines may wash through the glass wool plug and enter the sample. This may be prevented by adding a celite plug to the exit end of the column. Rinse the column in sequence with 2 ml of 50 percent benzene in ethyl acetate, 1 ml of 50 percent methylene chloride in cyclohexane, and 2 ml of hexane. Discard these rinses. Transfer the concentrate in 1 ml of hexane from the basic alumina column to the carbon/celite column along with 1 ml of hexane rinse. Elute the column sequentially with 2 ml of 50 percent methylene chloride in hexane and 2 ml of 50 percent benzene in ethyl acetate and discard these eluates. Invert the column and elute in the reverse direction with 13 ml of toluene. Collect this eluate. Concentrate the eluate in a rotary evaporator at 50 °C to about 1 ml. Transfer the concentrate to a Reacti-vial using a toluene rinse and concentrate to a volume of 200 µl using a stream of N_2. Store extracts at room temperature, shielded from light, until the analysis is performed.

5.3 Analysis. Analyze the sample with a gas chromatograph coupled to a mass spectrometer (GC/MS) using the instrumental parameters in sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2. Immediately prior to analysis, add a 20 µl aliquot of the Recovery Standard solution from Table 1 to each sample. A 2 µl aliquot of the extract is injected into the GC. Sample extracts are first analyzed using the DB–5 capillary column to determine the concentration of each isomer of PCDD's and PCDF's (tetra-through octa-). If tetra-chlorinated dibenzofurans are detected in this analysis, then analyze another aliquot of the sample in a separate run, using the DB–225 column to measure the 2,3,7,8 tetra-chloro dibenzofuran isomer. Other column systems may be used, provided that the user is able to demonstrate using calibration and performance checks that the column system is able to meet the specifications of section 6.1.2.2.

5.3.1 Gas Chromatograph Operating Conditions.

5.3.1.1 Injector. Configured for capillary column, splitless, 250 °C.

5.3.1.2 Carrier Gas. Helium, 1–2 ml/min.

5.3.1.3 Oven. Initially at 150 °C. Raise by at least 40 °C/min to 190 °C and then at 3 °C/min up to 300 °C.

5.3.2 High Resolution Mass Spectrometer.

5.3.2.1 Resolution. 10000 m/e.

5.3.2.2 Ionization Mode. Electron impact.

5.3.2.3 Source Temperature 250 °C.

5.3.2.4 Monitoring Mode. Selected ion monitoring. A list of the various ions to be monitored is summarized in Table 3.

5.3.2.5 Identification Criteria. The following identification criteria shall be used for the characterization of polychlorinated dibenzodioxins and dibenzofurans.

1. The integrated ion-abundance ratio (M/M + 2 or M + 2/M + 4) shall be within 15 percent of the theoretical value. The acceptable ion-abundance ratio ranges for the identification of chlorine-containing compounds are given in Table 4.

2. The retention time for the analytes must be within 3 seconds of the corresponding ^{13}C-labeled internal standard, surrogate or alternate standard.

3. The monitored ions, shown in Table 3 for a given analyte, shall reach their maximum within 2 seconds of each other.

4. The identification of specific isomers that do not have corresponding ^{13}C-labeled standards is done by comparison of the relative retention time (RRT) of the analyte to the nearest internal standard retention time with reference (i.e., within 0.005 RRT units) to the comparable RRT's found in the continuing calibration.

5. The signal to noise ratio for all monitored ions must be greater than 2.5.

6. The confirmation of 2, 3, 7, 8–TCDD and 2, 3, 7, 8–TCDF shall satisfy all of the above identification criteria.

7. For the identification of PCDF's, no signal may be found in the corresponding PCDPE channels.

5.3.2.6 Quantification. The peak areas for the two ions monitored for each analyte are summed to yield the total response for each analyte. Each internal standard is used to quantify the indigenous PCDD's or PCDF's in its homologous series. For example, the $^{13}C_{12}$–2,3,7,8-tetra chlorinated dibenzodioxin is used to calculate the concentrations of all

other tetra chlorinated isomers. Recoveries of the tetra- and penta- internal standards are calculated using the $^{13}C_{12}$–1,2,3,4–TCDD. Recoveries of the hexa- through octa- internal standards are calculated using $^{13}C_{12}$–1,2,3,7,8,9–HxCDD. Recoveries of the surrogate standards are calculated using the corresponding homolog from the internal standard.

6. Calibration

Same as Method 5 with the following additions.

6.1 GC/MS System.

6.1.1 Initial Calibration. Calibrate the GC/MS system using the set of five standards shown in Table 2. The relative standard deviation for the mean response factor from each of the unlabeled analytes (Table 2) and of the internal, surrogate, and alternate standards shall be less than or equal to the values in Table 5. The signal to noise ratio for the GC signal present in every selected ion current profile shall be greater than or equal to 2.5. The ion abundance ratios shall be within the control limits in Table 4.

6.1.2 Daily Performance Check.

6.1.2.1 Calibration Check. Inject on µl of solution Number 3 from Table 2. Calculate the relative response factor (RRF) for each compound and compare each RRF to the corresponding mean RRF obtained during the initial calibration. The analyzer performance is acceptable if the measured RRF's for the labeled and unlabeled compounds for the daily run are within the limits of the mean values shown in Table 5. In addition, the ion-abundance ratios shall be within the allowable control limits shown in Table 4.

6.1.2.2 Column Separation Check. Inject a solution of a mixture of PCDD's and PCDF's that documents resolution between 2,3,7,8–TCDD and other TCDD isomers. Resolution is defined as a valley between peaks that is less than 25 percent of the lower of the two peaks. Identify and record the retention time windows for each homologous series.

Perform a similar resolution check on the confirmation column to document the resolution between 2,3,7,8 TCDF and other TCDF isomers.

6.2 Lock Channels. Set mass spectrometer lock channels as specified in Table 3. Monitor the quality control check channels specified in Table 3 to verify instrument stability during the analysis.

7. Quality Control

7.1 Sampling Train Collection Efficiency Check. Add 100 µl of the surrogate standards in Table 1 to the absorbent cartridge of each train before collecting the field samples.

7.2 Internal Standard Percent Recoveries. A group of nine carbon labeled PCDD's and PCDF's representing, the tetra-through octachlorinated homologues, is added to every sample prior to extraction. The role of the internal standards is to quantify the native PCDD's and PCDF's present in the sample as well as to determine the overall method efficiency. Recoveries of the internal standards must be between 40 to 130 percent for the tetra-through hexachlorinated compounds while the range is 25 to 130 percent for the higher hepta- and octachlorinated homologues.

7.3 Surrogate Recoveries. The five surrogate compounds in Table 2 are added to the resin in the adsorbent sampling cartridge before the sample is collected. The surrogate recoveries are measured relative to the internal standards and are a measure of collection efficiency. They are not used to measure native PCDD's and PCDF's. All recoveries shall be between 70 and 130 percent. Poor recoveries for all the surrogates may be an indication of breakthrough in the sampling train. If the recovery of all standards is below 70 percent, the sampling runs must be repeated. As an alternative, the sampling runs do not have to be repeated if the final results are divided by the fraction of surrogate recovery. Poor recoveries of isolated surrogate compounds should not be grounds for rejecting an entire set of the samples.

7.4 Toluene QA Rinse. Report the results of the toluene QA rinse separately from the total sample catch. Do not add it to the total sample.

8.0 [Reserved]

9. Calculations

Same as Method 5, section 6 with the following additions.

9.1 Nomenclature.

A_{ai} = Integrated ion current of the noise at the retention time of the analyte.

A^*_{ci} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the internal standard i in the calibration standard.

A_{cij} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of compound i in the jth calibration standard.

A^*_{cij} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the internal standard i in the jth calibration standard.

A_{csi} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of surrogate compound i in the calibration standard.

A_i = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of compound i in the sample.

A^*_i = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of internal standard i in the sample.

A_{rs} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of the recovery standard.

A_{si} = Integrated ion current of the two ions characteristic of surrogate compound i in the sample.

C_i = Concentration of PCDD or PCDF i in the sample, pg/M^3.

C_T = Total concentration of PCDD's or PCDF's in the sample, pg/M³.
m_{ci} = Mass of compound i in the calibration standard injected into the analyzer, pg.
m_{rs} = Mass of recovery standard in the calibration standard injected into the analyzer, pg.
m_{si} = Mass of surrogate compound in the calibration standard, pg.
RRF_i = Relative response factor.
RRF_{rs} = Recovery standard response factor.
RRF_s = Surrogate compound response factor.

9.2 Average Relative Response Factor.

$$RRF_i = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\frac{A_{cij}\,m^*_{ci}}{A^*_{cij}\,m_{ci}} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-1}$$

9.3 Concentration of the PCDD's and PCDF's.

$$C_i = \frac{m_i{}^*A_i}{A_i{}^*RRF_iV_{mstd}} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-2}$$

9.4 Recovery Standard Response Factor.

$$RRF_{rs} = \frac{A_{ci}{}^*m_{rs}}{A_{rs}m_{ci}{}^*} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-3}$$

9.5 Recovery of Internal Standards (R*).

$$R^* = \frac{A_i{}^*m_{rs}}{A_{rs}RF_{rs}m_i{}^*}\times 100\% \qquad \text{Eq. 23-4}$$

9.6 Surrogate Compound Response Factor.

$$RRF_s = \frac{A_{ci}{}^*m_s}{A_{cis}m_{ci}{}^*} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-5}$$

9.7 Recovery of Surrogate Compounds (R_s).

$$R_s = \frac{A_s m_i{}^*}{A_i{}^*RRF_s m_s}\times 100\% \qquad \text{Eq. 23-6}$$

9.8 Minimum Detectable Limit (MDL).

$$MDL = \frac{2.5\ A_{ai}m_i{}^*}{A_{ci}{}^*RRF_i} \qquad \text{Eq. 23-7}$$

9.9 Total Concentration of PCDD's and PCDF's in the Sample.

$$C_{Tr} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i \qquad \text{Eq. 23-8}$$

Any PCDD's or PCDF's that are reported as nondetected (below the MDL) shall be counted as zero for the purpose of calculating the total concentration of PCDD's and PCDF's in the sample.

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TABLE 1—COMPOSITION OF THE SAMPLE FORTIFICATION AND RECOVERY STANDARDS SOLUTIONS

Analyte	Concentration (pg/µl)
Internal Standards:	
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-OCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	100
Surrogate Standards:	
$^{37}Cl_4$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	100
Recovery Standards:	
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4-TCDD	500
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	500

TABLE 2—COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS

Compound	Concentrations (pg/µL)				
	Solution No.				
	1	2	3	4	5
Alternate Standard:					
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	2.5	5	25	250	500

TABLE 2—COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS—Continued

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Compound	Concentrations (pg/μL)				
	Solution No.				
	1	2	3	4	5
Recovery Standards:					
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4-TCDD ..	100	100	100	100	100
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	100	100	100	100	100

TABLE 3—ELEMENTAL COMPOSITIONS AND EXACT MASSES OF THE IONS MONITORED BY HIGH RESOLUTION MASS SPECTROMETRY FOR PCDD'S AND PCDF'S

Descriptor No.	Accurate mass	Ion type	Elemental composition	Analyte
2	292.9825	LOCK	C_7F_{11}	PFK
	303.9016	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O$	TCDF
	305.8987	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl^{37}O$	TCDF
	315.9419	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O$	TCDF (S)
	317.9389	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}ClO$	TCDF (S)
	319.8965	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}ClO_2$	TCDD
	321.8936	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}ClO_2$	TCDD
	327.8847	M	$C_{12}H_4{}^{37}Cl_4O_2$	TCDD (S)
	330.9792	QC	C_7F_{13}	PFK
	331.9368	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_4O_2$	TCDD (S)
	333.9339	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl^{37}ClO_2$	TCDD (S)
	339.8597	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO$	PECDF
	341.8567	M + 4	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}Cl_2O$	PeCDF
	351.9000	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO$	PeCDF (S)
	353.8970	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl^{3537}Cl_2O$	PeCDF (S)
	355.8546	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_337ClO_2$	PeCDD
	357.8516	M + 4	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	PeCDD
	367.8949	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}ClO_2$	PeCDD (S)
	369.8919	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_3{}^{37}\ Cl_2O_2$	PeCDD (S)
	375.8364	M + 2	$C_{12}H_4{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDPE
	409.7974	M + 2	$C_{12}H_3{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCPDE
3	373.8208	M + 2	$C_{12}H_235Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDF
	375.8178	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HxCDF
	383.8639	M	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_6O$	HxCDF (S)
	385.8610	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO$	HxCDF (S)
	389.8157	M + 2	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO_2$	HxCDD
	391.8127	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HxCDD
	392.9760	LOCK	C_9F_{15}	PFK
	401.8559	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}ClO_2$	HxCDD (S)
	403.8529	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_4{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HxCDD (S)
	445.7555	M + 4	$C_{12}H_2{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O$	OCDPE
	430.9729	QC	C_9F_{17}	PFK
4	407.7818	M + 2	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCDF
	409.7789	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O$	HpCDF
	417.8253	M	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_7O$	HpCDF (S)
	419.8220	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO$	HpCDF (S)
	423.7766	M + 2	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO_2$	HpCDD
	425.7737	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HpCDD
	435.8169	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}ClO_2$	HpCDD (S)
	437.8140	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}H^{35}Cl_5{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	HpCDD (S)
	479.7165	M + 4	$C_{12}H^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}Cl_2O$	NCPDE
	430.9729	LOCK	C_9F_{17}	PFK
	441.7428	M + 2	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO$	OCDF
	443.7399	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O$	OCDF
	457.7377	M + 2	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO_2$	OCDD
	459.7348	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	OCDD
	469.7779	M + 2	$^{13}C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_7{}^{37}ClO_2$	OCDD (S)
	471.7750	M + 4	$^{13}C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_6{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	OCDD (S)
	513.6775	M + 4	$C_{12}{}^{35}Cl_8{}^{37}Cl_2O_2$	DCDPE
	442.9728	QC	$C_{10}F_{17}$	PFK

(a) The following nuclidic masses were used:
H = 1.007825
C = 12.000000
^{13}C = 13.003355
F = 18.9984
O = 15.994915
^{35}Cl = 34.968853
^{37}Cl = 36.965903

S = Labeled Standard
QC = Ion selected for monitoring instrument stability during the GC/MS analysis.

TABLE 4—ACCEPTABLE RANGES FOR ION-ABUNDANCE RATIOS OF PCDD'S AND PCDF'S

No. of chlorine atoms	Ion type	Theoretical ratio	Control limits	
			Lower	Upper
4	M/M + 2	0.77	0.65	0.89
5	M + 2/M + 4	1.55	1.32	1.78
6	M + 2/M + 4	1.24	1.05	1.43
6 [a]	M/M + 2	0.51	0.43	0.59
7 [b]	M/M + 2	0.44	0.37	0.51
7	M + 2/M + 4	1.04	0.88	1.20
8	M + 2/M + 4	0.89	0.76	1.02

[a] Used only for ^{13}C-HxCDF.
[b] Used only for ^{13}C-HpCDF.

TABLE 5—MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL AND DAILY CALIBRATION RESPONSE FACTORS

Compound	Relative response factors	
	Initial calibration RSD	Daily calibration % difference
Unlabeled Analytes:		
2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
2,3,7,8-TCDF	25	25
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	25	25
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
1,2,4,5,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	25	25
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	25	25
2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	25	25
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	25	25
OCDD	25	25
OCDF	30	30
Internal Standards:		
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-OCDD	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,7,8-TCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	30	30
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	30	30
Surrogate Standards:		
$^{37}Cl_4$-2,3,7,8-TCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	25	25
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	25	25
Alternate Standard:		
$^{13}C_{12}$-1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	25	25

METHOD 24—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER CONTENT, WATER CONTENT, DENSITY, VOLUME SOLIDS, AND WEIGHT SOLIDS OF SURFACE COATINGS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile organic compounds	No CAS Number assigned
Water.	7732–18–5

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of paint, varnish, lacquer, or other related surface coatings.

1.3 Precision and Bias. Intra-and inter-laboratory analytical precision statements are presented in section 13.1. No bias has been identified.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Standard methods are used to determine the volatile matter content, water content, density, volume solids, and weight solids of paint, varnish, lacquer, or other related surface coatings.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Waterborne coating* means any coating which contains more than 5 percent water by weight in its volatile fraction.

3.2 *Multicomponent coatings* are coatings that are packaged in two or more parts, which are combined before application. Upon combination a coreactant from one part of the coating chemically reacts, at ambient conditions, with a coreactant from another part of the coating.

3.3 *Ultraviolet (UV) radiation-cured coatings* are coatings which contain unreacted monomers that are polymerized by exposure to ultraviolet light.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Components. Several of the compounds that may be contained in the coatings analyzed by this method may be irritating or corrosive to tissues (e.g., heptane) or may be toxic (e.g., benzene, methyl alcohol). Nearly all are fire hazards.

Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as Reference 3 of section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The equipment and supplies specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17 for acceptable versions of the methods) are required:

6.1 ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90, Standard Test Method for Density of Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products.

6.2 ASTM D 2369–81, 87, 90, 92, 93, or 95, Standard Test Method for Volatile Content of Coatings.

6.3 ASTM D 3792–79 or 91, Standard Test Method for Water Content of Water Reducible Paints by Direct Injection into a Gas Chromatograph.

6.4 ASTM D 4017–81, 90, or 96a, Standard Test Method for Water in Paints and Paint Materials by the Karl Fischer Titration Method.

6.5 ASTM 4457–85 91, Standard Test Method for Determination of Dichloromethane and 1,1,1-Trichloroethane in Paints and Coatings by Direct Injection into a Gas Chromatograph.

6.6 ASTM D 5403–93, Standard Test Methods for Volatile Content of Radiation Curable Materials.

6.7 ASTM D 6419–00, Test Method for Volatile Content of Sheet-Fed and Coldset Web Offset Printing Inks.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 The reagents and standards specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6 are required.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Follow the sample collection, preservation, storage, and transport procedures described in Reference 1 of section 16.0.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Reproducibility

NOTE: Not applicable to UV radiation-cured coatings). The variety of coatings that may be subject to analysis makes it necessary to verify the ability of the analyst and the analytical procedures to obtain reproducible results for the coatings tested. Verification is accomplished by running duplicate analyses on each sample tested (Sections 11.2 through 11.4) and comparing the results with the intra-laboratory precision statements (Section 13.1) for each parameter.

9.2 Confidence Limits for Waterborne Coatings. Because of the inherent increased imprecision in the determination of the VOC content of waterborne coatings as the weight percent of water increases, measured parameters for waterborne coatings are replaced with appropriate confidence limits (Section 12.6). These confidence limits are based on measured parameters and inter-laboratory precision statements.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Perform the calibration and standardization procedures specified in the ASTM methods listed in sections 6.1 through 6.6.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

Additional guidance can be found in Reference 2 of section 16.0.

11.1 Non Thin-film Ultraviolet Radiation-cured (UV radiation-cured) Coatings.

11.1.1 Volatile Content. Use the procedure in ASTM D 5403 to determine the volatile matter content of the coating except the curing test described in NOTE 2 of ASTM D 5403 is required.

11.1.2 Water Content. To determine water content, follow section 11.3.2.

11.1.3 Coating Density. To determine coating density, follow section 11.3.3.

11.1.4 Solids Content. To determine solids content, follow section 11.3.4.

11.1.5 To determine if a coating or ink can be classified as a thin-film UV cured coating or ink, use the equation in section 12.2. If C is less than 0.2 g and A is greater than or equal to 225 cm^2 (35 in^2) then the coating or ink is considered a thin-film UV radiation-cured coating and ASTM D 5403 is not applicable.

NOTE: As noted in section 1.4 of ASTM D 5403, this method may not be applicable to radiation curable materials wherein the volatile material is water.

11.2 Multi-component Coatings.

11.2.1 Sample Preparation.

11.2.1.1 Prepare about 100 ml of sample by mixing the components in a storage container, such as a glass jar with a screw top or a metal can with a cap. The storage container should be just large enough to hold the mixture. Combine the components (by weight or volume) in the ratio recommended by the manufacturer. Tightly close the container between additions and during mixing to prevent loss of volatile materials. However, most manufacturers mixing instructions are by volume. Because of possible error caused by expansion of the liquid when measuring the volume, it is recommended that the components be combined by weight. When weight is used to combine the components and the manufacturer's recommended ratio is by volume, the density must be determined by section 11.3.3.

11.2.1.2 Immediately after mixing, take aliquots from this 100 ml sample for determination of the total volatile content, water content, and density.

11.2.2 Volatile Content. To determine total volatile content, use the apparatus and

reagents described in ASTM D2369 (incorporated by reference; see §60.17 for the approved versions of the standard), respectively, and use the following procedures:

11.2.2.1 Weigh and record the weight of an aluminum foil weighing dish. Add 3 ±1 ml of suitable solvent as specified in ASTM D2369 to the weighing dish. Using a syringe as specified in ASTM D2369, weigh to 1 mg, by difference, a sample of coating into the weighing dish. For coatings believed to have a volatile content less than 40 weight percent, a suitable size is 0.3 + 0.10 g, but for coatings believed to have a volatile content greater than 40 weight percent, a suitable size is 0.5 ±0.1 g.

NOTE: If the volatile content determined pursuant to section 12.4 is not in the range corresponding to the sample size chosen repeat the test with the appropriate sample size. Add the specimen dropwise, shaking (swirling) the dish to disperse the specimen completely in the solvent. If the material forms a lump that cannot be dispersed, discard the specimen and prepare a new one. Similarly, prepare a duplicate. The sample shall stand for a minimum of 1 hour, but no more than 24 hours prior to being oven cured at 110 ±5 °C (230 ±9 °F) for 1 hour.

11.2.2.2 Heat the aluminum foil dishes containing the dispersed specimens in the forced draft oven for 60 min at 110 ±5 °C (230 ±9 °F). Caution—provide adequate ventilation, consistent with accepted laboratory practice, to prevent solvent vapors from accumulating to a dangerous level.

11.2.2.3 Remove the dishes from the oven, place immediately in a desiccator, cool to ambient temperature, and weigh to within 1 mg.

11.2.2.4 Run analyses in pairs (duplicate sets) for each coating mixture until the criterion in section 11.4 is met. Calculate W_V following Equation 24–2 and record the arithmetic average.

11.2.3 Water Content. To determine water content, follow section 11.3.2.

11.2.4 Coating Density. To determine coating density, follow section 11.3.3.

11.2.5 Solids Content. To determine solids content, follow section 11.3.4.

11.2.6 Exempt Solvent Content. To determine the exempt solvent content, follow section 11.3.5.

NOTE: For all other coatings (*i.e.*, water-or solvent-borne coatings) not covered by multicomponent or UV radiation-cured coatings, analyze as shown below:

11.3 Water-or Solvent-borne coatings.

11.3.1 Volatile Content. Use the procedure in ASTM D 2369 to determine the volatile matter content (may include water) of the coating.

11.3.1.1 Record the following information:

W_1 = weight of dish and sample before heating, g

W_2 = weight of dish and sample after heating, g

W_3 = sample weight, g.

11.3.1.2 Calculate the weight fraction of the volatile matter (W_v) for each analysis as shown in section 12.3.

11.3.1.3 Run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.1.4 Record the arithmetic average (W_v).

11.3.2 Water Content. For waterborne coatings only, determine the weight fraction of water (W_w) using either ASTM D 3792 or ASTM D 4017.

11.3.2.1 Run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.2.2 Record the arithmetic average (w_w).

11.3.3 Coating Density. Determine the density (Dc, kg/l) of the surface coating using the procedure in ASTM D 1475.

11.3.3.1 Run duplicate analyses until each value in a set deviates from the mean of the set by no more than the intra-laboratory precision statement in section 13.1.

11.3.3.2 Record the arithmetic average (D_c).

11.3.4 Solids Content. Determine the volume fraction (V_s) solids of the coating by calculation using the manufacturer's formulation.

11.3.5 Exempt Solvent Content. Determine the weight fraction of exempt solvents (W_E) by using ASTM Method D4457. Run a duplicate set of determinations and record the arithmetic average (W_E).

11.4 Sample Analysis Criteria. For W_v and W_w, run duplicate analyses until the difference between the two values in a set is less than or equal to the intra-laboratory precision statement for that parameter. For D_c, run duplicate analyses until each value in a set deviates from the mean of the set by no more than the intra-laboratory precision statement. If, after several attempts, it is concluded that the ASTM procedures cannot be used for the specific coating with the established intra-laboratory precision (excluding UV radiation-cured coatings), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will assume responsibility for providing the necessary procedures for revising the method or precision statements upon written request to: Director, Emissions, Monitoring, and Analysis Division, MD–14, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 Nomenclature.

A = Area of substrate, cm^2, (in^2).

C = Amount of coating or ink added to the substrate, g.

D_c = Density of coating or ink, g/cm^3 (g/in^3).

F = Manufacturer's recommended film thickness, cm (in).
W_o = Weight fraction of nonaqueous volatile matter, g/g.
W_s = Weight fraction of solids, g/g.
W_v = Weight fraction of the volatile matter, g/g.
W_w = Weight fraction of the water, g/g.

12.2 To determine if a coating or ink can be classified as a thin-film UV cured coating or ink, use the following equation:

$$C = F\,A\,D_c \qquad \text{Eq. 24-1}$$

12.3 Calculate W_v for each analysis as shown below:

$$W_v = \frac{W_1 - W_2}{W_3} \qquad \text{Eq. 24-2}$$

12.4 Nonaqueous Volatile Matter.

12.4.1 Solvent-borne Coatings.

$$W_o = W_v \qquad \text{Eq. 24-3}$$

12.4.2 Waterborne Coatings.

$$W_o = W_v - W_w \qquad \text{Eq. 24-4}$$

12.4.3 Coatings Containing Exempt Solvents.

$$W_o = W_v - W_E - W_w \qquad \text{Eq. 24-5}$$

12.5 Weight Fraction Solids.

$$W_s = 1 - W_v \qquad \text{Eq. 24-6}$$

12.6 Confidence Limit Calculations for Waterborne Coatings. To calculate the lower confidence limit, subtract the appropriate inter-laboratory precision value from the measured mean value for that parameter. To calculate the upper confidence limit, add the appropriate inter-laboratory precision value to the measured mean value for that parameter. For W_v and D_c, use the lower confidence limits; for W_w, use the upper confidence limit. Because W_s is calculated, there is no adjustment for this parameter.

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Analytical Precision Statements. The intra-and inter-laboratory precision statements are given in Table 24–1 in section 17.0.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as specified in section 6.0, with the addition of the following:

1. Standard Procedure for Collection of Coating and Ink Samples for Analysis by Reference Methods 24 and 24A. EPA–340/1–91–010. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.
2. Standard Operating Procedure for Analysis of Coating and Ink Samples by Reference Methods 24 and 24A.
EPA–340/1–91–011. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stationary Source Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. September 1991.
3. Handbook of Hazardous Materials: Fire, Safety, Health. Alliance of American Insurers. Schaumberg, IL. 1983.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

TABLE 24–1—ANALYTICAL PRECISION STATEMENTS

	Intra-laboratory	Inter-laboratory
Volatile matter content, W_v	$\pm 0.015\ \widehat{W}_v$	$\pm 0.047\ \widehat{W}_v$
Water content, W_w	$\pm 0.029\ \widehat{W}_w$	$\pm 0.075\ \widehat{W}_w$
Density, D_c	±0.001 kg/l	±0.002 kg/l

METHOD 24A—DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE MATTER CONTENT AND DENSITY OF PUBLICATION ROTOGRAVURE INKS AND RELATED PUBLICATION ROTOGRAVURE COATINGS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Volatile organic compounds (VOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of the VOC content and density of solvent-borne (solvent-reducible) publication rotogravure inks and related publication rotogravure coatings.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Separate procedures are used to determine the VOC weight fraction and density of the ink or related coating and the density of the solvent in the ink or related coating. The VOC weight fraction is determined by measuring the weight loss of a known sample quantity which has been heated for a specified length of time at a specified temperature. The density of both the ink or related coating and solvent are measured by a standard procedure. From this information, the VOC volume fraction is calculated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

5.2 Hazardous Components. Some of the compounds that may be contained in the inks or related coatings analyzed by this method may be irritating or corrosive to tissues or may be toxic. Nearly all are fire hazards. Appropriate precautions can be found in reference documents, such as Reference 6 of section 16.0.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The following equipment and supplies are required for sample analysis:

6.1 Weighing Dishes. Aluminum foil, 58 mm (2.3 in.) in diameter by 18 mm (0.7 in.) high, with a flat bottom. There must be at least three weighing dishes per sample.

6.2 Disposable Syringe. 5 ml.

6.3 Analytical Balance. To measure to within 0.1 mg.

6.4 Oven. Vacuum oven capable of maintaining a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) and an absolute pressure of 510 ±51 mm Hg (20 ±2 in. Hg) for 4 hours. Alternatively, a forced draft oven capable of maintaining a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) for 24 hours.

6.5 The equipment and supplies specified in ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90 (incorporated by reference—see § 60.17).

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 The reagents and standards specified in ASTM D 1475–60, 80, or 90 are required.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Follow the sample collection, preservation, storage, and transport procedures described in Reference 4 of section 16.0.

9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

11.0 Analytical Procedure

Additional guidance can be found in Reference 5 of section 16.0.

11.1 VOC Weight Fraction. Shake or mix the ink or related coating sample thoroughly to assure that all the solids are completely suspended. Label and weigh to the nearest 0.1 mg a weighing dish and record this weight (M_{x1}). Using a 5 ml syringe, without a needle, extract an aliquot from the ink or related coating sample. Weigh the syringe and aliquot to the nearest 0.1 mg and record this weight (M_{cy1}). Transfer 1 to 3 g of the aliquot to the tared weighing dish. Reweigh the syringe and remaining aliquot to the nearest 0.1 mg and record this weight (M_{cy2}). Heat the weighing dish with the transferred aliquot in a vacuum oven at an absolute pressure of 510 ±51 mm Hg (20 ±2 in. Hg) and a temperature of 120 ±2 °C (248 ±4 °F) for 4 hours. Alternatively, heat the weighing dish with the transferred aliquot in a forced draft oven at a temperature of 120 ±2 °C for 24 hours. After the weighing dish has cooled, reweigh it to the nearest 0.1 mg and record the weight (M_{x2}). Repeat this procedure two times for each ink or related coating sample, for a total of three samples.

11.2 Ink or Related Coating Density. Determine the density of the ink or related coating (D_c) according to the procedure outlined in ASTM D 1475. Make a total of three determinations for each ink or related coating sample. Report the ink or related coating density as the arithmetic average (D_c) of the three determinations.

11.3 Solvent Density. Determine the density of the solvent (D_o) according to the procedure outlined in ASTM D 1475. Make a total of three determinations for each ink or related coating sample. Report the solvent density as the arithmetic average (D_o) of the three determinations.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 VOC Weight Fraction. For each determination, calculate the volatile organic content weight fraction (W_o) using the following equation:

$$W_o = \frac{M_{x1} + M_{cy1} - M_{cy2} - M_{x2}}{M_{cy1} - M_{cy2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 24A-1}$$

Make a total of three determinations. Report the VOC weight fraction as the arithmetic average ($\bar{W}_o$) of the three determinations.

12.2 VOC Volume Fraction. Calculate the volume fraction volatile organic content (V_o) using the following equation:

$$V_o = \frac{\overline{W}_o \overline{D}_c}{\overline{D}_o} \qquad \text{Eq. 24A-2}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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METHOD 25—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS NONMETHANE ORGANIC EMISSIONS AS CARBON

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total gaseous nonmethane organic compounds (TGNMO)	N/A	Dependent upon analytical equipment.

1.2 Applicability.

1.2.1 This method is applicable for the determination of volatile organic compounds (VOC) (measured as total gaseous nonmethane organics (TGNMO) and reported as carbon) in stationary source emissions. This method is not applicable for the determination of organic particulate matter.

1.2.2 This method is not the only method that applies to the measurement of VOC. Costs, logistics, and other practicalities of source testing may make other test methods more desirable for measuring VOC contents of certain effluent streams. Proper judgment is required in determining the most applicable VOC test method. For example, depending upon the molecular composition of the organics in the effluent stream, a totally automated semicontinuous nonmethane organics (NMO) analyzer interfaced directly to the source may yield accurate results. This approach has the advantage of providing emission data semicontinuously over an extended time period.

1.2.3 Direct measurement of an effluent with a flame ionization detector (FID) analyzer may be appropriate with prior characterization of the gas stream and knowledge that the detector responds predictably to the organic compounds in the stream. If present, methane (CH_4) will, of course, also be measured. The FID can be used under any of the following limited conditions: (1) Where only one compound is known to exist; (2) when the organic compounds consist of only hydrogen and carbon; (3) where the relative percentages of the compounds are known or can be determined, and the FID responses to the compounds are known; (4) where a consistent mixture of the compounds exists before and after emission control and only the relative concentrations are to be assessed; or (5) where the FID can be calibrated against mass standards of the compounds emitted (solvent emissions, for example).

1.2.4 Another example of the use of a direct FID is as a screening method. If there is enough information available to provide a rough estimate of the analyzer accuracy, the FID analyzer can be used to determine the VOC content of an uncharacterized gas stream. With a sufficient buffer to account for possible inaccuracies, the direct FID can be a useful tool to obtain the desired results without costly exact determination.

1.2.5 In situations where a qualitative/quantitative analysis of an effluent stream is desired or required, a gas chromatographic FID system may apply. However, for sources emitting numerous organics, the time and expense of this approach will be formidable.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 An emission sample is withdrawn from the stack at a constant rate through a heated filter and a chilled condensate trap by means of an evacuated sample tank. After sampling is completed, the TGNMO are determined by independently analyzing the condensate trap and sample tank fractions and combining the analytical results. The organic content of the condensate trap fraction is determined by oxidizing the NMO to carbon dioxide (CO_2) and quantitatively collecting in the effluent in an evacuated vessel; then a portion of the CO_2 is reduced to CH_4 and measured by an FID. The organic content of the sample tank fraction is measured by injecting a portion of the sample into a gas chromatographic column to separate the NMO from carbon monoxide (CO), CO_2, and CH_4; the NMO are oxidized to CO_2, reduced to CH_4, and measured by an FID. In this manner, the variable response of the FID associated with different types of organics is eliminated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

4.1 Carbon Dioxide and Water Vapor. When carbon dioxide (CO_2) and water vapor are present together in the stack, they can produce a positive bias in the sample. The magnitude of the bias depends on the concentrations of CO_2 and water vapor. As a guideline, multiply the CO_2 concentration, expressed as volume percent, times the water vapor concentration. If this product does not exceed 100, the bias can be considered insignificant. For example, the bias is not significant for a source having 10 percent CO_2 and 10 percent water vapor, but it might be significant for a source having 10 percent CO_2 and 20 percent water vapor.

4.2. Particulate Matter. Collection of organic particulate matter in the condensate trap would produce a positive bias. A filter is included in the sampling equipment to minimize this bias.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sample Collection. The sampling system consists of a heated probe, heated filter, condensate trap, flow control system, and sample tank (see Figure 25–1). The TGNMO sampling equipment can be constructed from commercially available components and components fabricated in a machine shop. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Heated Probe. 6.4-mm (¼-in.) OD stainless steel tubing with a heating system capable of maintaining a gas temperature at the exit end of at least 129 °C (265 °F). The probe shall be equipped with a temperature sensor at the exit end to monitor the gas temperature. A suitable probe is shown in Figure 25–1. The nozzle is an elbow fitting attached to the front end of the probe while the temperature sensor is inserted in the side arm of a tee fitting attached to the rear of the probe. The probe is wrapped with a suitable length of high temperature heating tape, and then covered with two layers of glass cloth insulation and one layer of aluminum foil or an equivalent wrapping.

NOTE: If it is not possible to use a heating system for safety reasons, an unheated system with an in-stack filter is a suitable alternative.

6.1.2 Filter Holder. 25-mm (15⁄16-in.) ID Gelman filter holder with 303 stainless steel body and 316 stainless steel support screen with the Viton O-ring replaced by a Teflon O-ring.

6.1.3 Filter Heating System.

6.1.3.1 A metal box consisting of an inner and an outer shell separated by insulating material with a heating element in the inner shell capable of maintaining a gas temperature at the filter of 121 ±3 °C (250 ±5 °F). The heating box shall include temperature sensors to monitor the gas temperature immediately upstream and immediately downstream of the filter.

6.1.3.2 A suitable heating box is shown in Figure 25–2. The outer shell is a metal box that measures 102 mm × 280 mm × 292 mm (4 in. × 11 in. × 11½ in.), while the inner shell is a metal box measuring 76 mm × 229 mm × 241 mm (3 in. × 9 in. × 9½ in.). The inner box is supported by 13-mm (½-in.) phenolic rods. The void space between the boxes is filled with ceramic fiber insulation which is sealed in place by means of a silicon rubber bead around the upper sides of the box. A removable lid made in a similar manner, with a 25-mm (1-in.) gap between the parts is used to cover the heating chamber. The inner box is heated with a 250-watt cartridge heater, shielded by a stainless steel shroud. The heater is regulated by a thermostatic temperature controller which is set to maintain a gas temperature of 121 °C (250 °F) as measured by the temperature sensor upstream of the filter.

NOTE: If it is not possible to use a heating system for safety reasons, an unheated system with an in-stack filter is a suitable alternative.

6.1.4 Condensate Trap. 9.5-mm (⅜-in.) OD 316 stainless steel tubing bent into a U-shape. Exact dimensions are shown in Figure

25–3. The tubing shall be packed with coarse quartz wool, to a density of approximately 0.11 g/cm^3 before bending. While the condensate trap is packed with dry ice in the Dewar, an ice bridge may form between the arms of the condensate trap making it difficult to remove the condensate trap. This problem can be prevented by attaching a steel plate between the arms of the condensate trap in the same plane as the arms to completely fill the intervening space.

6.1.5 Valve. Stainless steel control valve for starting and stopping sample flow.

6.1.6 Metering Valve. Stainless steel valve for regulating the sample flow rate through the sample train.

6.1.7 Rate Meter. Rotameter, or equivalent, capable of measuring sample flow in the range of 60 to 100 cm^3/min (0.13 to 0.21 ft^3/hr).

6.1.8 Sample Tank. Stainless steel or aluminum tank with a minimum volume of 4 liters (0.14 ft^3).

NOTE: Sample volumes greater than 4 liters may be required for sources with low organic concentrations.

6.1.9 Mercury Manometer. U-tube manometer or absolute pressure gauge capable of measuring pressure to within 1 mm Hg in the range of 0 to 900 mm.

6.1.10 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg.

6.2 Condensate Recovery. The system for the recovery of the organics captured in the condensate trap consists of a heat source, an oxidation catalyst, a nondispersive infrared (NDIR) analyzer, and an intermediate collection vessel (ICV). Figure 25–4 is a schematic of a typical system. The system shall be capable of proper oxidation and recovery, as specified in section 10.1.1. The following major components are required:

6.2.1 Heat Source. Sufficient to heat the condensate trap (including probe) to a temperature of 200 °C (390 °F). A system using both a heat gun and an electric tube furnace is recommended.

6.2.2 Heat Tape. Sufficient to heat the connecting tubing between the water trap and the oxidation catalyst to 100 °C (212 °F).

6.2.3 Oxidation Catalyst. A suitable length of 9.5 mm (3⁄8-in.) OD Inconel 600 tubing packed with 15 cm (6 in.) of 3.2 mm (3⁄8-in.) diameter 19 percent chromia on alumina pellets. The catalyst material is packed in the center of the catalyst tube with quartz wool packed on either end to hold it in place.

6.2.4 Water Trap. Leak-proof, capable of removing moisture from the gas stream.

6.2.5 Syringe Port. A 6.4-mm (1⁄4-in.) OD stainless steel tee fitting with a rubber septum placed in the side arm.

6.2.6 NDIR Detector. Capable of indicating CO_2 concentration in the range of zero to 5 percent, to monitor the progress of combustion of the organic compounds from the condensate trap.

6.2.7 Flow-Control Valve. Stainless steel, to maintain the trap conditioning system near atmospheric pressure.

6.2.8 Intermediate Collection Vessel. Stainless steel or aluminum, equipped with a female quick connect. Tanks with nominal volumes of at least 6 liters (0.2 ft^3) are recommended.

6.2.9 Mercury Manometer. Same as described in section 6.1.9.

6.2.10 Syringe. 10-ml gas-tight glass syringe equipped with an appropriate needle.

6.2.11 Syringes. 10-μl and 50-μl liquid injection syringes.

6.2.12 Liquid Sample Injection Unit. 316 Stainless steel U-tube fitted with an injection septum (see Figure 25–7).

6.3 Analysis.

6.3.1 NMO Analyzer. The NMO analyzer is a gas chromatograph (GC) with backflush capability for NMO analysis and is equipped with an oxidation catalyst, reduction catalyst, and FID. Figures 25–5 and 25–6 are schematics of a typical NMO analyzer. This semicontinuous GC/FID analyzer shall be capable of: (1) Separating CO, CO_2, and CH_4 from NMO, (2) reducing the CO_2 to CH_4 and quantifying as CH_4, and (3) oxidizing the NMO to CO_2, reducing the CO_2 to CH_4 and quantifying as CH_4, according to section 10.1.2. The analyzer consists of the following major components:

6.3.1.1 Oxidation Catalyst. A suitable length of 9.5-mm (3⁄8-in.) OD Inconel 600 tubing packed with 5.1 cm (2 in.) of 19 percent chromia on 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) alumina pellets. The catalyst material is packed in the center of the tube supported on either side by quartz wool. The catalyst tube must be mounted vertically in a 650 °C (1200 °F) furnace. Longer catalysts mounted horizontally may be used, provided they can meet the specifications of section 10.1.2.1.

6.3.1.2 Reduction Catalyst. A 7.6-cm (3-in.) length of 6.4-mm (1⁄4-in.) OD Inconel tubing fully packed with 100-mesh pure nickel powder. The catalyst tube must be mounted vertically in a 400 °C (750 °F) furnace.

6.3.1.3 Separation Column(s). A 30-cm (1-ft) length of 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) OD stainless steel tubing packed with 60/80 mesh Unibeads 1S followed by a 61-cm (2-ft) length of 3.2-mm (1⁄8-in.) OD stainless steel tubing packed with 60/80 mesh Carbosieve G. The Carbosieve and Unibeads columns must be baked separately at 200 °C (390 °F) with carrier gas flowing through them for 24 hours before initial use.

6.3.1.4 Sample Injection System. A single 10-port GC sample injection valve or a group of valves with sufficient ports fitted with a sample loop properly sized to interface with the NMO analyzer (1-cc loop recommended).

6.3.1.5 FID. An FID meeting the following specifications is required:

6.3.1.5.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.1.2.3.

6.3.1.5.2 Range. A full scale range of 10 to 50,000 ppm CH_4. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.3.1.6 Data Recording System. Analog strip chart recorder or digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the analytical results.

6.3.2 Barometer. Mercury, aneroid, or other barometer capable of measuring atmospheric pressure to within 1 mm Hg.

6.3.3 Temperature Sensor. Capable of measuring the laboratory temperature within 1 °C (2 °F).

6.3.4 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Sample Collection. The following reagents are required for sample collection:

7.1.1 Dry Ice. Solid CO2, crushed.

7.1.2 Coarse Quartz Wool. 8 to 15 um.

7.1.3 Filters. Glass fiber filters, without organic binder, exhibiting at least 99.95 percent efficiency (<0.05 percent penetration) on 0.3 micron dioctyl phthalate smoke particles. The filter efficiency test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM Method D2986–71, 78, or 95a (incorporated by reference—see §60.17). Test data from the supplier's quality control program are sufficient for this purpose.

7.2 NMO Analysis. The following gases are required for NMO analysis:

7.2.1 Carrier Gases. Helium (He) and oxygen (O_2) containing less than 1 ppm CO_2 and less than 0.1 ppm hydrocarbon.

7.2.2 Fuel Gas. Hydrogen (H_2), at least 99.999 percent pure.

7.2.3 Combustion Gas. Either air (less than 0.1 ppm total hydrocarbon content) or O_2 (purity 99.99 percent or greater), as required by the detector.

7.3 Condensate Analysis. The following are required for condensate analysis:

7.3.1 Gases. Containing less than 1 ppm carbon.

7.3.1.1 Air.

7.3.1.2 Oxygen.

7.3.2 Liquids. To conform to the specifications established by the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society.

7.3.2.1 Hexane.

7.3.2.2 Decane.

7.4 Calibration. For all calibration gases, the manufacturer must recommend a maximum shelf life for each cylinder (i.e., the length of time the gas concentration is not expected to change more than ±5 percent from its certified value). The date of gas cylinder preparation, certified organic concentration, and recommended maximum shelf life must be affixed to each cylinder before shipment from the gas manufacturer to the buyer. The following calibration gases are required:

7.4.1 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check Calibration Gas. Gas mixture standard with nominal concentration of 1 percent methane in air.

7.4.2 FID Linearity and NMO Calibration Gases. Three gas mixture standards with nominal propane concentrations of 20 ppm, 200 ppm, and 3000 ppm, in air.

7.4.3 CO_2 Calibration Gases. Three gas mixture standards with nominal CO_2 concentrations of 50 ppm, 500 ppm, and 1 percent, in air.

NOTE: Total NMO less than 1 ppm required for 1 percent mixture.

7.4.4 NMO Analyzer System Check Calibration Gases. Four calibration gases are needed as follows:

7.4.4.1 Propane Mixture. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 50 ppm CO, 50 ppm CH_4, 1 percent CO_2, and 20 ppm C_3H_8, prepared in air.

7.4.4.2 Hexane. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 50 ppm hexane in air.

7.4.4.3 Toluene. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 20 ppm toluene in air.

7.4.4.4 Methanol. Gas mixture standard containing (nominal) 100 ppm methanol in air.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Transport, and Storage

8.1 Sampling Equipment Preparation.

8.1.1 Condensate Trap Cleaning. Before its initial use and after each use, a condensate trap should be thoroughly cleaned and checked to ensure that it is not contaminated. Both cleaning and checking can be accomplished by installing the trap in the condensate recovery system and treating it as if it were a sample. The trap should be heated as described in section 11.1.3. A trap may be considered clean when the CO_2 concentration in its effluent gas drops below 10 ppm. This check is optional for traps that most recently have been used to collect samples which were then recovered according to the procedure in section 11.1.3.

8.1.2 Sample Tank Evacuation and Leak-Check. Evacuate the sample tank to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure or less. Then close the sample tank valve, and allow the tank to sit for 60 minutes. The tank is acceptable if a change in tank vacuum of less than 1 mm Hg is noted. The evacuation and leak-check may be conducted either in the laboratory or the field.

8.1.3 Sampling Train Assembly. Just before assembly, measure the tank vacuum using a mercury manometer. Record this vacuum, the ambient temperature, and the barometric pressure at this time. Close the sample tank valve and assemble the sampling

system as shown in Figure 25–1. Immerse the condensate trap body in dry ice at least 30 minutes before commencing sampling to improve collection efficiency. The point where the inlet tube joins the trap body should be 2.5 to 5 cm (1 to 2 in.) above the top of the dry ice.

8.1.4 Pretest Leak-Check. A pretest leak-check is required. Calculate or measure the approximate volume of the sampling train from the probe tip to the sample tank valve. After assembling the sampling train, plug the probe tip, and make certain that the sample tank valve is closed. Turn on the vacuum pump, and evacuate the sampling system from the probe tip to the sample tank valve to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg or less. Close the purge valve, turn off the pump, wait a minimum period of 10 minutes, and recheck the indicated vacuum. Calculate the maximum allowable pressure change based on a leak rate of 1 percent of the sampling rate using Equation 25–1, section 12.2. If the measured pressure change exceeds the allowable, correct the problem and repeat the leak-check before beginning sampling.

8.2 Sample Collection.

8.2.1 Unplug the probe tip, and place the probe into the stack such that the probe is perpendicular to the duct or stack axis; locate the probe tip at a single preselected point of average velocity facing away from the direction of gas flow. For stacks having a negative static pressure, seal the sample port sufficiently to prevent air in-leakage around the probe. Set the probe temperature controller to 129 °C (265 °F) and the filter temperature controller to 121 °C (250 °F). Allow the probe and filter to heat for about 30 minutes before purging the sample train.

8.2.2 Close the sample valve, open the purge valve, and start the vacuum pump. Set the flow rate between 60 and 100 cm^3/min (0.13 and 0.21 ft^3/hr), and purge the train with stack gas for at least 10 minutes.

8.2.3 When the temperatures at the exit ends of the probe and filter are within the corresponding specified ranges, check the dry ice level around the condensate trap, and add dry ice if necessary. Record the clock time. To begin sampling, close the purge valve and stop the pump. Open the sample valve and the sample tank valve. Using the flow control valve, set the flow through the sample train to the proper rate. Adjust the flow rate as necessary to maintain a constant rate (±10 percent) throughout the duration of the sampling period. Record the sample tank vacuum and flowmeter setting at 5-minute intervals. (See Figure 25–8.) Select a total sample time greater than or equal to the minimum sampling time specified in the applicable subpart of the regulations; end the sampling when this time period is reached or when a constant flow rate can no longer be maintained because of reduced sample tank vacuum.

NOTE: If sampling had to be stopped before obtaining the minimum sampling time (specified in the applicable subpart) because a constant flow rate could not be maintained, proceed as follows: After closing the sample tank valve, remove the used sample tank from the sampling train (without disconnecting other portions of the sampling train). Take another evacuated and leak-checked sample tank, measure and record the tank vacuum, and attach the new tank to the sampling train. After the new tank is attached to the sample train, proceed with the sampling until the required minimum sampling time has been exceeded.

8.3 Sample Recovery. After sampling is completed, close the flow control valve, and record the final tank vacuum; then record the tank temperature and barometric pressure. Close the sample tank valve, and disconnect the sample tank from the sample system. Disconnect the condensate trap at the inlet to the rate meter, and tightly seal both ends of the condensate trap. Do not include the probe from the stack to the filter as part of the condensate sample.

8.4 Sample Storage and Transport. Keep the trap packed in dry ice until the samples are returned to the laboratory for analysis. Ensure that run numbers are identified on the condensate trap and the sample tank(s).

9.0 Quality Control

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
10.1.1	Initial performance check of condensate recovery apparatus.	Ensure acceptable condensate recovery efficiency.
10.1.2, 10.2	NMO analyzer initial and daily performance checks.	Ensure precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Initial Performance Checks.

10.1.1 Condensate Recovery Apparatus. Perform these tests before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown of 6 months or more, and after any major modification of the system, or at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer.

10.1.1.1 Carrier Gas and Auxiliary O_2 Blank Check. Analyze each new tank of carrier gas or auxiliary O_2 with the NMO analyzer to

check for contamination. Treat the gas cylinders as noncondensible gas samples, and analyze according to the procedure in section 11.2.3. Add together any measured CH_4, CO, CO_2, or NMO. The total concentration must be less than 5 ppm.

10.1.1.2 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check.

10.1.1.2.1 With a clean condensate trap installed in the recovery system or a ⅛″ stainless steel connector tube, replace the carrier gas cylinder with the high level methane standard gas cylinder (Section 7.4.1). Set the four-port valve to the recovery position, and attach an ICV to the recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in vent position and the flow-control and ICV valves fully open, evacuate the manometer or gauge, the connecting tubing, and the ICV to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure. Close the flow-control and vacuum pump valves.

10.1.1.2.2 After the NDIR response has stabilized, switch the sample recovery valve from vent to collect. When the manometer or pressure gauge begins to register a slight positive pressure, open the flow-control valve. Keep the flow adjusted such that the pressure in the system is maintained within 10 percent of atmospheric pressure. Continue collecting the sample in a normal manner until the ICV is filled to a nominal gauge pressure of 300 mm Hg. Close the ICV valve, and remove the ICV from the system. Place the sample recovery valve in the vent position, and return the recovery system to its normal carrier gas and normal operating conditions. Analyze the ICV for CO_2 using the NMO analyzer; the catalyst efficiency is acceptable if the CO_2 concentration is within 2 percent of the methane standard concentration.

10.1.1.3 System Performance Check. Construct a liquid sample injection unit similar in design to the unit shown in Figure 25–7. Insert this unit into the condensate recovery and conditioning system in place of a condensate trap, and set the carrier gas and auxiliary O_2 flow rates to normal operating levels. Attach an evacuated ICV to the system, and switch from system vent to collect. With the carrier gas routed through the injection unit and the oxidation catalyst, inject a liquid sample (see sections 10.1.1.3.1 to 10.1.1.3.4) into the injection port. Operate the trap recovery system as described in section 11.1.3. Measure the final ICV pressure, and then analyze the vessel to determine the CO_2 concentration. For each injection, calculate the percent recovery according to section 12.7. Calculate the relative standard deviation for each set of triplicate injections according to section 12.8. The performance test is acceptable if the average percent recovery is 100 ±5 percent and the relative standard deviation is less than 2 percent for each set of triplicate injections.

10.1.1.3.1 50 µl hexane.

10.1.1.3.2 10 µl hexane.

10.1.1.3.3 50 µl decane.

10.1.1.3.4 10 µl decane.

10.1.2 NMO Analyzer. Perform these tests before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown longer than 6 months, and after any major modification of the system.

10.1.2.1 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check. Turn off or bypass the NMO analyzer reduction catalyst. Make triplicate injections of the high level methane standard (Section 7.4.1). The oxidation catalyst operation is acceptable if the FID response is less than 1 percent of the injected methane concentration.

10.1.2.2 Reduction Catalyst Efficiency Check. With the oxidation catalyst unheated or bypassed and the heated reduction catalyst bypassed, make triplicate injections of the high level methane standard (Section 7.4.1). Repeat this procedure with both catalysts operative. The reduction catalyst operation is acceptable if the responses under both conditions agree within 5 percent of their average.

10.1.2.3 NMO Analyzer Linearity Check Calibration. While operating both the oxidation and reduction catalysts, conduct a linearity check of the analyzer using the propane standards specified in section 7.4.2. Make triplicate injections of each calibration gas. For each gas (*i.e.*, each set of triplicate injections), calculate the average response factor (area/ppm C) for each gas, as well as and the relative standard deviation (according to section 12.8). Then calculate the overall mean of the response factor values. The instrument linearity is acceptable if the average response factor of each calibration gas is within 2.5 percent of the overall mean value and if the relative standard deviation gas is less than 2 percent of the overall mean value. Record the overall mean of the propane response factor values as the NMO calibration response factor (RF_{NMO}). Repeat the linearity check using the CO_2 standards specified in section 7.4.3. Make triplicate injections of each gas, and then calculate the average response factor (area/ppm C) for each gas, as well as the overall mean of the response factor values. Record the overall mean of the response factor values as the CO_2 calibration response factor (RF_{CO2}). The RF_{CO2} must be within 10 percent of the RF_{NMO}.

10.1.2.4 System Performance Check. Check the column separation and overall performance of the analyzer by making triplicate injections of the calibration gases listed in section 7.4.4. The analyzer performance is acceptable if the measured NMO value for each gas (average of triplicate injections) is within 5 percent of the expected value.

10.2 NMO Analyzer Daily Calibration. The following calibration procedures shall be performed before and immediately after the

analysis of each set of samples, or on a daily basis, whichever is more stringent:

10.2.1 CO_2 Response Factor. Inject triplicate samples of the high level CO_2 calibration gas (Section 7.4.3), and calculate the average response factor. The system operation is adequate if the calculated response factor is within 5 percent of the RF_{CO2} calculated during the initial performance test (Section 10.1.2.3). Use the daily response factor (DRF_{CO2}) for analyzer calibration and the calculation of measured CO_2 concentrations in the ICV samples.

10.2.2 NMO Response Factors. Inject triplicate samples of the mixed propane calibration cylinder gas (Section 7.4.4.1), and calculate the average NMO response factor. The system operation is adequate if the calculated response factor is within 10 percent of the RF_{NMO} calculated during the initial performance test (Section 10.1.2.4). Use the daily response factor (DRF_{NMO}) for analyzer calibration and calculation of NMO concentrations in the sample tanks.

10.3 Sample Tank and ICV Volume. The volume of the gas sampling tanks used must be determined. Determine the tank and ICV volumes by weighing them empty and then filled with deionized distilled water; weigh to the nearest 5 g, and record the results. Alternatively, measure the volume of water used to fill them to the nearest 5 ml.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

11.1 Condensate Recovery. See Figure 25–9. Set the carrier gas flow rate, and heat the catalyst to its operating temperature to condition the apparatus.

11.1.1 Daily Performance Checks. Each day before analyzing any samples, perform the following tests:

11.1.1.1 Leak-Check. With the carrier gas inlets and the sample recovery valve closed, install a clean condensate trap in the system, and evacuate the system to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure or less. Monitor the system pressure for 10 minutes. The system is acceptable if the pressure change is less than 2 mm Hg.

11.1.1.2 System Background Test. Adjust the carrier gas and auxiliary oxygen flow rate to their normal values of 100 cc/min and 150 cc/min, respectively, with the sample recovery valve in vent position. Using a 10-ml syringe, withdraw a sample from the system effluent through the syringe port. Inject this sample into the NMO analyzer, and measure the CO_2 content. The system background is acceptable if the CO_2 concentration is less than 10 ppm.

11.1.1.3 Oxidation Catalyst Efficiency Check. Conduct a catalyst efficiency test as specified in section 10.1.1.2. If the criterion of this test cannot be met, make the necessary repairs to the system before proceeding.

11.1.2 Condensate Trap CO_2 Purge and Sample Tank Pressurization.

11.1.2.1 After sampling is completed, the condensate trap will contain condensed water and organics and a small volume of sampled gas. This gas from the stack may contain a significant amount of CO_2 which must be removed from the condensate trap before the sample is recovered. This is accomplished by purging the condensate trap with zero air and collecting the purged gas in the original sample tank.

11.1.2.2 Begin with the sample tank and condensate trap from the test run to be analyzed. Set the four-port valve of the condensate recovery system in the CO_2 purge position as shown in Figure 25–9. With the sample tank valve closed, attach the sample tank to the sample recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in the vent position and the flow control valve fully open, evacuate the manometer or pressure gauge to the vacuum of the sample tank. Next, close the vacuum pump valve, open the sample tank valve, and record the tank pressure.

11.1.2.3 Attach the dry ice-cooled condensate trap to the recovery system, and initiate the purge by switching the sample recovery valve from vent to collect position. Adjust the flow control valve to maintain atmospheric pressure in the recovery system. Continue the purge until the CO_2 concentration of the trap effluent is less than 5 ppm. CO_2 concentration in the trap effluent should be measured by extracting syringe samples from the recovery system and analyzing the samples with the NMO analyzer. This procedure should be used only after the NDIR response has reached a minimum level. Using a 10-ml syringe, extract a sample from the syringe port prior to the NDIR, and inject this sample into the NMO analyzer.

11.1.2.4 After the completion of the CO_2 purge, use the carrier gas bypass valve to pressurize the sample tank to approximately 1,060 mm Hg absolute pressure with zero air.

11.1.3 Recovery of the Condensate Trap Sample (See Figure 25–10).

11.1.3.1 Attach the ICV to the sample recovery system. With the sample recovery valve in a closed position, between vent and collect, and the flow control and ICV valves fully open, evacuate the manometer or gauge, the connecting tubing, and the ICV to 10 mm Hg absolute pressure. Close the flow-control and vacuum pump valves.

11.1.3.2 Begin auxiliary oxygen flow to the oxidation catalyst at a rate of 150 cc/min, then switch the four-way valve to the trap recovery position and the sample recovery valve to collect position. The system should now be set up to operate as indicated in Figure 25–10. After the manometer or pressure gauge begins to register a slight positive pressure, open the flow control valve. Adjust the flow-control valve to maintain atmospheric pressure in the system within 10 percent.

11.1.3.3 Remove the condensate trap from the dry ice, and allow it to warm to ambient temperature while monitoring the NDIR response. If, after 5 minutes, the CO_2 concentration of the catalyst effluent is below 10,000 ppm, discontinue the auxiliary oxygen flow to the oxidation catalyst. Begin heating the trap by placing it in a furnace preheated to 200 °C (390 °F). Once heating has begun, carefully monitor the NDIR response to ensure that the catalyst effluent concentration does not exceed 50,000 ppm. Whenever the CO_2 concentration exceeds 50,000 ppm, supply auxiliary oxygen to the catalyst at the rate of 150 cc/min. Begin heating the tubing that connected the heated sample box to the condensate trap only after the CO_2 concentration falls below 10,000 ppm. This tubing may be heated in the same oven as the condensate trap or with an auxiliary heat source such as a heat gun. Heating temperature must not exceed 200 °C (390 °F). If a heat gun is used, heat the tubing slowly along its entire length from the upstream end to the downstream end, and repeat the pattern for a total of three times. Continue the recovery until the CO_2 concentration drops to less than 10 ppm as determined by syringe injection as described under the condensate trap CO_2 purge procedure (Section 11.1.2).

11.1.3.4 After the sample recovery is completed, use the carrier gas bypass valve to pressurize the ICV to approximately 1060 mm Hg absolute pressure with zero air.

11.2 Analysis. Once the initial performance test of the NMO analyzer has been successfully completed (see section 10.1.2) and the daily CO_2 and NMO response factors have been determined (see section 10.2), proceed with sample analysis as follows:

11.2.1 Operating Conditions. The carrier gas flow rate is 29.5 cc/min He and 2.2 cc/min O_2. The column oven is heated to 85 °C (185 °F). The order of elution for the sample from the column is CO, CH_4, CO_2, and NMO.

11.2.2 Analysis of Recovered Condensate Sample. Purge the sample loop with sample, and then inject the sample. Under the specified operating conditions, the CO_2 in the sample will elute in approximately 100 seconds. As soon as the detector response returns to baseline following the CO_2 peak, switch the carrier gas flow to backflush, and raise the column oven temperature to 195 °C (380 °F) as rapidly as possible. A rate of 30 °C/min (90 °F) has been shown to be adequate. Record the value obtained for the condensible organic material (C_{cm}) measured as CO_2 and any measured NMO. Return the column oven temperature to 85 °C (185 °F) in preparation for the next analysis. Analyze each sample in triplicate, and report the average C_{cm}.

11.2.3 Analysis of Sample Tank. Perform the analysis as described in section 11.2.2, but record only the value measured for NMO (C_{tm}).

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

Carry out the calculations, retaining at least one extra significant figure beyond that of the acquired data. Round off figures after final calculations. All equations are written using absolute pressure; absolute pressures are determined by adding the measured barometric pressure to the measured gauge or manometer pressure.

12.1 Nomenclature.

C = TGNMO concentration of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.
C_c = Calculated condensible organic (condensate trap) concentration of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.
C_{cm} = Measured concentration (NMO analyzer) for the condensate trap ICV, ppm CO_2.
C_t = Calculated noncondensible organic concentration (sample tank) of the effluent, ppm C equivalent.
C_{tm} = Measured concentration (NMO analyzer) for the sample tank, ppm NMO.
F = Sampling flow rate, cc/min.
L = Volume of liquid injected, μl.
M = Molecular weight of the liquid injected, g/g-mole.
M_c = TGNMO mass concentration of the effluent, mg C/dsm^3.
N = Carbon number of the liquid compound injected (N = 12 for decane, N = 6 for hexane).
n = Number of data points.
P_f = Final pressure of the intermediate collection vessel, mm Hg absolute.
P_b = Barometric pressure, cm Hg.
P_{ti} = Gas sample tank pressure before sampling, mm Hg absolute.
P_t = Gas sample tank pressure after sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.
P_{tf} = Final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.
q = Total number of analyzer injections of intermediate collection vessel during analysis (where k = injection number, 1 * * * q).
r = Total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j = injection number, 1 * * * r).
r = Density of liquid injected, g/cc.
T_f = Final temperature of intermediate collection vessel, °K.
T_{ti} = Sample tank temperature before sampling, °K.
T_t = Sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, °K.
T_{tf} = Sample tank temperature after pressurizing, °K.
V = Sample tank volume, m^3.
V_t = Sample train volume, cc.
V_v = Intermediate collection vessel volume, m^3.
V_s = Gas volume sampled, dsm^3.
x_i = Individual measurements.
$\bar{x}$ = Mean value.

ΔP = Allowable pressure change, cm Hg.
Θ = Leak-check period, min.

12.2 Allowable Pressure Change. For the pretest leak-check, calculate the allowable pressure change using Equation 25–1:

$$\Delta P = 0.01 \frac{F P_b \Theta}{V_t} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-1}$$

12.3 Sample Volume. For each test run, calculate the gas volume sampled using Equation 25–2:

$$V_s = 0.3857\ V\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t} - \frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-2}$$

12.4 Noncondensible Organics. For each sample tank, determine the concentration of nonmethane organics (ppm C) using Equation 25–3:

$$C_t = \left(\frac{\dfrac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\dfrac{P_t}{T_t} - \dfrac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm_j}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-3}$$

12.5 Condensible Organics. For each condensate trap determine the concentration of organics (ppm C) using Equation 25–4:

$$C_c = 0.3857 \frac{V_v P_f}{V_s T_f}\left(\frac{1}{q}\sum_{k=1}^{q} C_{cm_k}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-4}$$

12.6 TGNMO Mass Concentration. Determine the TGNMO mass concentration as carbon for each test run, using Equation 25–5:

$$M_c = 0.4993\left(C_t + C_c\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25-5}$$

12.7 Percent Recovery. Calculate the percent recovery for the liquid injections to the condensate recovery and conditioning system using Equation 25–6:

$$\text{Percent Recovery} = K\ \frac{M\, V_v P_t C_{cm}}{L\, P\, T_f N} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-6}$$

where K = 1.604 (°K)(g-mole)(%)/(mm Hg)(ml)(m³)(ppm).

12.8 Relative Standard Deviation. Use Equation 25–7 to calculate the relative standard deviation (RSD) of percent recovery and analyzer linearity.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{\bar{x}}\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_i - \bar{x}\right)^2}{n-1}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25-7}$$

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Range. The minimum detectable limit of the method has been determined to be 50 parts per million by volume (ppm). No upper limit has been established.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

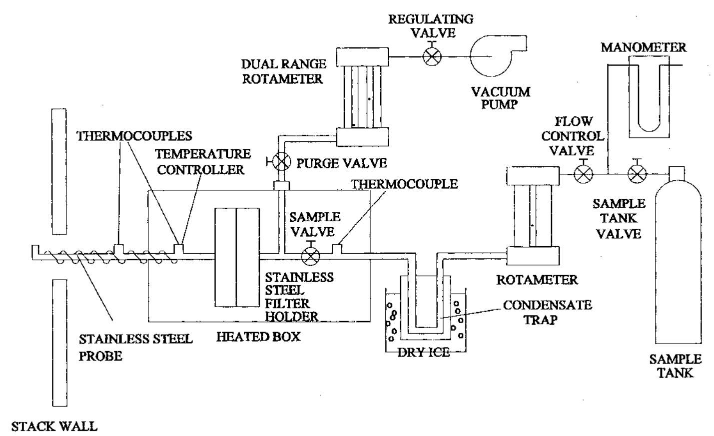

Figure 25-1. Sampling Train

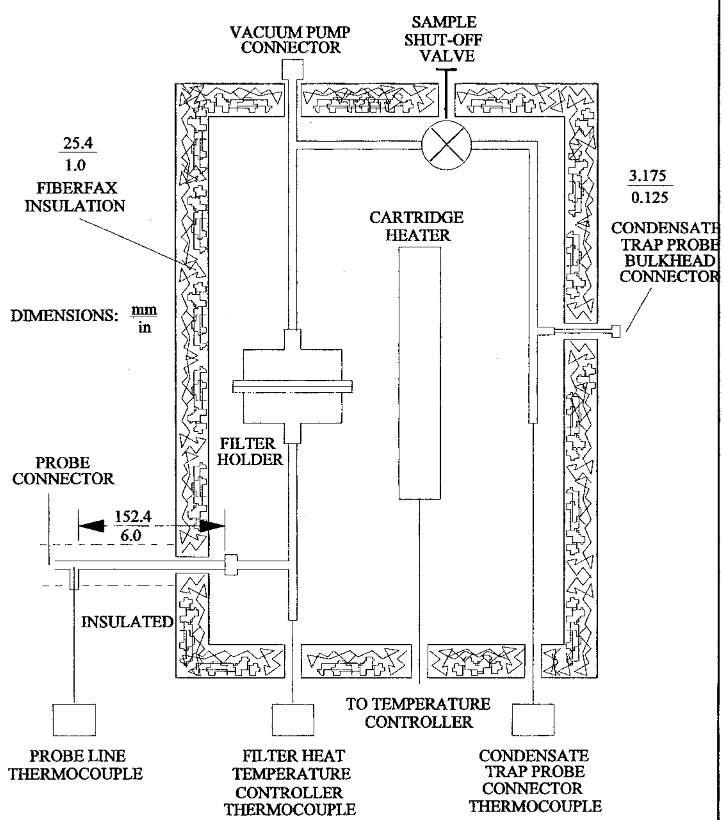

Figure 25-2. Out-of-stack Filter Box

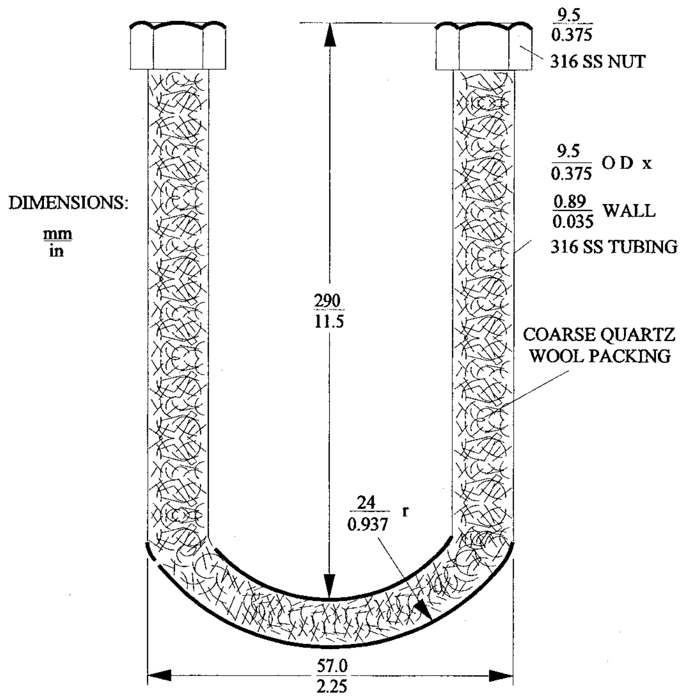

Figure 25-3. Condensate Trap

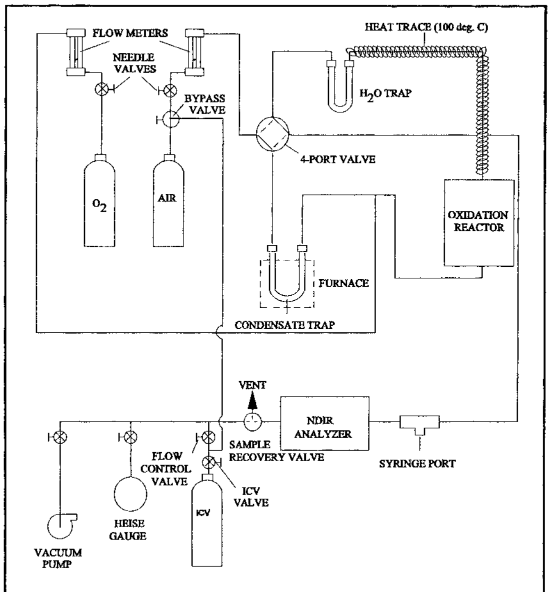

Figure 25-4. Condensate Recovery System

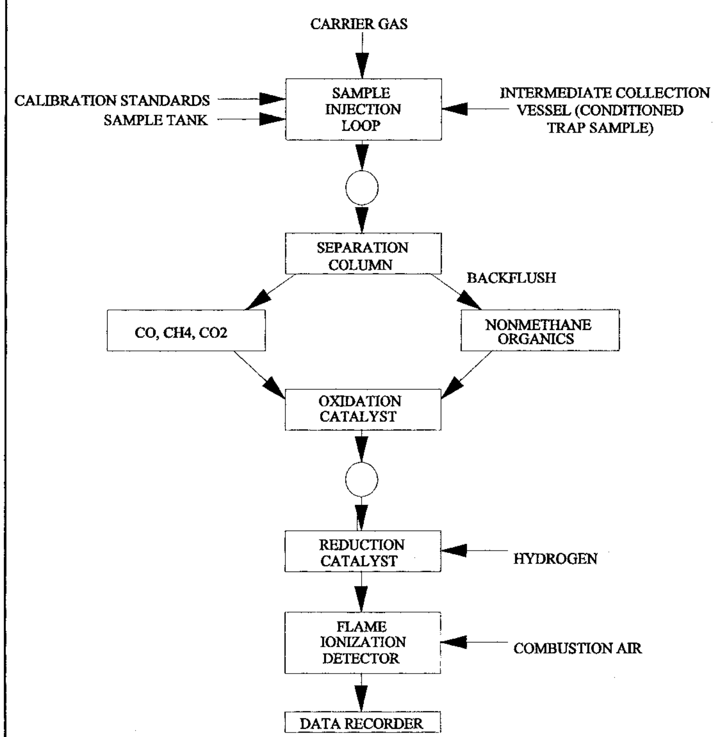

Figure 25-5. Simplified Schematic of Nonmethane Organic (NMO) Analyzer

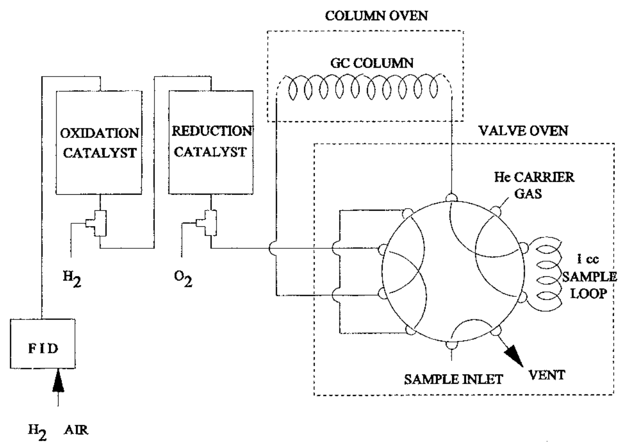

Figure 25-6. Nonmethane Organic Analyzer (NMO)

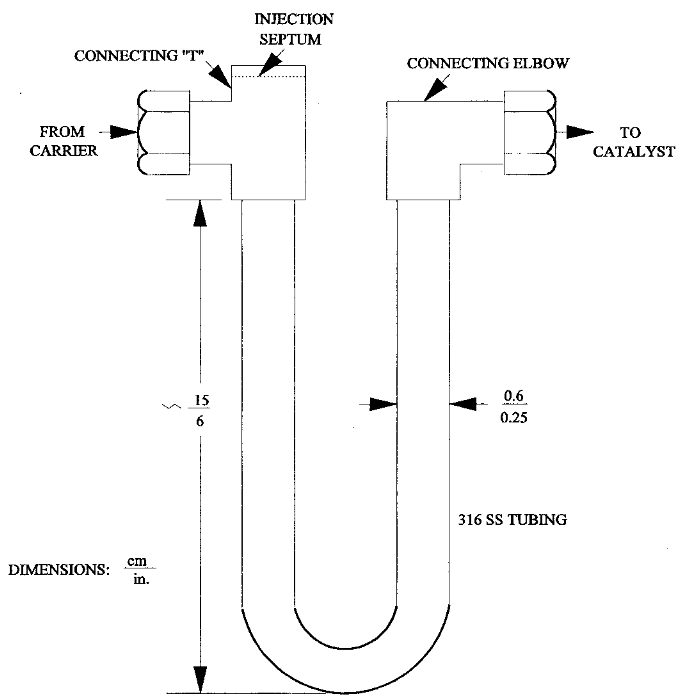

Figure 25-7. Liquid Sample Injection Unit

VOLATILE ORGANIC CARBON

FACILITY ____________ SAMPLE LOCATION ____________

LOCATION ____________ OPERATOR ____________

DATE ____________ RUN NUMBER ____________

TANK NUMBER ________ TRAP NUMBER ________ SAMPLE ID NUMBER ________

TANK VACUUM mm HG	cm Hg	BAROMETRIC PRESSURE mm Hg	AMBIENT TEMPERATURE °C
PRETEST (MANOMETER) ________	(GAUGE) ________		
POST-TEST (MANOMETER) ________	(GAUGE) ________		

LEAK RATE ________ cm Hg / 1.0 min. ________

PRETEST ________

TIME CLOCK/SAMPLE	VACUUM cm Hg	FLOWMETER SETTINGS	COMMENTS

Figure 25-8. Example Field Data Form

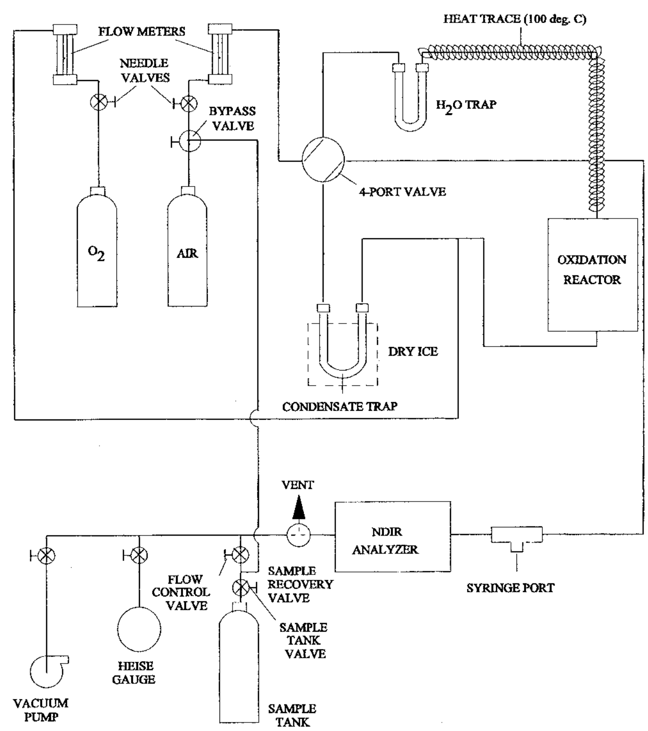

Figure 25-9. Condensate Recovery System, CO2 Purge

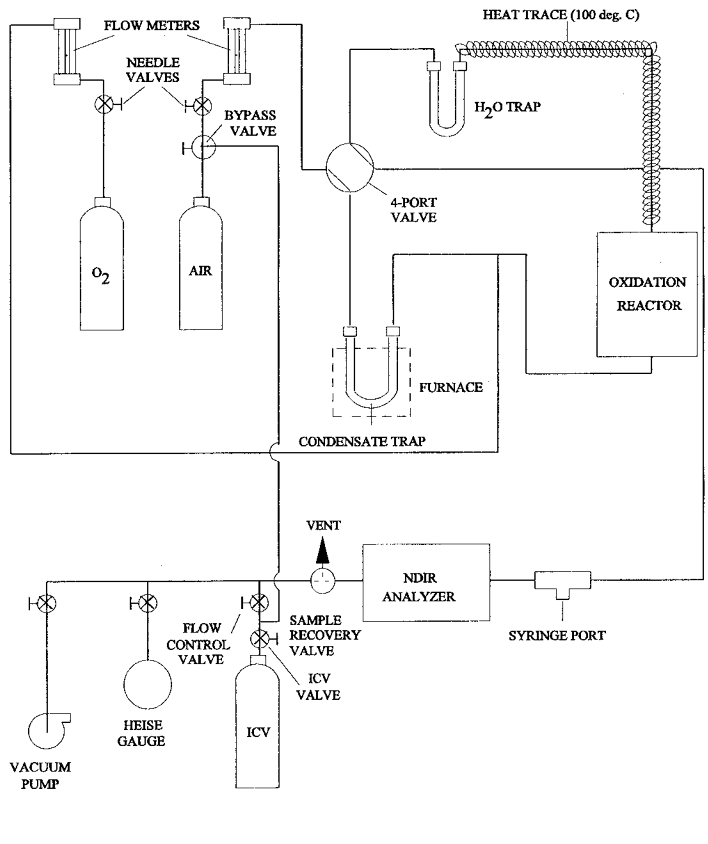

Figure 25-10. Condensate Recovery System, Collection of Trap Organics

METHOD 25A—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS ORGANIC CONCENTRATION USING A FLAME IONIZATION ANALYZER

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total Organic Compounds	N/A	<2% of span.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of total gaseous organic concentration of vapors consisting primarily of alkanes, alkenes, and/or arenes (aromatic hydrocarbons). The concentration is expressed in terms of propane (or other appropriate organic calibration gas) or in terms of carbon.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line and glass fiber filter to a flame ionization analyzer (FIA). Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of the calibration gas or as carbon equivalents.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Calibration drift* means the difference in the measurement system response to a mid-level calibration gas before and after a stated period of operation during which no unscheduled maintenance, repair, or adjustment took place.

3.2 *Calibration error* means the difference between the gas concentration indicated by the measurement system and the know concentration of the calibration gas.

3.3 *Calibration gas* means a known concentration of a gas in an appropriate diluent gas.

3.4 *Measurement system* means the total equipment required for the determination of the gas concentration. The system consists of the following major subsystems:

3.4.1 *Sample interface* means that portion of a system used for one or more of the following: sample acquisition, sample transportation, sample conditioning, or protection of the analyzer(s) from the effects of the stack effluent.

3.4.2 *Organic analyzer* means that portion of the measurement system that senses the gas to be measured and generates an output proportional to its concentration.

3.5 *Response time* means the time interval from a step change in pollutant concentration at the inlet to the emission measurement system to the time at which 95 percent of the corresponding final value is reached as displayed on the recorder.

3.6 *Span Value* means the upper limit of a gas concentration measurement range that is specified for affected source categories in the applicable part of the regulations. The span value is established in the applicable regulation and is usually 1.5 to 2.5 times the applicable emission limit. If no span value is provided, use a span value equivalent to 1.5 to 2.5 times the expected concentration. For convenience, the span value should correspond to 100 percent of the recorder scale.

3.7 *Zero drift* means the difference in the measurement system response to a zero level calibration gas before or after a stated period of operation during which no unscheduled maintenance, repair, or adjustment took place.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method. The analyzer users manual should be consulted for specific precautions to be taken with regard to the analytical procedure.

5.2 Explosive Atmosphere. This method is often applied in highly explosive areas. Caution and care should be exercised in choice of equipment and installation.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Measurement System. Any measurement system for total organic concentration that meets the specifications of this method. A schematic of an acceptable measurement system is shown in Figure 25A–1. All sampling components leading to the analyzer shall be heated ≥110 °C (220 °F) throughout the sampling period, unless safety reasons are cited (Section 5.2) The essential components of the measurement system are described below:

6.1.1 Organic Concentration Analyzer. A flame ionization analyzer (FIA) capable of meeting or exceeding the specifications of this method. The flame ionization detector block shall be heated >120 °C (250 °F).

6.1.2 Sample Probe. Stainless steel, or equivalent, three-hole rake type. Sample holes shall be 4 mm (0.16-in.) in diameter or smaller and located at 16.7, 50, and 83.3 percent of the equivalent stack diameter. Alternatively, a single opening probe may be used so that a gas sample is collected from the centrally located 10 percent area of the stack cross-section.

6.1.3 Heated Sample Line. Stainless steel or Teflon'' tubing to transport the sample gas

to the analyzer. The sample line should be heated (≥110 °C) to prevent any condensation.

6.1.4 Calibration Valve Assembly. A three-way valve assembly to direct the zero and calibration gases to the analyzers is recommended. Other methods, such as quick-connect lines, to route calibration gas to the analyzers are applicable.

6.1.5 Particulate Filter. An in-stack or an out-of-stack glass fiber filter is recommended if exhaust gas particulate loading is significant. An out-of-stack filter should be heated to prevent any condensation.

6.1.6 Recorder. A strip-chart recorder, analog computer, or digital recorder for recording measurement data. The minimum data recording requirement is one measurement value per minute.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Calibration Gases. The calibration gases for the gas analyzer shall be propane in air or propane in nitrogen. Alternatively, organic compounds other than propane can be used; the appropriate corrections for response factor must be made. Calibration gases shall be prepared in accordance with the procedure listed in Citation 2 of section 16. Additionally, the manufacturer of the cylinder should provide a recommended shelf life for each calibration gas cylinder over which the concentration does not change more than ±2 percent from the certified value. For calibration gas values not generally available (*i.e.*, organics between 1 and 10 percent by volume), alternative methods for preparing calibration gas mixtures, such as dilution systems (Test Method 205, 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix M), may be used with prior approval of the Administrator.

7.1.1 Fuel. A 40 percent H_2/60 percent N_2 gas mixture is recommended to avoid an oxygen synergism effect that reportedly occurs when oxygen concentration varies significantly from a mean value.

7.1.2 Zero Gas. High purity air with less than 0.1 part per million by volume (ppmv) of organic material (propane or carbon equivalent) or less than 0.1 percent of the span value, whichever is greater.

7.1.3 Low-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 25 to 35 percent of the applicable span value.

7.1.4 Mid-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 45 to 55 percent of the applicable span value.

7.1.5 High-level Calibration Gas. An organic calibration gas with a concentration equivalent to 80 to 90 percent of the applicable span value.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Selection of Sampling Site. The location of the sampling site is generally specified by the applicable regulation or purpose of the test (*i.e.*, exhaust stack, inlet line, etc.). The sample port shall be located to meet the testing requirements of Method 1.

8.2 Location of Sample Probe. Install the sample probe so that the probe is centrally located in the stack, pipe, or duct and is sealed tightly at the stack port connection.

8.3 Measurement System Preparation. Prior to the emission test, assemble the measurement system by following the manufacturer's written instructions for preparing sample interface and the organic analyzer. Make the system operable (Section 10.1).

8.4 Calibration Error Test. Immediately prior to the test series (within 2 hours of the start of the test), introduce zero gas and high-level calibration gas at the calibration valve assembly. Adjust the analyzer output to the appropriate levels, if necessary. Calculate the predicted response for the low-level and mid-level gases based on a linear response line between the zero and high-level response. Then introduce low-level and mid-level calibration gases successively to the measurement system. Record the analyzer responses for low-level and mid-level calibration gases and determine the differences between the measurement system responses and the predicted responses. These differences must be less than 5 percent of the respective calibration gas value. If not, the measurement system is not acceptable and must be replaced or repaired prior to testing. No adjustments to the measurement system shall be conducted after the calibration and before the drift check (Section 8.6.2). If adjustments are necessary before the completion of the test series, perform the drift checks prior to the required adjustments and repeat the calibration following the adjustments. If multiple electronic ranges are to be used, each additional range must be checked with a mid-level calibration gas to verify the multiplication factor.

8.5 Response Time Test. Introduce zero gas into the measurement system at the calibration valve assembly. When the system output has stabilized, switch quickly to the high-level calibration gas. Record the time from the concentration change to the measurement system response equivalent to 95 percent of the step change. Repeat the test three times and average the results.

8.6 Emission Measurement Test Procedure.

8.6.1 Organic Measurement. Begin sampling at the start of the test period, recording time and any required process information as appropriate. In particulate, note on the recording chart, periods of process interruption or cyclic operation.

8.6.2 Drift Determination. Immediately following the completion of the test period and hourly during the test period, reintroduce the zero and mid-level calibration gases, one at a time, to the measurement system at the calibration valve assembly. (Make no adjustments to the measurement system until both the zero and calibration drift checks are made.) Record the analyzer response. If the drift values exceed the specified limits, invalidate the test results preceding the check and repeat the test following corrections to the measurement system. Alternatively, recalibrate the test measurement system as in section 8.4 and report the results using both sets of calibration data (i.e., data determined prior to the test period and data determined following the test period).

NOTE: Note on the recording chart periods of process interruption or cyclic operation.

9.0 Quality Control

Method section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.4	Zero and calibration drift tests	Ensures that bias introduced by drift in the measurement system output during the run is no greater than 3 percent of span.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 FIA equipment can be calibrated for almost any range of total organic concentrations. For high concentrations of organics (>1.0 percent by volume as propane), modifications to most commonly available analyzers are necessary. One accepted method of equipment modification is to decrease the size of the sample to the analyzer through the use of a smaller diameter sample capillary. Direct and continuous measurement of organic concentration is a necessary consideration when determining any modification design.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

The sample collection and analysis are concurrent for this method (see section 8.0).

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 Determine the average organic concentration in terms of ppmv as propane or other calibration gas. The average shall be determined by integration of the output recording over the period specified in the applicable regulation. If results are required in terms of ppmv as carbon, adjust measured concentrations using Equation 25A–1.

$$C_c = K C_{meas} \qquad \text{Eq. 25A-1}$$

Where:

C_c = Organic concentration as carbon, ppmv.
C_{meas} = Organic concentration as measured, ppmv.
K = Carbon equivalent correction factor.
= 2 for ethane.
= 3 for propane.
= 4 for butane.
= Appropriate response factor for other organic calibration gases.

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Measurement System Performance Specifications.

13.1.1 Zero Drift. Less than ±3 percent of the span value.

13.1.2 Calibration Drift. Less than ±3 percent of span value.

13.1.3 Calibration Error. Less than ±5 percent of the calibration gas value.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

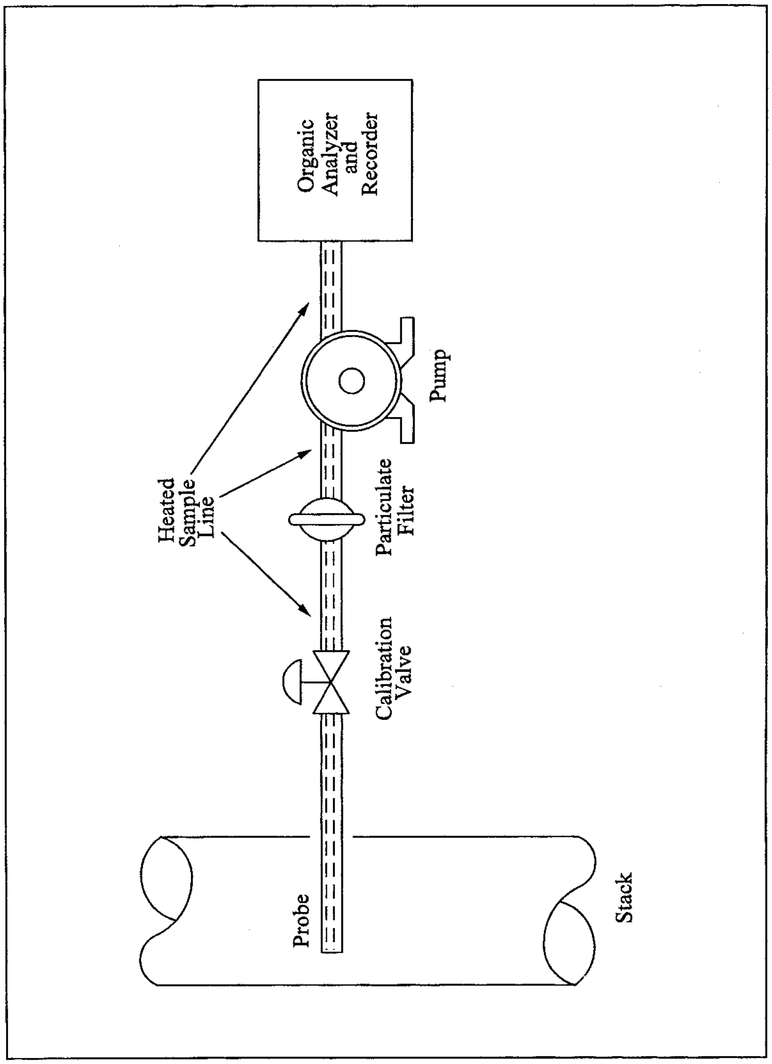

Figure 25A-1. Organic Concentration Measurement System.

METHOD 25B—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL GASEOUS ORGANIC CONCENTRATION USING A NONDISPERSIVE INFRARED ANALYZER

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 1, Method 6C, and Method 25A.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total Organic Compounds	N/A	<2% of span.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of total gaseous organic concentration of vapors consisting primarily of alkanes. Other organic materials may be measured using the general procedure in this method, the appropriate calibration gas, and an analyzer set to the appropriate absorption band.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

A gas sample is extracted from the source through a heated sample line, if necessary, and glass fiber filter to a nondispersive infrared analyzer (NDIR). Results are reported as volume concentration equivalents of the calibration gas or as carbon equivalents.

3.0 Definitions

Same as Method 25A, section 3.0.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method. The analyzer users manual should be consulted for specific precautions to be taken with regard to the analytical procedure.

5.2 Explosive Atmosphere. This method is often applied in highly explosive areas. Caution and care should be exercised in choice of equipment and installation.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

Same as Method 25A, section 6.0, with the exception of the following:

6.1 Organic Concentration Analyzer. A nondispersive infrared analyzer designed to measure alkane organics and capable of meeting or exceeding the specifications in this method.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Same as Method 25A, section 7.1. No fuel gas is required for an NDIR.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

Same as Method 25A, section 8.0.

9.0 Quality Control

Same as Method 25A, section 9.0.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

Same as Method 25A, section 10.0.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

The sample collection and analysis are concurrent for this method (see section 8.0).

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

Same as Method 25A, section 12.0.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as Method 25A, section 16.0.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

METHOD 25C—DETERMINATION OF NONMETHANE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (NMOC) IN LANDFILL GASES

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling and analytical) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should also have a thorough knowledge of EPA Method 25.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.
Nonmethane organic compounds (NMOC).	No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable to the sampling and measurement of NMOC as carbon in landfill gases (LFG).

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A sample probe that has been perforated at one end is driven or augured to a depth of 0.9 m (3 ft) below the bottom of the landfill cover. A sample of the landfill gas is extracted with an evacuated cylinder. The NMOC content of the gas is determined by

injecting a portion of the gas into a gas chromatographic column to separate the NMOC from carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO_2), and methane (CH_4); the NMOC are oxidized to CO_2, reduced to CH_4, and measured by a flame ionization detector (FID). In this manner, the variable response of the FID associated with different types of organics is eliminated.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Since this method is complex, only experienced personnel should perform this test. LFG contains methane, therefore explosive mixtures may exist on or near the landfill. It is advisable to take appropriate safety precautions when testing landfills, such as refraining from smoking and installing explosion-proof equipment.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sample Probe. Stainless steel, with the bottom third perforated. Teflon probe liners and sampling lines are also allowed. Non-perforated probes are allowed as long as they are withdrawn to create a gap equivalent to having the bottom third perforated. The sample probe must be capped at the bottom and must have a threaded cap with a sampling attachment at the top. The sample probe must be long enough to go through and extend no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. If the sample probe is to be driven into the landfill, the bottom cap should be designed to facilitate driving the probe into the landfill.

6.2 Sampling Train.

6.2.1 Rotameter with Flow Control Valve. Capable of measuring a sample flow rate of 100 ±10 ml/min. The control valve must be made of stainless steel.

6.2.2 Sampling Valve. Stainless steel.

6.2.3 Pressure Gauge. U-tube mercury manometer, or equivalent, capable of measuring pressure to within 1 mm Hg (0.5 in H_2O) in the range of 0 to 1,100 mm Hg (0 to 590 in H_2O).

6.2.4 Sample Tank. Stainless steel or aluminum cylinder, equipped with a stainless steel sample tank valve.

6.3 Vacuum Pump. Capable of evacuating to an absolute pressure of 10 mm Hg (5.4 in H_2O).

6.4 Purging Pump. Portable, explosion proof, and suitable for sampling NMOC.

6.5 Pilot Probe Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 8.2.1.

6.5.1 Pilot Probe. Tubing of sufficient strength to withstand being driven into the landfill by a post driver and an outside diameter of at least 6 mm (0.25 in.) smaller than the sample probe. The pilot probe shall be capped on both ends and long enough to go through the landfill cover and extend no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) into the landfill.

6.5.2 Post Driver and Compressor. Capable of driving the pilot probe and the sampling probe into the landfill. The Kitty Hawk portable post driver has been found to be acceptable.

6.6 Auger Procedure. The following are needed only if the tester chooses to use the procedure described in section 8.2.2.

6.6.1 Auger. Capable of drilling through the landfill cover and to a depth of no less than 0.9 m (3 ft) into the landfill.

6.6.2 Pea Gravel.

6.6.3 Bentonite.

6.7 NMOC Analyzer, Barometer, Thermometer, and Syringes. Same as in sections 6.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.33, and 6.2.10, respectively, of Method 25.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 NMOC Analysis. Same as in Method 25, section 7.2.

7.2 Calibration. Same as in Method 25, section 7.4, except omit section 7.4.3.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sample Tank Evacuation and Leak-Check. Conduct the sample tank evacuation and leak-check either in the laboratory or the field. Connect the pressure gauge and sampling valve to the sample tank. Evacuate the sample tank to 10 mm Hg (5.4 in H_2O) absolute pressure or less. Close the sampling valve, and allow the tank to sit for 30 minutes. The tank is acceptable if no change more than ±2 mm is noted. Include the results of the leak-check in the test report.

8.2 Sample Probe Installation. The tester may use the procedure in section 8.2.1 or 8.2.2.

8.2.1 Pilot Probe Procedure. Use the post driver to drive the pilot probe at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. Alternative procedures to drive the probe into the landfill may be used subject to the approval of the Administrator's designated representative.

8.2.1.1 Remove the pilot probe and drive the sample probe into the hole left by the pilot probe. The sample probe shall extend at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover and shall protrude about 0.3 m (1 ft) above the landfill cover. Seal around the sampling probe with bentonite and cap the sampling probe with the sampling probe cap.

8.2.2 Auger Procedure. Use an auger to drill a hole to at least 0.9 m (3 ft) below the landfill cover. Place the sample probe in the hole and backfill with pea gravel to a level 0.6 m (2 ft) from the surface. The sample probe shall protrude at least 0.3 m (1 ft) above the landfill cover. Seal the remaining area around the probe with bentonite. Allow 24

hours for the landfill gases to equilibrate inside the augured probe before sampling.

8.2.3 Driven Probes. Closed-point probes may be driven directly into the landfill in a single step. This method may not require backfilling if the probe is adequately sealed by its insertion. Unperforated probes that are inserted in this manner and withdrawn at a distance from a detachable tip to create an open space are also acceptable.

8.3 Sample Train Assembly. Just before assembling the sample train, measure the sample tank vacuum using the pressure gauge. Record the vacuum, the ambient temperature, and the barometric pressure at this time. Assemble the sampling probe purging system as shown in Figure 25C–1.

8.4 Sampling Procedure. Open the sampling valve and use the purge pump and the flow control valve to evacuate at least two sample probe volumes from the system at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less. Close the sampling valve and replace the purge pump with the sample tank apparatus as shown in Figure 25C–2. Open the sampling valve and the sample tank valve and, using the flow control valve, sample at a flow rate of 500 ml/min or less until either a constant flow rate can no longer be maintained because of reduced sample tank vacuum or the appropriate composite volume is attained. Disconnect the sampling tank apparatus and pressurize the sample cylinder to approximately 1,060 mm Hg (567 in. H_2O) absolute pressure with helium, and record the final pressure. Alternatively, the sample tank may be pressurized in the lab.

8.4.1 The following restrictions apply to compositing samples from different probe sites into a single cylinder: (1) Individual composite samples per cylinder must be of equal volume; this must be verified by recording the flow rate, sampling time, vacuum readings, or other appropriate volume measuring data, (2) individual composite samples must have a minimum volume of 1 liter unless data is provided showing smaller volumes can be accurately measured, and (3) composite samples must not be collected using the final cylinder vacuum as it diminishes to ambient pressure.

8.4.2 Use Method 3C to determine the percent N_2 in each cylinder. The presence of N_2 indicates either infiltration of ambient air into the landfill gas sample or an inappropriate testing site has been chosen where anaerobic decomposition has not begun. The landfill gas sample is acceptable if the concentration of N_2 is less than 20 percent. Alternatively, Method 3C may be used to determine the oxygen content of each cylinder as an air infiltration test. With this option, the oxygen content of each cylinder must be less than 5 percent.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.4.2	Verify that landfill gas sample contains less than 20 percent N_2 or 5 percent O_2.	Ensures that ambient air was not drawn into the landfill gas sample and gas was sampled from an appropriate location.
10.1, 10.2	NMOC analyzer initial and daily performance checks.	Ensures precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Initial NMOC Analyzer Performance Test. Same as in Method 25, section 10.1, except omit the linearity checks for CO_2 standards.

10.2 NMOC Analyzer Daily Calibration.

10.2.1 NMOC Response Factors. Same as in Method 25, section 10.2.2.

10.3 Sample Tank Volume. The volume of the gas sampling tanks must be determined. Determine the tank volumes by weighing them empty and then filled with deionized water; weigh to the nearest 5 g, and record the results. Alternatively, measure the volume of water used to fill them to the nearest 5 ml.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 The oxidation, reduction, and measurement of NMOC's is similar to Method 25. Before putting the NMOC analyzer into routine operation, conduct an initial performance test. Start the analyzer, and perform all the necessary functions in order to put the analyzer into proper working order. Conduct the performance test according to the procedures established in section 10.1. Once the performance test has been successfully completed and the NMOC calibration response factor has been determined, proceed with sample analysis as follows:

11.1.1 Daily Operations and Calibration Checks. Before and immediately after the analysis of each set of samples or on a daily basis (whichever occurs first), conduct a calibration test according to the procedures established in section 10.2. If the criteria of the daily calibration test cannot be met, repeat

the NMOC analyzer performance test (Section 10.1) before proceeding.

11.1.2 Operating Conditions. Same as in Method 25, section 11.2.1.

11.1.3 Analysis of Sample Tank. Purge the sample loop with sample, and then inject the sample. Under the specified operating conditions, the CO_2 in the sample will elute in approximately 100 seconds. As soon as the detector response returns to baseline following the CO_2 peak, switch the carrier gas flow to backflush, and raise the column oven temperature to 195 °C (383 °F) as rapidly as possible. A rate of 30 °C/min (54 °F/min) has been shown to be adequate. Record the value obtained for any measured NMOC. Return the column oven temperature to 85 °C (185 °F) in preparation for the next analysis. Analyze each sample in triplicate, and report the average as C_{tm}.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

NOTE: All equations are written using absolute pressure; absolute pressures are determined by adding the measured barometric pressure to the measured gauge or manometer pressure.

12.1 Nomenclature

B_w = Moisture content in the sample, fraction.

C_{N2} = N_2 concentration in the diluted sample gas.

C_{mN2} = Measured N_2 concentration, fraction in landfill gas.

C_{mOx} = Measured Oxygen concentration, fraction in landfill gas.

C_{Ox} = Oxygen concentration in the diluted sample gas.

C_t = Calculated NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent.

C_{tm} = Measured NMOC concentration, ppmv C equivalent.

P_b = Barometric pressure, mm Hg.

P_t = Gas sample tank pressure after sampling, but before pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{tf} = Final gas sample tank pressure after pressurizing, mm Hg absolute.

P_{ti} = Gas sample tank pressure after evacuation, mm Hg absolute.

P_w = Vapor pressure of H_2O (from Table 25C–1), mm Hg.

r = Total number of analyzer injections of sample tank during analysis (where j = injection number, 1 . . . r).

T_t = Sample tank temperature at completion of sampling, °K.

T_{ti} = Sample tank temperature before sampling, °K.

T_{tf} = Sample tank temperature after pressuring, °K.

12.2 Water Correction. Use Table 25C–1 (Section 17.0), the LFG temperature, and barometric pressure at the sampling site to calculate B_w.

$$B_w = \frac{P_w}{P_b} \qquad \text{Eq. 25C-1}$$

12.3 Nitrogen Concentration in the landfill gas. Use equation 25C–2 to calculate the measured concentration of nitrogen in the original landfill gas.

$$C_{N2} = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}\right)}{\left(\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}\right)-\left(\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\right)}\right] C_{mN2} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-2}$$

12.4 Oxygen Concentration in the landfill gas. Use equation 25C–3 to calculate the measured concentration of oxygen in the original landfill gas.

$$C_{Ox} = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}\right)}{\left(\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}\right)-\left(\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\right)}\right] C_{mOx} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-3}$$

12.5 You must correct the NMOC Concentration for the concentration of nitrogen or oxygen based on which gas or gases passes the requirements in section 9.1.

12.5.1 NMOC Concentration with nitrogen correction. Use Equation 25C–4 to calculate the concentration of NMOC for each sample tank when the nitrogen concentration is less than 20 percent.

$$C_t = \frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}-\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\left(1-\frac{99}{78}C_{N2}\right)-B_w}\frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm^{(j)}} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-4}$$

12.5.2 NMOC Concentration with oxygen correction. Use Equation 25C–5 to calculate the concentration of NMOC for each sample tank if the landfill gas oxygen is less than 5 percent and the landfill gas nitrogen concentration is greater than 20 percent.

$$C_t = \frac{\frac{P_{tf}}{T_{tf}}}{\left(\frac{P_t}{T_t}-\frac{P_{ti}}{T_{ti}}\right)\left(1-\frac{99}{21}C_{Ox}\right)-B_w}\frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r} C_{tm^{(j)}} \qquad \text{Eq.25C-5}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

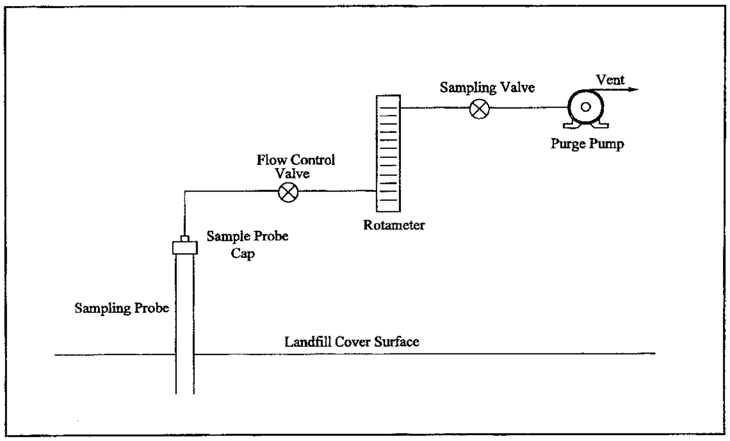

Figure 25C-1. Schematic of Sampling Probe Purging System

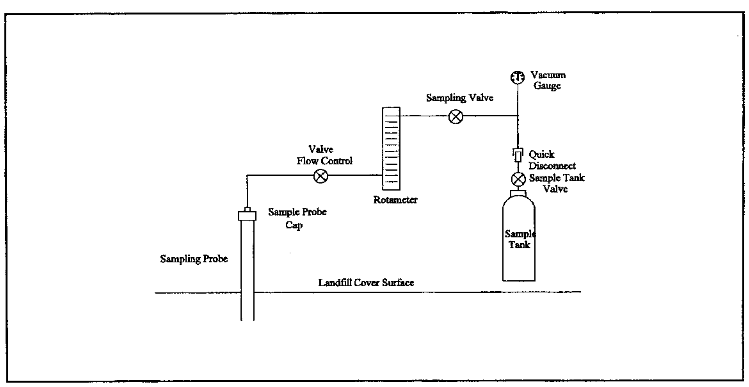

Figure 25C-2. Schematic of Sampling Train.

TABLE 25C–1—MOISTURE CORRECTION

Temperature, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg	Tempera- ture, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg
4	6.1	18	15.5
6	7.0	20	17.5
8	8.0	22	19.8
10	9.2	24	22.4
12	10.5	26	25.2
14	12.0	28	28.3

TABLE 25C–1—MOISTURE CORRECTION—Continued

Temperature, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg	Tempera- ture, °C	Vapor Pressure of H_2O, mm Hg
16	13.6	30	31.8

METHOD 25D—DETERMINATION OF THE VOLATILE ORGANIC CONCENTRATION OF WASTE SAMPLES

NOTE: Performance of this method should not be attempted by persons unfamiliar with the operation of a flame ionization detector (FID) or an electrolytic conductivity detector (ELCD) because knowledge beyond the scope of this presentation is required.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analyte. Volatile Organic Compounds. No CAS No. assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for determining the volatile organic (VO) concentration of a waste sample.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Principle. A sample of waste is obtained at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to the atmosphere). The sample is suspended in an organic/aqueous matrix, then heated and purged with nitrogen for 30 min. in order to separate certain organic compounds. Part of the sample is analyzed for carbon concentration, as methane, with an FID, and part of the sample is analyzed for chlorine concentration, as chloride, with an ELCD. The VO concentration is the sum of the carbon and chlorine content of the sample.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Well-mixed* in the context of this method refers to turbulent flow which results in multiple-phase waste in effect behaving as single-phase waste due to good mixing.

4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1 Sampling. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Sampling Tube. Flexible Teflon, 0.25 in. ID (6.35 mm).

6.1.2 Sample Container. Borosilicate glass, 40-mL, and a Teflon-lined screw cap capable of forming an air tight seal.

6.1.3 Cooling Coil. Fabricated from 0.25 in (6.35 mm). ID 304 stainless steel tubing with a thermocouple at the coil outlet.

6.2 Analysis. The following equipment is required.

6.2.1 Purging Apparatus. For separating the VO from the waste sample. A schematic of the system is shown in Figure 25D–1. The purging apparatus consists of the following major components.

6.2.1.1 Purging Flask. A glass container to hold the sample while it is heated and purged with dry nitrogen. The cap of the purging flask is equipped with three fittings: one for a purging lance (fitting with the #7 Ace-thread), one for the Teflon exit tubing (side fitting, also a #7 Ace-thread), and a third (a 50-mm Ace-thread) to attach the base of the purging flask as shown in Figure 25D–2. The base of the purging flask is a 50-mm ID (2 in) cylindrical glass tube. One end of the tube is open while the other end is sealed. Exact dimensions are shown in Figure 25D–2.

6.2.1.2 Purging Lance. Glass tube, 6-mm OD (0.2 in) by 30 cm (12 in) long. The purging end of the tube is fitted with a four-arm bubbler with each tip drawn to an opening 1 mm (0.04 in) in diameter. Details and exact dimensions are shown in Figure 25D–2.

6.2.1.3 Coalescing Filter. Porous fritted disc incorporated into a container with the same dimensions as the purging flask. The details of the design are shown in Figure 25D–3.

6.2.1.4 Constant Temperature Chamber. A forced draft oven capable of maintaining a uniform temperature around the purging flask and coalescing filter of 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F).

6.2.1.5 Three-way Valve. Manually operated, stainless steel. To introduce calibration gas into system.

6.2.1.6 Flow Controllers. Two, adjustable. One capable of maintaining a purge gas flow rate of 6 ±0.06 L/min (0.2 ±0.002 ft^3/min) The other capable of maintaining a calibration gas flow rate of 1–100 mL/min (0.00004–0.004 ft^3/min).

6.2.1.7 Rotameter. For monitoring the air flow through the purging system (0–10 L/min)(0–0.4 ft^3/min).

6.2.1.8 Sample Splitters. Two heated flow restrictors (placed inside oven or heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F)). At a purge rate of 6 L/min (0.2 ft^3/min), one will supply a constant flow to the first detector (the rest of the flow will be directed to the second sample splitter). The second splitter will split the analytical flow between the second detector and the flow restrictor. The approximate flow to the FID will be 40 mL/min (0.0014 ft^3/min) and to the ELCD will be 15 mL/min (0.0005 ft^3/min), but the exact flow must be adjusted to be compatible with the individual detector and to meet its linearity requirement. The two sample splitters will be connected to each other by 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm) stainless steel tubing.

6.2.1.9 Flow Restrictor. Stainless steel tubing, 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm), connecting the second sample splitter to the ice bath. Length is determined by the resulting pressure in the purging flask (as measured by the pressure gauge). The resulting pressure from the use of the flow restrictor shall be 6–7 psig.

6.2.1.10 Filter Flask. With one-hole stopper. Used to hold ice bath. Excess purge gas is vented through the flask to prevent condensation in the flowmeter and to trap volatile organic compounds.

6.2.1.11 Four-way Valve. Manually operated, stainless steel. Placed inside oven, used to bypass purging flask.

6.2.1.12 On/Off Valves. Two, stainless steel. One heat resistant up to 130 °C (266 °F) and placed between oven and ELCD. The other a toggle valve used to control purge gas flow.

6.2.1.13 Pressure Gauge. Range 0–40 psi. To monitor pressure in purging flask and coalescing filter.

6.2.1.14 Sample Lines. Teflon, 1/4′ OD (6.35 mm), used inside the oven to carry purge gas to and from purging chamber and to and from coalescing filter to four-way valve. Also used to carry sample from four-way valve to first sample splitter.

6.2.1.15 Detector Tubing. Stainless steel, 1/8′ OD (3.175 mm), heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F) . Used to carry sample gas from each sample splitter to a detector. Each piece of tubing must be wrapped with heat tape and insulating tape in order to insure that no cold spots exist. The tubing leading to the ELCD will also contain a heat-resistant on-off valve (Section 6.2.1.12) which shall also be wrapped with heat-tape and insulation.

6.2.2 Volatile Organic Measurement System. Consisting of an FID to measure the carbon concentration of the sample and an ELCD to measure the chlorine concentration.

6.2.2.1 FID. A heated FID meeting the following specifications is required.

6.2.2.1.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.1.1.

6.2.2.1.2 Range. A full scale range of 50 pg carbon/sec to 50 μg carbon/sec. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.2.1.3 Data Recording System. A digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the output of the detector. The recorder shall have the capability to start and stop integration at points selected by the operator or it shall be capable of the ‘‘integration by slices’’ technique (this technique involves breaking down the chromatogram into smaller increments, integrating the area under the curve for each portion, subtracting the background for each portion, and then adding all of the areas together for the final area count).

6.2.2.2 ELCD. An ELCD meeting the following specifications is required. 1-propanol must be used as the electrolyte. The electrolyte flow through the conductivity cell shall be 1 to 2 mL/min (0.00004 to 0.00007 ft^3/min).

NOTE: A ¼-in. ID (6.35 mm) quartz reactor tube is strongly recommended to reduce carbon buildup and the resulting detector maintenance.

6.2.2.2.1 Linearity. A linear response (±10 percent) over the response range as demonstrated by the procedures in section 10.1.2.

6.2.2.2.2 Range. A full scale range of 5.0 pg/sec to 500 ng/sec chloride. Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.2.2.3 Data Recording System. A digital integration system compatible with the output voltage range of the ELCD. The recorder must have the capability to start and stop integration at points selected by the operator or it shall be capable of performing the ‘‘integration by slices’’ technique.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Sampling.

7.1.1 Polyethylene Glycol (PEG). Ninety-eight percent pure with an average molecular weight of 400. Before using the PEG, remove any organic compounds that might be detected as volatile organics by heating it to 120 °C (248 °F) and purging it with nitrogen at a flow rate of 1 to 2 L/min (0.04 to 0.07 ft^3/min) for 2 hours. The cleaned PEG must be stored under a 1 to 2 L/min (0.04 to 0.07 ft^3/min) nitrogen purge until use. The purge apparatus is shown in Figure 25D–4.

7.2 Analysis.

7.2.1 Sample Separation. The following are required for the sample purging step.

7.2.1.1 PEG. Same as section 7.1.1.

7.2.1.2 Purge Gas. Zero grade nitrogen (N_2), containing less than 1 ppm carbon.

7.2.2 Volatile Organics Measurement. The following are required for measuring the VO concentration.

7.2.2.1 Hydrogen (H_2). Zero grade H_2, 99.999 percent pure.

7.2.2.2 Combustion Gas. Zero grade air or oxygen as required by the FID.

7.2.2.3 Calibration Gas. Pressurized gas cylinder containing 10 percent propane and 1 percent 1,1-dichloroethylene by volume in nitrogen.

7.2.2.4 Water. Deionized distilled water that conforms to American Society for Testing and Materials Specification D 1193–74, Type 3, is required for analysis. At the option of the analyst, the $KMnO_4$ test for oxidizable organic matter may be omitted when high concentrations are not expected to be present.

7.2.2.5 1-Propanol. ACS grade or better. Electrolyte Solution. For use in the ELCD.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Sampling.

8.1.1 Sampling Plan Design and Development. Use the procedures in chapter nine of Reference 1 in section 16 as guidance in developing a sampling plan.

8.1.2 Single Phase or Well-mixed Waste.

8.1.2.1 Install a sampling tap to obtain the sample at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to the atmosphere). Assemble the sampling apparatus as shown in Figure 25D–5.

8.1.2.2 Prepare the sampling containers as follows: Pour 30 mL of clean PEG into the container. PEG will reduce but not eliminate the loss of organics during sample collection. Weigh the sample container with the screw cap, the PEG, and any labels to the nearest 0.01 g and record the weight (m_{st}). Store the containers in an ice bath until 1 hour before sampling (PEG will solidify at ice bath temperatures; allow the containers to reach room temperature before sampling).

8.1.2.3 Begin sampling by purging the sample lines and cooling coil with at least four volumes of waste. Collect the purged material in a separate container and dispose of it properly.

8.1.2.4 After purging, stop the sample flow and direct the sampling tube to a preweighed sample container, prepared as described in section 8.1.2.2. Keep the tip of the tube below the surface of the PEG during sampling to minimize contact with the atmosphere. Sample at a flow rate such that the temperature of the waste is less than 10 °C (50 °F). Fill the sample container and immediately cap it (within 5 seconds) so that a minimum headspace exists in the container. Store immediately in a cooler and cover with ice.

8.1.3 Multiple-phase Waste. Collect a 10 g sample of each phase of waste generated using the procedures described in section 8.1.2 or 8.1.5. Each phase of the waste shall be analyzed as a separate sample. Calculate the weighted average VO concentration of the waste using Equation 25D–13 (Section 12.14).

8.1.4 Solid waste. Add approximately 10 g of the solid waste to a container prepared in the manner described in section 8.1.2.2, minimizing headspace. Cap and chill immediately.

8.1.5 Alternative to Tap Installation. If tap installation is impractical or impossible, fill a large, clean, empty container by submerging the container into the waste below the surface of the waste. Immediately fill a container prepared in the manner described in section 8.1.2.2 with approximately 10 g of the waste collected in the large container. Minimize headspace, cap and chill immediately.

8.1.6 Alternative sampling techniques may be used upon the approval of the Administrator.

8.2 Sample Recovery.

8.2.1 Assemble the purging apparatus as shown in Figures 25D–1 and 25D–2. The oven shall be heated to 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F). The sampling lines leading from the oven to the detectors shall be heated to 120 ±10 °C (248 ±18 °F) with no cold spots. The flame ionization detector shall be operated with a heated block. Adjust the purging lance so that it reaches the bottom of the chamber.

8.2.2 Remove the sample container from the cooler, and wipe the exterior of the container to remove any extraneous ice, water, or other debris. Reweigh the sample container to the nearest 0.01 g, and record the weight (m_{sf}). Pour the contents of the sample container into the purging flask, rinse the sample container three times with a total of 20 mL of PEG (since the sample container originally held 30 mL of PEG, the total volume of PEG added to the purging flask will be 50 mL), transferring the rinsings to the purging flask after each rinse. Cap purging flask between rinses. The total volume of PEG in the purging flask shall be 50 mL. Add 50 mL of water to the purging flask.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Quality Control Samples. If audit samples are not available, prepare and analyze the two types of quality control samples (QCS) listed in Sections 9.1.1 and 9.1.2. Before placing the system in operation, after a shutdown of greater than six months, and after any major modifications, analyze each QCS in triplicate. For each detector, calculate the percent recovery by dividing measured concentration by theoretical concentration and multiplying by 100. Determine the mean percent recovery for each detector for each QCS triplicate analysis. The RSD for any triplicate analysis shall be ≤10 percent. For QCS 1 (methylene chloride), the percent recovery shall be ≥90 percent for carbon as methane, and ≥55 percent for chlorine as chloride. For QCS 2 (1,3-dichloro-2-propanol), the percent recovery shall be ≤15 percent for carbon as methane, and ≤6 percent for chlorine as chloride. If the analytical system does not meet the above-mentioned criteria for both detectors, check the system parameters (temperature, system pressure, purge rate, etc.), correct the problem, and repeat the triplicate analysis of each QCS.

9.1.1 QCS 1, Methylene Chloride. Prepare a stock solution by weighing, to the nearest 0.1 mg, 55 μL of HPLC grade methylene chloride in a tared 5 mL volumetric flask. Record the weight in milligrams, dilute to 5 mL with cleaned PEG, and inject 100 μL of the stock solution into a sample prepared as a water blank (50 mL of cleaned PEG and 60 mL of water in the purging flask). Analyze

the QCS according to the procedures described in sections 10.2 and 10.3, excluding section 10.2.2. To calculate the theoretical carbon concentration (in mg) in QCS 1, multiply mg of methylene chloride in the stock solution by 3.777×10^{-3}. To calculate the theoretical chlorine concentration (in mg) in QCS 1, multiply mg of methylene chloride in the stock solution by 1.670×10^{-2}.

9.1.2 QCS 2, 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol. Prepare a stock solution by weighing, to the nearest 0.1 mg, 60 μL of high purity grade 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in a tared 5 mL volumetric flask. Record the weight in milligrams, dilute to 5 mL with cleaned PEG, and inject 100 μL of the stock solution into a sample prepared as a water blank (50 mL of cleaned PEG and 60 mL of water in the purging flask). Analyze the QCS according to the procedures described in sections 10.2 and 10.3, excluding section 10.2.2. To calculate the theoretical carbon concentration (in mg) in QCS 2, multiply mg of 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in the stock solution by 7.461×10^{-3}. To calculate the theoretical chlorine concentration (in mg) in QCS 2, multiply mg of 1,3-dichloro-2-propanol in the stock solution by 1.099×10^{-2}.

9.1.3 Routine QCS Analysis. For each set of compliance samples (in this context, set is per facility, per compliance test), analyze one QCS 1 and one QCS 2 sample. The percent recovery for each sample for each detector shall be ±13 percent of the mean recovery established for the most recent set of QCS triplicate analysis (Section 9.4). If the sample does not meet this criteria, check the system components and analyze another QCS 1 and 2 until a single set of QCS meet the ±13 percent criteria.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Initial Performance Check of Purging System. Before placing the system in operation, after a shutdown of greater than six months, after any major modifications, and at least once per month during continuous operation, conduct the linearity checks described in sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2. Install calibration gas at the three-way calibration gas valve. See Figure 25D–1.

10.1.1 Linearity Check Procedure. Using the calibration standard described in section 7.2.2.3 and by varying the injection time, it is possible to calibrate at multiple concentration levels. Use Equation 25D–3 to calculate three sets of calibration gas flow rates and run times needed to introduce a total mass of carbon, as methane, (m_c) of 1, 5, and 10 mg into the system (low, medium and high FID calibration, respectively). Use Equation 25D–4 to calculate three sets of calibration gas flow rates and run times needed to introduce a total chloride mass (m_{ch}) of 1, 5, and 10 mg into the system (low, medium and high ELCD calibration, respectively). With the system operating in standby mode, allow the FID and the ELCD to establish a stable baseline. Set the secondary pressure regulator of the calibration gas cylinder to the same pressure as the purge gas cylinder and set the proper flow rate with the calibration flow controller (see Figure 25D–1). The calibration gas flow rate can be measured with a flowmeter attached to the vent position of the calibration gas valve. Set the four-way bypass valve to standby position so that the calibration gas flows through the coalescing filter only. Inject the calibration gas by turning the calibration gas valve from vent position to inject position. Continue the calibration gas flow for the appropriate period of time before switching the calibration valve to vent position. Continue recording the response of the FID and the ELCD for 5 min after switching off calibration gas flow. Make triplicate injections of all six levels of calibration.

10.1.2 Linearity Criteria. Calculate the average response factor (Equations 25D–5 and 25D–6) and the relative standard deviation (RSD) (Equation 25D–10) at each level of the calibration curve for both detectors. Calculate the overall mean of the three response factor averages for each detector. The FID linearity is acceptable if each response factor is within 5 percent of the overall mean and if the RSD for each set of triplicate injections is less than 5 percent. The ELCD linearity is acceptable if each response factor is within 10 percent of the overall mean and if the RSD for each set of triplicate injections is less than 10 percent. Record the overall mean value of the response factors for the FID and the ELCD. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.2 Daily Calibrations.

10.2.1 Daily Linearity Check. Follow the procedures outlined in section 10.1.1 to analyze the medium level calibration for both the FID and the ELCD in duplicate at the start of the day. Calculate the response factors and the RSDs for each detector. For the FID, the calibration is acceptable if the average response factor is within 5 percent of the overall mean response factor (Section 10.1.2) and if the RSD for the duplicate injection is less than 5 percent. For the ELCD, the calibration is acceptable if the average response factor is within 10 percent of the overall mean response factor (Section 10.1.2) and if the RSD for the duplicate injection is less than 10 percent. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat sections 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.2.2 Calibration Range Check.

10.2.2.1 If the waste concentration for either detector falls below the range of calibration for that detector, use the procedure outlined in section 10.1.1 to choose two calibration points that bracket the new target

concentration. Analyze each of these points in triplicate (as outlined in section 10.1.1) and use the criteria in section 10.1.2 to determine the linearity of the detector in this ''mini-calibration'' range.

10.2.2.2 After the initial linearity check of the mini-calibration curve, it is only necessary to test one of the points in duplicate for the daily calibration check (in addition to the points specified in section 10.2.1). The average daily mini-calibration point should fit the linearity criteria specified in section 10.2.1. If the calibration for either the FID or the ELCD does not meet the criteria, correct the detector/system problem and repeat the calibration procedure mentioned in the first paragraph of section 10.2.2. A mini-calibration curve for waste concentrations above the calibration curve for either detector is optional.

10.3 Analytical Balance. Calibrate against standard weights.

11.0 Analysis

11.1 Sample Analysis.

11.1.1 Turn on the constant temperature chamber and allow the temperature to equilibrate at 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F). Turn the four-way valve so that the purge gas bypasses the purging flask, the purge gas flowing through the coalescing filter and to the detectors (standby mode). Turn on the purge gas. Allow both the FID and the ELCD to warm up until a stable baseline is achieved on each detector. Pack the filter flask with ice. Replace ice after each run and dispose of the waste water properly. When the temperature of the oven reaches 75 ±2 °C (167 ±3.6 °F), start both integrators and record baseline. After 1 min, turn the four-way valve so that the purge gas flows through the purging flask, to the coalescing filter and to the sample splitters (purge mode). Continue recording the response of the FID and the ELCD. Monitor the readings of the pressure gauge and the rotameter. If the readings fall below established setpoints, stop the purging, determine the source of the leak, and resolve the problem before resuming. Leaks detected during a sampling period invalidate that sample.

11.1.2 As the purging continues, monitor the output of the detectors to make certain that the analysis is proceeding correctly and that the results are being properly recorded. Every 10 minutes read and record the purge flow rate, the pressure and the chamber temperature. Continue the purging for 30 minutes.

11.1.3 For each detector output, integrate over the entire area of the peak starting at 1 minute and continuing until the end of the run. Subtract the established baseline area from the peak area. Record the corrected area of the peak. See Figure 25D–6 for an example integration.

11.2 Water Blank. A water blank shall be analyzed for each batch of cleaned PEG prepared. Transfer about 60 mL of water into the purging flask. Add 50 mL of the cleaned PEG to the purging flask. Treat the blank as described in sections 8.2 and 8.3, excluding section 8.2.2. Calculate the concentration of carbon and chlorine in the blank sample (assume 10 g of waste as the mass). A VO concentration equivalent to ≤10 percent of the applicable standard may be subtracted from the measured VO concentration of the waste samples. Include all blank results and documentation in the test report.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature.

A_b = Area under the water blank response curve, counts.

A_c = Area under the calibration response curve, counts.

A_s = Area under the sample response curve, counts.

C = Concentration of volatile organics in the sample, ppmw.

C_c = Concentration of carbon, as methane, in the calibration gas, mg/L.

C_{ch} = Concentration of chloride in the calibration gas, mg/L.

C_j = VO concentration of phase j, ppmw.

DR_t = Average daily response factor of the FID, mg CH_4/counts.

Dr_{th} = Average daily response factor of the ELCD, mg Cl^-/counts.

F_j = Weight fraction of phase j present in the waste.

m_c = Mass of carbon, as methane, in a calibration run, mg.

m_{ch} = Mass of chloride in a calibration run, mg.

m_s = Mass of the waste sample, g.

m_{sc} = Mass of carbon, as methane, in the sample, mg.

m_{sf} = Mass of sample container and waste sample, g.

m_{sh} = Mass of chloride in the sample, mg.

m_{st} = Mass of sample container prior to sampling, g.

m_{VO} = Mass of volatile organics in the sample, mg.

n = Total number of phases present in the waste.

P_p = Percent propane in calibration gas (L/L).

P_{vc} = Percent 1,1-dichloroethylene in calibration gas (L/L).

Q_c = Flow rate of calibration gas, L/min.

t_c = Length of time standard gas is delivered to the analyzer, min.

W = Weighted average VO concentration, ppmw.

12.2 Concentration of Carbon, as Methane, in the Calibration Gas.

$$C_c = \left(19.681 \times P_p\right) + \left(13.121 \times P_{vc}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-1}$$

12.3 Concentration of Chloride in the Calibration Gas.

$$C_{ch} = 28.998 \times P_{vc} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-2}$$

12.4 Mass of Carbon, as Methane, in a Calibration Run.

$$M_c = C_c \times Q_c \times t_c \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-3}$$

12.5 Mass of Chloride in a Calibration Run.

$$m_{ch} = C_{ch} \times Q_c \times t_c \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-4}$$

12.6 FID Response Factor, mg/counts.

$$DR_t = \frac{m_c}{A_c} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-5}$$

12.7 ELCD Response Factor, mg/counts.

$$DR_{th} = \frac{m_{ch}}{A_c} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-6}$$

12.8 Mass of Carbon in the Sample.

$$m_{sc} = DR_t\left(A_s - A_b\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-7}$$

12.9 Mass of Chloride in the Sample.

$$m_{sh} = DR_{th}\left(A_s - A_b\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-8}$$

12.10 Mass of Volatile Organics in the Sample.

$$m_{vo} = m_{sc} + m_{sh} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-9}$$

12.11 Relative Standard Deviation.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{\overline{x}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_i - \overline{x}\right)^2}{n-1}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-10}$$

12.12 Mass of Sample.

$$m_s = m_{sf} - m_{st} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-11}$$

12.13 Concentration of Volatile Organics in Waste.

$$C = \frac{\left(m_{vo} \times 1000\right)}{m_s} \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-12}$$

12.14 Weighted Average VO Concentration of Multi-phase Waste.

$$W = \sum_{j=1}^{n} F_j \, x \, \overline{C}_j \qquad \text{Eq. 25D-13}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

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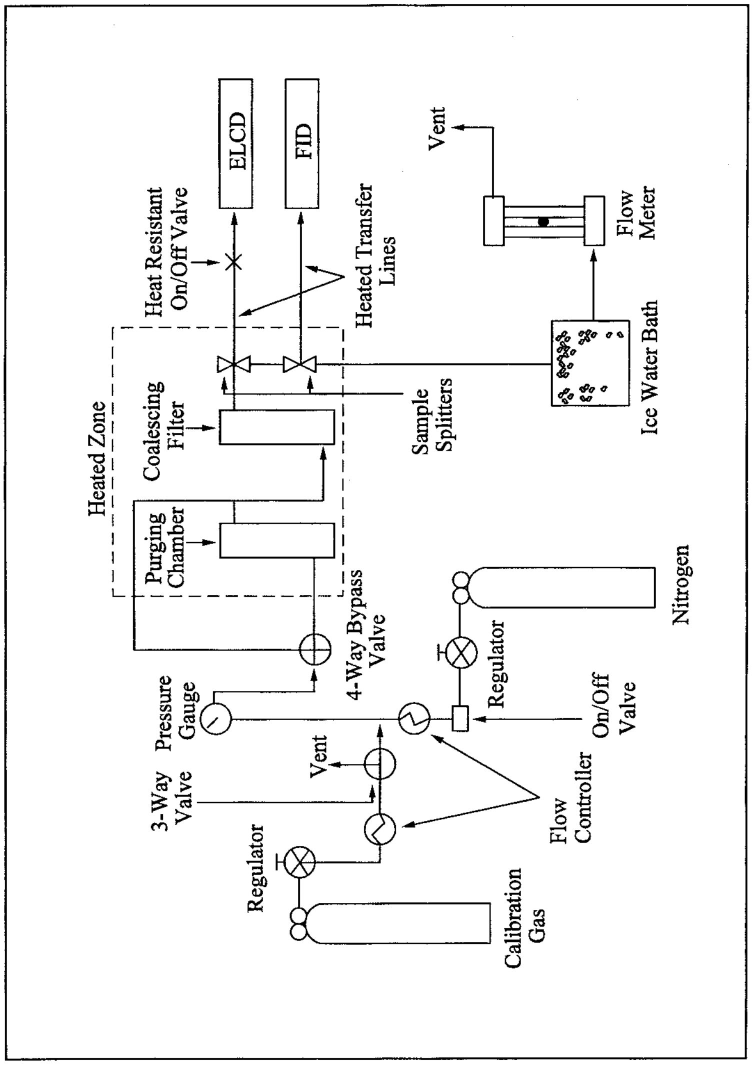
17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data



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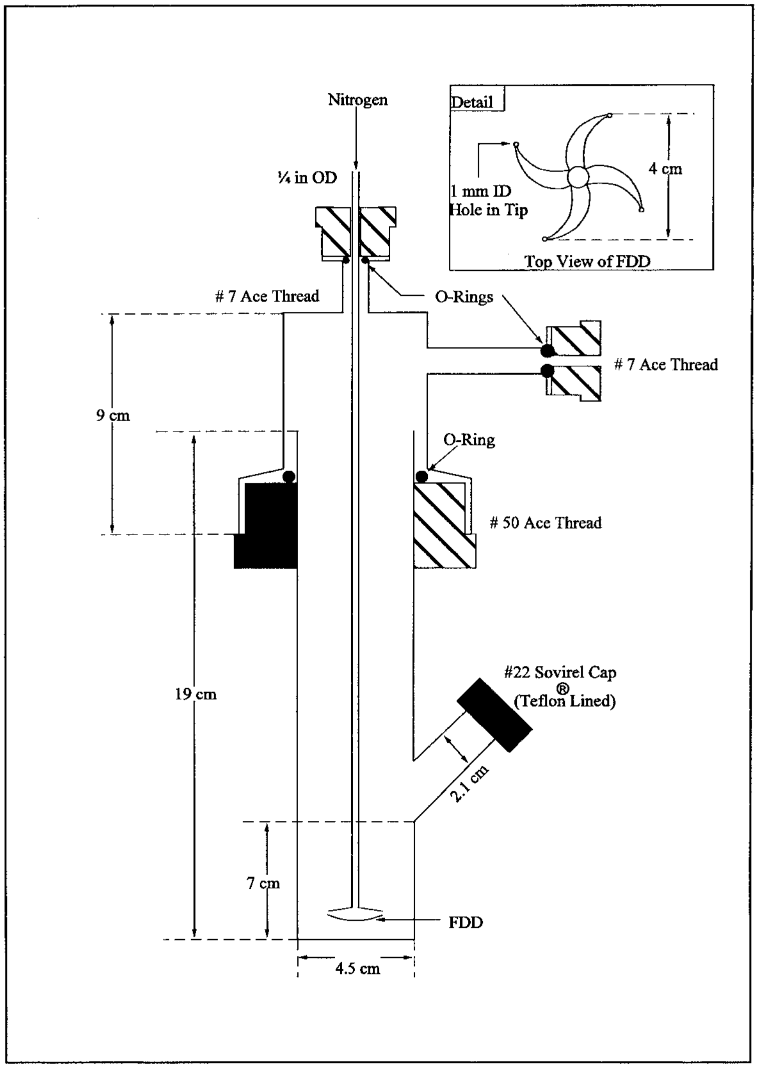

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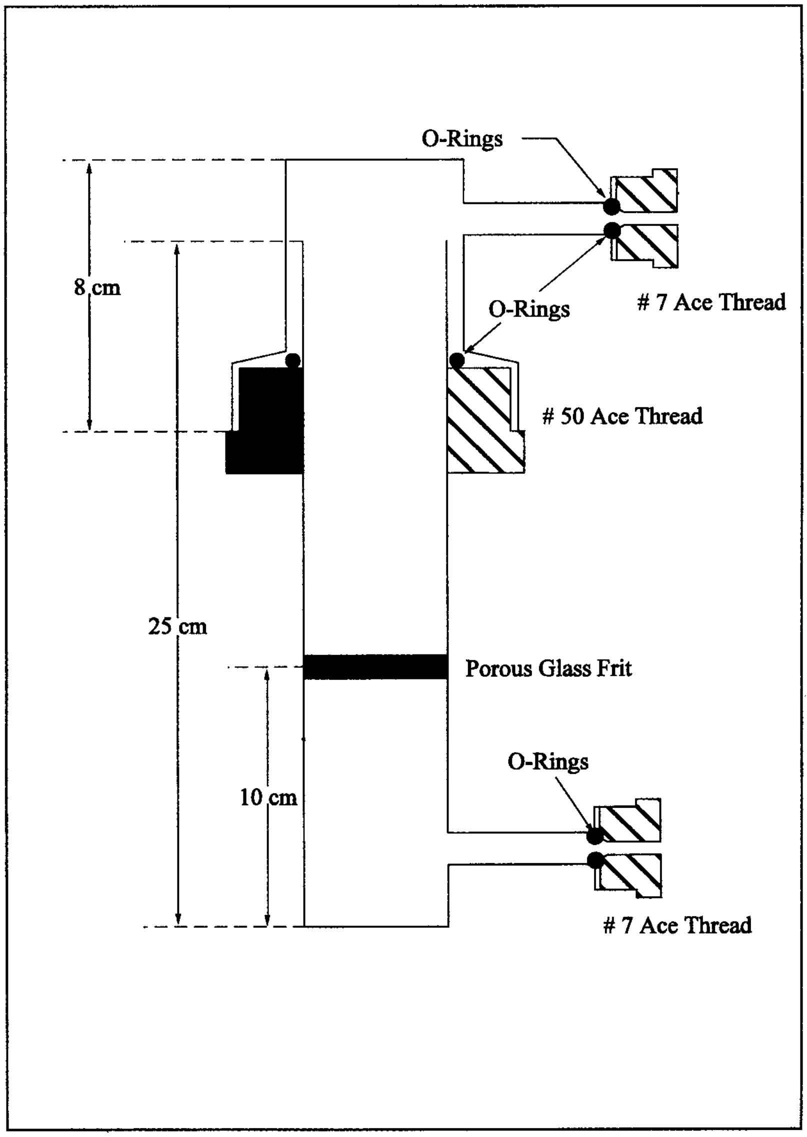
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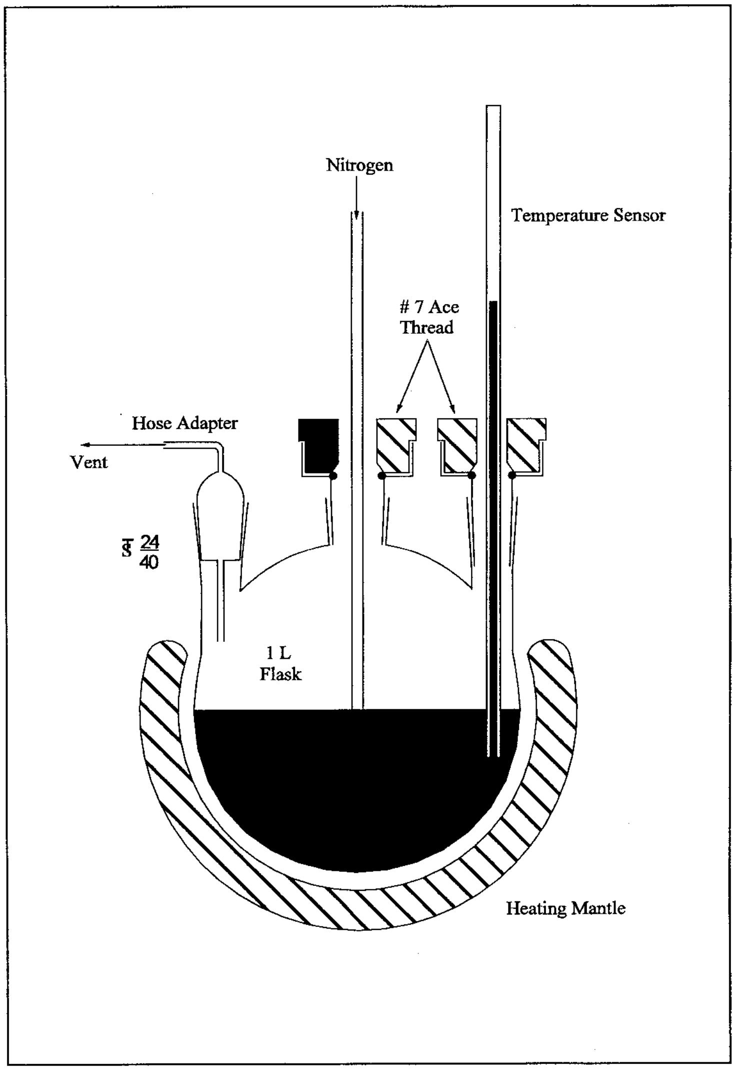

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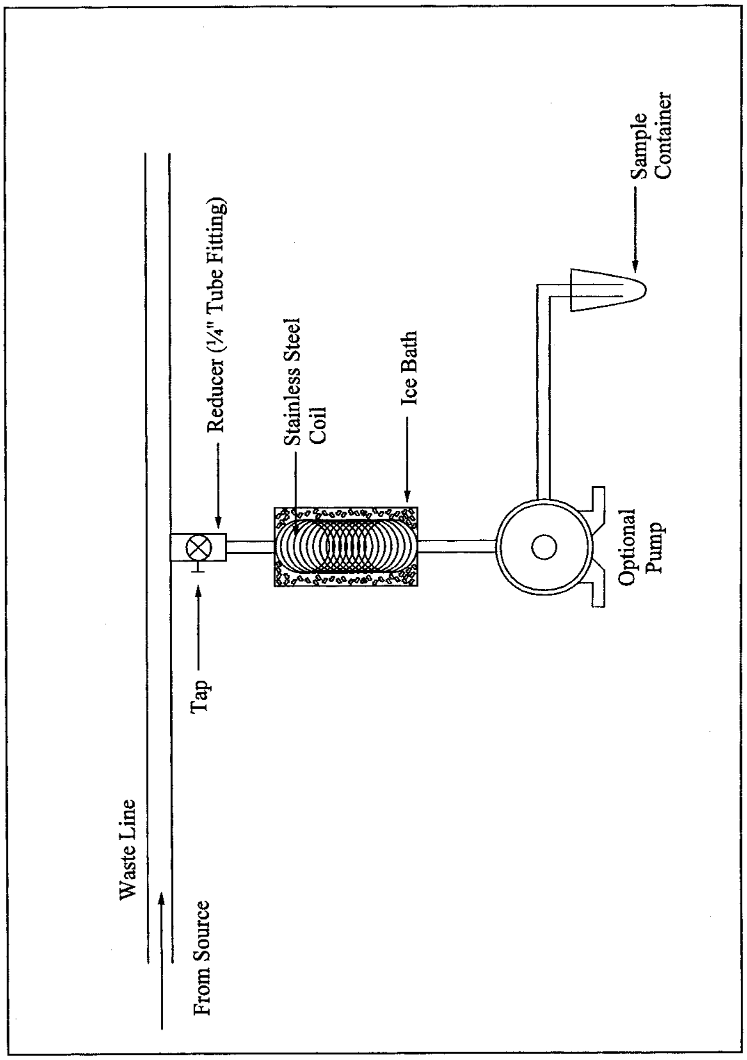

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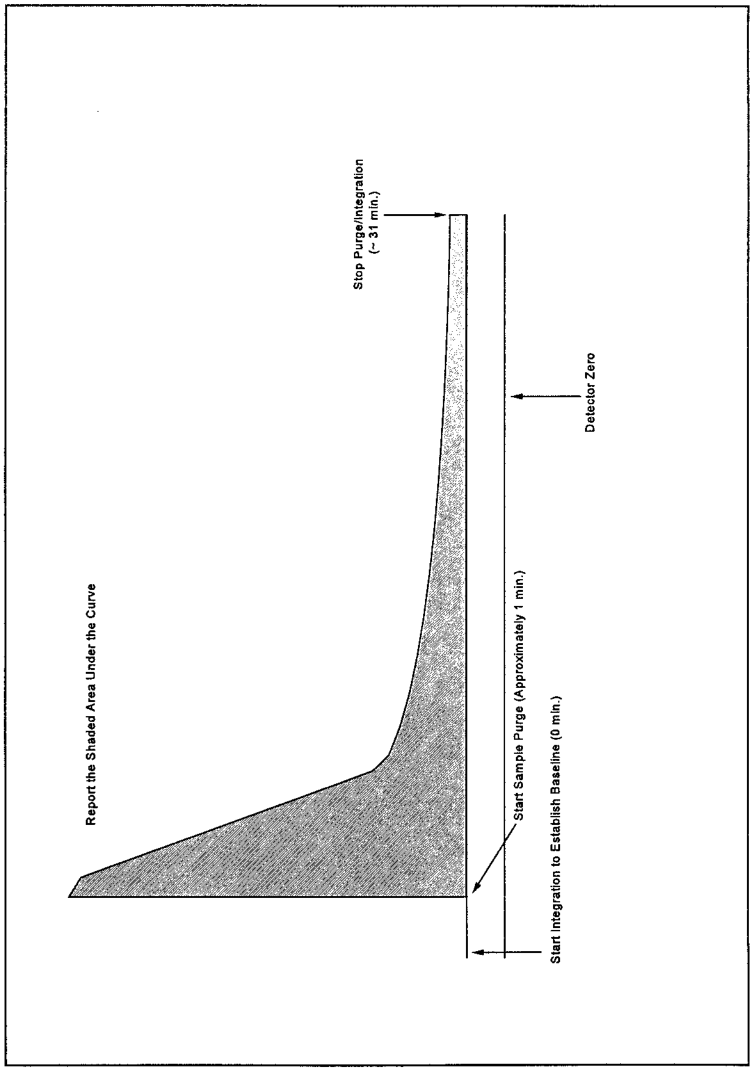

Figure 25D-6. Example Integration of Either Detector.

METHOD 25E—DETERMINATION OF VAPOR PHASE ORGANIC CONCENTRATION IN WASTE SAMPLES

NOTE: Performance of this method should not be attempted by persons unfamiliar with the operation of a flame ionization detector (FID) nor by those who are unfamiliar with source sampling because knowledge beyond the scope of this presentation is required. This method is not inclusive with respect to specifications (*e.g.*, reagents and standards) and calibration procedures. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 106, part 61, Appendix B, and Method 18, part 60, Appendix A.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable for determining the vapor pressure of waste cited by an applicable regulation.

1.2 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 The headspace vapor of the sample is analyzed for carbon content by a headspace analyzer, which uses an FID.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

4.1 The analyst shall select the operating parameters best suited to the requirements for a particular analysis. The analyst shall produce confirming data through an adequate supplemental analytical technique and have the data available for review by the Administrator.

5.0 Safety [Reserved]

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Sampling. The following equipment is required:

6.1.1 Sample Containers. Vials, glass, with butyl rubber septa, Perkin-Elmer Corporation Numbers 0105–0129 (glass vials), B001–0728 (gray butyl rubber septum, plug style), 0105–0131 (butyl rubber septa), or equivalent. The seal must be made from butyl rubber. Silicone rubber seals are not acceptable.

6.1.2 Vial Sealer. Perkin-Elmer Number 105–0106, or equivalent.

6.1.3 Gas-Tight Syringe. Perkin-Elmer Number 00230117, or equivalent.

6.1.4 The following equipment is required for sampling.

6.1.4.1 Tap.

6.1.4.2 Tubing. Teflon, 0.25-in. ID.

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1.4.3 Cooling Coil. Stainless steel (304), 0.25 in.-ID, equipped with a thermocouple at the coil outlet.

6.2 Analysis. The following equipment is required.

6.2.1 Balanced Pressure Headspace Sampler. Perkin-Elmer HS–6, HS–100, or equivalent, equipped with a glass bead column instead of a chromatographic column.

6.2.2 FID. An FID meeting the following specifications is required.

6.2.2.1 Linearity. A linear response (±5 percent) over the operating range as demonstrated by the procedures established in section 10.2.

6.2.2.2 Range. A full scale range of 1 to 10,000 parts per million (ppm) propane (C_3H_8). Signal attenuators shall be available to produce a minimum signal response of 10 percent of full scale.

6.2.3 Data Recording System. Analog strip chart recorder or digital integration system compatible with the FID for permanently recording the output of the detector.

6.2.4 Temperature Sensor. Capable of reading temperatures in the range of 30 to 60 °C (86 to 140 °F) with an accuracy of ±0.1 °C (±0.2 °F).

7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Analysis. The following items are required for analysis.

7.1.1 Hydrogen (H_2). Zero grade hydrogen, as required by the FID.

7.1.2 Carrier Gas. Zero grade nitrogen, containing less than 1 ppm carbon (C) and less than 1 ppm carbon dioxide.

7.1.3 Combustion Gas. Zero grade air or oxygen as required by the FID.

7.2 Calibration and Linearity Check.

7.2.1 Stock Cylinder Gas Standard. 100 percent propane. The manufacturer shall: (a) Certify the gas composition to be accurate to ±3 percent or better (see section 7.2.1.1); (b) recommend a maximum shelf life over which the gas concentration does not change by greater than ±5 percent from the certified value; and (c) affix the date of gas cylinder preparation, certified propane concentration, and recommended maximum shelf life to the cylinder before shipment to the buyer.

7.2.1.1 Cylinder Standards Certification. The manufacturer shall certify the concentration of the calibration gas in the cylinder by (a) directly analyzing the cylinder and (b) calibrating his analytical procedure on the day of cylinder analysis. To calibrate his analytical procedure, the manufacturer shall use, as a minimum, a three-point calibration curve.

7.2.1.2 Verification of Manufacturer's Calibration Standards. Before using, the manufacturer shall verify each calibration standard by (a) comparing it to gas mixtures prepared in accordance with the procedure described in section 7.1 of Method 106 of Part 61, Appendix B, or by (b) calibrating it against Standard Reference Materials (SRM's) prepared by the National Bureau of Standards, if such SRM's are available. The agreement between the initially determined concentration value and the verification concentration value must be within ±5 percent. The manufacturer must reverify all calibration standards on a time interval consistent with the shelf life of the cylinder standards sold.

8.0 Sampling Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Install a sampling tap to obtain a sample at a point which is most representative of the unexposed waste (where the waste has had minimum opportunity to volatilize to

the atmosphere). Assemble the sampling apparatus as shown in Figure 25E–1.

8.2 Begin sampling by purging the sample lines and cooling coil with at least four volumes of waste. Collect the purged material in a separate container and dispose of it properly.

8.3 After purging, stop the sample flow and transfer the Teflon sampling tube to a sample container. Sample at a flow rate such that the temperature of the waste is <10 °C (<50 °F). Fill the sample container halfway (±5 percent) and cap it within 5 seconds. Store immediately in a cooler and cover with ice.

8.4 Alternative sampling techniques may be used upon the approval of the Administrator.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
10.2, 10.3	FID calibration and response check	Ensure precision of analytical results.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a record of performance of each item.

10.1 Use the procedures in sections 10.2 to calibrate the headspace analyzer and FID and check for linearity before the system is first placed in operation, after any shutdown longer than 6 months, and after any modification of the system.

10.2 Calibration and Linearity. Use the procedures in section 10 of Method 18 of Part 60, Appendix A, to prepare the standards and calibrate the flowmeters, using propane as the standard gas. Fill the calibration standard vials halfway (±5 percent) with deionized water. Purge and fill the airspace with calibration standard. Prepare a minimum of three concentrations of calibration standards in triplicate at concentrations that will bracket the applicable cutoff. For a cutoff of 5.2 kPa (0.75 psi), prepare nominal concentrations of 30,000, 50,000, and 70,000 ppm as propane. For a cutoff of 27.6 kPa (4.0 psi), prepare nominal concentrations of 200,000, 300,000, and 400,000 ppm as propane.

10.2.1 Use the procedures in section 11.3 to measure the FID response of each standard. Use a linear regression analysis to calculate the values for the slope (k) and the y-intercept (b). Use the procedures in sections 12.3 and 12.2 to test the calibration and the linearity.

10.3 Daily FID Calibration Check. Check the calibration at the beginning and at the end of the daily runs by using the following procedures. Prepare 2 calibration standards at the nominal cutoff concentration using the procedures in section 10.2. Place one at the beginning and one at the end of the daily run. Measure the FID response of the daily calibration standard and use the values for k and b from the most recent calibration to calculate the concentration of the daily standard. Use an equation similar to 25E–2 to calculate the percent difference between the daily standard and C_s. If the difference is within 5 percent, then the previous values for k and b can be used. Otherwise, use the procedures in section 10.2 to recalibrate the FID.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 Allow one hour for the headspace vials to equilibrate at the temperature specified in the regulation. Allow the FID to warm up until a stable baseline is achieved on the detector.

11.2 Check the calibration of the FID daily using the procedures in section 10.3.

11.3 Follow the manufacturer's recommended procedures for the normal operation of the headspace sampler and FID.

11.4 Use the procedures in sections 12.4 and 12.5 to calculate the vapor phase organic vapor pressure in the samples.

11.5 Monitor the output of the detector to make certain that the results are being properly recorded.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

12.1 Nomenclature.

A = Measurement of the area under the response curve, counts.

b = y-intercept of the linear regression line.

C_a = Measured vapor phase organic concentration of sample, ppm as propane.

C_{ma} = Average measured vapor phase organic concentration of standard, ppm as propane.

C_m = Measured vapor phase organic concentration of standard, ppm as propane.

C_s = Calculated standard concentration, ppm as propane.

k = Slope of the linear regression line.

P_{bar} = Atmospheric pressure at analysis conditions, mm Hg (in. Hg).

P* = Organic vapor pressure in the sample, kPa (psi).

PD = Percent difference between the average measured vapor phase organic concentration (C_m) and the calculated standard concentration (C_s).

RSD = Relative standard deviation.

β = 1.333×10^{-7} kPa/[(mm Hg)(ppm)], (4.91×10^{-7} psi/[(in. Hg)(ppm)])

12.2 Linearity. Use the following equation to calculate the measured standard concentration for each standard vial.

$$C_m = kA + b \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-1}$$

12.2.1 Calculate the average measured standard concentration (C_{ma}) for each set of triplicate standards and use the following equation to calculate PD between C_{ma} and C_s. The instrument linearity is acceptable if the PD is within five for each standard.

$$PD = \frac{C_s - C_{ma}}{C_s} \times 100 \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-2}$$

12.3. Relative Standard Deviation (RSD). Use the following equation to calculate the RSD for each triplicate set of standards.

$$RSD = \frac{100}{C_{ma}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum \left(C_m - C_{ma}\right)^2}{2}} \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-3}$$

The calibration is acceptable if the RSD is within five for each standard concentration.

12.4 Concentration of organics in the headspace. Use the following equation to calculate the concentration of vapor phase organics in each sample.

$$C_a = kA + b \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-4}$$

12.5 Vapor Pressure of Organics in the Headspace Sample. Use the following equation to calculate the vapor pressure of organics in the sample.

$$P^* = \beta P_{bar} C_a \qquad \text{Eq. 25E-5}$$

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

Attachment E: Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 6
Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 6, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 6 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The ~~proposed~~ approved Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan has been prepared to comply with Oregon Administrative Rule 660-033-0130 (38)(h)(D), which states, in regard to photovoltaic solar power generation facilities, that:

> "C*onstruction or maintenance activities will not result in the unabated introduction or spread of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species. This provision may be satisfied by the submittal and county approval of a weed control plan prepared by an adequately qualified individual that includes a long-term maintenance agreement. The approved plan shall be attached to the decision as a condition of approval*."

Noxious weeds are non-native, aggressive plants with the potential to cause significant damage to native ecosystems and/or cause significant economic losses. Noxious weeds are opportunistic plant species that readily flourish in disturbed areas, are difficult to control, and thereby can compete with and/or prevent native plant species from re-establishing. Notably, the likelihood of introduction or explosion of noxious weeds is correlated with new disturbances in a region, such as large-scale construction projects. In addition, noxious weed species can adversely affect the structure, composition, and success of revegetation efforts associated with construction-related temporary disturbances.

The intent of this Plan is to provide clear methods to prevent the introduction and spread of designated noxious weeds from the construction and operation of the Facility, control existing populations of noxious weeds within construction areas, and monitor the success of efforts to prevent and control noxious weeds. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and its contractors will be responsible for implementing the methods detailed in this Plan.

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[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall finalize this plan by completing the following:

- Conduct an additional pre-construction noxious weed survey to identify the noxious weeds present at the Facility to inform pre-construction weed treatment.
- Develop final noxious weed monitoring methods in consultation with ODOE and incorporate as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.
- Update Table 2 in consultation with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department.
- Provide records demonstrating all personnel have been trained on noxious weed control.
- Provide evidence that existing noxious weed infestations have been identified and treated in a manner consistent with Morrow County recommendations.
- Consult with the Morrow County Weed Department on timing, method, and application rates for each identified weed species of concern.

2.0 Regulatory Framework

2.1 State of Oregon

In Oregon, a noxious weed is defined under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 569.175 as "a terrestrial, aquatic, or marine plant designated by the State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.". Noxious weeds have been declared by ORS 569.350 as a menace to public welfare, and control of these plants is the responsibility of private landowners and operators, as well as county, state, and federal governments.

The Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) was created by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) under ORS 569.600. OSWB provides recommendations for noxious weed control at the state-level and is responsible for updating the State Noxious Weed List. The OSWB and the ODA classify noxious weeds in Oregon in accordance with the ODA Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System (ODA ~~2022~~2024). There are three designations under the State's system:

- **A Listed Weed:** A weed of known economic importance that occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent.
    - **Recommended Action:** Focus on prevention of new infestations through vector control, certification programs, education, outreach and surveys. New and existing infestations are prioritized for eradication or intensive control when and where found. Regionally focused, species-specific Statewide Management Strategies for A-listed weeds may be developed as necessary.~~Infestations are subject to eradication or intensive control when found.~~

- **B Listed Weed:** A weed of economic importance that is regionally abundant~~,~~ but may have limited distribution in some counties.
  - **Recommended Action:** Limited to intensive control at the state, county, or regional level as determined on a site-specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.
- **T-Designated Weed:** A designated group of weed species selected from the B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and management actions are prioritized and informed by species-specific T-List Statewide Management Strategies created and maintained by the ODA. Action against these weeds will receive priority in accordance with the recommendations of the Statewide Management Strategy. ~~A designated group of weed species selected from either the A or B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. Action against these weeds will receive priority. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the OSWB, which directs ODA to develop and implement a statewide management plan.~~

2.2 Morrow County

The Morrow County Code Enforcement Ordinance establishes procedures for enforcing Morrow County Code through the authority granted to general law counties by ORS Chapter 203. Section 11 of the county Code Enforcement Ordinance, updated on July 5, 2021, establishes Morrow County as a weed control district, defines what is considered a noxious weed or weed of economic importance, identifies the responsibility of private landowners to control weeds, and outlines the authority of the weed control district and Morrow County Weed Program Manager/Inspector to administer and enforce weed control in the ordinance (Morrow County 2021).

Morrow County has its own weed classification system that differs from the state. Morrow County defines two classifications of weeds (Morrow County ~~2022~~2025):

- **Noxious Weeds - "A List":** Any plant that is determined by the weed advisory board and so declared by the County Board of Commissioners to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land, or property under provisions of Oregon State Statute and thus mandated for control.
- **Weeds of Economic Importance - "B List":** Weeds of limited distribution in the county and subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible.

2.3 State and County Weed Lists

The ODA lists 46 Class A species and ~~98~~ 88 Class B species for the state of Oregon, ~~47~~ 19 of which are T-designated (ODA ~~2022~~2024; Appendix A). Morrow County specifically recognizes 36 species of noxious weeds (Appendix B; Morrow County ~~2021~~2025). Although not all ~~of~~ the Morrow County listed noxious weeds noted in Appendix B occur in the vicinity of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and its contractors should be aware of the entire list while monitoring

and controlling weeds. Noxious weeds known to occur in the vicinity of the site boundary are discussed in Section 3.0.

3.0 Noxious Weeds Identified at the Facility

In June, 2022 Tetra Tech completed rare plant and habitat categorization surveys within and adjacent to the original Sunstone Solar Project~~Facility~~ site boundary[2]. During those surveys, four listed noxious weed species were documented, including three ODA-listed noxious weed species and four Morrow County listed species noxious weed species. Table 1 lists the noxious weed species observed, their noxious weed designation (i.e., status), and the frequency of observations. Locations of these noxious weeds documented during surveys are included in Exhibit P, Attachment P-1 of the ASC[3]. Three of the four noxious weed species observed were state and/or County "B" listed weeds (Table 1; Morrow County ~~2021~~2025, ODA ~~2022~~2024). One species, rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*), is an "A" List Weed in Morrow County and a state "T"-designated weed, meaning that ODA has targeted this species for prevention and control (Morrow County ~~2021~~2025; ODA ~~2022~~2024). Note that none of these noxious weed species observations are located within the Sunstone Solar Project 6/Facility site boundary, however, due to the likelihood that these species could be found at the Facility in the future, they are retained for awareness and noxious weed prevention purposes.

Cereal rye (*Secale cereale*) was abundant in the previously disturbed areas outside of active crop fields and was generally found in previously disturbed ground. Rush skeletonweed was found in isolated small populations or single individuals on the hillside between active cropland and a gravel county road. Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*) and jointed goatgrass (*Aegilops cylindrica*) were found in the highly disturbed border in between active cropland and roads. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct an additional pre-construction noxious weed survey to identify the noxious weeds present at the Facility ~~at the time of construction~~ to inform management actions. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may coordinate with landowners regarding noxious weed presence. Identified noxious weed infestations will be treated prior to construction.

Table 1. Noxious Weeds Observed during Surveys in 2022

Scientific Name	Common Name	Oregon State Status[1]	Morrow County Status[1]	Frequency
Aegilops cylindrica	Jointed goatgrass	B	B	Few small patches.
Chondrilla juncea	Rush skeletonweed	B*, T	A	Occasional single plants.
Secale cereale	Cereal rye	Not listed	B	Scattered large-sized patches.
Tribulus terrestris	Puncturevine	B*	B	Few small to large-sized patches.
1. Definitions for state and county noxious weed status are provided in Sections 2.1 and 2.2, respectively. Species marked with a (*) are targeted for biocontrol (ODA ~~2022~~2024).				

[2] Site Certificate for the Sunstone Solar Project, November 18, 2024.
[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

In addition to noxious weeds, cheatgrass, an invasive annual grass, was identified in grassland habitats within the site boundary. While this species is not listed as a noxious weed by the state or county, it and other invasive annual grasses can adversely impact habitat and can increase fire risk. To address these issues and maintain compliance with the requirements of the Revegetation Plan required under Condition PRE-FW-01, the certificate holder will monitor the spread of these species as explained in Section 4.3 and 4.4.

4.0 Noxious Weed Management

This section of this Plan describes the steps the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will take to prevent and control the establishment and spread of noxious weed species during both construction and operation of the Facility. Noxious weed control methods for the Facility described in this Plan have been developed utilizing information from the ODA Noxious Weed Control Program and the Morrow County Weed Department.

The management of noxious weeds will be considered throughout all stages of construction and operation of the Facility and will include:

- **Prevention:** Implementing measures to prevent the spread of noxious weeds during construction, operation, and maintenance activities.
- **Treatment:** Treating noxious weed populations with their appropriate control methods, at appropriate time intervals.
- **Monitoring:** Assessing noxious weed changes within the Facility site boundary over time and ensuring that legacy as well as new weed populations are not increasing their distributions.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's objective is to prevent the introduction of new noxious weed populations and the spread of existing noxious weed populations. The methods described below will be implemented to minimize the spread of noxious weeds during construction activities. New noxious weeds detected during post-construction revegetation will be considered a result of construction activities and will be controlled accordingly.

4.1 Prevention

Prior to the start of construction, all personnel will be trained on the importance of noxious weed control. As part of start-up activities, and to help facilitate the avoidance of existing infestations and identification of new infestations, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their construction contractor will provide information and training to all construction personnel regarding noxious weed identification and prevention strategies. Operations and maintenance personnel will be similarly informed. The importance of preventing the spread of noxious weeds in areas not currently infested and controlling the proliferation of noxious weeds already present within or near the Facility will be emphasized.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following best management practices to minimize the spread of noxious weeds during construction activities, revegetation efforts, and operation and maintenance activities. The following practices center around ensuring that noxious weed seeds or reproductive plant fragments are not unintentionally dispersed within or outside of the Facility boundaries by personnel or their vehicles. These practices allow for responsible movement around sites with noxious weeds already present, and ensure that new populations or species are not accidentally introduced into the Facility boundaries.

- Flagging and treating areas of noxious weed infestations prior to construction to alert construction personnel;
- Limiting vehicle access to designated routes, whether existing roads or newly constructed roads, and the outer limits of construction disturbances per the final design for the Facility;
- Limiting vehicle traffic in noxious weed-infested areas;
- Cleaning construction vehicles each time they enter or exit the Facility at a wash station located inside the Facility at vehicle ingress/egress points;
- Cleaning vehicles and equipment associated with ground disturbance and movement of topsoil utilizing a mobile wash station after performing work in noxious weed-infested areas and prior to performing work in non-infested areas;
- Where feasible, not moving topsoil and other soils from noxious weed infested areas outside of the infested areas and returning them to their previous location during reclamation activities;
- Treating soils from infested areas with a pre-emergent herbicide prior to initiation of revegetation efforts;
- Providing information regarding target noxious weed species at the operations and maintenance buildings;
- Treating noxious weeds via biological, mechanical or chemical control (see Section 4.2);
- Preventing conditions favorable for noxious weed germination and spread by revegetating temporarily disturbed areas as soon as practicable;
- Monitoring areas of disturbance for noxious weeds after construction (see Section 4.3), during the normal course of revegetation maintenance of temporary workspaces, and implementing control measures as appropriate;
- Revegetating the site with appropriate, local native seed or native plants; when these are not available, non-invasive, and non-persistent non-native species may be used; and
- Ensuring that seed and straw mulch used for site rehabilitation and revegetation are certified free of noxious weed seed and propagules.

4.2 Treatment

Control of noxious weeds and other invasive weed species will be implemented through biological, mechanical, chemical, or biological control measures. The control method used will depend on the

weed species and size of infestation, time of year, proximity to intact native habitats, and resources available (Tu et al. 2003). Generally, mechanical control is best suited for small infestations of tap-rooted weeds that can be hand pulled or large occurrences in areas where mowing or soil disturbance is acceptable. Chemical control is used for most occurrences of perennial weeds with rhizomes or stolons and large occurrences of any weed in areas where mowing or soil disturbance are not recommended. Successful noxious weed control programs typically combine mechanical and chemical treatment strategies (USEPA 2008).

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will be responsible for hiring a qualified contractor to implement the treatment of noxious weeds. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ensure that noxious weed management actions will be conducted by specialists with the following qualifications:

- Experience in native plant, non-native and invasive plants, and noxious weed identification;
- Experience in noxious weed mapping;
- If chemical control is used, specialists must possess a Commercial or Public Pesticide Applicator License from the ODA or possess an Immediately Supervised Pesticide Trainee License and be supervised by a licensed applicator;
- Training in noxious weed management or Integrated Pest Management with an emphasis in noxious weeds;~~ and~~
- Experience in coordination with agencies and private landowners; and~~.~~
- No recent (within one year) violations on the contractor's record.

Existing noxious weed populations will be prevented from expanding in size and density and will not be spread to new sites. Existing populations of A listed noxious weeds will be eliminated. If it is determined that noxious weeds have invaded areas immediately adjacent to the Facility (e.g., areas visible just beyond the outer limits of construction disturbances associated with the Facility or along access roads) as a result of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will contact the landowner and seek approval to treat those noxious weed populations.

Long-term weed control methods will be described in a long-term monitoring plan as described in Section 4.3. The main factor in long-term weed control is successful revegetation with non-weedy species as described in the Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). If feasible, long-term management of vegetation within the Facility solar array fence line may include prescriptive sheep and goat grazing by an authorized contractor, if approved by Morrow County, ODFW and ODOE. As noted above, short-term noxious weed control will be done through mechanical or chemical treatment. However, it will be important to ensure that the short-term treatment does not affect the establishment of the native perennial cover that will help provide the long-term control. Additionally, early detection and control of small noxious weed populations before they can expand into larger populations is extremely important for successful weed control efforts.

Noxious weed control will continue for the life of the Facility to meet the identified success criteria described in Section 4.3. Supplemental seeding of desirable species may be needed to meet and/or

maintain compliance with success criteria. Fertilizer application will be limited in areas treated for noxious weeds, as fertilizer can stimulate the growth of noxious weeds, and the timing of revegetation activities will need to be coordinated with noxious weed treatments.

4.2.1 Biological

Biological control involves the use of prescribed insects, fungi and livestock to control noxious weeds to achieve management objectives. Biological control methods are typically targeted to a specific species or plant to control its persistence. They are also used for maintenance in targeted areas for vegetation management control in height and density that includes mitigating fire risk and erosion. Biological control is environmentally friendly and should be the first consideration when applicable.

4.2.2 Mechanical Treatment

Mechanical treatment will be the ~~primary~~ preferred method of treatment for existing noxious weed populations where appropriate within the boundaries of the Facility. Mechanical control methods rely on removal of plants, seed heads, and/or cutting roots with a shovel or other hand tools or equipment that can be used to remove, mow, or disc noxious weed populations. Hand removal of plants is also included under this treatment method. Mechanical methods are useful for smaller, isolated populations of noxious weeds in areas of sensitive habitats. Additionally, hand removal of small infestations can minimize soil disturbance, allowing desirable species to remain and limiting conditions favorable for noxious weeds.

For some large noxious weed occurrences, mowing, tilling, discing, or other mechanical techniques may be used to reduce thatch prior to chemical application so that herbicide can more effectively make contact with the target species. However, ~~S~~some rhizomatous plants can spread by discing or tillage. In addition, rush skeletonweed, which ~~has been~~was identified ~~within~~ near the Facility ~~site boundary~~ (Section 3.0), can reproduce vegetatively from small segments of root, and discing or tilling can facilitate the spread of this species. As such, implementation of discing will be species-specific and avoided in areas where rush skeletonweed individuals have been found.

If tilling or discing is employed in areas that will be revegetated following construction, subsequent seeding will be conducted to re-establish desirable vegetative cover that will stabilize the soils and slow the potential re-invasion of noxious weeds. Discing, tilling, or other mechanical treatments that disturb the soil surface within native habitats will also be avoided in favor of herbicide application, which is an effective means of reducing the size of noxious weed populations as well as preventing the establishment of new infestations. Previously unbroken ground or fallow areas should not be tilled or rod-weeded to maintain native biocrusts and prevent exposing weed seeds.

4.2.3 Chemical Treatment

Chemical control can effectively remove noxious weeds through use of selective herbicide when mechanical control is not feasible~~s~~. The specific herbicide used and the timing of application will be

chosen based on the specific noxious weed being treated, as appropriate herbicides differ between species and types of plants (i.e., dicots such as rush skeletonweed versus monocots such as jointed goatgrass). Example treatment methods, as well as the recommended timing of treatments for the four target noxious weeds identified within the Facility, are summarized in Table 2. The status of herbicide approval (e.g., confirming herbicides are approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] and ODA) will be checked annually.

Prior to construction and every fall season during facility operation, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or its contractor will consult with the Morrow County Weed Department on timing, method, and application rates for each identified weed species of concern, to allow for adaptive weed management given changes in weed control effectiveness from noxious weed species tolerance to herbicide treatment over time. Results of the consultation shall be reported in the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's annual monitoring report. Any alternative control methods can be proposed by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or its contractors after consulting with the Morrow County Weed Department and included in the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's annual monitoring report.

Herbicides will be applied on identified, treatable, noxious weed infestations. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder ~~-~~ or their contractors will coordinate with the Morrow County Weed Department to determine which populations are treatable and will notify landowners of proposed herbicide use on their lands prior to application. If a noxious weed population is deemed to be untreatable (e.g., too widespread and established in an area to successfully control), the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the applicable prevention measures discussed in Section 4.1, except for treatment with herbicides.

Table 2. ~~Recommended~~ Example Treatment for Target Noxious Weed Species

Scientific Name	Common Name	Treatment Method and Timing
Aegilops cylindrica	Jointed goatgrass	**Glyphosate** – Apply to actively growing plants emerged before bolt stage (i.e., stage of growth where growth is focused on seed development versus leaf development). • Rate: 0.38 to 0.75 lb ae/a[1] **Imazapic –** Apply pre-emergence in fall. Due to the residual effect of this herbicide, it will not be used in areas to be revegetated. • Rate: 0.063 to 0.188 lb/a[1] **Sulfometuron** – Apply in fall or in late winter before jointed goatgrass is 3 inches tall. • Rate: 1 to 1.5 oz ai/a (1.33 to 2 oz/a)[1]
Chondrilla juncea	Rush skeletonweed	**2,4-D or MCPA –** Apply to rosettes in the spring immediately before or during bolting. • Rate: 2 lb ae/a[1] **Aminopyralid (Milestone) –** Spring or fall when rosettes are present. • Rate: 1.75 oz ae/a (7 fluid oz/a Milestone)[1] **Clopyralid –** Apply to rosettes in fall or up to early bolting in spring.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Treatment Method and Timing
		• Rate: 0.25 to 0.375 lb ae/a (0.66 to 1 pint/a)[1] **Picloram –** Apply from late fall to early spring. For best results, apply just before or during bolting. • Rate: 1 lb ae/a[1]
Secale cereale	Cereal rye	Postemergence, non-selective herbicides such as glyphosate can control cereal rye. Glyphosate does not provide residual weed control, so any plants that emerge after treatment will not be controlled. Other herbicides that have found to provide control include Clethodim, Hexazinone, Rimsulfuron, Sethoxydim, and Sulfometuron.
Tribulus terrestris	Puncturevine	**2,4-D amine or 2,4-D LV ester–** Apply every 3 weeks during growing season or when new seedlings appear. • Rate: 1 to 2 lb ae in 10 to 20 gal water for spot treatments **Bentazon (Basagran) + imazamox (Raptor)–** Apply to small, actively growing puncture vine • Rate: 0.75 to 1 lb ai/A bentazon + 0.031 lb ai/a imazamox (4 oz/A Raptor) **Bromacil + diuron–** Apply before weeds emerge. • Rate: 8 lb ai/A (10 lb/a)[1] **Chlorsulfuron–** Apply late fall or late winter preemergence to growth. Needs moisture to activate. • Rate: 1 oz ai/a (1.5 oz/a)[1] **Fomesafen –** Apply pre- and postemergence, depending on crop. • Rate: 1 to 2 pints/A (0.25 to 0.5 lb ai/a)[1] **Imazapic –** Apply early postemergence when plants are cracking. • Rate: 0.125 to 0.188 lb ai/a[1] **Indaziflam –** Apply at least several weeks prior to expected germination of puncture vine. Apply to dry soils when rain is not expected for at least 48 hours. Can be successfully applied several months in advance of weed germination. • Rate: Grazed areas 0.046 to 0.065 lb ai/a (3.5 to 5 oz/a Rejuvra); areas not grazed or cut for hay 0.046 to 0.09 lb ai/A (3.5 to 7 oz/a Rejuvra). Use lower rates only where weed pressure is light and shorter period of residual activity is desired. **Norflurazon –** Apply in fall to spring, before puncture vine emerges. • Rate: Refer to label. Adjust rates depending on soil texture and organic matter **Paraquat –** Apply as a postemergence spray to puncture vine foliage • Rate: 0.38 to 0.49 lb ai/a[1] •
Sources: DiTomaso e al. 2013; LCNWCB 2022; Prather and Peachey 2022. [1] a = acre; ae = acid equivalent; ai = active ingredient; lb= pound; oz = ounces		

4.2.3.1 Herbicide Application and Handling

Herbicide application will occur within the appropriate season and during the appropriate timeframe to achieve desired results, as approved by ODOE and the county weed departments. Herbicide application will adhere to EPA and ODA standards. Only those herbicides that are approved by the EPA and ODA will be used. In general, application of herbicides will not occur when the following conditions exists:

- Wind velocity exceeds 15 miles per hour for granular application, or exceeds 10 miles per hour for liquid applications;
- Snow or ice covers the foliage of target species; or
- Adverse weather conditions are forecasted within the next few days.

Hand application methods (e.g., backpack spraying) may be used in roadless areas or in rough terrain. Vehicle-mounted sprayers (e.g., handgun, boom, and injector) will be used mainly in open areas that are readily accessible by vehicle. Calibration checks of equipment will be conducted prior to spraying activities, as well as periodically throughout use, to ensure that appropriate application rates are achieved.

Herbicides will be transported to the Facility daily with the following stipulations:

- Only the quantity needed for that day's work will be transported.
- Concentrate will be transported in approved containers only, and in a manner that will prevent spilling, stored separately from food, clothing, and safety equipment.
- Mixing will be done off-site and at a distance greater than 200 feet from open or flowing water, wetlands, or other sensitive species' habitat. No herbicides will be applied at these areas unless authorized by the appropriate regulatory agencies.
- All herbicide equipment and containers will be inspected daily for leaks.
- Herbicides use will be in accordance with all manufacture's label recommendations and warnings.

4.2.3.2 Herbicide Spills and Cleanups

All appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid herbicide spills. In the event of a spill, cleanup will be immediate. Contractors will keep spill kits in their vehicles and in an appropriate storage shed to allow for quick and effective response to spills. Items included in the spill kit will be:

- Protective clothing and gloves;
- Adsorptive clay, "kitty litter," or other commercial adsorbent;
- Plastic bags and a bucket;
- A shovel;
- A fiber brush and screw-in handle;
- A dustpan;

- Caution tape;
- Highway flares (use on existing hard-top roads only); and
- Detergent.

Response to an herbicide spill will vary with the size and location of the spill, but general procedures include:

- Stopping the leak;
- Containing the spilled material;
- Traffic control;
- Dressing the clean-up team in protective clothing;
- Cleaning up and removing the spilled herbicide, as well as the contaminated adsorptive material and soil; and
- Transporting the spilled herbicide and contaminated material to an authorized disposal site.

4.2.3.3 Herbicide Spill Reporting

All herbicide contractors will have readily available copies of the appropriate material safety data sheets for the herbicides used at their disposal and will keep copies of the material safety data sheets in the application vehicle. ~~All herbicide spills will be reported in accordance with applicable laws and requirements.~~ If an herbicide spill of any size ~~If a spill~~ occurs, the appropriate agency and spill coordinators will be notified promptly. In case of a spill into wetlands and waterbodies, the appropriate federal, state, and county agencies will be notified immediately. All herbicide spills equal to or greater than 200 pounds or 25 gallons of pesticide residue will be reported to the Oregon Emergency Response System in accordance with applicable laws and requirements (OAR 340-142-0050; ODEQ 2024). The Certificate Holder will report all herbicide spills to ODOE by phone or email within 24 hours with follow up reporting as appropriate.

4.3 Monitoring

Weed inspections will occur across the entire Facility through visual inspection of the site while driving and/or walking. Final monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval. Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or weed specialist and will begin in the first growing season after seeding. Monitoring for noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species will occur at least five times per year including in the spring, June, July, and August for summer annuals and in the fall during the first two years following construction to capture the different life cycles of noxious weed species. This will allow real-time assessment of weed growth and inform proactive weed control measures to prevent large scale infestations. Frequent checks during early revegetation efforts will enable the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder to respond to new weed infestations in a timely manner and ensure the success of the site's revegetation. These inspections will be used to inform ongoing weed control efforts.

The initial monitoring survey will be scheduled slightly before herbicide application, as applicable, to identify any noxious weed species within the areas to be treated, with a focus on target noxious weed species observed prior to construction (Table 1), or other populations of target noxious weeds not previously observed.

Monitoring will assess the success of noxious weed treatments and will document any new noxious weed infestations observed. During the first two years following construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department at least once per season to provide updates on weed infestations and control measures at the Facility. These results will also be summarized in annual monitoring reports that describe the treatments performed, treatment success, make recommendations to improve treatment success (if necessary), and note any new target noxious weed species or emergence. Reports will be submitted to the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and Morrow County annually.

Based on the success of control efforts after the second year of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE and ODFW to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced for years three to five. After five years of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will design a long-term weed control plan in consultation with ODOE and the Morrow County Weed Department. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will maintain ongoing communication with individual landowners, the Morrow County Weed Department, and ODOE regarding noxious weeds within the Facility. Landowners may also contact the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder directly to report the presence of noxious weeds related to Facility activity. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will control the noxious weeds on a case-by-case basis and prepare a summary of measures taken for that landowner. During the operational period of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will control noxious weeds as described in the long-term weed control plan. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report the investigator's findings and recommendations regarding weed control in the Facility's annual report required per OAR 345-026-0080.

The following contact information for the Morrow County Weed Program Manager will be used and updated as needed:

Corey Sweeney, Weed Program Manager
Morrow County Public Works
365 West Highway 74
Lexington, OR 97839
(541) 989-9502
mcweed@co.morrow.or.us

4.4 Success Criteria

Success criteria outlined below are designed to demonstrate compliance with OAR 660-033-0130(38)(D) to prevent the introduction and spread of noxious weed species. In each annual monitoring report, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include an assessment of whether the Facility is meeting or trending toward meeting the noxious weed control success criteria.

Compliance with the Facility Site Certificate will be demonstrated through documentation of meeting these success criteria for the life of the Facility.

- Class A and Class B noxious weed presence within the solar array fence line will not exceed 15 total populations (i.e., contiguous patches of individuals), and each respective population will not exceed 20 individuals or 20 square feet.
- Class T noxious weed presence within the solar array fence line will not exceed 5 total populations (i.e., contiguous patches of individuals), and each respective population will not exceed 20 individuals or 20 square feet.
- Invasive Annual Grasses and other Undesirable Species will not exceed more then 50 percent cover within any 1 acre area or more than 30 percent cover within the solar array fence line.
- During revegetation of temporary disturbance areas outside of the solar array fence line presence and cover of noxious weeds is 75 percent or less than that of the reference site.

5.0 Roles and Responsibilities

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is the overall responsible party for construction and operation of the Facility and implementation of the noxious weed management activities described in this Plan. However, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may use contractors to complete tasks associated with noxious weed management and monitoring. Example responsible parties and their roles may include:

Monitoring Contractor

- Perform site visits to document noxious weed occurrences.
- Provide summary memo after each visit to ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's operations manager outlining findings and treatment recommendations.
- Communicate directly with Weed Management Contractor and provide maps, and photos of noxious weed species locations to Weed Management Contractor.
- Communicate with Morrow County Weed Program Manager, and ODA about noxious weed survey findings and treatment plans.
- Prepare annual report for the Facility describing noxious weed monitoring findings and treatments.
- Organize and attend quarterly calls with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and Weed Management Contractor.
- Attend calls with ODOE, ODA, and Morrow County as needed.

~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder Site Manager

- Communicate findings and recommendations from Monitoring Contractor to the Weed Management Contractor.
- Document the work performed by the Weed Management Contractor and provide documentation to Monitoring Contractor. Documentation should include type and quantity of herbicides applied, dates applied, and any associated EPA/U.S. Department of Environmental Quality licensing/documentation of chemicals used.
- Reviews annual reports to ensure all treatments performed by the Weed Management Contractor are documented.
- Maintain landowner communications, providing guidance to the Monitoring Contractor and Weed Management Contractor regarding landowner restrictions/requests for performing noxious weed monitoring/treatment on their properties.
- Attend quarterly calls with Monitoring Contractor and the Weed Management Contractor.
- Attend calls with ODOE, ODA, and Morrow County as needed.

Weed Management Contractor

- Review Monitoring Contractor memos describing noxious weed occurrences and recommendations and plan appropriate treatment to address those issues.
- Communicate treatment plan to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder.
- Maintain records of when, where, and what type of noxious weed treatments are being performed.
- Maintain all appropriate documentation of chemicals applied. Shares documentation during the quarterly calls with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and Monitoring Contractor, and prior to Annual Report preparation.
- Attend quarterly calls with Monitoring Contractor and ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder.

Morrow County

- Review Monitoring Contractor memos describing weed occurrences and recommendations.
- Attend quarterly calls and provide recommendations.

6.0 Plan Amendment

This Plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE. This Plan may also be amended periodically

as the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder continues to evaluate and modify, as needed, agricultural dual use activities at the Facility.

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Appendix A: Oregon State Noxious Weed List

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Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System 2024

Noxious Weed Control Program

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Mission Statement

To protect Oregon's natural resources and agricultural economy from the invasion and proliferation of invasive noxious weeds.

Program Overview

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Noxious Weed Control Program provides statewide leadership for coordination and management of state listed noxious weeds. The state program focuses on noxious weed control efforts by implementing early detection and rapid response projects for new invasive noxious weeds, implementing biological control, implementing statewide inventory and survey, assisting the public and cooperators through technology transfer and noxious weed education, maintaining noxious weed data and maps for priority listed noxious weeds, and assisting land managers and cooperators with integrated weed management projects. The Noxious Weed Control Program also supports the Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) with administration of the OSWB Grant Program, developing statewide management objectives, developing weed risk assessments, and maintaining the state noxious weed list.

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Noxious Weed Control Policy and Classification System

Definition

"Noxious weed" means a terrestrial, aquatic or marine plant designated by the Oregon State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.

Noxious weeds have become so thoroughly established and are spreading so rapidly on private, state, county, and federally owned lands, that they have been declared by ORS 569.350 to be a menace to public welfare. Steps leading to eradication, where possible, and intensive control are necessary. It is further recognized that the responsibility for eradication and intensive control rests not only on the private landowner and operator, but also on the county, state, and federal governments.

Weed Control Policy

Therefore, it shall be the policy of ODA to:

1. Assess non-native plants through risk assessment processes and make recommendations to the Oregon State Weed Board for potential listing.
2. Rate and classify weeds at the state level.
3. Prevent the establishment and spread of listed noxious weeds.
4. Encourage and implement the control or containment of infestations of listed noxious weed species and, if possible, eradicate them.
5. Develop and manage a biological weed control program.
6. Increase awareness of potential economic losses and other undesirable effects of existing and newly invading noxious weeds, and to act as a resource center for the dissemination of information.
7. Encourage and assist in the organization and operation of noxious weed control programs with government agencies and other weed management entities.
8. Develop partnerships with county weed control districts, universities, and other cooperators in the development of control methods.
9. Conduct statewide noxious weed surveys and weed control efficacy studies.

Weed Classification System

The purpose of this Classification System is to:

1. Act as the ODA's official guideline for prioritizing and implementing noxious weed control projects.
2. Assist the ODA in the distribution of available funds through the Oregon State Weed Board to assist county weed programs, cooperative weed management groups, private landowners, and other weed management entities.
3. Serve as a model for private and public sectors in developing noxious weed classification systems that aid in setting effective noxious weed control strategies.

Criteria for Determining Economic and Environmental Significance

Detrimental Effects

1. A plant species that causes or has the potential to cause severe negative impacts to Oregon's agricultural economy and natural resources.
2. A plant species that has the potential to or does endanger native flora and fauna by its encroachment into forest, range, aquatic and conservation areas.
3. A plant species that has the potential or does hamper the full utilization and enjoyment of recreational areas.
4. A plant species that is poisonous, injurious, or otherwise harmful to humans and/or animals.

Plant Reproduction

1. A plant that reproduces by seed capable of being dispersed over wide areas or that is long-lived, or produced in large numbers.
2. A plant species that reproduces and spreads by tubers, creeping roots, stolons, rhizomes, or other natural vegetative means.

Distribution

1. A weed of known economic importance which occurs in Oregon in small enough infestations to make eradication/containment possible; or not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states makes future occurrence seem imminent.
2. A weed of economic or ecological importance and of limited distribution in Oregon.
3. A weed that has not infested the full extent of its potential habitat in Oregon.

Difficulty of Control

A plant species that is not easily controlled with current management practices such as chemical, cultural, biological, and physical methods.

Noxious Weed Control Classification Definitions

Noxious weeds, for the purpose of this system, shall be listed as either A or B, and may also be designated as T, which are priority targets for control, as directed by the Oregon State Weed Board.

- **A Listed Weed**:
  A weed of known economic importance which occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent (Table I).
  Recommended action: Focus on prevention of new infestations through vector control, certification programs, education, outreach and surveys. New and existing infestations are prioritized for eradication or intensive control when and where found. Regionally focused, species-specific Statewide Management Strategies for A-listed weeds may be developed as necessary.
- **B Listed Weed**:
  A weed of economic importance which is regionally abundant, but which may have limited distribution in some counties (Table II).
  Recommended action: Limited to intensive control at the state, county or regional level as determined on a site specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.
- **T-Designated Weed (T)**:
  A designated group of weed species selected from the B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and management actions are prioritized and informed by species-specific T-List Statewide Management Strategies created and maintained by the ODA. Action against these weeds will receive priority in accordance with the recommendations of the Statewide Management Strategy.

Weed Biological Control

Oregon implements biological control, or "biocontrol" as part of its integrated pest management approach to managing noxious weeds. This is the practice of using host-specific natural enemies such as insects or pathogens to control noxious weeds. The Oregon Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program has adopted the International Code of Best Practices for biological control of weeds. Only safe, effective, and federally-approved natural enemies will be used for biocontrol.

Table I: A Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
African rue	*Peganum harmala*
Camelthorn	*Alhagi pseudalhagi*
Cape-ivy	*Delairea odorata*
Coltsfoot	*Tussilago farfara*
Common frogbit	*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*
Cordgrass	
Common	*Spartina anglica*
Dense-flowered	*Spartina densiflora*
Saltmeadow	*Spartina patens*
Smooth	*Spartina alterniflora*
Delta arrowhead	*Sagittaria platyphyla*
European water chestnut	*Trapa natans*
Flowering rush	*Butomus umbellatus*
Garden yellow loosestrife	*Lysimachia vulgaris*
Giant hogweed	*Heracleum mantegazzianum*
Goatgrass	
Barbed	*Aegilops triuncialis*
Ovate	*Aegilops ovata*
Goatsrue	*Galega officinalis*
Hawkweed	
King-devil	*Hieracium piloselloides*
Mouse-ear	*Hieracium pilosella*
Orange	*Hieracium aurantiacum*
Yellow	*Hieracium floribundum*
Hoary alyssum	*Berteroa incana*
Hydrilla	*Hydrilla verticillata*
Japanese dodder	*Cuscuta japonica*
Kudzu	*Pueraria lobata*
Matgrass	*Nardus stricta*
Oblong spurge	*Euphorbia oblongata*
Palmer amaranth	*Amaranthus palmeri*
Paterson’s curse	*Echium plantagineum*
Purple nutsedge	*Cyperus rotundus*
Ravennagrass	*Saccharum ravennae*
Squarrose knapweed	*Centaurea virgata*

(Continued) **Table I: A Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Starthistle	
Iberian	*Centaurea iberica*
Purple	*Centaurea calcitrapa*
Thistle	
Plumeless	*Carduus acanthoides*
Smooth distaff	*Carthamus baeticus*
Taurian	*Onopordum tauricum*
Turkish	*Carduus cinereus*
Welted (curly plumeless)	*Carduus crispus*
Woolly distaff	*Carthamus lanatus*
Water soldiers	*Stratiotes aloides*
West Indian spongeplant	*Limnobium laevigatum*
White bryonia	*Bryonia alba*
Yellow floating heart	*Nymphoides peltata*
Yellowtuft	*Alyssum murale, A. corsicum*

Table II: B Listed Weeds

Common Name	Scientific Name
Armenian (Himalayan) blackberry	*Rubus armeniacus (R. procerus, R. discolor)*
Biddy-biddy	*Acaena novae-zelandiae*
Broom French***** Portuguese (T) Scotch***** Spanish	 *Genista monspessulana* *Cytisus striatus* *Cytisus scoparius* *Spartium junceum*
Butterfly bush	*Buddleja davidii (B. variabilis)*
Common bugloss (T)	*Anchusa officinalis*
Common crupina **(T)**	*Crupina vulgaris*
Common reed	*Phragmities australis ssp. australis*
Common viper's bugloss (T)	*Echium vulgare*
Cutleaf teasel	*Dipsacus laciniatus*
Dyer's woad (T)	*Isatis tinctoria*
English hawthorn	*Crataegus monogyna*
Eurasian watermilfoil	*Myriophyllum spicatum*
False brome	*Brachypodium sylvaticum*
Field bindweed	*Convolvulus arvensis*
Garlic mustard (T)	*Alliaria petiolata*
Geranium Herb Robert Shiny leaf	 *Geranium robertianum* *Geranium lucidum*
Giant reed (T)	*Arundo donax*
Gorse***** (T)	*Ulex europaeus*
Halogeton	*Halogeton glomeratus*
Houndstongue	*Cynoglossum officinale*

* Biocontrol (See page 4)   (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) **Table II: B Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Indigo bush	*Amorpha fruticosa*
Ivy Atlantic English	 *Hedera hibernica* *Hedera helix*
Jointed goatgrass	*Aegilops cylindrica*
Jubata grass	*Cortaderia jubata*
Knapweed Diffuse***** Meadow***** Russian***** Spotted*****	 *Centaurea diffusa* *Centaurea pratensis* *Acroptilon repens* *Centaurea stoebe (C. maculosa)*
Knotweed Bohemian***** Giant***** Himalayan Japanese*****	 *Fallopia x bohemica* *Fallopia sachalinensis (Polygonum)* *Polygonum polystachyum* *Fallopia japonica (Polygonum)*
Kochia	*Kochia scoparia*
Lesser celandine	*Ranunculus ficaria*
Meadow hawkweed (T)	*Pilosella caespitosum (Hieracium)*
Mediterranean sage*	*Salvia aethiopis*
Medusahead rye	*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*
Old man's beard	*Clematis vitalba*
Parrot feather	*Myriophyllum aquaticum*
Perennial peavine	*Lathyrus latifolius*
Perennial pepperweed (T)	*Lepidium latifolium*
Pheasant's eye	*Adonis aestivalis*
Pine echium (T)	*Echium pininana*
Poison hemlock*****	*Conium maculatum*
Policeman's helmet	*Impatiens glandulifera*
Primrose-willow Large-flower (T) Water primrose (T) Floating (T)	 *Ludwigia grandiflora* *Ludwigia hexapetala* *Ludwigia peploides*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) **Table II: B Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Puncturevine*****	*Tribulus terrestris*
Purple loosestrife*****	*Lythrum salicaria*
Ribbongrass (T)	*Phalaris arundinacea var. Picta*
Rose Dog Sweetbriar	 *Rosa canina* *Rosa rubiginosa*
Rush skeletonweed***** (T)	*Chondrilla juncea*
Saltcedar***** (T)	*Tamarix ramosissima*
Small broomrape	*Orabanche minor*
South American waterweed	*Egeria densa (Elodea)*
Spanish heath	*Erica lusitanica*
Spurge laurel	*Daphne laureola*
Spurge Leafy***** (T) Myrtle	 *Euphorbia esula* *Euphorbia myrsinites*
St. Johnswort	*Hypericum perforatum*
Sulfur cinquefoil	*Potentilla recta*
Swainsonpea	*Sphaerophysa salsula*
Tansy ragwort***** (T)	*Senecio jacobaea (Jacobaea vulgaris)*
Thistle Bull Canada***** Italian Milk Musk Scotch Slender-flowered	 *Cirsium vulgare* *Cirsium arvense* *Carduus pycnocephalus* *Silybum marianum* *Carduus nutans* *Onopordum acanthium* *Carduus tenuiflorus*
Toadflax Dalmatian***** Yellow*****	 *Linaria dalmatica* *Linaria vulgaris*
Tree of heaven	*Ailanthus altissima*

*Biocontrol (See page 4) (T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

(Continued) **Table II: B Listed Weeds**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Ventenata grass	*Ventenata dubia*
Whitetop	
Hairy	*Lepidium pubescens*
Lens-podded	*Lepidium chalepensis*
Whitetop (hoary cress)*****	*Lepidium draba*
Yellow archangel	*Lamiastrum galeobdolon*
Yellow flag iris	*Iris pseudacorus*
Yellow nutsedge	*Cyperus esculentus*
Yellow starthistle*	*Centaurea solstitialis*

*Biocontrol (See page 4)
(T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

Appendix B: Morrow County Noxious Weed List

Morrow County Weed List:

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Noxious Weeds – "A" List" – Any plant that is determined by the weed advisory board, and so declared by the County Board of Commissioners to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land or property under provisions of Oregon State Statute and thus mandated for control.

Rush Skeletonweed

Yellow Starthistle

Tansy Ragwort

Yellow Toadflax

Dalmatian Toadflax

Mediterranean Sage

Leafy Spurge

Spikeweed

Musk Thistle

Scotch Thistle

Purple Loosestrife

Common Crupina

Whitetop (Hoary Cress)

Houndstongue

Flowering Rush

Yellow Flag Iris

Plumeless Thistle

WEEDS OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

Weeds of Economic Importance – “B” List – Weeds of limited distribution in the county and subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible.

Poison Hemlock

Canada Thistle

Jointed Goatgrass

St. Johnswort

Perennial Sowthistle

Field Bindweed

Cereal Rye

Johnsongrass

Russian Knapweed

Diffuse Knapweed

Spotted Knapweed

Field Dodder

Water Hemlock

Medusahead Rye

Puncturevine

Kochia

Perennial Pepperweed

Myrtle Spurge

Ventenata

Morrow County Weed Advisory Board

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Board also serves as the Weed Advisory Board

Attachment F: Memorandum of Agreement for Agricultural Mitigation Fund/Agricultural Mitigation Plan

Attachment G: Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 6
Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan

Prepared for

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Prepared by

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September 2025~~April 2024~~

~~Revised by Department July 2024~~

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1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 6, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 6 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar ~~photovoltaic solar~~ energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon (Figure 1). The proposed Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a ~~1,~~200 ~~-~~MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (Plan) has been prepared to guide ~~restoration~~revegetation of areas temporarily disturbed during construction of the Facility, as well as revegetation ~~of areas~~ within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ in compliance with Site Certificate Conditions PRE-FW-01 and PRE-SP-01. This Plan will be updated, as necessary, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and Morrow County Weed Department ~~and will be updated as needed~~ to reflect the final layout of the Facility.

Prior to construction, this ~~plan~~ Plan shall be finalized based on the following:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall finalize the ~~plan~~ Plan based on ~~impacts~~disturbance associated with the final design/layout by disturbance level and habitat type and category.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall develop and incorporate maps showing anticipated construction disturbance levels along with the total acreage and major activities associated with each level.
3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall update Table 1 prior to construction to reflect the ~~final impact~~disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout.
4. ~~Applicant shall provide the number and location of reference sites to be utilized during short- and long-term monitoring of temporary impact areas for review and approval by ODOE in consultation with ODFW.~~
~~5.~~4. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall develop and incorporate revegetation methods for each disturbance level in consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, and the Morrow County Weed Department.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

6. ~~Applicant shall develop and incorporate monitoring methods for both temporary and permanent impact areas in consultation with ODOE.~~

Prior to construction, the following shall be completed:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall provide shapefiles showing anticipated construction disturbance levels at the site as a submittal to ODOE.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall provide the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor's qualifications and scope of work as a submittal to ODOE.
3. ~~Applicant shall conduct pre-construction habitat surveys at the approved reference sites for the purpose of collecting baseline quantitative data (vascular plant species present, native/non-native species present, percent cover of dominant species, percent cover of state and county listed noxious weed, and evidence of disturbance).~~
4. ~~4.~~3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall submit baseline soil compaction sample locations and baseline compaction results to ODOE.
5. ~~5.~~4. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall hold a kick-off meeting with their environmental contractor, construction contractor, and ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities.
6. ~~6.~~5. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall prepare a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan for use by the construction contractor. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to all participating parties prior to the kick-off meeting date.

Prior to initiation of revegetation, the following shall be completed:

1. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall hold a kick-off meeting with their environmental contractor, ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, and ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities.
2. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall prepare a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan for use by the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to all participating parties prior to the kick-off meeting date.
3. ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall complete post-construction soil compaction testing and submit results for review and approval to ODOE.

Throughout construction, revegetation, and operation activities, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will take appropriate actions to prevent the spread of state and county listed noxious weeds. A stand-alone Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan has also been prepared (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-3[2]; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6), which contains information on state and Morrow County listed noxious weeds, noxious weeds observed during surveys, and treatment and monitoring of noxious weeds.

[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

2.0 Site Description

The Facility includes a 1,247~~10,960~~-acre site boundary within which all Facility components will be located. The Facility lies within the Columbia Plateau Ecoregion at elevations from~~approximately 879~~ 1,125 to 1,~~440~~260 feet. The Facility is sited entirely on private land, which primarily consists of agriculture land used for growing dryland wheat. Native vegetation within the site boundary has been modified primarily through agricultural conversion, but also through the introduction of exotic grasses and other non-native vegetation.

Habitat mapping and categorization of the site boundary were conducted for the Facility in 2022. Habitat types within the site boundary include Agriculture, Pasture, and Mixed Environs (habitat subtype: Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops)~~;~~ and Developed (habitat subtype: Urban and Mixed Environs~~; and Upland Grassland, Shrub-steppe, and Shrubland (habitat subtypes: Eastside Grasslands, Sagebrush Shrub-steppe~~)~~; Wetlands (habitat subtype: Emergent Wetlands); and Open Water-Lakes, Rivers, Streams (habitat subtype: Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams)~~. Details on habitat types, subtypes, and categories can be found in Exhibit P of the Facility's ASC, especially Attachment P-1 which contains the biological survey reports. Details on potential ~~impacts~~disturbance to habitat from construction and operation of the Facility, as well as avoidance and minimization measures, can be found in the ASC Exhibits P and Q[3].

3.0 Description of ~~Impacts~~Disturbance

Construction of the Facility will result in ~~up to about 58 acres of~~ temporary and ~~9,442 acres of~~ permanent ~~impacts~~disturbance (see Exhibits C[4] and P). ~~Although actual impacts may change depending on the final layout, solar modules, and other associated facilities, this value represents the estimated maximum acreage of impact. Exhibit P and~~ Section 3.1.1 (below) details the acres of each habitat subtype that will be temporarily and permanently disturbed during construction and operation of the Facility.

All areas within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ are considered a permanent ~~impact~~disturbance and will be revegetated for the purposes of site stabilization to reduce erosion, dust pollution, and topsoil depletion, and to reduce potential for invasion by noxious and invasive plants. The entire solar array fence ~~line area~~ will occupy approximately ~~9,4413741~~,216 acres~~ within 20 fenced areas~~. As noted above, this area is considered permanently ~~impacted~~disturbed; however, vegetation within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ will be retained and/or revegetated and this area would be reclaimed upon retirement.

Temporary ~~impacts~~disturbance will occur in areas outside the solar array fence ~~line area~~ that will be disturbed during construction activities, but which will not be occupied by permanent facilities.

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit Q, May 16, 2024.
[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit C, May 16, 2024.

Temporary disturbance will occur in association with the construction of aboveground and underground collector and transmission lines, new roads, and perimeter fence ~~line~~.

Prior to construction, a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan will be prepared for use by the construction contractor ~~prior to construction~~ to facilitate Plan implementation and ensure ground disturbance is minimized to the extent practicable. A kick-off meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder, their environmental contractor, construction contractor, and ODOE will be held at least 14 days prior to construction. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to ODOE staff prior to the kick-off meeting date. Staff from either the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their environmental contractor will field-verify that anticipated disturbance levels are followed to the extent possible~~,~~ and will document any variances and ~~the~~ justifications for those variances for ODOE review.

3.1 Disturbance Levels

Revegetation needs will be determined by a combination of disturbance level and existing vegetative cover. Disturbance levels will primarily be determined by site conditions such as slope, gradient, and existing vegetation. Disturbance levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 - Mowing: Mowing is used to conserve vegetative resources within a ~~large project area~~facility while mitigating risk of fire and facilitating construction activities. Vegetation ~~is mowed~~will be limited to a height of ~~generally~~ 12 inches~~, but~~ and mowed to no less than 6 inches during construction. Mowing to no less than 6 inches protects perennial grass crowns and allows grasses to regenerate. Depending on ~~site~~ facility objectives, vegetation can be allowed to reach a normal height or kept trimmed to a height between 6 -inches and the plant's full height potential. Crushing of vegetation will be minimal and this disturbance level is designed to have a minimal impact on existing vegetation. This method is least likely to result in invasions of undesirable plant species.

Level 2 – Overland Drive and Crush: Disturbance caused by accessing a ~~site~~ facility without significantly modifying the landscape. Vegetation is crushed to the ground, but no surface soil is removed so root structures are left intact~~but not cropped~~. ~~No surface soil is removed.~~ Even though vegetation may be damaged or~~and even~~ destroyed, the surface soil and seed bank remain~~s~~ in place. Some crushed vegetation will likely sprout after disturbance ceases. These activities would result in minimal to moderate disturbance. This type of disturbance will result in ~~the fastest~~a faster recovery time for vegetation compared to Levels 3 and 4. Soil seed banks remain largely in place, perennial vegetation can grow back, and minimal external efforts are necessary. This method is less likely to result in invasions of undesirable plant species compared to Levels 3 and 4. ~~This would involve crushing or mowing vegetation typically to the ground surface.~~

Level 3 – Clear and Cut: Disturbance caused by accessing the ~~project site but~~facility including having to remove all vegetation in order to improve or provide suitable access for other equipment. All vegetation is removed, soils are compacted, and the root zone or soil A-horizon may be disturbed, but no sub-surface soil is removed. Clear and cut activities would result in moderate disturbance. This type of disturbance will result in moderate recovery times for vegetation. This method has a moderate risk for invasion of undesirable plant species. An example is imprinting to crush vegetation down into the soil or incidental grading and smoothing of surface soils.

Level 4 – Clear and Cut with Soil Removal: Disturbance is caused by removing all vegetation in the impact zone, ~~the~~ soils are compacted, and ~~the~~ surface soil ~~is~~ and subsoil are displaced~~, and for Facility components requiring underground installation, the subsurface soils are displaced as well~~. These activities result in heavy disturbance. This type of disturbance results in an extensive recovery time for vegetation, and is most likely to lead to invasions of undesirable plant species, which can result in lengthy and expensive control efforts. Includes disc-and-roll construction, and other traditional construction methods where soils are disturbed and no vegetation is left intact. This category includes all work requiring the segregation and replacement of topsoils.

3.1.1 Facility Disturbance

To the maximum extent practicable, Level 1 and Level 2 disturbance will be used during Facility construction. Existing vegetation root systems (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) will be left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable, although construction vehicles driving across the site may affect ~~these~~ existing root systems by compacting soils. Grading within solar arrays will be limited to areas where the slope and gradient are outside of panel and racking tolerances (typically, but not exclusively, 10 percent maximum on North slopes and 15 percent maximum in other directions). Areas where the slope and gradient are within ~~the solar~~ panel and racking tolerances will only ~~will receive minimal grading, with grading in those areas limited to the~~ be graded in road~~s~~, inverter, and energy storage footprints ~~only~~where possible. ~~This p~~Preservation of existing root systems will minimize soil erosion, providing both improved compliance with stormwater and dust management requirements, facilitate revegetation success, and preserve soil productivity for future agricultural use. Construction will be coordinated and sequenced to the extent practicable with landowners to maintain land in current production and weed control until just prior to construction. This will avoid land being left unmanaged and minimize weed issues that can complicate revegetation.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide maps and shapefiles showing anticipated construction disturbance levels at the Facility, along with ~~the~~ total acreage and major activities associated with each level. This will serve to demonstrate the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's avoidance and minimization of ground disturbing activities to the extent practicable.

Table 1 presents the estimated maximum acreage of temporary and permanent ~~impacts~~disturbance to habitat subtypes associated with Facility construction and operation based on the permitted layout. Table 1 will be updated prior to construction to reflect the final ~~impact~~disturbance acreage by habitat subtype for the final layout. Figures depicting the location of Facility infrastructure are included in Exhibit C, and a figure depicting habitat subtypes within the site boundary is available in Exhibit P.

Table 1. Maximum Temporary and Permanent ~~Impacts~~Disturbance by Habitat Subtype

ODFW Habitat Category	Habitat Subtype	Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance (Acres)[1, 2]	Temporary Disturbance (Acres) [1]
~~2~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~<0.1~~	~~0.4~~
~~4~~	~~Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams~~	~~-~~	~~<0.1~~
~~4~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~17.9~~	~~2.7~~
~~5~~	~~Eastside Grasslands~~	~~18.5~~4.7	~~2.2~~<0.1
	~~Category 2, 4, and 5 Habitat T~~Subtotal	~~36.4~~4.7	~~5.3~~<0.1
6	Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops	~~9,397.4~~1,215	4.2~~51.3~~
	Urban and Mixed Environs	~~7.7~~0.6	-~~1.2~~
	~~Category 6 Habitat Subtotal~~	~~9,405.1~~	~~52.6~~
	Grand Total[1]	~~9,441.5~~1,216	~~57.8~~4.2

Note: Totals in this table may not appear to sum correctly due to rounding. "-" means no ~~impact~~disturbance ~~while <0.1 means greater than zero but less than 0.05 acre impact~~.

1. Additional details associated with temporary and permanent ~~impacts~~disturbance are provided in Exhibit C of the ASC. Disturbances were calculated based on the layout permitted in the ASC and will be updated prior to construction based on an updated layout.

2. Acres of permanent ~~impact~~disturbance includes the entire area within the solar array area fence ~~line~~ including the footprints of all solar components and supporting facilities, as well as the areas outside of the footprint of permanent components and facilities (e.g., areas underneath and between rows of solar panels).

4.0 Reclamation and Revegetation Methods

This plan addresses revegetation methods for temporary ~~impacts~~disturbance to agricultural lands ~~non-agriculture (i.e., Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops habitat subtype) and non-developed (i.e., Urban and Mixed Environs habitat subtype) habitat types~~, as well as revegetation and vegetation management of lands within the solar array fence ~~line area~~. ~~Restoration~~ Revegetation of temporarily disturbed developed habitat (i.e., Urban and Mixed Environs habitat subtype) will be determined on a case-by-case basis and is not covered further in this plan. Temporary ~~disturbances~~disturbance to agricultural habitat (i.e., Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crops habitat subtype) will be restored as described in Section 4.5.1. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will restore temporarily disturbed areas by re-establishing slope, surface stability, and drainage features, as needed, followed by soil preparation and seeding. Soil preparation and seeding techniques are described below.

Revegetation will begin as soon as feasible after completion of each construction phase. Seeding and planting will be done in a timely manner and in the appropriate season to facilitate germination and establishment of seeded species.

Prior to construction, final revegetation methods will be developed for each disturbance level in consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, and the Morrow County Weed Department and will be incorporated as an amendment to this Plan upon ODOE approval.

4.1 Roles and Responsibilities

A construction contractor qualified to perform ~~restoration and~~ revegetation and seeding will be responsible for implementing ~~the~~ measures in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 1200-C permit, as well as ~~the~~ revegetation activities discussed herein during and immediately after construction. A qualified botanist or revegetation specialist will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on revegetation success. Remedial revegetation actions, if needed during the operation phase, will be performed by a qualified contractor. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will be responsible for ensuring that all contractors perform work in accordance with permit requirements and all agreed upon methods for revegetation.

The goal of this ~~plan~~ Plan is to increase the probability of revegetation success, reduce early weed establishment, reduce erosion and dust pollution, ~~and~~ protect topsoil for future agricultural use in permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas, and ensure no loss of habitat quality for temporary ~~disturbances~~disturbance to wildlife habitat. To ensure this goal is met, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ensure that the contractor selected for revegetation will be a qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor with demonstrated experience in the Columbia Plateau. Options for contracting and managing this work include:

- Having the construction contractor subcontract ~~the~~ revegetation work out to a qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor. The contract will stipulate the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's right to dictate the timing, methods, and management of seeding.
- Contracting directly with the qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, with the power to contractually enforce seed timing and methods.
- Having the environmental contractor contract with the qualified ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor, with the power to contractually enforce seed timing and methods.

The ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor's qualifications and scope of work will be provided as a submittal to ODOE prior to construction. Additionally, a crosswalk of the final version of this Plan will be prepared for use by the ~~restoration~~revegetation and seeding contractor prior to initiation of revegetation to facilitate Plan implementation. A kick-off meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder, their environmental contractor, ~~restoration~~ revegetation and seeding contractor, and ODOE will be held at least 14 days prior to initiation of ~~restoration~~revegetation activities. A copy of the Plan crosswalk will be provided to ODOE staff prior to the kick-off meeting date. Staff from either the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or their environmental contractor will field-verify seeding methods and timing requirements are followed appropriately~~,~~ and will document any variances and the justifications for those variances. Monitoring and follow-up will be provided as described in Section 6.0 to ensure oversight and increase the probability of revegetation success.

4.2 Soil Reclamation

Soil scientists use a soil penetrometer to field measure subsurface compaction in soil. This tool measures resistance (pressure) to the advance of a cone-tipped rod with a T-handle, vertically through the soil column. The metric intends to measure soil compaction that can inhibit the ability

of plants to penetrate the soil. An operator pushes the penetrometer rod with a cone base into the ground with consistent force. A pressure gauge records pressure in pounds per square inch (psi), equaling levels of resistance at differing soil layers. Resistance is measured at 3-inch intervals until the meter goes above 300 psi, which is a level of soil compaction most roots cannot penetrate. For this test compaction would be measured at 3, 6, 9, and 12 inches if the soils allow~~ed~~. Soil compaction testing must be completed in spring or late fall when soils are at field capacity (approximately 24 hours after a soaking rain). Baseline soil compaction measurements will be taken prior to construction. Baseline soil compaction sample locations and baseline compaction results will be submitted to ODOE prior to construction.

1. Baseline and post-construction soil compaction measurements and testing must be done in conditions favorable to soil testing (e.g. non-saturated or frozen soils).
2. Baseline soil compaction measurements will be documented and established by using the above protocol, or other protocol as approved by ODOE, to establish baseline soil conditions within temporary ~~impact~~disturbance areas.
3. Recordation of the baseline soil plots must be represented on a map based on final Facility design.
4. Post-construction soil compaction testing following the above protocols must be completed in spring or late fall when soil conditions are favorable to soil testing (non-saturated or frozen soils). Compaction testing will occur after soil stockpiles are replaced and grading is complete but prior to initiation of revegetation activities.~~Prior to construction completion at the Facility site and prior to the initiation of revegetation activities, soil compaction testing following the above protocols must be completed.~~
5. If soil ~~measurements~~ monitoring demonstrates that ~~the~~ soils are compacted more than 300- psi~~within the work areas are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~, then remediation activities must be completed prior to initiation of revegetation activities. See Section ~~6.4~~ 4.3 below, the Facility NPDES 1200-C permit, and applicable S~~s~~ite ~~c~~Certificate ~~c~~Conditions.

In addition, in areas where soil is removed during construction, the following measures will be taken where appropriate:

- During construction, excavated topsoil will be stockpiled separately from subsoil and replaced in proper order with topsoil on the surface to maintain soil productivity. Stockpiled soil will be put back in place prior to revegetation activities.~~During construction, excavated soils will be stockpiled by soil horizon, so that they can be replaced in proper order with the topsoil on the surface, preventing mixing of topsoil and subsoils and maintaining soil productivity. The conserved soil will be put back in place as topsoil prior to revegetation activities. The conserved soil will be put back in place as topsoil prior to revegetation activities.~~

- Soils will be stabilized during construction using the appropriate best management practices as determined by the onsite stormwater pollution prevention plan implementor.
- Soil preparation will involve standard, commonly used methods (i.e. tracking, decompaction, and tilling), and will consider all relevant site-specific factors, including slope, size of area, and erosion potential. Soils will be de-compacted if necessary to create a uniform seedbed using an agricultural disc, soil ripper, or similar equipment. Additional details regarding soil preparation are in Section 4.3.
- Topsoil and other soils from noxious weed infested areas will not be moved outside of the infested areas and will be returned to their previous location during reclamation activities to eliminate the transport of weed seeds, roots, or rhizomes.
- Soils from weed-infested areas will be treated with a non-persistent, pre-emergent herbicide prior to initiation of revegetation efforts, depending on site-specific conditions.
- Prior to final regrade and revegetation efforts, any weeds that have grown during periods of construction dormancy should be treated as described in the Noxious Weed Control Plan~~removed mechanically or treated with an herbicide in consultation with the Morrow County Weed Department~~.
- The construction contractor will use appropriate erosion and sediment control practices (i.e., seeded or unseeded hydromulch, tackifier, weed-free erosion control blankets, weed-free or locally sourced straw mulch) to maintain topsoil during construction in both temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas.

4.3 Site Preparation

~~As noted above, e~~Existing vegetation root systems (e.g., crop stubble, fallow vegetation) will be left intact during construction to the maximum extent practicable. Areas where the slope and gradient are within the solar panel and racking tolerances will receive minimal grading, with grading in those areas limited to the roads, inverter, and energy storage footprints~~ only~~. In areas where soil is removed during construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will demonstrate adequate soil stabilization to prevent erosion and dust pollution. The following measures will be taken where appropriate:

- Site preparation ~~will involve standard, commonly used methods, and ~~will take into account all relevant site-specific factors, including slope, size of area, and erosion potential.
- Areas of severe machine or vehicle tracking that would hinder seeding success and are unnecessary for soil stabilization will be regraded.
- In the spring, fall or winter of the year prior to when construction would occur, areas of high erosion risk (e.g., slopes, areas with low vegetative cover) should be seeded with a non-invasive, non-persistent cover crop such as triticale to ~~demonstrate ~~stabilize soils ~~stabilization~~.

- ~~Prior to seeding and/or planting of revegetation areas, soils will be prepared to facilitate revegetation success.~~
- If soils are not suitable for revegetation, soil amendments may be required. Any imported topsoil, if required, will be demonstrated to be suitable for vegetative success.
- Where soil compaction testing demonstrates that soils are compacted greater than 300 psi~~Where applicable~~, soils will be mechanically scarified (e.g., tilling or ripping the soil) to an appropriate depth to reduce the potential effects of compaction, to maintain soil productivity, and reduce the potential for erosion on compacted soils. Dry soils should be de-compacted using an agricultural disc, soil ripper, or similar equipment.
- Prior to seeding and/or planting of revegetation areas, ~~In general, the~~ soils ~~needs to~~will be prepared into a firm, fine-textured seedbed that is relatively free of debris ~~before seeding or planting~~. Shallow tilling with a disc, followed by a harrow or drag if necessary, can typically achieve this. If replaced soil is too soft, then seeds may be buried too deep to properly germinate; a roller or culti-packer should be used to pack down the soil.
- In non-cropland temporary disturbance areas, site complexity will be considered during soil preparation. For instance, it may be desirable to purposely create an uneven, patchy site that allows for depressions and other microsites that result in small variations in aspect and moisture holding to promote complexity.
- Seeded areas will be temporarily stabilized to facilitate establishment. This can be accomplished by application of seedless, certified weed-free hydromulch containing a tackifier or straw mulch crimping. Alternate methods ~~such~~ may be proposed by the revegetation and seeding contractor but will require prior written approval by ODOE and must provide demonstrated success in sites with similar wind and soil conditions.
- The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or a designated construction contractor will use mulching and other appropriate practices, as required by the anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit, to control erosion and sediment during construction and revegetation work.

4.4 Revegetation of Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance Areas

During construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement site stabilization measures, including seeding of all disturbed areas according to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit. Approximately 6 months prior to commercial operation of each phase of construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODFW, ODOE, and Morrow County Weed Department personnel to review the actual extent and conditions of ~~impacted~~disturbed areas and confirm the revegetation methods to be implemented.

As portions of the Facility are ~~After the site has been~~ prepared for installation of ~~facility~~ Facility components (i.e., grading is complete), but prior to installation, all areas with less than 70 percent vegetative cover should be seeded with a non-invasive, non-persistent cover crop ~~(e.g., triticale)~~. The cover crop will be selected based on the time of year and site conditions; for example, winter wheat or sterile triticale can be seeded from fall to early spring, while peas should be seeded in

spring. Tillage radish and sunflowers can be seeded in spring to break up compaction but are not suitable options for soil stability. ~~Establishment of a~~A cover crop ~~at this stage of construction~~ will stabilize soils and suppress noxious weed infestations to reduce erosion and facilitate revegetation of desired plant species.

Following the completion of each construction phase, permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas will be reseeded with a mix of native or non-invasive, non-native grasses and forbs as appropriate based on disturbance level and actual site conditions (see Section 4.4). All seeds will be obtained from a reputable supplier in compliance with the Oregon Seed Law (OAR 603-056). The final seed mix for permanent disturbance areas ~~within the solar array fence line area~~ will include low~~er~~ growing grasses and pollinator-friendly forbs compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). Table 3~~Table 3~~ in Section 4.7 includes an example of low-growing seed mix for permanent disturbance areas.

4.5 ~~Restoration~~ Revegetation of Temporary Disturbance Areas

4.5.1 Agricultural Lands

Temporarily disturbed agricultural lands will be reseeded with the appropriate crop or maintained as fallow in consultation with the landowner or farm operator. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ~~also~~ consult with the landowner or farm operator to determine the seed mix, application methods, and rates for seed and fertilizer. Success of cropland revegetation will have been achieved when production of the revegetated area is comparable to that of adjacent, non-disturbed croplands of the same type.

~~Dryland crop~~Agricultural lands will be reseeded to match the timing of the crop rotation on adjacent cropland ~~in order~~ to facilitate easy harvest and re-establish the appropriate crop rotation ~~on that land~~. ~~Dryland crop~~Agricultural lands that will be seeded in the year that construction is complete can be temporarily hydromulched or otherwise stabilized until seeding can occur in the fall; agricultural lands ~~dryland cropland~~ that will be fallow for a year (i.e., fallow rather than reseeded the year construction is complete) will be planted with a cover crop (dependent on timing of construction closeout) or have continued stabilization with hydromulch, straw mulch crimping, or other best management practices ~~(BMPs)~~ through the fallow year.

Soil compaction as a result of construction activity is a concern for restoring agricultural soils to their pre-construction productivity. Within temporary disturbance areas, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will excavate and store ~~soils~~ topsoil separately from subsoil~~by soil horizon~~, so that topsoil~~s~~ ~~are~~ is replaced and restored appropriately~~, including replacing topsoil~~. During post-construction ~~restoration~~revegetation of temporary ~~impacts~~disturbance to agricultural ~~areas~~lands, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will loosen agricultural soil by mechanical scarification (tilling or ripping the soil) to an appropriate depth to reduce the potential effects of compaction. Soil amendment, by addition of organic matter (e.g., compost), may also be necessary to alleviate compaction.

Success determination will involve consultation with the landowner or farm operator, and the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report to ODOE on the success of ~~cropland~~ agricultural land ~~restoration~~revegetation efforts. Noxious weed control is necessary for successful revegetation of agricultural ~~crop~~lands and will be implemented per the methods described in the Draft Noxious Weed Control Plan (Exhibit P, Attachment P-3; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6).

4.5.2 Wildlife Habitat

There is no temporary disturbance to wildlife habitat because no wildlife habitat will be disturbed by Facility construction. Revegetation of wildlife habitat is not discussed in this Plan.~~During construction, the ApplicantCertificate Holder will implement site stabilization measures, including seeding of temporarily disturbed areas according to the ApplicantCertificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit. Approximately 6 months prior to commercial operation of each phase of construction, the ApplicantCertificate Holder will meet with ODFW, ODOE, and Morrow County Weed Department personnel to review the actual extent and conditions of temporarily impacted areas, confirm the revegetation methods to be implemented, and to revisit reference sites as necessary.~~

~~Following each construction phase, all areas, with the exception of temporarily disturbed agricultural lands, will be reseeded with a mix of native or non-invasive, non-native grasses and forbs (see Section 4.6). All seeds will be obtained from a reputable supplier in compliance with the Oregon Seed Law (OAR 603-056). The methods used and timing of planting will be appropriate to the seed mixes, weather conditions, and site conditions (including area size, slope, and erosion potential) based upon consultation with ODOE, ODFW, ODA, and the Morrow County Weed Department.~~

~~The seed mixes may include species selected to enhance soil health, such as nitrogen-fixing species, if determined to be appropriate based on coordination with ODOE, ODA, and ODFW. Including these species in the seed mix would help the other plant species thrive and increase long-term survival of desired species. Additionally, the seed mixes include species intended to provide broader ecosystem benefits, such as pollinator species, that will benefit the surrounding landscape. The seed mix for temporarily disturbed areas outside of the solar array fence line area will include taller native species of grasses and pollinator-friendly forbs to increase overall site biodiversity and increase benefits to wildlife and pollinators. Using native, or non-invasive non-native pollinator-friendly, plants as ground cover under solar panels can also help recharge groundwater, reduce erosion, and improve soil carbon sequestration (Neale and Atre 2020).~~

4.6 Seeding Methods

The seeding method~~s~~ and timing of planting will be appropriate to the seed mixes (see Section 4.7~~4.6~~), weather conditions (e.g., precipitation, wind speed, temperature, etc.), and site conditions (including area size, slope, and erosion potential) based upon consultation with ODOE, ODA, ODFW, the Morrow County Weed Department, and the seed supplier. Seeding ~~between late-fall and late-~~

~~winter/early-spring~~from late September to March is typically recommended; however, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE, ODFW, ODA, Morrow County Weed Department, and/or the seed supplier to determine the optimal timing for seed application based on climatic conditions of the particular year when construction and revegetation efforts are implemented.

~~The three c~~Common seed application methods that may be used for revegetation are broadcast seeding, drill seeding, imprint seeding, and hydroseeding; each of these are discussed further below. Other seeding methods may be proposed for review and approval prior to revegetation efforts.

4.6.1 Broadcast Seeding

Broadcast seeding is the application of seed directly to the ground surface. This method may be chosen for areas with shallow and rocky soils, and the type of broadcast spreader would depend on the size of the area to be seeded and the terrain. Broadcast seeding may be completed before or after panel and fence installation.

In this method, the seed mix is typically broadcast at a rate of 20 to 24 pounds pure live seed per acre, or twice the recommended rate for drill seeding; this rate may be adjusted depending on the recommendation of the actual seed supplier and agencies~~would be broadcast using at least the application rates specified by the seed supplier for broadcast seeding~~. When feasible, due to the seasonality of when planting can occur, the entire area will be seeded after grading is complete but before placement of Facility components, providing more flexibility in seed application. In those instances where seeding occurs prior to installation of components, follow-up seeding will occur in areas temporarily disturbed by installation and any areas that are deficient in vegetation from the first round of seeding. Immediately following seed application, hydromulch or certified weed-free straw would be applied. Broadcast seeding will not be employed if winds exceed 5 miles per hour. If certified weed-free straw is unavailable, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder or a designated construction contractor will identify a local source of straw. The local source of the straw will be approved by the county weed master and ODFW prior to purchase. This straw will either be crimped into the ground or applied with a tackifier.

4.6.2 Drill Seeding

Drill seeding can be used for larger areas with deeper soils and moderate to gentle terrain to accommodate mechanical equipment. This method provides the advantage of planting the seed at a uniform depth and may provide better soil to seed contact. Drill seeding plants seeds using an agricultural or range seed drill at a rate of 12 to 14 pounds pure live seed per acre, per discussions with a seed supplier and ODFW. The rate may be adjusted depending on the recommendations of the actual seed supplier.~~Using a range seed drill, seeds will be sown according to the application rates recommended by the seed supplier.~~ Drill seeding will be difficult after Facility components have been installed so it will primarily be used if seeding occurs after grading is complete but

before components are installed or in areas that were temporarily disturbed during construction that do not have any permanent infrastructure (e.g., temporary access roads, laydown areas).

4.6.3 Imprint Seeding

Imprint seeding is a no-till drill seeding method used to restore grasslands in areas with low annual precipitation. Seeds will be sown at 20 to 24 pounds pure live seed per acre or according to application rates recommended by the seed supplier. The seeder consists of a heavy metal drum roller with V-shaped, angled teeth and a seed agitator box. The teeth create V-shaped troughs with a depth of 4-7 inches to collect rainwater. The rolling drum presses the seed into the soil, insuring good seed-to-soil contact. The troughs collect rainwater for seed germination and seedling growth. Imprint seeders can be used on steep slopes and generally do not require seed bed preparation before seeding. Seeding can occur on soils with light to moderate vegetative cover, with vegetation acting as a mulch to prevent soil erosion until seedlings are established. Imprint seeders do not work well in areas with shrubs or heavy vegetation cover. Heavily compacted soils may need to be ripped or de-compacted before seeding. Imprint seeding will be difficult after solar components have been installed, so it will primarily be used if seeding occurs after grading is complete but before components are installed, or in areas that were temporarily disturbed during construction that do not have any permanent infrastructure (e.g., temporary access roads, laydown areas).

~~4.6.3~~4.6.4 Hydroseeding

Hydroseeding is a method of hydraulically applying seeds, stabilizers, and soil amendments to the surface of the soil. Hydroseeding is most applicable for areas where drill or broadcast seeding machinery cannot access~~,~~; this usually includes steeper sloped or narrow terrain~~,~~ but can be used in all terrains. Hydroseeding is feasible after panel installation but before the Facility is fenced. Soil bed preparation is also crucial for growth success and frequently includes tracking perpendicular to the slope to create micro conditions for seed. Flat grading and compaction are not recommended. Seeding rates increase by 30 to 50 percent of broadcast seeding rates (i.e., 30 pounds pure live seed per acre) ~~or single applications~~ per consultation with the seed supplier and ODFW. Prior to hydroseeding the tackifier and fertilizer, if included, will be reviewed and approved in consultation with ODOE. Fertilizer should not be used when hydroseeding wildlife habitat.

4.7 Seed Mixes

Two seed mixes are proposed for revegetation efforts: one for revegetation of ~~temporarily~~ temporary disturbance~~disturbed~~ areas outside the solar array fence ~~line~~, and one for revegetation of permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas within the solar array fence ~~line~~. Tables 2 and 3 present example seed mixes that would be considered for revegetation. However, the number of seed mixes and composition of ~~the~~ final seed mixes will be determined in consultation with ODOE and ODFW and will be based on pre-construction conditions and ~~the~~ availability of seed at the time of procurement.

Grassland Seed Mix #1 would be appropriate for revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas outside the solar array fence ~~line area~~, with the exception of areas that would be returned to agricultural production following construction (as noted in Section 4.5.1). The example seed mix is presented in Table 2 and contains a mixture of native grasses and native, pollinator-friendly forbs. This seed mix includes a mixture of deep-rooted grasses and flowering plants as these types of species can capture and filter stormwater, build topsoil, and provide food sources and for native insects (Davis 2021). Forbs included in this seed mix were also chosen based on their bloom period. Including plants that flower throughout the growing season provides a continuous source of nectar and pollen and can attract a variety of pollinators (NRCS 2011).

Table 2. Example Grassland Seed Mix #1

Growth Habit	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Percent of Mix
Grasses	Bluebunch wheatgrass[1]	*Pseudoroegneria spicata*	35
	Sandberg's bluegrass[2]	*Poa secunda* ssp. *secunda*	15
	Bottlebrush squirreltail	*Elymus elymoides*	10
	Needle-and-thread grass[3]	*Hesperostipa comata*	10
Forbs	~~Curlycup~~ Low gumweed	*Grindelia ~~squarrosa~~nana*	5
	Hoary aster	*Dieteria* (*Machaeranthera*) *canescens*	5
	Clover~~Lupine~~	*Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens~~Lupinus leucophyllus, L. sericeus, L. sulphureus~~*	5
	Munro's globemallow[4]	*Sphaeralcea munroana*	5
	Western blue flax	*Linum lewisii*	5
	Yarrow	*Achillea millefolium*	5

1. An alternative to bluebunch wheatgrass is Snake River wheatgrass (*Elymus wawawaiensis*; also sold as "Secar" bluebunch wheatgrass).
2. An alternative to Sandberg's bluegrass is big bluegrass (*Poa secunda* subsp. *juncifolia*; also sold as *P. ampla*).
3. ~~;~~ Alternatives to needle-and-thread grass include ~~the native bunchgrass Indian ricegrass (*Achnatherum [Oryzopsis] hymenoides*) or~~ the non-native bunchgrasses crested wheatgrass (*Agropyron cristatum*) and sheep/hard fescue (*Festuca ovina/F. trachyphylla*).
4. An alternative to Munro's globemallow is blanketflower (*Gaillardia aristata*)

A second grassland seed mix, Grassland Seed Mix #2, is suggested for post-construction revegetation within the solar array fence ~~line area~~, including areas that previously consisted of agricultural lands. The example seed mix presented in Table 3 contains a mixture of low-growing native and non-native grasses and native and non-native pollinator friendly forbs which would be compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). Similar to Grassland Seed Mix #1, this

seed mix includes a mixture of deep-rooted grasses and flowering plants that flower throughout the growing season.

Table 3. Example Grassland Seed Mix #2

Growth Habit	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Percent of Mix
Grasses	Sandberg's bluegrass	*Poa secunda* ssp. *secunda*	35
	Bottlebrush squirreltail, common squirreltail	*Elymus elymoides* ssp. *elymoides*	15
	Desert fescue[1]	*Vulpia microstachys*	10
	Thurber's needlegrass	Eriocoma (*Achnatherum*) *thurberianum*	10
Forbs	~~Pacific lupine[2]~~Clover	~~*Lupinus lepidus*~~ *Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens*	5
	Bigseed bisuitroot~~[3]~~[2]	*Lomatium macrocarpum*	5
	Erigeron/fleabane	*Erigeron filifolius, E. linearis,* or *E. pumilus*	5
	Oregon sunshine	*Eriophyllum lanatum*	5
	Snow buckwheat	*Eriogonum niveum*	5
	Wollypod milkvetch	*Astragalus purshii*	5

1. Alternatives to desert fescue are sixweeks fescue (*Vulpia octoflora*) or sheep/hard fescue (*Festuca ovina*/*F. trachyphylla*).
~~2 Alternatives to Pacific lupine are American vetch (*Vicia americana*) or clover (*Trifolium macrocephalum, T. pratense, T. repens*).~~
~~3~~2. An alternative to bigseed biscuitroot is longleaf phlox (*Phlox longifolia*).

4.8 Revegetation Methods by Disturbance Level

Revegetation methods for each disturbance level were developed to tailor revegetation to specific conditions (Table 4). Revegetation should follow soil reclamation, site preparation, and seeding methods described in Sections 4.2 through 4.7.

Table 4. Revegetation Methods by Disturbance Level

Disturbance Level	Soil Reclamation	Site Preparation	Seeding
1 – Mowing	Ensure vegetation remains intact.	Retain existing vegetation root systems to prevent erosion. Control weeds.	Seed if necessary to achieve success criteria
2 – Overland Drive and Crush	Measure soil compaction in areas of high vehicle traffic.	Retain existing vegetation root systems and/or mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil in areas of high vehicle traffic if necessary. Control weeds.	Seed if necessary to achieve success criteria
3 – Clear and Cut	Measure soil compaction.	Mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil if necessary. Control weeds.	Required
4 – Clear and Cut with Soil Removal	Measure soil compaction. Stockpile topsoil separately	Mulch to prevent erosion. Decompact soil. Regrade and replace subsoil then	Required

Disturbance Level	Soil Reclamation	Site Preparation	Seeding
	from subsoil and stabilize during construction.	topsoil prior to seeding. Control weeds.	

5.0 Revegetation Documentation

Records will be kept of revegetation efforts in all temporary and permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas. Records will include:

- Date construction phase was completed;
- Acreage of each disturbance level;
- Description and photos of the affected area;
- Date revegetation was initiated;
- Description of the revegetation effort, including methods and timing;
- Supporting figures representing the location, acres affected, and pre-disturbance condition of the revegetation area; and
- Confirmation from the landowner that temporary ~~disturbances~~disturbance in cropland have been satisfactorily restored.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will meet with ODOE at least 14 days prior to initiation of revegetation efforts. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will update ODOE with these records monthly as revegetation work occurs~~,~~ and will provide ODOE with copies of these records along with submission of the monitoring report that is required by the Site Certificate.

6.0 Monitoring

6.1 Monitoring of Permanent ~~Impact~~Disturbance Areas

In accordance with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's anticipated NPDES 1200-C permit all areas within the solar array fence ~~line area~~ must be revegetated to stabilize soils for the purposes of erosion and dust pollution control. Pursuant to OAR 345-022-0022, construction and operation of the Facility must not result in significant adverse impacts to soils, including but not limited to, erosion. Pursuant to MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(3), construction or maintenance activities shall not result in the unabated introduction or spread of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species. Therefore, monitoring is required to demonstrate compliance with the above site stabilization and weed control requirements. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will ~~conduct~~ monitor~~ing within~~ permanent ~~impact~~disturbance areas to assess the following:

- Dominant species composition;

- Relative cover of desirable and undesirable forbs and grasses;
- Percent cover of bare soil;
- Degree of erosion;
- Presence noxious weeds; and
- Qualitative assessment of overall vigor of vegetation within revegetated areas.

~~Monitoring methods will be determined in consultation with ODOE prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.~~ Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or revegetation specialist and will begin within 60 days of the completion of ~~the~~ initial site ~~restoration~~revegetation ~~effort~~. Permanent disturbance areas will be monitored using a meander survey. During the meander survey, the surveyor will walk within the solar array fence and document the assessment items listed above using photos and spatial data collection. Areas of erosion and significant patches of bare soil will be mapped and photographed. The surveyor will record dominant species, overall percent cover of forbs and grasses, and general notes about plant vigor.

Monitoring will be conducted at least once per season during the first year following construction. After the first complete year of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODOE to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced based on revegetation progress. After five years of monitoring, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE.

6.1.1 Success Criteria

Success criteria outlined below will demonstrate compliance with the soil protection standard (OAR 345-022-0022); NPDES 1200-C permit requirements; and the requirements of MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(4):

- Establish uniform (i.e., evenly distributed, without large bare areas) perennial, non-invasive vegetation that provides 70 percent or more cover on all exposed areas.

Requirements of the soil protection standard and MCZO 3.010.K.3.f.(4) apply to the construction and operation of the Facility. Therefore, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder shall maintain compliance with ~~the~~ revegetation success criteria for all areas within the solar array fence ~~line~~ for the life of the Facility. In each monitoring report, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include an assessment of whether the area within the solar array fence ~~line~~ is meeting or trending toward meeting the revegetation success criteria. Final determination of whether the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is in compliance with the revegetation obligations will be made by ODOE. Remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas may be required in areas that have been determined by ODOE not to have met the success criteria.

6.1.2 Reporting

Monitoring reports will be prepared and submitted to ODOE once per season during the first year following construction. After the first year of monitoring is complete, the reporting cycle will be modified to align with the new monitoring cycle determined in consultation with ODOE. The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of revegetation methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of seed applications and dates revegetation work was performed.

Each monitoring report will include:

- ~~The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of site restoration~~revegetation ~~methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of the seed applications and dates restoration~~revegetation ~~work was performed;~~
- GIS maps of revegetation areas and disturbance levels;
- Monitoring methods;
- Local climatic data (i.e., precipitation, temperature) for the monitoring month and year and percent deviation from the historical average;
- ~~The r~~Results of ~~the~~ monitoring efforts;
- The investigator's assessment of whether the revegetated areas are trending toward meeting the success criteria;
- Assessments of factors impacting the ability of ~~the~~ revegetated area to trend towards meeting the success criteria; and
- Recommendations ~~of~~ for ~~remedial actions~~adaptive management, if any.

6.2 Monitoring of Temporary Disturbance Areas

Per ODFW recommendations on other projects, temporary disturbance monitoring is not required for temporary disturbance areas less than 0.5 acres or when the area is not sufficiently large to accommodate a monitoring site. Because there are no non-agricultural habitat types with temporary disturbance areas greater than 0.5 acres, no monitoring or reference sites will be established for this Facility.~~Following implementation of revegetation efforts, the Applicant will monitor the temporarily disturbed areas that have been revegetated as described in this section, unless the landowner has converted the area to land uses that preclude meeting revegetation success criteria. Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist or revegetation specialist and will begin within 60 days of the completion of the initial site restoration effort. Monitoring will be conducted at least once per season during the first year following construction. After the first complete year of monitoring, the Applicant will consult with ODOE to determine if the monitoring cycle can be reduced based on revegetation progress. After five years of monitoring, the Applicant will design a long-term monitoring plan in consultation with ODOE. Monitoring methods will be~~

~~determined in consultation with ODOE and ODFW prior to construction and will be incorporated as an amendment to this plan upon ODOE approval.~~

~~This may include remedial actions and/or additional monitoring for areas that have been determined by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW, not to have met the success criteria.~~

~~Reference and Monitoring Sites~~

~~To determine if the revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas are meeting success criteria, (see Section 6.1.1), paired monitoring and reference sites will be established in each of the habitat subtypes that will be temporarily disturbed by construction (with the exception of agricultural land). Reference sites are intended to represent target conditions for the revegetation effort. Vegetation within monitoring sites in revegetation areas will be compared with those in the associated reference sites to measure success of the revegetation activities. During each assessment, revegetated areas will be compared to reference sites based on the success criteria defined in Section 6.2.1.~~

~~Per ODFW recommendations on other projects, a minimum of one monitoring site will be located within habitats where temporary disturbances will be less than 5 acres in size. Therefore, one monitoring site and one reference site will be established within each habitat category of temporarily disturbed Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype for a total of three monitoring sites and three reference sites. Preliminary locations of monitoring and reference sites are provided on Figure 1. No monitoring site is proposed for the less than 0.1 acre of temporary impact anticipated to the Intermittent or Ephemeral Streams habitat subtype, although this area will be revegetated if not avoided during final design. Monitoring and reference sites within each habitat subtype and category were selected using existing habitat mapping. Additional monitoring locations were also chosen within areas of temporarily disturbed Category 4 and 5 Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype as alternative locations in case one of the selected monitoring or reference site locations is deemed unacceptable during the first revegetation monitoring effort. No alternative monitoring or reference site locations were chosen for temporarily disturbed Category 2 Eastside Grasslands habitat subtype because all 0.4 acres of temporary impacts to this habitat subtype and category are located in one area.~~

~~Success Criteria~~

~~In each monitoring report, the Applicant will include an assessment of whether the temporarily disturbed revegetated areas are meeting or trending toward meeting the success criteria. Revegetation areas would be deemed successfully revegetated when the success criteria outlined below are met. Success criteria were based on pre-disturbance conditions observed during habitat mapping conducted for the Facility (Exhibit P, Attachment P-1). Final determination of whether the Applicant has met the revegetation obligations will be made by ODOE, in consultation with ODFW.~~

~~Temporarily disturbed areas will be deemed successfully revegetated when the habitat quality at a monitoring site is equal to or surpasses the habitat quality at the associated reference site, as follows:~~

~~**Native Forbs:** Cover of native and desirable (i.e., species included in seed mixes and/or native species that have naturally colonized) forbs will be at least 75 percent of the reference site within 5 years. Richness of native and desirable forbs will be at least equal to the richness of native forbs measured on the reference site within 5 years.~~

~~**Native and Desirable Grasses:** Cover and richness of native and desirable (i.e., species included in seed mixes and/or native species that have naturally colonized) grass species will be at least 85 percent of the reference site within 5 years.~~

~~**Noxious Weeds:** Presence and cover of noxious weeds is 75 percent or less than that of the reference site.~~

~~Reporting~~

~~Monitoring reports will be prepared and submitted to ODOE once per season during the first year following construction. Each report will be delivered within the same season that the monitoring was conducted. After the first year of monitoring is complete, the reporting cycle will be modified to align with the new monitoring cycle determined in consultation with ODOE.~~

~~Each monitoring report will include:~~

~~The first monitoring report will include a detailed description and timeline of site restoration methods that were implemented including species, amounts, and locations of the seed applications and dates restoration work was performed;~~

~~GIS maps of revegetation areas and disturbance levels;~~

~~Monitoring methods;~~

~~Local climatic data (i.e., precipitation, temperature) for the monitoring month and year and percent deviation from the historical average;~~

~~The results of the monitoring efforts;~~

~~Photos of sample plots and representative overview photos of restoration areas;~~

~~The investigator's assessment of whether the revegetated areas are trending toward meeting the success criteria;~~

~~Assessments of factors impacting the ability of the revegetated area to trend towards meeting the success criteria; and~~

~~Recommendations of remedial actions, if any.~~

6.3 ~~Remedial Action in Revegetation Areas~~Adaptive Management

After each revegetation monitoring visit in either temporary or permanent disturbance areas, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder's qualified investigator will report to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder regarding the revegetation progress of each revegetation area. If applicable, the investigator will make recommendations to the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder for reseeding, weed control, or other remedial measures for areas that are not showing progress toward achieving revegetation success.

The investigator will provide a description of factors that may be contributing to the lack of revegetation success. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will include the investigator's recommendations for ~~remedial actions~~adaptive management and the measures taken in the next monitoring report. ODOE may require reseeding or other remedial measures in cases where success criteria have not been met.

If a revegetation area is damaged by wildfire during the first 5 years following initial seeding, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will amend this ~~plan~~Plan, subject to ODOE approval, to restore the damaged area. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will continue to monitor and report on revegetation progress during the remainder of the 5-year period. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report to ODOE and ODFW the area impacted by the fire (with a map or figure) within 72 hours of discovery.

6.4 Soil Reclamation Monitoring

Soil measurements conducted per Section 4.2 shall be evaluated to determine whether soils within disturbance areas have compaction readings of greater than 300 psi~~are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~. If results show soils have compaction readings of greater than 300 psi, ~~are more than 10 percent compacted than the baseline plot~~ then remediation activities must be completed before revegetation ~~activities~~ can begin. Prior to initiation of revegetation, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide the results of soil compaction testing to ODOE. ~~ODOE will authorize revegetation to begin when soils are 10 percent or less compacted than the baseline plot.~~

7.0 Plan Amendment

This Plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.~~.~~

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Sunstone Solar Project

Figure 1
Sunstone Solar Project 6

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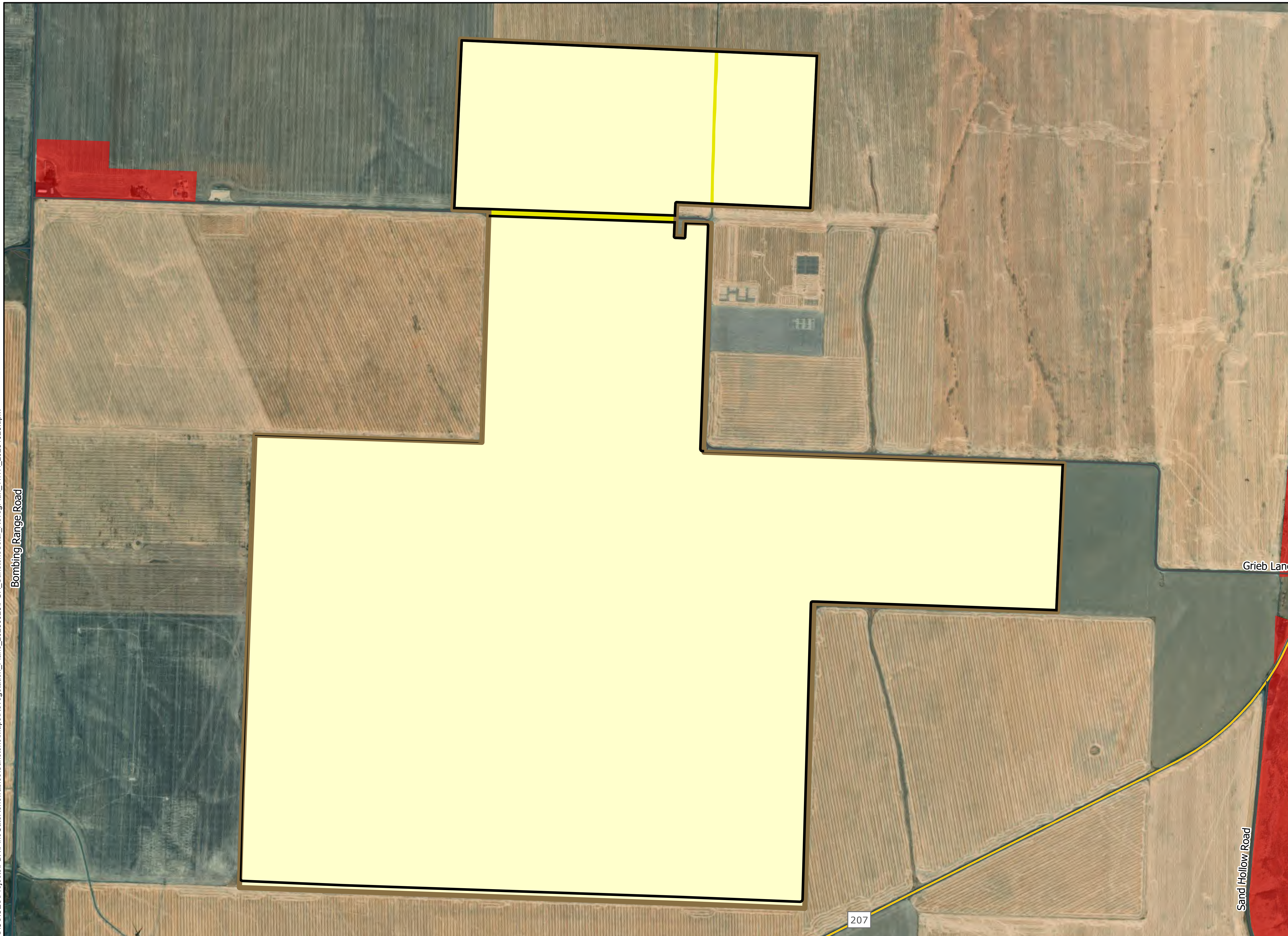

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- Permitted Fenceline
- Excluded from Development
- State Highway
- Local Roads

Habitat Subtypes by Category

Category 4

- Intermittent or Ephemeral Stream

Category 6

- Orchards, Vineyards, Wheat Fields, Other Row Crop
- Urban and Mixed Environs

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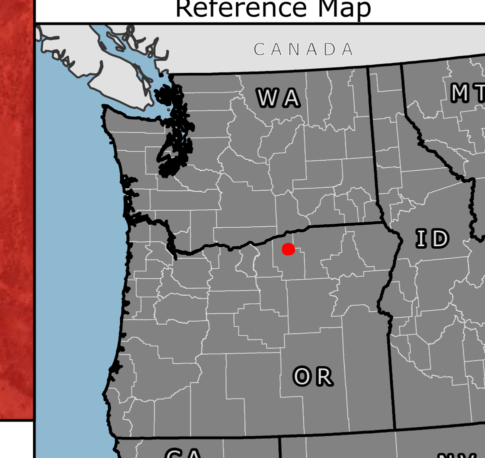
Reference Map



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Attachment I: Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 6
Construction Wildlife Monitoring Plan

This plan identifies the minimization measures that will be implemented during facility construction to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential adverse impacts to state sensitive species with a potential to occur within the site.

> Note: several measures that would minimize potential impacts to wildlife species, including noxious weed control, vegetation management and habitat mitigation, are not included in this plan because they are covered in other conditions of the site certificate.

The measures included in this plan may be amended from time to time by agreement of the certificate holder and EFSC. Such amendments may be made without an amendment of the Site Certificate. The Council authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this plan and to mitigation actions that may be required under this plan. ODOE shall notify EFSC of -all amendments and mitigation actions, and the Council retains the authority to approve, reject or modify any amendment of this plan or mitigation action agreed to by ODOE.

1. During facility construction, 20 mile per hour speed limit signs shall be posted within the perimeter fence line; onsite contractors and personnel shall adhere to the 20 miles per hour speed limit on all facility access roads (excluding public roads).

2. Prior to and during facility construction, the certificate holder shall require all onsite contractors and personnel to complete site specific worker environmental training. This training shall include information regarding the sensitive biological resources including potentially occurring listed and sensitive species, individual responsibilities associated with the facility, and the consequences of non-compliance. Written material will be provided to employees at orientation and participants will sign an attendance sheet documenting their participation.

3. If construction will occur between March 1 and August 15 the certificate holder shall:
   a. Complete raptor nest occupancy surveys at least once per month between March 1 and May 31 to identify active nests. Surveys shall be based on a protocol approved by the Department in consultation with ODFW; and,
   b. Submit to the Department a construction plan (schedule) that demonstrates construction activities will not occur within the buffer zones established in 4) during the sensitive nesting and breeding season.

4. During construction, the certificate holder shall flag and avoid, or develop constraints mapping to ensure avoidance, of ground-disturbing activities within the buffer of any active nest site. Active nest sites shall be determined based on the preconstruction raptor nest surveys, as applicable, depending on the duration of construction.

Special Status Species	Buffer Size (Radius Around Nest Site):	Sensitive Nesting and Breeding Season
American kestrel	500 feet	March 1 to June 15

Ferruginous hawk	0.5 mile	March 15 to August 15
Golden eagle	0.5 – 1 mile	February 1 to August 15
Peregrine falcon	0.25 mile	January 1 to July 1
Red-tailed hawk	0.10 mile	March 1 to August 15
Swainson’s hawk	0.25 mile	April 1 to August 15
Western burrowing owl	0.25 mile	April 1 to August 15
Other hawks and owls	0.25 mile	March 1 to August 15

Attachment J: Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 6
Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan

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Table of Contents

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 6, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 6 (Facility), a photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The ~~proposed~~ approved Facility will generate up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal and average generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities and the anticipated phasing of construction are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Draft Wildlife Monitoring Plan (WMP) describes wildlife monitoring the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct during operation of the Facility. This WMP has the following components:

1. Raptor nest surveys
2. Washington ground squirrel (WAGS; *Urocitellus washingtoni)* monitoring
3. Wildlife Reporting and Handling System (WRHS)
4. Data reporting

This WMP will be updated, as necessary, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and will be updated as needed to reflect the final layout of the Facility.

2.0 Raptor Nest Surveys

The objectives of raptor nest surveys are: (1) to count raptor nests on the ground or above ground at the Facility; and (2) to determine whether there are noticeable changes in nesting activity in the local populations of raptor species, with particular focus on Swainson's hawks (*Buteo swainsoni*), the only state sensitive raptor species documented nesting during baseline surveys.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will conduct long-term ground-based monitoring of nests identified during the baseline raptor nest surveys, as well as any other nests identified subsequently. The ground-based surveys will be used to evaluate nest success by gathering data on nest occupancy. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ qualified personnel to perform raptor nest surveys.

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

2.1 Initial Monitoring

The first monitoring season will be in the first full raptor nesting season after the commercial operating date. During the first monitoring season, the surveyor will conduct one ground survey for raptor nests in late May or early June and additional surveys as described in this section. The ground surveys will be conducted within the site boundary to determine nest occupancy.

All nests discovered during the anticipated pre-construction surveys and any nests discovered during post-construction surveys, whether active or inactive, will be given identification numbers. Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates will be recorded for each nest. Locations of inactive nests will be recorded because they could become occupied during future years.

After the first monitoring season, the surveyor will analyze this one year of data compared to the baseline data. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide a summary of the first-year results in the monitoring report described in Section 5.0.

2.2 Long-Term Monitoring

The surveyor will conduct raptor nest surveys at 5-year intervals for the life of the Facility.[2] The surveyor will conduct~~-~~ long-term raptor nest surveys following the methods described in Section -2.3 every 5 years after the first monitoring season in years divisible by 5. This may result in a greater than 5-year period between the initial monitoring season and the first long-term monitoring season (e.g., if the initial monitoring season is 2028, the first long-term monitoring season would be 2035 rather than 2033). During each long-term monitoring event biologists will visit all previously identified nest locations in addition to searching the survey area for new nest sites.

In conducting long-term surveys, the surveyor will follow the same survey protocols as the initial survey (Section 2.3), unless the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes alternative protocols that are approved by ODOE. In developing an alternative protocol, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will consult with ODFW and ODOE and will take into consideration other raptor nest monitoring conducted in adjacent or overlapping areas.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will analyze the data to identify any trends in the number of raptor breeding attempts the Facility supports and the success of those attempts. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will submit a report after each year of long-term raptor nest surveys.

2.3 Monitoring Protocol

Qualifications of surveyors: Surveys and nest monitoring will be conducted by professional, qualified biologists with a relevant academic background and sufficient field experience pertaining to avian biology and species identification.

[2] As used in this plan, "life of the Facility" means continuously until the Facility is restored and the site certificate is terminated in accordance with OAR 345-027-0110.

Survey period: Occupancy surveys will be conducted between March 1 and May 31. The survey period may be extended in consultation with ODFW and ODOE.

Survey area: The survey area will be limited to leased parcels within the Site Boundary, where surveyor access is granted. Surveys will be performed from public roads and project roads, or from participating landowner parcels only, as site conditions safely permit (e.g. snow, mud).

Survey protocol: Biologists will conduct a ground-based search for raptor nest activity using binoculars and/or spotting scopes to search potential nest sites. Previously identified nests will be surveyed to determine the occupancy status of nests. New nests that are discovered will also be surveyed~~,~~ and visited in future monitoring years. A log will be kept to track nest occupancy status on all nests. ArcGIS Online or similar GIS program will be used to locate and track the nests.

Data collection: Data collected during the survey will include, at a minimum, the location, occupancy status, occupying species, activity observed, and condition of each nest.

<u>Nest Location:</u> Nest/Burrow Identification Number: Existing IDs will be used where possible in addition to corresponding GPS waypoint numbers.

<u>Occupying Species:</u> Using four-letter American Ornithologists' Union codes (e.g., SWHA = Swainson's hawk).

<u>Raptor Activity:</u>

- Adult Present: Proximity of the adult to the nest (e.g., on nest, nearby, or unknown).
- Eggs or Young: Number of eggs or young observed.
- Nest Substrate: Structure in which nest was located (e.g., broadleaf tree, cut bank, transmission pole, etc.).
- Nest Height: Height relative to the structure it is on (e.g., on top of transmission pole, 3/4 of height of tree).

<u>Nest Condition:</u> To assess nest condition the following criteria will be used:

- No Longer Present: For nests that are no longer present.
- Unknown: The nest cannot be found, was not surveyed, or the nest is present, but because of its location a determination cannot be made.
- Excellent: Defined cup or nest bowl with a well-maintained rim; adult or young present.
- Good: Nest bowl intact and rim defined; minor repair needed for nest to be used; margins of nest in loose configuration, minor slumping occurring.
- Fair: Nest bowl intact and nest not dilapidated; but needs significant repair in order to be used; material is slumping or sliding.
- Poor: Loose structure of nest bowl still present; nest walls and side falling out; nest is in need of major repair to be used.
- Remnant: Nest bowl not defined; scant material remaining and not usable unless fully rebuilt.

Determination of active nests: Nest occupancy status will be determined using the definitions below.

Active: Defined by the presence of one or more eggs, dependent young, or adults on the nest in the past 10 days during the breeding season, including the period when adults are displaying courtship behaviors and are building or adding to the nest in preparation for egg-laying.

Potentially Active: There is not observable activity during the visit, but active status cannot be confirmed.

Inactive: The inactive status will only be determined if the nest is observed for at least one hour each time over the course of two consecutive visits separated by at least one day.

3.0 Washington Ground Squirrel Monitoring

No WAGS were detected during baseline surveys, but any new colonies that are detected incidentally during other surveys, such as raptor nest monitoring, will be documented and the extent of those colonies delineated and included in future WAGS monitoring and reporting activities.

If any incidental WAGS are detected, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ qualified personnel to monitor these locations every 5 years thereafter in years divisible by five for the life of the Facility (i.e., on the same monitoring schedule as the raptor nest surveys). The survey area will include the colonies (i.e., groups of active burrows) and a buffer of 785 feet in suitable habitat, if accessible. The surveyors will walk linear transects spaced 165 to 230 feet (50 to 70 meters) apart two times between February 15 and May 31. Surveys of each location will be spaced at least 2 weeks apart. Surveyors will record locations of activity centers and colony boundaries using a sub-meter accuracy GPS unit; approximate number of burrows; and representative photographs of burrows and scat. Surveyors will describe habitat characteristics at each location and note any noticeable land use or habitat changes that may have occurred since detection.

After each survey, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report the results to ODFW and ODOE and will include maps of the areas surveyed and detection locations. WAGS surveys will not be conducted if there are barriers to WAGS dispersal (i.e., active agriculture fields, highways, perennial waterbodies) or no suitable habitat.

4.0 Wildlife Reporting and Handling System

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will document fatalities found during routine maintenance activities and any other incidentally detected fatalities. However, systematic post-construction fatality monitoring studies are not likely to produce significant findings or provide meaningful data on impacts based on the attributes of this Facility (especially relative to the costs that they incur to implement) as described below, and therefore no systematic post-construction fatality monitoring study is proposed for the Facility nor is one needed to meet the standards under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-022-0060. In a December 2023 meeting with the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and ODOE, ODFW stated they are not requesting a post-construction fatality monitoring study for the Facility. If evidence of significant fatality events is detected by operations and maintenance (O&M) staff, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will coordinate with

ODOE and ODFW regarding the need for systematic post-construction fatality monitoring and adaptive management.

Although mortality at the Facility due to collision with infrastructure is possible, as it is with most human development (e.g., buildings), the available literature on avian mortality at utility-scale photovoltaic solar energy sites suggests that mortality at these facilities is comparatively low (Walston et al. 2016, Loss et al. 2014, Kosciuch et al. 2020, Smith et al. 2021). In Oregon, results of a fatality study at a 56-MW photovoltaic facility near Prineville detected only three bird fatalities, only two of which were native birds (i.e., a horned lark [*Eremophila alpestris*] and a dark-eyed junco [*Junco hyemalis*]), during 1 year of standardized searches (ODOE 2020). These results suggest that large fatality events are unlikely at photovoltaic solar facilities in the region but that low numbers of fatalities of common ground-dwelling bird species could be detected at the Facility (ODOE 2020), and may be similar to background mortality levels. Post-construction fatality monitoring studies conducted at utility-scale photovoltaic solar facilities to date have reported lower fatality rates compared to other human development types, with fatalities in general primarily composed of resident ground-nesting birds.

In contrast to wind energy development, impacts to wildlife from photovoltaic solar development are primarily associated with habitat loss rather than direct mortality from collisions. The Facility is located almost entirely on wheat fields, and impacts to wildlife habitat will be minimal, restricted primarily to small tracts of disturbed grasslands. This habitat will be mitigated in accordance with ODFW's Habitat Mitigation Policy (OAR 635-415-0025), as described in the Facility's Exhibit P and Habitat Mitigation Plan (Attachment P-2 to Exhibit P; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will adhere to standard best management practices including following Avian Powerline Interaction Committee guidelines for minimizing avian collisions and electrocutions (APLIC 2006, 2012), primarily burying the medium voltage collector line system, and implementing down-shield lighting for permanent lighting at the substations and O&M buildings, and identifying a licensed local wildlife rehabilitator capable of responding to the Facility in the event of injured wildlife. Based on coordination with ODFW, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will additionally install flight diverters on the overhead collector line that crosses Sand Hollow. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will use wildlife-friendly fencing that does not include a top strand. Thus, the Facility has already minimized the risk of avian collision fatalities, based on known risk factors such as lighting (Gehring et al. 2009; Kerlinger et al. 2010; USFWS 2012, 2013).

Additionally, post-construction fatality monitoring is not necessary for the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder to meet the standards under OAR 345-022-0060 (i.e., that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are consistent with the general fish and wildlife habitat mitigation goals and standards of OAR 635-415-0025, ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy) because the mitigation goals and standards relate to fish and wildlife habitat quality and quantity rather than fatalities of fish and wildlife individuals. OAR 635-415-0025 goals and standards for impacts to Category 2, 3, 4, and 5 habitat (i.e., the habitat categories addressed in the Facility's Habitat Mitigation Plan) include avoidance and, where impacts are unavoidable, mitigation to achieve the goal of no net loss of either habitat quantity or quality (Category 2, 3 and 4 habitat) and/or a net benefit in habitat quantity or quality (Category 2 and 5

habitat). Fatality monitoring, in itself, does not improve or maintain habitat quantity or quality, nor would the results of monitoring affect the habitat mitigation ratios or the size of the mitigation need described in the Facility's Habitat Mitigation Plan attached to Exhibit P and Attachment 6 for RFA 1. Therefore, a systematic post-construction fatality monitoring study is not necessary for the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) to determine that the Facility is consistent with OAR 635-415-0025

Although standardized fatality searches will not be implemented, all incidentally detected fatalities will be reported in the WRHS. The WRHS is a program for O&M staff to report wildlife (including bird and bat) casualties found during operation of the Facility. O&M staff will be trained in the methods needed to carry out this program. This monitoring program includes the initial response, handling, and reporting of bird and bat carcasses discovered incidental to maintenance operations ("incidental finds"). Approximately 10 permanent O&M staff are anticipated to be on-site for Facility operations and be responsible for WRHS program implementation. If a battery energy storage system is installed, additional workers will be on-site, but they will likely be contract employees and will not be included in WRHS program implementation. As part of routine O&M activities, O&M staff will visit each inverter pad approximately every 6 months to visually inspect equipment. If evidence of significant fatality events is detected by O&M staff, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will coordinate with ODOE and ODFW regarding the need for systematic post-construction fatality monitoring.

All carcasses discovered by O&M staff will be photographed and recorded. If O&M staff find a carcass at the Facility, they will notify qualified personnel who will identify the carcass. If the qualified personnel determines that a carcass is a state or federally threatened or endangered or otherwise protected species, agency reporting procedures and timelines specified in Section 5.0 shall be followed. Information recorded for each carcass and reported to ODFW and ODOE will include the location, date of discovery, species if known, as well as any evidence that might assist in determination of cause of death, such as evidence of electrocution, vehicular strike, wire strike, predation, or disease. Based on coordination with ODFW, feather spots[3] will be documented if found as well, consistent with industry standards; however, feather spots will not necessarily be attributed to a Facility-caused fatality (personal communication with J. Thompson, ODFW, December 13, 2023). Fatalities documented by O&M staff will be reported to ODOE and ODFW annually, as described in Section 5.0.

Prior to construction, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will develop and implement a protocol for handling injured birds. Any injured native birds found at the Facility may be carefully captured by trained qualified personnel and transported to a qualified rehabilitation specialist approved by ODOE. Alternatively, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may contact a qualified rehabilitation specialist approved by ODOE to respond to injured wildlife. Blue Mountain Wildlife (https://bluemountainwildlife.org/, 541.278.0215), located in Pendleton, Oregon, has confirmed the ability to respond to injured native wildlife, especially migratory birds, at the Facility (Lynn Tompkins, personal communication, April 11, 2023). The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will pay costs,

[3] Feather spots are defined as at least 5 tail feathers, or 2 primary feathers, or a total of at least 10 feathers with no attached bone or tissue, within 5 meters of each other (CEC and CDFG 2007).

if any, charged for time and expenses related to care and rehabilitation of injured native birds found on the site, unless the cause of injury is clearly demonstrated to be unrelated to Facility operations.

5.0 Data Reporting

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will report wildlife monitoring methods, data, and data analysis to ODOE for each calendar year in which wildlife monitoring occurs. Monitoring data include raptor nest survey data, WAGS monitoring data (if applicable), and WRHS data. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may include the reporting of wildlife monitoring data and analysis in the annual report required under OAR 345-026-0080 or submit this information as a separate document at the same time the annual report is submitted. In addition, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will provide to ODOE data or records generated in carrying out this WMP upon request by ODOE.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and ODFW if any federal or state endangered or threatened species are killed or injured at the Facility within 24 hours of species identification.

6.0 Plan Amendment

This WMP may be amended from time to time by agreement of the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder and EFSC. Such amendments may be made without amendment of the site certificate. EFSC authorizes ODOE to agree to amendments to this WMP. ODOE shall notify EFSC of all amendments, and EFSC retains the authority to approve, reject, or modify any amendment of this plan agreed to by ODOE.

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Attachment K: Draft Inadvertent Discovery Plan

Inadvertent Discovery Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 6

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Pine Gate Renewables (PGR) proposes to construct and operate the approved Sunstone Solar Project 6 (Facility), a solar energy generation facility with related or supporting facilities including an energy storage system on private lands in Morrow County, Oregon. PGR seeks a Site Certificate through the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) for the Facility. The Facility will include an up to ~~1,~~200-megawatt (MW) solar project, battery energy storage system, and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1). The ~~proposed~~ approved solar facility siting area (Facility site boundary) ~~will include approximately 10,960 acres of~~is located on privately owned agricultural land with areas of sage brush near the drainages and along Sand Hollow Canyon.

To meet the requirements for site certification, PGR must develop an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) for monitoring construction activities and responding to the discovery of archaeological resources or buried human remains.

2.0 CULTURAL RESOURCES IN THE PROJECT AREA

The entirety of the Facility site boundary and a 2-mile viewshed was surveyed for cultural resources, including pedestrian surveys along with subsurface shovel probing within the Facility site boundary. A ~~total of seven~~single archaeological site~~s, one archaeological site with standing structures, and three isolated finds~~ was~~ere~~ identified in the Facility site boundary. It~~All~~ has~~ve~~ been recommended as not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). ~~In addition, two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs), Sand Hollow Battleground and Sisupa, are identified in the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) archaeological database as overlapping a portion of the Facility site boundary. The HPRCSITs are eligible for listing on the NRHP.~~

~~Due to the presence of two culturally important resource areas to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) within the Facility site boundary and its viewshed, the CTUIR has recommended monitoring to protect potential HPRCSIT-associated subsurface resources. The CTUIR has recommended that monitoring occur in the following areas:~~

~~Within the HPRSCIT boundaries and a 100-foot surrounding buffer area, monitoring should occur for all ground disturbing activities, except driving posts for the solar modules; and~~

~~Monitoring should occur within the Facility site boundary for all excavation work related to the proposed 3-foot-deep collector cable system.~~

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.

Prior to construction, PGR will develop a Monitoring Plan that incorporates this IDP and includes necessary staff, agency, and tribal contact information once determined. This plan should include monitoring protocols and staffing roles and incorporate input from the CTUIR.

3.0 PROCEDURES FOR THE DISCOVERY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

If any staff, contractors, or subcontractors, including archaeological and/or tribal monitors, believe that they have encountered cultural or archaeological remains of any kind, all work at and adjacent to the discovery shall immediately cease. The area of work stoppage will be adequate to provide for the security, protection, and integrity of the archaeological discovery. A cultural resource discovery may be pre-contact period or historic period in age and consist of (but not limited to):

- Areas of charcoal or charcoal-stained soil and stones;
- Stone tools or waste flakes (i.e., an arrowhead or stone chips);
- Bone, burned rock, or shell, whether or not seen in association with stone tools or chips;
- Clusters of tin cans, ceramics, flat glass, or bottles; and
- Concentrations of brick, railway tracks, or logging or agricultural equipment.

In the event unrecorded archaeological resources are identified during the construction or operation of the Sunstone Solar Project 6, work within 100 feet of the find shall be halted and directed away from the discovery until a Qualified Archaeologist[2] assesses the resource and its significance for inclusion on the NRHP. This assessment will include coordination with the CTUIR. (A wider avoidance area will be required for human remains; see below.) The archaeologist, in coordination with ODOE, the SHPO, Facility personnel, CTUIR, and the landowner, shall make the necessary plans for treatment of the finds and for the evaluation and mitigation of impacts if the finds are found to be eligible for listing on the NRHP.

A Qualified Archaeologist will determine if the resources are archaeological and greater than 50 years old. If the archaeologist believes that the discovery is a cultural resource, he or she in coordination with the PGR Construction Manager will establish a 100-foot avoidance buffer to protect the discovery site where construction activities will be suspended until treatment of the discovery can be determined. Vehicles, equipment, and unauthorized personnel will not be permitted to traverse the discovery site or avoidance area. Any newly discovered archaeological resource will be considered eligible to the NRHP until determined otherwise. Work in the immediate area will not resume until treatment of the discovery has been completed.

If archaeological artifacts are observed during construction, the Qualified Archaeologist will ensure proper documentation and assessment of any discovered cultural resources. All precontact and

[2] *Qualified Archaeologist* - means a person with qualifications meeting the federal secretary of the interior's standards for a Professional Archaeologist . An individual who has: (A) A post-graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, history, classics or other germane discipline with a specialization in archaeology, or a documented equivalency of such a degree; (B) Twelve weeks of supervised experience in basic archaeological field research, including both survey and excavation and four weeks of laboratory analysis or curating; and (C) Has designed and executed an archaeological study, as evidenced by a Master of Arts or Master of Science thesis, or report equivalent in scope and quality, dealing with archaeological field research.

historic cultural material discovered during project construction will be recorded by the archaeologist in SHPO's online archaeological site form database. Site overviews, features, and artifacts will be photographed; stratigraphic profiles and soil/sediment descriptions will be prepared for subsurface exposure. Discovery locations will be documented on scaled site plans and site location maps.

If the Qualified Archaeologist in consultation with the SHPO and CTUIR determines that the discovery is an NRHP-eligible cultural resource, they will consult to determine appropriate treatment to be presented and agreed upon in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or other appropriate documentation. Mitigation measures will be developed in consultation with PGR, ODOE, SHPO, CTUIR, and the landowner, and could include avoidance through redesign, conducting data recovery, and/or relocating materials. Treatment measures performed may include protecting in place or data recovery such as mapping, photography, limited probing, and sample collection, or other activity deemed appropriate through an MOA or other appropriate documentation.

If human remains are inadvertently discovered, ODOE, SHPO, the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS), and CTUIR will decide when construction may continue at the discovery location. Where cultural resources are encountered during construction, but additional project effects to the resources are not anticipated, Facility construction may continue while documentation and assessment of the cultural resources proceed. If continued construction is likely to cause additional impacts to such resources, Facility activities within a radius of 100 feet of the discovery will cease until the Qualified Archaeologist has documented the site, evaluated its significance in consultation with CTUIR, and assessed potential effects to the site.

Discovery Procedures: What to do if you find something

1) **Immediately Discontinue All Ground Disturbing Activity. Do Not Touch Or Move The Objects, and Maintain Confidentiality of the Site. Do Not Take Photos.** Removing bone fragments, artifacts, and other items from any archaeological site, without proper authorization, is against the law. Violators could be charged in state or federal court resulting in a fine or imprisonment.
2) Do not draw any attention to the area with obvious flagging or markers. Maintain confidentiality concerning the discovery of the cultural resource, and do not discuss with anyone other than the contact people listed above. Secure and protect area of inadvertent discovery with 100 foot buffer—work may continue outside of this buffer.
3) Notify PGR Project Manager and ODOE (see Attachment A).
4) Construction Manager will need to contact a Qualified Archaeologist to assess the find.
5) If archaeologist determines the find is an archaeological site or object, contact SHPO. If it is determined to *not* be archaeological, you may continue work.

4.0 PROCEDURES FOR THE DISCOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS

If human remains and/or associated grave goods are inadvertently encountered during Project activities, the Oregon State legislature protocol for inadvertent discovery of human remains will be

followed (Oregon State Legislature 2025~~3~~). All activity that may cause further disturbance to the remains shall cease and the area secured and protected from further disturbance. A 200-foot avoidance buffer will be utilized for human remains and associated grave goods until appropriate treatment is completed. The presence of skeletal remains will be immediately reported to the County Medical Examiner, Oregon State Police, SHPO, and LCIS. The remains will not be touched, moved, or further disturbed. The County Medical Examiner or LCIS State Physical Anthropologist will assume jurisdiction over the human skeletal remains and determine whether those remains are forensic or non-forensic. If the remains are non-forensic, then they will report that finding to SHPO and the State Physical Anthropologist with the LCIS, who will then take jurisdiction over the remains and will notify CTUIR.

Although excavation work in the immediate area of a human remains find will not resume until assessment has been completed, excavation work may continue in other parts of the Facility that have been surveyed for cultural resources. Due to the sensitive nature of such a find, human remains should never be left unattended. No work will resume in the area of a human remains discovery until written authorization has been received from the LCIS and SHPO.

Discovery Procedures: What to do if you find something

1) **Immediately Discontinue All Ground Disturbing Activity. Do Not Touch Or Move The Objects, and Maintain Confidentiality of the Site. Do Not Take Photos.** Removing bone fragments, artifacts, and other items from any archaeological site, without proper authorization, is against the law. Violators could be charged in state or federal court resulting in a fine or imprisonment.
2) Do not draw any attention to the area with obvious flagging or markers. Maintain confidentiality concerning the inadvertent discovery, and do not discuss with anyone other than the contact people listed above. Secure and protect area of inadvertent discovery with 60-meter/200-foot buffer, then work may continue outside of this buffer with caution.
3) Cover remains from view and protect them from damage or exposure, restrict access, and leave in place until directed otherwise. Do not take photographs. Do not speak to the media.
4) Notify (refer to Attachment A for contact information):
    - PGR Project Manager
    - ODOE
    - Oregon State Police **DO NOT CALL 911**
    - SHPO
    - LCIS State Physical Anthropologist
    - CTUIR and other appropriate Native American Tribes determined by LCIS
5) If the site is determined not to be a crime scene by the Oregon State Police, do not move anything! The remains will continue to be secured in place along with any associated funerary objects, and protected from weather, water runoff, and shielded from view.

6) Do not resume any work in the buffered area until a plan is developed and carried out between ODOE, SHPO, LCIS, and appropriate Native American Tribes and you are directed that work may proceed.

5.0 CONFIDENTIALITY

The Facility and employees shall make their best efforts, in accordance with federal and state law, to ensure that its personnel and contractors keep the discovery confidential. The media, or any third-party member or members of the public are not to be contacted or have information regarding the discovery, and any public or media inquiry is to be reported to ODOE. Prior to any release, the responsible agencies and Tribes shall concur on the amount of information, if any, to be released to the public.

To protect fragile, vulnerable, or threatened sites, the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (Section 304 [16 U.S.C. 470s-3]), and Oregon State law (Oregon Revised Statute 192.501(11)) establishes that the location of archaeological sites, both on land and underwater, shall be confidential.

6.0 REFERENCES

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2025~~3~~ Electronic document accessed ~~December 21, 2023~~July 2025, https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/cis/Pages/archaeology.aspx

ATTACHMENT A: CONTACTS

1. Pine Gate Renewables

Project Manager	To be determined prior to construction

2. Cultural Resource Contacts

Qualified Archaeologist	Lara Rooke, Tetra Tech (425) 217 7625 (Cell)
Oregon SHPO State Archaeologist	John Pouley (503) 480-9164
State Physical Anthropologist, LCIS	Dr. Elissa Bullion (971) 707-1372 or (503) 986-1067

3. Agency Contacts

ODOE	Christopher Clark (503) 871-7254
Oregon State Police	Craig Heuberger (503) 731-0079 or (503) 731-3030 (dispatch)
Morrow County Medical Examiner	(541) 676-5421

4. Tribal Contacts

CTUIR	Teara Farrow Ferman (Human Remains) (541) 429-7230 or (541) 377-2959 (cell) Ashley Morton (Archaeological Resources) (541) 429-7214

Attachment L: Draft Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 6

Draft Construction Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 6

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APLIC	Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~	Sunstone Solar 6, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC
BMP	best management practice
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
Facility	Sunstone Solar Project 6
Li-ion	lithium-ion
MW	megawatt
O&M	operations and maintenance
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
Plan	Wildfire Mitigation Plan
RACE	Rescue, Alarm, Contain, Extinguish
RFA	Request for Amendment
SCADA	supervisory, control, and data acquisition
UL	Underwriters Laboratories

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 6, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct the approved Sunstone Solar Project 6 (Facility), a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate~~with~~ up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal electric generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. ~~In addition to solar arrays, the proposed Facility would include up to 17.2 gigawatt hours of distributed battery storage capacity, an interconnection substation, up to seven collector substations, an operations and maintenance building, and other structures including roads, perimeter fencing, and gates. The Facility is proposed to be sited within an approximately 10,960-acre (17 square mile) site boundary in Morrow County. All land within the proposed site boundary is privately owned and zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.~~ The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan) is attached to Exhibit V – Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation[2] and updated for Request for Amendment (RFA) 1 (see Attachment 6) which~~that~~ was prepared to meet the submittal requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-021-0010(1)(v), including providing evidence that the Facility complies with the approval standard in OAR 345-022-0115.

2.0 Wildfire Risk Minimization Procedures

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source;*

In addition to the measures described in this plan, the risk of a wildfire affecting the public safety, first responders, or Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council–protected resources would be minimized by the procedures listed in Table 1.

The Certificate H~~h~~older will contact local fire districts, as well as local emergency management agencies to request and incorporate any input into final Construction WMP, as appropriate, about

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit V, May 16, 2024.

the location and types of temporary fire breaks needed in the event of a fire on or off site. The final WMP shall designate:

- Estimated response times for on-site staff and local emergency service providers (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Protocols for staff or emergency providers to erect or create fire breaks in the event of a fire (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Identify and provide maps of:
  - Primary access points and facility components.
  - Important safety features or hazards such as shut-offs and hazardous material storage areas.
  - Priority areas where fire breaks would be prioritized to protect fires spreading off site or impacting the facility site.

During construction, the C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older or its contractor will work directly with local emergency responders, if available, to compile and maintain a current list of adjacent landowners/property owners with contact information. The final Wildfire Mitigation Plan will identify the best notification procedures of adjacent landowners/property owners to provide to local and regional emergency services for emergency notifications, in the event of an ignition or fire at the facility.

Table 1: Procedures to Minimize Wildfire Risk

Topic	Procedures
Public health and safety	The public will be excluded from the solar array, substation, and battery energy storage system facilities by fencing. Ground-mounted inverters and junction boxes will be surrounded by bollards to minimize inadvertent vehicle/farm equipment collisions with electrical equipment.
First Responders	The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will offer annual training to local first responders. Training will cover the firefighting responses to electrical fires. Response to fires in the facility should focus on controlling spread to adjacent lands. Operational staff will be trained in the use of fire extinguishers for responding to incipient stage fires on site.
Resource Protection	Resources covered by Energy Facility Siting Council standards near the site boundary include agricultural land, shrub steppe habitat, and cultural resources. The existing county roads will form a fire break between fields that will discourage the spread of wildfire between fields into wildlife habitat or cultural resources. ~~According to Exhibit S, within the analysis area there are four cultural resources that are listed or likely eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The four cultural resources include two historic sites, ES-KB-03 and ES-KB-07, and two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes, Sand Hollow Battle Ground and Sisupa. ES-KB-03 is a Dutch barn that was constructed in the late 19th to early 20th century.~~

3.0 Wildfire Risk Assessment

This Plan has been prepared to meet the approval standard under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b), which requires:

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;*

Prior to construction of the facility provide a summary update of wildfire risk at the site as designated under OAR 345-022-0115, if significantly different from Final Order on ASC and the Request for Amendment 1.

4.0 Inspection and Management

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;*

4.1 Vegetation Management

The Certificate Holder and contractor(s) will maintain vegetation within the Site Boundary and will also maintain a defensible space clearance along Facility features. Defensible space will be free of combustible vegetation or other materials. Roads and parking areas will be maintained to be free of vegetation tall enough to contact the undercarriage of the vehicle.

The following best management practices to minimize fire risk from vehicle travel and fueling activities would be implemented at the site during construction:

- The movement of vehicles will be planned and managed to minimize fire risk.
- The contractor(s) will be responsible for identifying and marking paths for all off-road vehicle travel. All off-road vehicle travel will be required to stay on the identified paths. No off-road vehicle travel will be permitted while working alone. Travel off road or parking in vegetated areas will be restricted during fire season.
- Areas with grass that are as tall or taller than the exhaust system of a vehicle must be wetted before vehicles travel through it.
- Workers will be instructed to shut off the engine of any vehicle that gets stuck, and periodically inspect the area adjacent to the exhaust system for evidence of ignition of vegetation. Stuck vehicles will be pulled out rather than “rocked” free and the area will be inspected again after the vehicle has been moved.
- All combustion engines (including but not limited to off road vehicles, chainsaws, and generators) will be equipped with a spark arrester that meets U.S. Forest Service Standard 5100-1.

- The contractor(s) will designate a location for field fueling operations at the temporary construction yards. Any fueling of generators, pumps, etc. shall take place at this location only.
- Fuel containers, if used, shall remain in a vehicle or equipment trailer, parked at a designated location alongside a county right-of-way. No fuel containers shall be in the vehicles that exit the right-of-way except the five-gallon container that is required for the water truck pump.
- Smoking shall only be allowed in designated smoking areas at the Facility.

5.0 Preventative and Minimization Actions for Wildfire Risk

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;

5.1 Preventative Actions

Unless already paved, access roads will be graveled. Facility roads will be sufficiently sized for emergency vehicle access in accordance with 2019 Oregon Fire Code requirements, including Section 503 and Appendix D - Fire Apparatus Access Roads[3]. Specifically, roads will primarily be 10 feet wide in the solar array area with roads up to 20 feet wide near the substation, with an internal turning radius of 28 feet and less than 10 percent grade, or a similar profile depending on siting, to provide access to emergency vehicles. The areas immediately around the ~~O&M buildings,~~ substations~~,~~ and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present. See Exhibit U[4] for additional discussion of Project fire prevention measures and coordination with local emergency responders.

5.2 Preventative Programs

The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will implement the following programs to minimize fire risk during construction of the Facility, as applicable.

5.2.1 Occupational Safety and Health Act–Compliant Fire Prevention Plan

To assure safe and healthful working conditions under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, all workers, contracting employees, and other personnel performing official duties at the Facility will conduct work under a Fire Prevention Plan that meets applicable portions of 29 CFR 1910.39, 29 CFR 1910.155, and 29 CFR 1910, subpart L. The plan will ensure that:

- Workers are trained in fire prevention, good housekeeping, and use of a fire extinguisher.

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit D, May 16, 2024.
[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit U, May 16, 2024.

- Necessary equipment is available to fight incipient stage fires. Fire beyond incipient stage shall be managed using local fire response organizations.
- Provide necessary safety equipment for handling and storing combustible and flammable material.
- Ensure equipment is maintained to prevent and control sources of ignition.
- Do not allow smoking or open flames in an area where combustible materials are located.
- Implement a Hot Work Procedure program.

5.2.2 Fire Weather Monitoring and Hot Work

Burn probability, expected flame length, and overall risk may increase during periods of the fire season. Personnel on site will monitor Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings. A fire weather watch indicates the potential for weather conducive to large fore spread in the next 12 to 72 hours. A Red Flag Warning is issued when current weather conditions are conducive to large fire growth in the next 24 hours. Personnel monitoring these conditions shall halt work in high risk locations, designated in this plan, and employ additional mitigation measures designated in this plan. Mitigation measures during a Red Flag Warning include, but are not limited to, communicating to on-site staff of the Red Flag Warning, communicating with local fire protection agency personnel of on-going conditions, driving or parking on roads to avoid sparking a fire in grass or brush, and halting construction activities that may increase fire risk such as hot work. All hot work (any cutting, welding, or other activity that creates spark or open flame) must be conducted on roads or on non-combustible surfaces, and fire suppression equipment will be immediately available during hot work activities. Following the completion of hot work, the Certificate Holder or contractor(s) must maintain a fire watch for 60 minutes to monitor for potential ignition.

5.2.3 Emergency Management Plan

The EMP will be prepared prior to construction by the Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ and construction contractor and will contain policies and procedures for preparing for and responding to a range of potential emergencies, including fires. Implementation of the EMP will ensure risks to public health and safety and risks to emergency responders are minimized. Any potential fires inside the solar array will be controlled by trained staff who will be able to access the Facility around the clock. These measures will help keep external fires out or internal fires in. The EMP will cover response procedures that consider the dry nature of the region and address risks on a seasonal basis. The plan will also specify communication channels the Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ intends to pursue with local fire protection agency personnel, for example, a construction kickoff meeting to discuss emergency planning, and invitations to observe any emergency drill conducted at the Facility.

In addition to the emergency responses to be stipulated in the EMP, personnel will be trained on the RACE (Rescue, Alarm,~~,~~ Contain, Extinguish) procedure to implement in the event of a fire start. The RACE procedure includes:

- **Rescue** anyone in danger (if safe to do so);
- **Alarm** – call the control room, who will then determine if 911 should be alerted;
- **Contain** the fire (if safe to do so); and
- **Extinguish** the incipient fire stage (if safe to do so).

Vehicles on-site will carry fire suppression equipment during the fire season. This equipment shall include, at a minimum:

- Fire Extinguisher: Dry chemical, 2.5 or 2.8 pound, 1A-10B: C U/L rating, properly mounted or secured;
- Shovel;
- Collapsible Pail or Backpack Pump: 5-gallon capacity; and
- Drip Can.

Another safety mitigation measure is to have available on site during construction is a water truck, water buffalo, or tank with minimum 500 gallon capacity.

Personnel will receive training on use of suppression equipment. All personnel shall also be equipped with communication equipment capable of reaching the control room from all locations within the site boundary.

6.0 Plan Updates and Modifications

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.

The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will track the industry groups and applicable design standards outlined in Table 2 to identify future technologies or best practices that could be implemented at the Facility.

Table 2: Resources for Future Best Practices

Reference	Description	Method
American Clean Power (ACP)	Industry group that establishes best practices for renewable energy projects	The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ is a member of ACP and participates in best practice development[1].

Reference	Description	Method
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)	National Energy Reliability Corporation develops electrical standards for large energy facilities.	The Certificate Holder ~~Applicant~~ will follow NERC Standard FAC-003-0 for its vegetation management program of transmission lines[2], or updates to this standard as approved by NERC.
Oregon Specialty Building Codes (OSBC)	Building codes applicable to inhabitable spaces, including ~~the O&M building and~~ the substation enclosure.	Remodeling to the ~~O&M and~~ enclosure structure that requires permits will follow any updates to the OSBC at that time.
APLIC	Avian protection methods for electrical facility reduce fires related to bird/mammal nests on electrical equipment	The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ is a member of APLIC[3]. An operational wildlife monitoring program will inspect for wildlife nesting on facilities that could cause fire, and take actions following applicable laws (e.g., Migratory Bird Treaty Act).

1. Link to ACP Standards & Practices: https://cleanpower.org/resources/types/standards-and-practices/.
2. NERC FAC-003-0: https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Reliability%20Standards/FAC-003-0.pdf.
3. Link to APLIC member organization: https://www.aplic.org/member_websites.php.

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Attachment M: Draft Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Sunstone Solar Project 6

Draft Operational Wildfire Mitigation Plan

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APLIC	Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~	Sunstone Solar 6, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC
BMP	best management practice
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
Facility	Sunstone Solar Project 6
Li-ion	lithium-ion
MW	megawatt
O&M	operations and maintenance
OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
Plan	Wildfire Mitigation Plan
RACE	Rescue, Alarm, Contain, Extinguish
RFA	Request for Amendment
SCADA	supervisory, control, and data acquisition
UL	Underwriters Laboratories

1.0 Introduction

Sunstone Solar 6, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~), proposes to construct the approved Sunstone Solar Project 6 (Facility), a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities in Morrow County, Oregon. The approved Facility will generate~~with~~ up to ~~1,~~200 megawatts (MW) of nominal electric generating capacity using solar panels wired in series and in parallel to form arrays, which in turn are connected to electrical infrastructure. Additionally, the Facility will also include a 1,200-MW-hour distributed battery energy storage system for the purpose of stabilizing the solar resource. ~~In addition to solar arrays, the proposed Facility would include up to 7.2 gigawatt hours of distributed battery storage capacity, an interconnection substation, up to seven collector substations, an operations and maintenance building, and other structures including roads, perimeter fencing, and gates. The Facility is proposed to be sited within an approximately 10,960-acre (17 square mile) site boundary in Morrow County. All land within the proposed site boundary is privately owned and zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.~~ The Certificate Holder proposes to permit a range of photovoltaic and related or associated technology within a site boundary that allows for micrositing flexibility in consideration of the perpetual evolution of technology and maximization of space efficiency, thereby allowing developmental flexibility to address varying market requirements. These facilities are all described in greater detail in Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC[1]) and Request for Amendment 1 (RFA 1).

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan) wa~~i~~s attached to Exhibit V – Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation[2] and updated for Request for Amendment (RFA) 1 (see Attachment 6) which~~that~~ was prepared to meet the submittal requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-021-0010(1)(v), including providing evidence that the Facility complies with the approval standard in OAR 345-022-0115.

2.0 Wildfire Risk Minimization Procedures

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source;*

In addition to the measures described above, the risk of a wildfire affecting the public safety, first responders, or Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council–protected resources would be minimized by the procedures listed in Table 1.

The Certificate H~~h~~older will contact local fire districts, as well as local emergency management agencies to request and incorporate any input into final WMP, as appropriate, about the location

[1] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit B, May 16, 2024.
[2] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit V, May 16, 2024.

and types of temporary fire breaks needed in the event of a fire on or off site. The final WMP shall designate:

- Estimated response times for on-site staff and local emergency service providers, (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Protocols for staff or emergency providers to erect or create fire breaks in the event of a fire, (to the extent emergency service information is available),
- Identify and provide maps of:
  - Primary access points and facility components.
  - Important safety features or hazards such as shut-offs, battery components, and hazardous material storage areas.
  - Priority areas where fire breaks would be prioritized to protect fires spreading off site or impacting the facility site.

During operation, the C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older or its contractor will work directly with local emergency responders, if available, to compile and maintain a current list of adjacent landowners/property owners with contact information. The final Wildfire Mitigation Plan will identify the best notification procedures of adjacent landowners/property owners to provide to local and regional emergency services for emergency notifications, in the event of an ignition or fire at the facility.

Table 1: Procedures to Minimize Wildfire Risk

Topic	Procedures
Public health and safety	The public will be excluded from the solar array, substation, and battery energy storage system facilities by fencing. Ground-mounted inverters and junction boxes will be surrounded by bollards to minimize inadvertent vehicle/farm equipment collisions with electrical equipment.
First Responders	The C~~c~~ertificate H~~h~~older will offer annual training to local first responders. Training will cover the firefighting responses to electrical fires and how to safely respond to fires involving BESS components. Response to fires in the facility should focus on controlling spread to adjacent lands. Operational staff will be trained in the use of fire extinguishers for responding to incipient stage fires on site.
Resource Protection	Resources covered by Energy Facility Siting Council standards near the site boundary include agricultural land, shrub steppe habitat, and cultural resources. The existing county roads will form a fire break between fields that will discourage the spread of wildfire between fields into wildlife habitat or cultural resources. ~~According to Exhibit S, within the analysis area there are four cultural resources that are listed or likely eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The four cultural resources include two historic sites, ES-KB-03 and ES-KB-07, and two Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes, Sand Hollow Battle Ground and Sisupa. ES-KB-03 is a Dutch barn that was constructed in the late 19th to early 20th century.~~

3.0 Wildfire Risk Assessment Update

This Plan has been prepared to meet the approval standard under OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b), which requires:

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;

Prior to operation of the facility provide a summary update of wildfire risk at the site as designated under OAR 345-022-0115.

4.0 Inspection and Management

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;

4.1 Facility Inspections

Facility components will be inspected quarterly. The supervisory, control, and data acquisition (SCADA) system collects operating and performance data from the Facility as a whole and allows remote operation. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will monitor the Facility components, such as the substation and solar arrays, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including shutdown capabilities. These operational monitoring and maintenance measures are also discussed in Section 4.0.

The battery energy storage system may consist of either zinc-based batteries or lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries and will be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules. The modules will be stored on a concrete pad to capture any leaks that may occur. Operations and maintenance (O&M) employees will conduct inspections of the battery energy storage systems according to the manufacturer's recommendations, which are assumed to be monthly inspections.

The zinc-based batteries under consideration for this Facility are non-flammable and tolerate wide temperature ranges. As a result, the manufacturer affirms that they are not anticipated to present a fire hazard and do not require on-site fire suppression systems. Section 2.7.1 of Exhibit B summarizes the information pertinent to fire prevention and control for a Li-ion battery energy storage system, if selected.

Table 2 below provides draft operational inspections for electrical facility components from similar types of facilities. As part of finalizing the final operational WMP, the Certificate Holder~~applicant~~ may update this table as applicable to facility equipment, standards, and inspections.

Table 2: Draft Operational Inspections for Electrical Components

Inspection	Procedure	Standard	Time frame
Solar Inverter	Visual inspection of inverter and surrounding area.	SPCC Plan[1] Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations	Monthly SPCC Bi-annual Preventative Maintenance

Inspection	Procedure	Standard	Time frame
Substation	Visual inspection of MPT, Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC) measures, and surrounding area.	Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations APLIC[2]	Monthly Yearly (APLIC)
BESS	Visual inspection of BESS, PCS, and surrounding areas	SPCC Plan Manufacturer's maintenance recommendations	Monthly
Overhead electrical lines	Visual inspection of components, grounding, APLIC measures, vertical clearance distance between conductor and vegetation.	National Energy reliability Corporation (NERC)[3] APLIC	Bi-annual
1. The Operational Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan for the facility will require these components to be inspected monthly for spills. During these inspections, Operational Staff will also visually inspect the component and surrounding area. 2. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will develop an inspection checklist and program of electrical equipment based on manufacturer's recommendations for individual components. 3. Vegetation maintenance standard FAC-003-0 .			

4.2 Vegetation Management

Vegetation within areas temporarily disturbed during construction of the Facility, as well as revegetation of areas within the solar array fence line area, will be revegetated as outlined in the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4[3]; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). As noted in the Revegetation and Reclamation Plan, areas within the solar array fence line area will be revegetated with a mixture of low-growing grasses and forbs which would be compatible with desired vegetation conditions under the solar arrays (i.e., species whose mature height would not interfere with or shade the solar array). In addition, vegetation within the solar array fence line area will be managed as needed to reduce fuels for fire. This would include mowing vegetation under solar panels periodically, if required. The Certificate Holder~~Applicant~~ will also maintain a 5-foot noncombustible, defensible space clearance along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary. Defensible space will be free of combustible vegetation or other materials. Roads and parking areas will be maintained to be free of vegetation tall enough to contact the undercarriage of the vehicle.

A physical vegetation survey assessment of the fenced area will be completed at least twice a year to monitor for vegetation clearances, maintain fire breaks, as applicable, and monitor for wildfire hazards. One of the vegetation survey assessments will occur in May or June, prior to the start of the dry season, a time when wildfire risk begins to become heightened. The survey will be conducted by the Site Operations Manager and will be used to assess the frequency of any upcoming vegetation maintenance required and identify areas that may need additional attention. The Site

[3] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit P, May 16, 2024.

Operations Manager will visually assess and document vegetation height, abundance, and areas where vegetation should not be present such as crushed rock bed around collector substations. The vegetation survey assessment will determine that clearances and fire breaks (vegetative clearance areas and areas determined to remain clear to act as permanent fire breaks or areas where temporary fire breaks may be deployed in the event of a fire) are satisfactory, and if not, the mitigation procedures will be implemented (e.g., vegetation management) to ensure clearances and fire breaks are satisfactory The vegetation survey will document::

- Location of observations
- Species
- Estimated growth rate
- Abundance
- Clearance / Setbacks
- Risk of fire hazard

Additional vegetation surveys may be required throughout the season based on seasonally heightened fire risk. Vegetation Maintenance procedures and BMPs will be followed during operation of the Facility to ensure that vegetation does not grow in a manner that blocks or reduces solar radiation reaching the solar panels and reduce the risk of starting a fire. Vegetation control will employ best management practices (BMPs) and techniques that are most appropriate for the local environment. BMPs may include physical vegetation control such as mowing. Noxious weeds within the site boundary will be controlled in accordance with the Noxious Weed Control Plan (see Exhibit P, Attachment P-4; updated for RFA 1, see Attachment 6). Efforts will be made to minimize the use of herbicides and only herbicides approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Oregon Department of Agriculture will be used. Herbicides used for vegetation management of the site will be selected and used in a manner that fully complies with all applicable laws and regulations.

Vegetation within the fence line and below the solar arrays will be maintained to a height of 18 inches and provide a minimum of 24-inch clear distance to any exposed electrical cables. Exposed electrical wires should be running under the solar panels at the midpoint or higher than the center of the panel. The areas immediately around the ~~O&M buildings,~~ substations~~,~~ and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present.

Ongoing vegetation management to ensure that vegetation does not grow in these graveled areas is outlined in Table 3.

Table 3. Vegetation Management Procedures by Facility Component

Vegetation Management	Procedure	Standard	Time Frame
Solar Inverter	Herbicide application on gravel pad around inverter to prevent vegetation growth.	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 80[1] National Electrical Code (NEC) 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Substation	Herbicide application on substation gravel pad. Highly compacted gravel foundations of substation are not suitable for vegetation.	IEEE 80[1] NEC 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Battery energy storage system	Herbicide application on gravel pad surrounding the battery energy storage system. Highly compacted gravel foundations of the battery energy storage system are not suitable for vegetation.	IEEE 80[1] NEC 70[2]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
Overhead electrical lines	Mow vegetation to achieve clearance requirements between conductor and ground.	North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)[3]	Yearly, depending on vegetation condition.
1. IEEE (2015) 2. NFPA (2023) 3. NERC (2009)			

5.0 Preventative and Minimization Actions for Wildfire Risk

OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;

5.1 Preventative Actions and Design Features

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will minimize risk of operation of the facility causing wildfire by implementing a number of systems and procedures. During O&M activities, these will include requirements to conduct welding or metal cutting only in areas cleared of vegetation, and maintaining emergency firefighting equipment on-site. Employees will keep vehicles on roads and off dry grassland when feasible during the dry months of the year, unless such activities are required for emergency purposes, in which case fire precautions will be observed. Fire extinguishers and shovels will be kept in all vehicles. On-site employees will also receive training on fire prevention and response and have on-site fire extinguishers to respond to small fires. In the event of a large fire, emergency responders will be dispatched.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will minimize risk of Facility components causing wildfire through preventative actions. In the design of the Facility, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement

the design considerations and best practices outlined in Table 4 to minimize electrical fire risk from facility components.

Table 4. Design Considerations for Fire Safety by Facility Component

Consideration	Inverter	Substation	Battery Energy Storage System	Overhead Lines
Electrical connections by qualified electricians	X	X	X	X
Inspections for mechanical integrity prior to energizations	X	X	X	X
Lighting protection	X	X	X	X
Corrosion protection	X	X	X	X
Strain relief of connecting cabling	X	X	X	X
Protection against moisture	X	X	X	X
Grounding systems	X	X	X	X
Safety setback from structures	X[1]	X[1]	X[1]	X[2]
Technology specific design standards	X[3]	X[4]	X[5]	X[3]

1. Graveled inside structure's perimeter fence with additional 3-foot gravel setback outside of structure's perimeter fence
2. Vertical and horizontal clearances from structures depends on voltage of conductor.
3. NFPA 70 (.NFPA 2023).
4. IEEE 979 (IEEE 2012).
5. NFPA 1, Chapter 52 (NFPA 2021).

During Facility operations, the areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire include the solar array areas. The solar array areas will have low-growing vegetation maintained below the solar arrays during the operational period of the Facility. Measures for reducing the risk of fire ignition and reducing the risk of equipment damage were a wildfire to occur are discussed further in Section 3.0, including the Facility's vegetation management program (see Section 3.2), and through the emergency response procedures that will be described in the Emergency Management Plan (EMP). The EMP will be developed for the Facility and is outlined below in Section 4.2.5. The collector substation area, transformer pads, and the permanent, fenced parking and storage area will have reduced risk for fire due to the fact that these areas will have a gravel base with no vegetation within a 10-foot perimeter to reduce fire risk.

The Facility components will meet National Electrical Code and Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers standards and will not pose a significant fire risk. The solar array will have shielded electrical cabling, as required by applicable code, to prevent electrical fires. In addition, the collector system and substation will have redundant surge arrestors to deactivate the Facility during unusual operational events that could start fires. The collector substation ~~and the switchyard~~ will have also sufficient spacing between equipment to prevent the spread of fire.

Unless already paved, access roads will be graveled. Facility roads will be sufficiently sized for emergency vehicle access in accordance with 2019 Oregon Fire Code requirements, including

Section 503 and Appendix D - Fire Apparatus Access Roads. Specifically, roads will primarily be 10 feet wide in the solar array area with roads up to 20 feet wide near the substation, with an internal turning radius of 28 feet and less than 10 percent grade, or a similar profile depending on siting, to provide access to emergency vehicles. A 5-foot noncombustible, defensible space clearance along the fenced perimeter of the site boundary will be maintained. The areas immediately around the ~~O&M buildings,~~ substations~~,~~ and battery energy storage system will be graveled, with no vegetation present. See Exhibit U for additional discussion of Project fire prevention measures and coordination with local emergency responders. Vegetation free areas such as gravel pads or base and facility perimeter and interior roads act as a permanent fire break which could minimize the spread of fires on site or impacts from an external wildfire.

Smoke/fire detectors will be placed around the site that will be tied to the SCADA system and will contact local firefighting services. This communication system allows each solar string, battery energy storage system, and substation to be monitored by a SCADA system, accessed through both the SCADA control room in the substations or remotely. This system monitors these components for variables such as meteorological conditions, critical operating parameters, and power output. The solar array is controlled and monitored via the SCADA system~~,~~ and can be controlled remotely. SCADA software is tuned specifically to the needs of each project by the solar module manufacturer or a third-party SCADA vendor. This system will be monitored 24/7 by a remote operations center.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder proposes to construct either a direct current–coupled distributed battery energy storage system (located throughout the solar array fence line area at the inverter and transformer sites) or alternating current–coupled battery energy storage system (concentrated in a single location within the solar array fence ~~line area~~). The system as a whole will use a series of self-contained containers located within the solar array fence line area. The containers may have their own additional fencing, to be determined prior to construction. Each container will be placed on a concrete foundation. Regardless of the battery technology selected, the containers are estimated to require up to 0.2 to 0.4 acre each with a total of 2,491~~14,946~~ containers. Each container is rated for outdoor environments and holds the batteries and a battery management system.

The Facility will use either Li-ion batteries or zinc batteries to store up to ~~1,~~200 MW alternating current of power over a 6-hour discharge duration (1~~7~~,200 megawatt-hours alternating current) (ASC Exhibit C, Figure C-2[4]).

The zinc-based batteries under consideration for this Facility are non-flammable and tolerate wide temperature ranges. As a result, the manufacturer affirms that they are not anticipated to present a fire hazard and do not require on-site fire suppression systems. Additionally, zinc batteries will have fans and a heating unit for climate control.

The following paragraphs summarize the information pertinent to fire prevention and control for a Li-ion battery energy storage system, if selected. The chemicals used in Li-ion batteries are generally nontoxic but do present a flammability hazard. Li-ion systems would also include a fire

[4] Complete Application for Site Certificate, Exhibit C, May 16, 2024.

prevention system and cooling units placed either on top of the containers or along the side. Li-ion batteries are susceptible to overheating and typically require cooling systems dedicated to each battery energy storage system enclosure, especially at the utility scale (Jeevarajan et al. 2022). The gas released by an overheating Li-ion cell is mainly carbon dioxide but may also include carbon monoxide, methane, ethylene, and propylene (Jeevarajan et al. 2022).

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following fire prevention and control methods to minimize fire and safety risks for the Li-ion batteries proposed for the battery energy storage system:

- The batteries will be stored in completely contained, leak-proof modules.
- Ample working space will be provided around the battery energy storage system for maintenance and safety purposes.
- Off-site, 24-hour monitoring of the battery energy storage system will be implemented and will include shutdown capabilities.
- Transportation of Li-ion batteries is subject to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 173.185 – Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration. This regulation contains requirements for prevention of a dangerous evolution of heat; prevention of short circuits; prevention of damage to the terminals; and prevention of batteries coming into contact with other batteries or conductive materials. Adherence to the requirements and regulations, personnel training, safe interim storage, and segregation from other potential waste streams will minimize any public hazard related to transport, use, or disposal of batteries.
- Design of the battery energy storage system will be in accordance with applicable Underwriters Laboratories (UL; specifically, 1642, 1741, 1973, 9540A), National Electric Code, and National Fire Protection Association (specifically 855) standards, which require rigorous industry testing and certification related to fire safety and/or other regulatory requirements applicable to battery storage at the time of construction.
- Additionally, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will employ the following design practices, as applicable to the available technology and design at time of construction:
    - Use of Li-ion phosphate battery chemistry that does not release oxygen when it decomposes due to temperature;
    - Employment of an advanced and proven battery management system;
    - Qualification testing of battery systems in accordance with UL 9540A (UL Solutions 2025~~3~~);
    - Employment of Fike fire control panels with 24-hour battery backup at every battery container;

  - Installation of fire sensors, smoke and hydrogen detectors, alarms, emergency ventilation systems, cooling systems, and aerosol fire suppression/extinguishing systems in every battery container;
  - Installation of doors that are equipped with a contact that will shut down the battery container if opened;
  - Installation of fire extinguishing and thermal insulation sheets between each individual battery cell;
  - Implementation of locks and fencing to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel;
  - Installation of remote power disconnect switches; and
  - Clear and visible signs to identify remote power disconnect switches.

5.2 Preventative Programs

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will implement the following programs to minimize fire risk during operations of the Facility.

5.2.1 Occupational Safety and Health Act–Compliant Fire Prevention Plan

To assure safe and healthful working conditions under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, all workers, contracting employees, and other personnel performing official duties at the Facility will conduct work under a Fire Prevention Plan that meets applicable portions of 29 CFR 1910.39, 29 CFR 1910.155, and 29 CFR 1910, subpart L. The plan will ensure that:

- Workers are trained in fire prevention, good housekeeping, and use of a fire extinguisher.
- Necessary equipment is available to fight incipient stage fires. Fire beyond incipient stage shall be managed using local fire response organizations.
- Provide necessary safety equipment for handling and storing combustible and flammable material.
- Ensure equipment is maintained to prevent and control sources of ignition.
- Do not allow smoking or open flames in an area where combustible materials are located.
- Implement a Hot Work Procedure program.

5.2.2 Electrical Safety Program

All operational workers will be trained in electrical safety and the specific hazards of the Facility. This training will address:

- Minimum experience requirements to work on different types of electrical components;
- Electrical equipment testing and troubleshooting;
- Switching system;

- Provisions for entering high voltage areas (e.g., substation);
- Minimum approach distances; and
- Required personal protective equipment.

5.2.3 Lock Out/Tag Out Program

During maintenance activities, electrical equipment will be de-energized and physically locked or tagged in the de-energized positions to inadvertent events that could result in arc flash.

5.2.4 Fire Weather Monitoring and Hot Work

Burn probability, expected flame length, and overall risk may increase during periods of the fire season. Personnel on site will monitor Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings. A fire weather watch indicates the potential for weather conducive to large fire spread in the next 12 to 72 hours. A Red Flag Warning is issued when current weather conditions are conducive to large fire growth in the next 24 hours. Personnel monitoring these conditions shall halt work in high-risk locations, as designated in this plan, and employ additional mitigation measures designated in this plan. Mitigation measures during a Red Flag Warning include, but are not limited to, communicating to on-site staff of the Red Flag Warning, communicating with local fire protection agency personnel of on-going conditions, driving or parking on roads to avoid sparking a fire in grass or brush, and halting construction activities that may increase fire risk such as hot work. All hot work (any cutting, welding, or other activity that creates spark or open flame) must be conducted on roads or on non-combustible surfaces, and fire suppression equipment will be immediately available during hot work activities. Following the completion of hot work, the Certificate Holder or contractor(s) must maintain a fire watch for 60 minutes to monitor for potential ignition.

5.2.5 Emergency Management Plan

Emergency Management will cover response procedures that consider the dry nature of the region and address risks on a seasonal basis. The final WMP will specify communication channels the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder intends to pursue with local fire protection agency personnel, for example, annual meetings to discuss emergency planning, protocols for how to respond to electrical fires and safely respond to a fire involving BESS components, and invitations to observe any emergency drill conducted at the Facility.

At the beginning of Facility operations, a copy of the site plan indicating the arrangement of the Facility structures, access points, and fire breaks will be provided to the local fire district.

Personnel will be trained on the RACE (Rescue, Alarm~~,~~, Contain, Extinguish) procedure to implement in the event of a fire start. The RACE procedure includes:

- **Rescue** anyone in danger (if safe to do so);
- **Alarm** – call the control room, who will then determine if 911 should be alerted;

- **Contain** the fire (if safe to do so); and
- **Extinguish** the incipient fire stage (if safe to do so).

Vehicles on-site will carry fire suppression equipment during the fire season. This equipment shall include, at a minimum:

- Fire Extinguisher: Dry chemical, 2.5 or 2.8 pound, 1A-10B: C U/L rating, properly mounted or secured;
- Shovel;
- Collapsible Pail or Backpack Pump: 5-gallon capacity; and
- Drip Can.

During times of heightened wildfire risk, a water truck, water buffalo, or tank with minimum 500 gallon capacity will be stationed at the site during operations and maintenance activities.

Personnel will receive training on use of suppression equipment. All personnel shall also be equipped with communication equipment capable of reaching the control room from all locations within the amended site boundary.

6.0 Plan Updates and Modifications

> *OAR 345-022-0115(1)(b)(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.*

This Plan will be updated by the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder every 5 years. Updates to this Plan will account for changes in local fire protection agency personnel and changes in best practices for minimizing and mitigating fire risk. It is recommended to consult with Morrow County, the local fire department, and the Morrow County Emergency Manager.

After each 5-year review, a copy of the updated plans will be provided to the Oregon Department of Energy with the annual compliance report required under OAR 345-026-008(2).

Every 5 years, the ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will review wildfire risk and update this Plan for the site boundary. Evaluation of wildfire risk will be consistent with the requirements of OAR 345-022-0115(1) using current data from reputable sources.

The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder may consider revisions to this Plan at its sole discretion to incorporate future best practices or emerging technology depending on whether the new technology is cost effective and suitable for the site conditions. The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will track the industry groups and applicable design standards outlined in Table 5 to identify future technologies or best practices that could be implemented at the Facility.

Table 5. Resources for Future Best Practices

Reference	Description	Method
American Clean Power (ACP)	Industry group that establishes best practices for renewable energy projects	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is a member of ACP and participates in best practice development[1].
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)	National Energy Reliability Corporation develops electrical standards for large energy facilities.	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder will follow NERC Standard FAC-003-0 for its vegetation management program of transmission lines[2], or updates to this standard as approved by NERC.
Oregon Specialty Building Codes (OSBC)	Building codes applicable to inhabitable spaces, including ~~the O&M building and~~ the substation enclosure.	Remodeling to the ~~O&M and~~ enclosure structure that requires permits will follow any updates to the OSBC at that time.
APLIC	Avian protection methods for electrical facility reduce fires related to bird/mammal nests on electrical equipment	The ~~Applicant~~Certificate Holder is a member of APLIC[3]. An operational wildlife monitoring program will inspect for wildlife nesting on facilities that could cause fire, and take actions following applicable laws (e.g., Migratory Bird Treaty Act).

1. Link to ACP Standards & Practices: https://cleanpower.org/resources/types/standards-and-practices/.
2. NERC FAC-003-0: https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Reliability%20Standards/FAC-003-0.pdf.
3. Link to APLIC member organization: https://www.aplic.org/member_websites.php.

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Attachment O: Decommissioning Cost Estimate and Assumptions

Estimate Summary
TETRA TECH, INC.
Job Code: Sunstone solar
Description: Decommissioning Estimate

			Cost Item					
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6	1.00	Each	SUNSTONE SOLAR RETIREMENT - PHASE 6	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	23,440,771.91	23,440,771.91
6.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Equipment & Facilities Mob / Demob	0.10	Detail	U.S. Dollar	218,136.80	218,136.80
6.1.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Equipment Mob	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	81,200.00	81,200.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UERNTRLG	Rental Equip Transp-Large		8.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	10,000.00	80,000.00
UERNTRSM	Rental Equip Transp-Small		8.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	150.00	1,200.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.1.2	1.00	Lump Sum	Site Facilities	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,200.00	2,200.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UOCONMOB	Connex Box Mob		2.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	300.00	600.00
UOTRLTRN	Trailer Trnsp/Setup/Trdwn		2.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,600.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.1.3	5.00	Day	Crew Mob & Site Setup	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	13,473.68	67,368.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,000.00	20.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	46,970.00
L010101	OPERATOR	400.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	20,398.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.1.4	5.00	Day	Crew Demob & Site Cleanup	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	13,473.68	67,368.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,000.00	20.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	46,970.00
L010101	OPERATOR	400.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	20,398.40

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.2	4.00	Month	Project Site Support	0.05	Detail	U.S. Dollar	71,469.70	285,878.80
6.2.1	4.00	Month	Site Facilities	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,755.00	7,020.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
URCONNEX	Connex Box		8.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	150.00	1,200.00
UROFFTRL	Office Trailer -12x60		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	500.00	2,000.00
UO1STAID	1st Aid Supplies		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	300.00	1,200.00
UOOFFSUP	Office Supplies($/prs/mo)		4.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	55.00	220.00
URPRTAJH	Port-a-John Unit(s) (4)		8.00	Month	U.S. Dollar	300.00	2,400.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.2.2	4.00	Month	Field Management	0.05	Detail	U.S. Dollar	69,714.70	278,858.80

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L90FXX02	Field - Proj Superintendent	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	114.95	101,156.00
RPUTRK05	F-250 4X4 3/4 TON PICKUP	2,640.00	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	11.07	29,211.60
L90FEL00	Field - Engr. Tech	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	64.24	56,531.20
L90FXX03	Field - SHSO	880.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	104.50	91,960.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.3	1.00	Each	Substation Retirement	0.04	Detail	U.S. Dollar	170,429.15	170,429.15
6.3.1	1.00	Day	Fence Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.3.2	1.00	Each	Transformer Removal	0.17	Detail	U.S. Dollar	102,309.50	102,309.50
6.3.2.1	1.00	Each	Oil Removal & Disposal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	66,314.40	66,314.40

Cost Item							
CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.3.2.1.1	1.00 Each	Oil Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	939.40	939.40

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	20.00	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	939.40

6.3.2.1.2	16,000.00 Gallon	Oil Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4.00	64,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		64,000.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	64,000.00

6.3.2.1.3	1.00 Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,375.00	1,375.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,375.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,375.00

6.3.2.2	1.00 Each	Dismantle & Loadout Transformer	0.20	Detail	U.S. Dollar	35,995.10	35,995.10
6.3.2.2.1	1.00 Each	Dismantle, Cut & Size	0.20	Detail	U.S. Dollar	29,995.10	29,995.10

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	200.00	4.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	9,394.00
L010101	OPERATOR	100.00	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	50.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	6,226.75
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	50.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	9,274.75

6.3.2.2.2	4.00 Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	6,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		6,000.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	6,000.00

6.3.3	1.00 Each	Remove Control Building	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,612.51	2,612.51
6.3.3.1	1.00 Each	Demo	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,112.51	1,112.51

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	5.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	234.85
L010101	OPERATOR	5.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	254.98
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	5.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	622.68

6.3.3.2	1.00 Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,500.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00

6.3.4	1.00 Day	UG Utility & Ground Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,312.01	1,312.01

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	509.96
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	469.70
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	10.00	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	332.35

6.3.5	1,000.00 Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	28,045.10
6.3.5.1	1,000.00 Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation - Various Depth	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	15,516.50

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	35.71	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	1,677.50
L010101	OPERATOR	71.43	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	3,642.57
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	35.71	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	5,748.75

Cost Item							
CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	35.71	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	124.54	4,447.68
6.3.5.2	1,000.00 Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	12,528.60
Resource Code	**Description**	**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	100.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	74.29	7,429.00
L080940	TEAMSTER	100.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60
6.3.6	1.00 Each	Misc. Material Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,900.00	2,900.00
6.3.6.1	1.00 Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,500.00
Resource Code	**Description**	**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,500.00 Each		U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,500.00
6.3.6.2	20.00 Ton	Disposal Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,400.00
Resource Code	**Description**	**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,400.00 Each		U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,400.00
6.3.7	1.00 Each	Restore Yard	0.23	Detail	U.S. Dollar	31,938.02	31,938.02
6.3.7.1	1.60 Acre	Remove Aggregate / Backfill / Regrade	1.60	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,062.47	3,299.96
Resource Code	**Description**	**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	20.00	2.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	46.97	939.40
L010101	OPERATOR	20.00	2.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,019.92
REXCAV06B	Gradall - Excavator	10.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	75.73	757.29
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	10.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	58.34	583.35
6.3.7.2	1,000.00 Cubic Yard	Vegetative Cover	300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	27.36	27,358.07
6.3.7.2.1	1,000.00 Cubic Yard	Topsoil, Delivered	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	20.00	20,000.00
Resource Code	**Description**	**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
IMSOIL	Topsoil		1,000.00 Cubic Yard		U.S. Dollar	20.00	20,000.00
6.3.7.2.2	1,000.00 Cubic Yard	Placement	300.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7.36	7,358.07
Resource Code	**Description**	**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
L010101	OPERATOR	66.67	2.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	51.00	3,399.73
RDOZER08	CAT D6N XL	66.67	2.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	59.38	3,958.33
6.3.7.3	1.60 Acre	Re-Seed With Native Vegetation	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,280.00
Resource Code	**Description**	**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
USLANDSCAPE	Landscape Sub		1.60 Acre		U.S. Dollar	800.00	1,280.00
6.4	1.00 Lump Sum	Collector Line Retirement	0.07	Detail	U.S. Dollar	46,946.45	46,946.45
6.4.1	5,850.00 Linear Feet	Conductor Removal	585.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	5.50	32,154.10
6.4.1.1	1.00 Lump Sum	Cut / Lower Cable, Size & Loadout	0.10	Detail	U.S. Dollar	31,404.10	31,404.10
Resource Code	**Description**	**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	400.00	4.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	46.97	18,788.00
L010101	OPERATOR	100.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	51.00	5,099.60
*RXMISC14	MAN LIFT GAS 125ft	100.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	53.52	5,352.00
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	100.00	1.00 Each (hourly)		U.S. Dollar	21.65	2,164.50
6.4.1.2	0.50 Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	750.00
Resource Code	**Description**	**Hours**	**Quantity UM**		**Currency**	**Unit Cost**	**Total Cost**
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		750.00 Each		U.S. Dollar	1.00	750.00

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.4.2	26.00	Each	Utility Pole Removal	5.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	568.94	14,792.35
6.4.2.1	26.00	Each	Cut / Lower Pole	10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	191.78	4,986.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	52.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	2,442.44
L010101	OPERATOR	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,325.90
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	1,217.84

6.4.2.2	26.00	Each	Size & Loadout	10.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	191.78	4,986.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	52.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	2,442.44
L010101	OPERATOR	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	1,325.90
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	26.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	1,217.84

6.4.2.3	2.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	3,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		3,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	3,000.00

6.4.2.4	26.00	Ton	Disposal Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,820.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,820.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,820.00

Notes: **

Assumption: 101 poles x 2000' per pole

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6.5	1,200.00	MW	DC Storage Retirement	2.47	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,148.02	3,777,627.74
6.5.1	1,200.00	MW	Battery Removal & Disposal	5.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,044.07	2,452,881.60
6.5.1.1	240.00	Day	Remove Batteries, Load For Transport	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,251.10	780,264.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	14,400.00	6.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	676,368.00
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	4,800.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	103,896.00

6.5.1.2	396.00	Each	Transport Batteries	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,605.60	635,817.60
6.5.1.2.1	396.00	Each	Roll Off Liners	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	105.60	41,817.60

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODCLINER	Rolloff Liner		396.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	105.60	41,817.60

6.5.1.2.2	396.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	594,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		594,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	594,000.00

6.5.1.3	5,184.00	Ton	Disposal Fee's	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	200.00	1,036,800.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,036,800.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,036,800.00

6.5.2	1,200.00	MW	Structure & Components Removal	4.90	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,103.96	1,324,746.14
6.5.2.1	120.00	Day	Refrigerant Recovery	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,207.80	144,936.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010110	Craft - MEP	2,400.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	60.39	144,936.00

6.5.2.2	3,936.00	Ton	Structure Demo	43.33	Detail	U.S. Dollar	116.76	459,569.18

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	908.31	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	113,116.10
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	908.31	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	168,486.54
L010101	OPERATOR	1,816.62	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	92,640.12
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	1,816.62	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	85,326.42

6.5.2.3	396.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,375.00	544,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		544,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	544,500.00

6.5.2.4	105,000.00	Gallon	Glycol Recovery & Disposal	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.00	105,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLIQUID	Liquids T&D		105,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	105,000.00

6.5.2.5	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Remove Foundations To Subgrade	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	70,740.96
6.5.2.5.1	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	39,138.82

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	4,231.33
L010101	OPERATOR	180.17	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	9,188.02
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	14,500.65
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	90.09	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	11,218.82

6.5.2.5.2	2,522.40	Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	31,602.14

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	252.24	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	18,738.91
L080940	TEAMSTER	252.24	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	12,863.23

6.6	1.00	Lump Sum	Solar Array Retirement	0.01	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7,888,763.11	7,888,763.11
6.6.1	36,960.00	Linear Feet	Fence Removal	5,189.45	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.31	48,568.80
6.6.1.1	36,960.00	Linear Feet	Fence Removal	5,189.45	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.03	38,068.80

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	213.66	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	10,896.03
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	427.33	6.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	20,071.63
RBACKH09	Deere 710J BACKHOE, 1.62CY	213.66	3.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	33.24	7,101.14

6.6.1.2	7.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	10,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		10,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	10,500.00

6.6.2	656,256.00	Each	Solar Panel Removal & Disposal	10,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	7.17	4,708,588.14
6.6.2.1	656,256.00	Each	Solar Panel Removal	10,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3.07	2,017,928.14

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RLIFTS05	JCB 508C, 8,000lbs FRKLFT	6,562.56	10.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	21.65	142,046.61
L010101	OPERATOR	6,562.56	10.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	334,664.31
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	32,812.80	50.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	1,541,217.22

Notes: **
Assumed production: 20 panels per laborer per hour,
Includes packaging and preparing for shipment offsite.
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6.6.2.2	875.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	1,312,500.00

Cost Item								
CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		1,312,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,312,500.00

Notes: *************************************
Assumption: 45,000 lbs per load
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.6.2.3	19,688.00	Ton	Recycling Cost	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	70.00	1,378,160.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USDISPOSAL	Disposal Fee's		1,378,160.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	1,378,160.00

Notes: ***
Assumption: 60 lbs each
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.6.3	1.00	Lump Sum	Solar Rack (Trackers) & Post Removal	0.01	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,131,606.18	3,131,606.18
6.6.3.1	10,938.00	Each	Solar Rack (Trackers) & Post Removal	160.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	252.98	2,767,106.18

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	10,938.00	16.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	557,794.25
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	10,938.00	16.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	513,757.86
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	5,469.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	681,081.92
*REXCAV06E	Excav 100K w/ Shear	5,469.00	8.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	185.50	1,014,472.16

Notes: **
Assumed production: .5 hour per rack per crew. Crew to include 1 excavator w/shear, 1 excavator w/grapple, 2 operators and 2 laborers. Includes post removal and sizing of steel for sale as scrap, and loadout to haul trucks.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.6.3.2	243.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	364,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		364,500.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	364,500.00

Notes: *************************************
Assumption: 45,000 lbs per load
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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.7	54.00	Each	Inverter / Transformer Removal	1.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,143.21	169,733.07
6.7.1	54.00	Each	Disconnect Electrical	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	592.13	31,974.75

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010110	Craft - MEP	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	60.39	16,305.30
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	12,681.90
RPUTRK05	F-250 4X4 3/4 TON PICKUP	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	11.07	2,987.55

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.7.2	54.00	Each	Loadout Inverter & Transformer	2.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,051.08	56,758.32

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	540.00	2.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	25,363.80
L010101	OPERATOR	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	13,768.92
RHYDCR06	GROVE RT880 73 TON	270.00	1.00	Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	65.28	17,625.60

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.7.3	54.00	Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,500.00	81,000.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		81,000.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	81,000.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.8	105,665.00	Cubic Yard	Remove Inverter / Transformer / BESS Foundations	73.68	Detail	U.S. Dollar	28.05	2,963,385.49
6.8.1	105,665.00	Cubic Yard	Excavate / Remove Foundation	280.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	15.52	1,639,550.97

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L060100	GENERAL LABORER	3,773.75	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.97	177,253.04
L010101	OPERATOR	7,547.50	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	384,892.31
*REXCAV06C	Excav 100K w/ Hammer	3,773.75	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	160.97	607,441.67
*REXCAV06A	Excav 100K w/ Bucket & Grapple	3,773.75	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	124.54	469,963.96

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.8.2	105,665.00 Cubic Yard	Concrete Transport Offsite	100.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	12.53	1,323,834.52

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	10,566.50	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	784,985.29
L080940	TEAMSTER	10,566.50	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	538,849.23

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.9	1.00 Lump Sum	Site Restoration - Partial Site Seeding	0.03	Detail	U.S. Dollar	522,609.71	522,609.71
6.9.1	35,904.00 Linear Feet	Site Roads - Removal & Restoration	5,000.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1.63	58,618.09

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	287.23	4.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	16,755.68
L010101	OPERATOR	502.66	7.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	25,633.45
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	143.62	2.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	10,669.23
*RFELWH08C	CAT 980 LOADER	71.81	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	77.43	5,559.73

Notes: ************************************
Assume topsoil for restoration available onsite.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.9.2	9.00 Each	Remove CONEX Storage & Gravel Pads	6.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	750.46	6,754.10
6.9.2.1	9.00 Each	Remove & Load CONEX	12.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	81.53	733.77

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	7.50	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	382.47
RHYDCR05	GROVE RT600E 40 TON	7.50	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	46.84	351.30

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.9.2.2	9.00 Each	Remove CONEX Gravel Pads	12.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	168.93	1,520.33

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
L010101	OPERATOR	7.50	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	382.47
RDUTRK06	CAT D350D, 18CY-24CY	7.50	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	74.29	557.18
*RFELWH08C	CAT 980 LOADER	7.50	1.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	77.43	580.69

CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.9.2.3	9.00 Each	Trucking - Per Load	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	500.00	4,500.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USTRUCKING	Trucking Sub		4,500.00 Each	U.S. Dollar	1.00	4,500.00

Notes: **
Assumption: CONEX containers will be accepted locally
for re-use, and will only require local transport
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CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.9.3	426.00 Acre	Spot Grade Disturbed Areas	16.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	273.33	116,437.52

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
*RDOZER08	CAT D6 LGP Dozer	1,065.00	4.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	58.34	62,126.78
L010101	OPERATOR	1,065.00	4.00 Each (hourly)	U.S. Dollar	51.00	54,310.74

Notes: **
Assume that 35% of the area distrubed by construction
will be regraded.
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CBS Position Code	Quantity UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.9.4	426.00 Acre	Re-Seed With Native Vegetation - Roads & Areas Disturbed By Construction	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	800.00	340,800.00

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USLANDSCAPE	Landscape Sub		426.00 Acre	U.S. Dollar	800.00	340,800.00

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
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Notes: ***

Assume that 35% of the area distrubed by construction will be re-seeded.

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CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.10	1.00	Lump Sum	Contractor Markups	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	3,329,028.40	3,329,028.40
6.10.1	1.00	Lump Sum	Home Office, Project Management (5% Of Cost)	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	802,175.50	802,175.50

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USMARKUP5	5% Markup		16,043,510.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.05	802,175.50

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.10.2	1.00	Lump Sum	Contractor OH & Fee (15% Of Cost)	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	2,526,852.90	2,526,852.90

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
USMARKUP	15% Markup		16,845,686.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.15	2,526,852.90

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.11	1.00	Lump Sum	ODOE Applied Contingencies	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	4,068,233.19	4,068,233.19
6.11.1	1.00	Lump Sum	1% Performance Bond	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	193,725.39	193,725.39

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE1	ODOE 1% Markup		19,372,539.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.01	193,725.39

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.11.2	1.00	Lump Sum	10% Administrative and Project Management	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,937,253.90	1,937,253.90

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE2	ODOE 10% Markup		19,372,539.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.10	1,937,253.90

CBS Position Code	Quantity	UM	Description	UM/Day	Cost Source	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
6.11.3	1.00	Lump Sum	10% Future Development Contingency	0.00	Detail	U.S. Dollar	1,937,253.90	1,937,253.90

Resource Code	Description	Hours	Quantity	UM	Currency	Unit Cost	Total Cost
UODOE2	ODOE 10% Markup		19,372,539.00	Each	U.S. Dollar	0.10	1,937,253.90

Report Total:	23,440,771.91

Category	Total
Labor	5,703,247.19
Rented Equipment	4,338,740.53
Supplies	43,237.60
Materials	20,000.00
Subcontract	9,160,113.40
Travel-Risk-Adj	105,000.00
ODCs	4,070,433.19