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Deep Penetrating Radiation Monitoring at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant/ New Mexico conducted by NMED/DOE OB for Calendar Year 2010 Quarter 1

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), DOE Oversight Bureau (Bureau) has compiled and assessed deep penetrating radiation (DPR) data collected during the first calendar quarter 2010. The accompanying table and graphs show DPR dose levels at various locations surrounding the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, at the Oversight Bureau Office in Carlsbad, at the Malaga Volunteer Fire Department, at the rest area between Carlsbad and Loving, and near the intersection of US Highway 62/180 and the North Access Road. The data were obtained using RadElect gamma radiation monitoring electrets.

The DPR results ranged from a minimum average quarterly dose of 23.9 mRem at WIPP 2 (adjacent to the WIPP) to a maximum average quarterly dose of 32.9 mRem at WIPP 8 (on the northeast corner of the Exclusive Use Area fence). Electret number SFC 064 (one of three), at WIPP 14, showed an anomalous high voltage drop, and it was not included in the calculation with the other two.

Currently, WIPP 15 serves as a control for quality assurance and is located in the Bureau Office in Carlsbad. The first quarter 2010 average quarterly dose for WIPP 15 was 30.9 mRem. Graph 1 compares NMED DPR results by location for the first calendar quarter 2010 and includes on-site and off-site averages, including \pm standard deviation, which can be compared with the twelve quarter average from WIPP 15. Table 1 shows the individual results from each electret.

Response

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DPR 1st Calendar Quarter 2010 Dose by Location

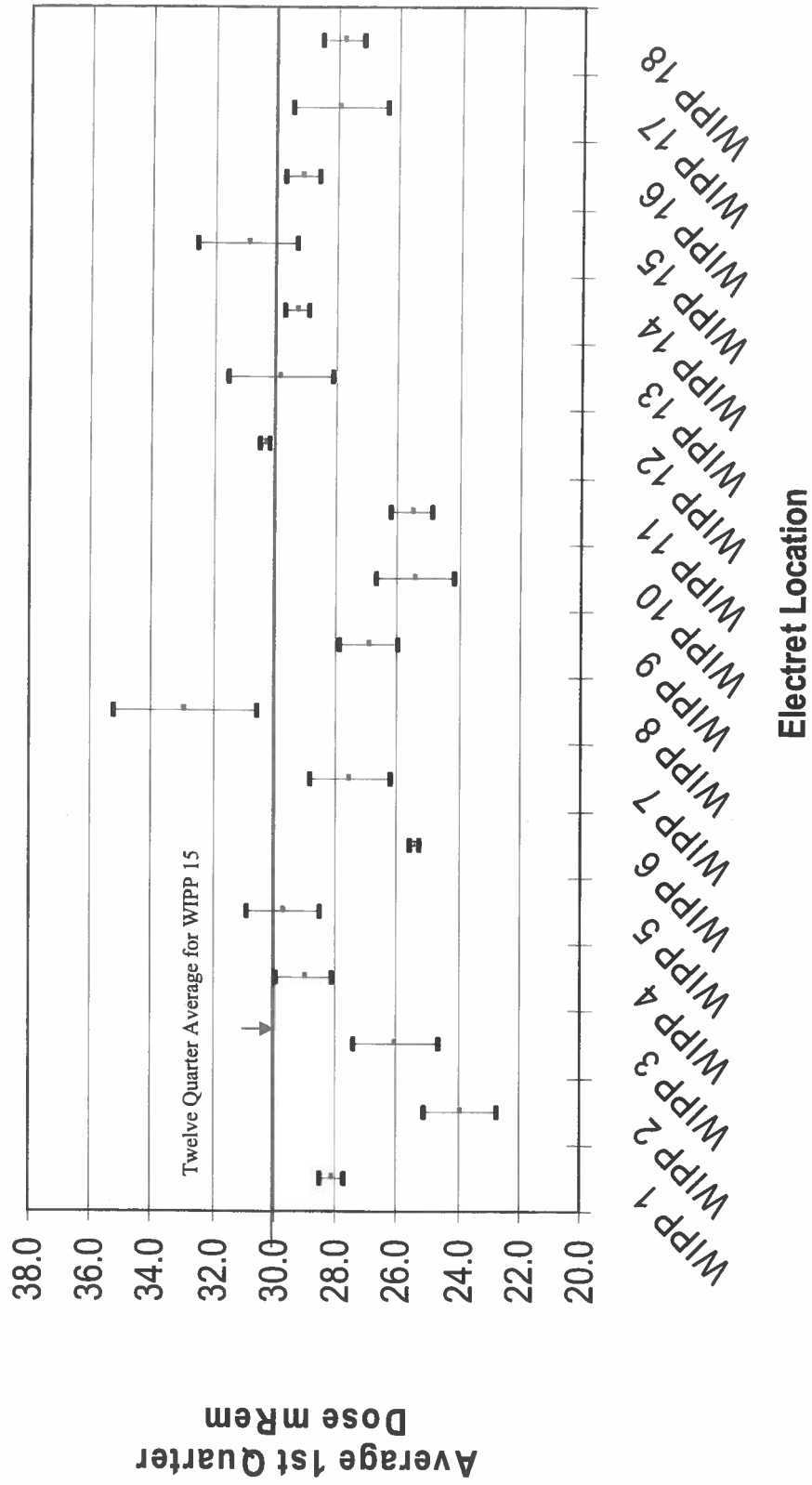


Table-1: Direct Penetrating Radiation as Measured by Electrets CY 2010 Q-1

New Mexico Environment Department, DOE Oversight Bureau, WIPP Section

WIPP 1

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SX 3751	1/4/10 9:05 AM	3/30/10 8:36 AM	84.98	48	28.5
SFB 973	1/4/10 9:05 AM	3/30/10 8:36 AM	84.98	49	27.8
SX 3856	1/4/10 9:05 AM	3/30/10 8:36 AM	84.98	46	28.0
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					28.1

WIPP 2

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SBZ 900	1/4/10 8:14 AM	3/30/10 8:29 AM	85.01	39	25.0
SBZ 901	1/4/10 8:14 AM	3/30/10 8:29 AM	85.01	38	24.0
SBZ 906	1/4/10 8:14 AM	3/30/10 8:29 AM	85.01	36	22.7
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					23.9

WIPP 3

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SBZ 889	1/4/10 9:11 AM	3/30/10 8:19 AM	84.96	48	27.6
SBZ 893	1/4/10 9:11 AM	3/30/10 8:19 AM	84.96	38	24.9
SBZ 892	1/4/10 9:11 AM	3/30/10 8:19 AM	84.96	39	25.6
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					26.0

WIPP 4

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SFB 969	1/5/10 2:10 PM	3/30/10 8:09 AM	83.75	50	29.9
SFB 999	1/5/10 2:10 PM	3/30/10 8:09 AM	83.75	47	28.1
SFC 131	1/5/10 2:10 PM	3/30/10 8:09 AM	83.75	49	29.2
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					29.0

WIPP 5

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SFC 061	1/5/10 2:03 PM	3/30/10 7:30 AM	83.73	52	30.9
SX3836	1/5/10 2:03 PM	3/30/10 7:30 AM	83.73	47	29.7
SX3746	1/5/10 2:03 PM	3/30/10 7:30 AM	83.73	45	28.5
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					29.7

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WIPP 6

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SFC 099	1/6/10 9:49 AM	3/30/10 7:21 AM	82.90	41	25.3
SFC 126	1/6/10 9:49 AM	3/30/10 7:21 AM	82.90	41	25.3
SFC 171	1/6/10 9:49 AM	3/30/10 7:21 AM	82.90	42	25.6
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					25.4

WIPP 7

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SX 3872	1/5/10 12:34 PM	3/31/10 8:30 AM	84.83	43	26.5
SBZ 873	1/5/10 12:34 PM	3/31/10 8:30 AM	84.83	41	26.9
SBZ 876	1/5/10 12:34 PM	3/31/10 8:30 AM	84.83	50	29.0
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					27.5

WIPP 8

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SFB 966	1/5/10 1:12 PM	3/31/10 8:39 AM	84.81	55	32.3
SFB 988	1/5/10 1:12 PM	3/31/10 8:39 AM	84.81	53	30.9
SFC 095	1/5/10 1:12 PM	3/31/10 8:39 AM	84.81	60	35.5
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					32.9

WIPP 9

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SFC 068	1/5/10 1:17 PM	3/31/10 8:42 AM	84.81	45	26.0
SFC 187	1/5/10 1:17 PM	3/31/10 8:42 AM	84.81	46	26.7
SFC 201	1/5/10 1:17 PM	3/31/10 8:42 AM	84.81	48	27.9
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					26.9

WIPP 10

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SFC 067	1/5/10 1:14 PM	3/31/10 8:44 AM	84.81	46	26.4
SFC 140	1/5/10 1:14 PM	3/31/10 8:44 AM	84.81	45	26.0
SFC 188	1/5/10 1:14 PM	3/31/10 8:44 AM	84.81	41	24.0
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					25.4

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WIPP 11

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SFC 068	1/4/10 7:17 AM	3/30/10 8:44 AM	85.06	45	26.2
SFC 187	1/4/10 7:17 AM	3/30/10 8:44 AM	85.06	43	24.9
SFC 201	1/4/10 7:17 AM	3/30/10 8:44 AM	85.06	43	25.2
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					25.5

WIPP 12

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SFC 013	1/5/10 1:48 PM	3/30/10 7:39 AM	83.74	50	30.4
SX 3896	1/5/10 1:48 PM	3/30/10 7:39 AM	83.74	48	30.1
SFC 108	1/5/10 1:48 PM	3/30/10 7:39 AM	83.74	51	30.4
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					30.3

WIPP 13

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SFC 067	1/5/10 1:51 PM	3/30/10 7:45 AM	83.75	47	28.2
SFC 140	1/5/10 1:51 PM	3/30/10 7:45 AM	83.75	53	31.6
SFC 188	1/5/10 1:51 PM	3/30/10 7:45 AM	83.75	49	29.6
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					29.8

WIPP 14

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
* SFC 064	1/5/10 1:55 PM	3/30/10 7:51 AM	83.75	271	167.5
SFC 077	1/5/10 1:55 PM	3/30/10 7:51 AM	83.75	48	29.0
SFC 152	1/5/10 1:55 PM	3/30/10 7:51 AM	83.75	49	29.5
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					29.3

* SFC 064 showed an anomalous high reading, and was not included in these calculations.

WIPP 15 Carlsbad

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SX 3785	1/4/10 9:26 AM	3/30/10 10:07 AM	85.03	48	29.5
SX 3823	1/4/10 9:26 AM	3/30/10 10:07 AM	85.03	49	30.5
SX 3911	1/4/10 9:26 AM	3/30/10 10:07 AM	85.03	53	32.7
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					30.9

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WIPP 16

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SFC 060	1/4/10 1:07 PM	3/30/10 2:03 PM	85.04	51	30.3
SFC 132	1/4/10 1:07 PM	3/30/10 2:03 PM	85.04	50	29.6
SFC 173	1/4/10 1:07 PM	3/30/10 2:03 PM	85.04	47	27.3
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					29.1

WIPP 17

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SBZ 847	1/4/10 1:23 PM	3/30/10 1:43 PM	85.01	49	28.2
SBZ 852	1/4/10 1:23 PM	3/30/10 1:43 PM	85.01	41	27.2
SBZ 880	1/4/10 1:23 PM	3/30/10 1:43 PM	85.01	43	28.4
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					27.9

WIPP 18

Electret Number	Start Date and Time	Finish Date and Time	# of Days:	Voltage Drop	Quarterly Dose
SBZ 908	1/6/10 11:37 AM	3/30/10 9:06 AM	82.90	46	29.6
SBZ 851	1/6/10 11:37 AM	3/30/10 9:06 AM	82.90	44	27.9
SBZ 879	1/6/10 11:37 AM	3/30/10 9:06 AM	82.90	42	26.0
Average Quarterly Dose in mRem:					27.8

Twelve Quarter Average DPR Results by Location

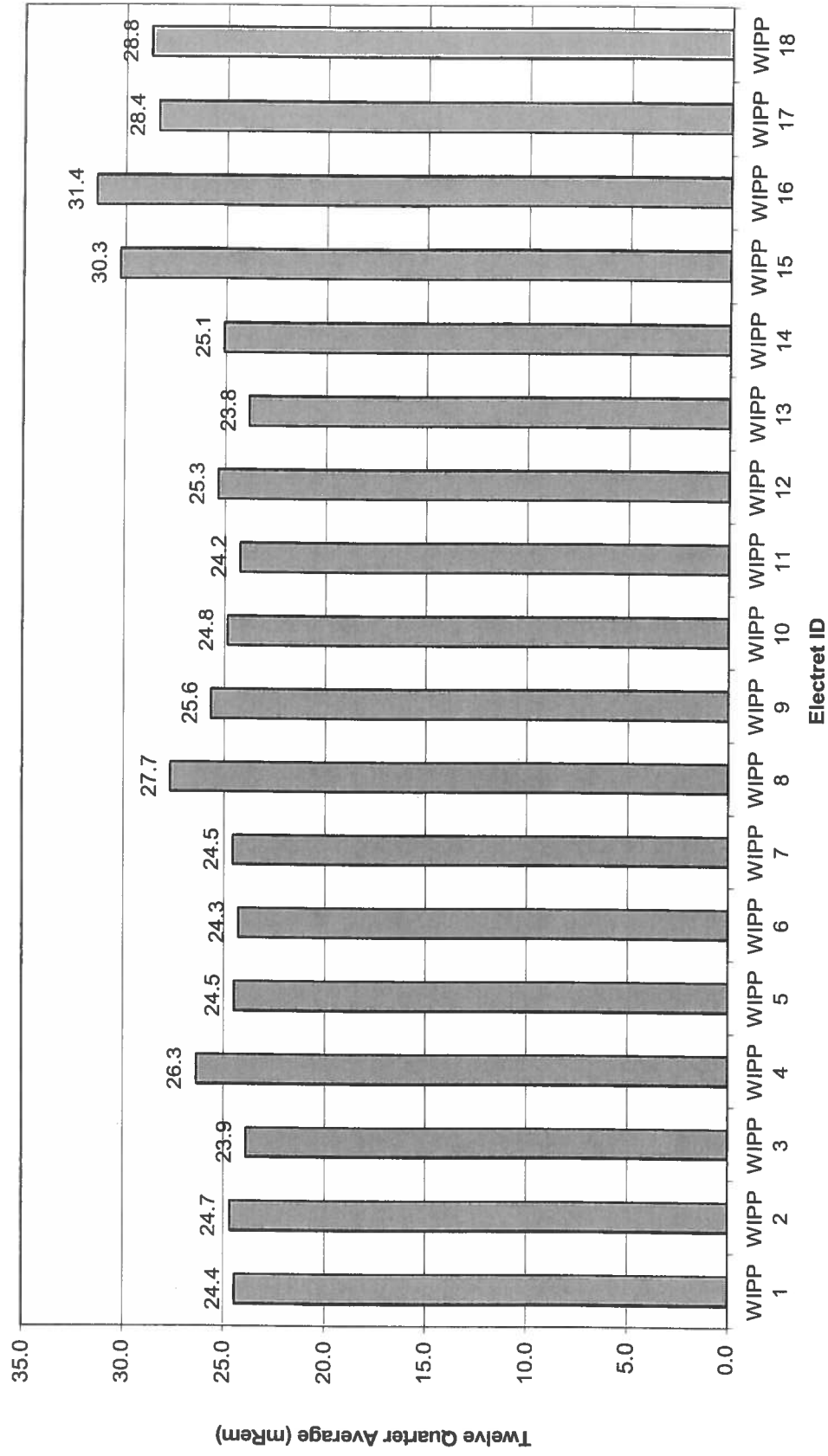
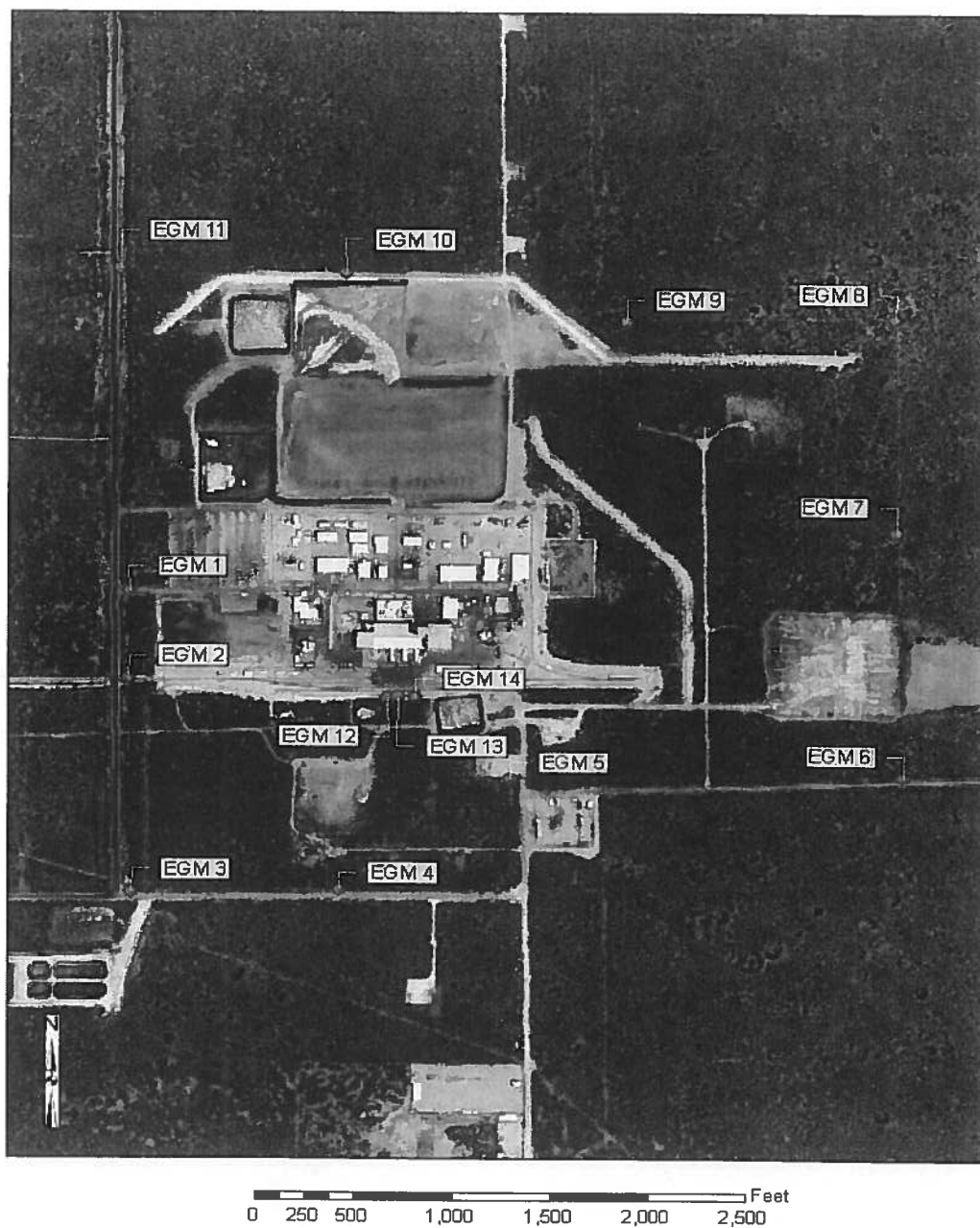


Figure 1: Location of Electret Gamma Monitors in the Vicinity of Carlsbad



Figure 2: Location of Electret Gamma Monitors at or near the WIPP



Physical Location of the NMED/DOE OB Electret Gamma Monitors

WIPP 1 – On the Exclusive Use Area fence, east side of the North Access Rd., just north of the cattle guard at the south drive way into the main parking lot at the WIPP.

WIPP 2 – South of the main parking lot at the WIPP, east side of the North Access Rd. on the back side of the gate in the Exclusive Use Area, north of the rail road track.

WIPP 3 – South of the WIPP, east of the intersection of the North Access Rd. and WIPP Rd. on the Exclusive Use Area fence, north of the cattle guard.

WIPP 4 – On the Exclusive Use Area fence, east of WIPP 3.

WIPP 5 – Following the WIPP Rd beyond its intersection with the North Access Rd. until it stops at a “Tee”- intersection, towards the north. The Exclusive Use Area fence goes to the west, away from the road. This gamma monitor is on a corner of the fence here.

WIPP 6 – On the southeast corner of the Exclusive Use Area fence.

WIPP 7 – This is on the east side of the Exclusive Use Area fence, between WIPP 6 and WIPP 8.

WIPP 8 – At the northeast corner of the Exclusive Use Area fence.

WIPP 9 – On the north Exclusive Use Area fence, between WIPP 8 and WIPP 10.

WIPP 10 – East of WIPP 11, on the fence of the Exclusive Use Area, north side of the salt pile.

WIPP 11 – East side of the North Access Rd, north of the WIPP, at the northwest corner of the Exclusive Use Area fence, across the road from the Far Field Ambient Air Monitoring station.

WIPP 12 – Just south of the loading dock, behind the WHB, on the Property Protection Area fence, south of the railroad track.

WIPP 13 - Just south of the loading dock, behind the WHB, on the Property Protection Area fence, south of the railroad track.

WIPP 14 - Just south of the loading dock, behind the WHB, on the Property Protection Area fence, south of the railroad track.

WIPP 15 - Outside the Oversight Bureau Office in Carlsbad.

WIPP 16 - At the rest area on US 285 between Loving and Carlsbad, on the fence behind the picnic tables.

WIPP 17 - Near the intersection of US 285 and Black River Village Rd, at the Malaga Volunteer Fire Department.

WIPP 18 – Near the intersection of the Hobbs Highway and the North Access Road, just west of the cattle guard on the North Access Rd.