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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials International
CAT	Caterpillar
CBCS	Computer Based Compaction System
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DOE O	DOE Order
ft	foot/feet
GPS	Global Positioning System
NQA	Nuclear Quality Assurance
QA	quality assurance
Ra-226	radium-226
RAC	Remedial Action Contract or Contractor
RAIP	Remedial Action Inspection Plan
RAP	Remedial Action Plan
RRM	residual radioactive material
TAC	Technical Assistance Contractor
UMTRA	Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action
yd <sup>3</sup>	cubic yard(s)

# **Executive Summary**

This Interim Completion Report, Addendum L, documents the construction of a portion of the disposal cell near Crescent Junction, Utah. The disposal cell is being constructed under the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project. The purpose of the disposal cell is to isolate and stabilize uranium mill tailings and other contaminated materials, known as residual radioactive material (RRM), removed from the former millsite in Moab, Utah. The disposal cell is designed to be effective for 1,000 years to the extent reasonably achievable, with a minimum performance period of 200 years.

The Crescent Junction disposal cell will require many years to construct. Multiple Interim Completion Reports will be prepared to compile and document data collected during the ongoing construction process. These Interim Completion Reports will be written in the format of sequential addenda referenced in a Final Completion Report that will be prepared to address the entire cell construction.

This Addendum addresses activities performed by North Wind Portage, the DOE Remedial Action Contractor (RAC) for the Moab Project, from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. This Report includes placement of 480,400 yd<sup>3</sup> of RRM and 8,242 yd<sup>3</sup> of final cover materials.

This Addendum also demonstrates that the referenced portion of the disposal cell was constructed in accordance with the *Moab UMTRA Project Final Remedial Action Plan and Site Design for Stabilization of Moab Title I Uranium Mill Tailings at the Crescent Junction, Utah, Disposal Site* (RAP) (DOE-EM/GJ1547). The RAP received conditional concurrence from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Included in this Report are a critical review, design assessment, and remedial action assessment of activities performed during this Report period. Also provided are associated data tables, photographs, laboratory results, and other supporting documentation.

The Moab Project follows the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Nuclear Quality Assurance-1 (NQA-1) requirements for quality assurance (QA), including conducting audits and surveillances during the design and construction of the cell.

# 1.0 Introduction

The scope of the Moab Project is to relocate RRM from the former uranium ore-processing facility and from off-site properties known as vicinity properties in Moab, Utah, to an engineered disposal cell constructed near Crescent Junction, Utah. Most of the processing buildings at the Moab site were demolished and placed in the southern corner of the tailings pile. An interim cover was placed over the tailings pile as part of decommissioning activities between 1988 and 1995. The estimated volume of the tailings pile before relocation began was 12 million yd<sup>3</sup> (16 million tons). The RRM is being transported to Crescent Junction primarily by rail.

The Moab site is located about 3 miles northwest of the city of Moab in Grand County. The Crescent Junction site is located northeast of the junction of Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 191, approximately 30 miles north of the Moab site, also in Grand County (see Figure 1). The completed disposal cell will generally be rectangular and will encompass approximately 230 acres. Figure 2 shows general features of the Crescent Junction site.

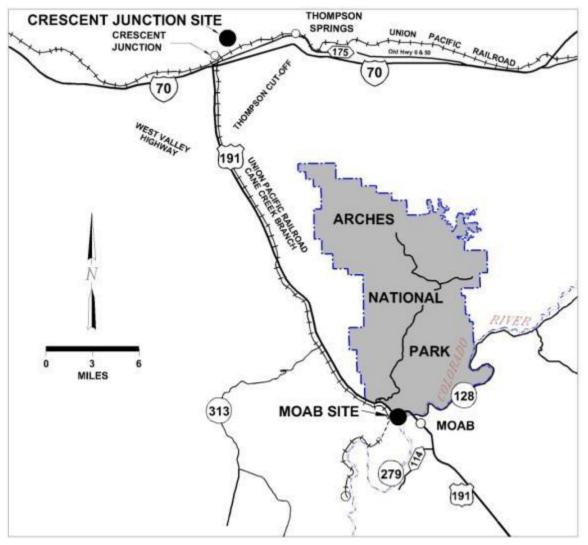


Figure 1. Location of Moab and Crescent Junction Sites

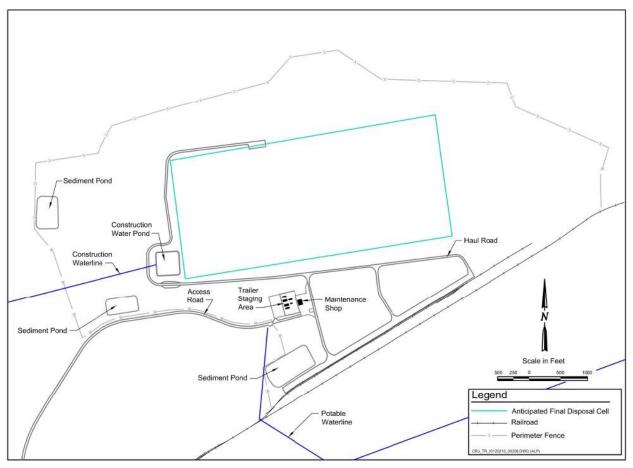


Figure 2. Crescent Junction Site Features

This Addendum documents activities performed by the RAC for the Project from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

Addendum L sections are outlined below.

- Section 2.0 summarizes the results of critical aspects of the disposal cell construction and provides tables and figures summarizing data found in Appendix A.
- Section 3.0 describes any differences in the completed design from design requirements in the RAP.
- Section 4.0 provides verification that placement of RRM and interim cover was conducted according to RAP requirements.
- Section 5.0 is a list of references for this document.
- Appendix A includes test results to demonstrate compliance with compaction requirements.
- Appendix B contains photographs of the various stages of cell construction.
- Attachment 1 contains three new procedures associated with constructing the cell.

# 2.0 Critical Review

The Critical Review provides key technical information about the disposal cell construction. This section contains tables summarizing inspections or tests for cell excavation, embankment construction, RRM placement, and cell cover material placement as appropriate for this report period. The table's reference criteria and material testing procedures used to verify cell excavation and placement of each type of material, performed in accordance with design specifications or drawings and with Addendum E of the RAP, the *Remedial Action Inspection Plan* (RAIP). The distribution survey associated with each material type is also included in this section, as appropriate. Figure 3 shows the general extent of cell cover layers as of the end of this Addendum period.

Information regarding total lifts of compacted material, tests performed, and geotechnical data are summarized in Table 1. Additional geotechnical data, including proctor test result summaries, lift approval summaries, and lift approval packages, as appropriate, are located in Appendix A.

A lift approval package consists of documentation of tests conducted to demonstrate that the lift met requirements. A package could include lift approval forms and associated figures, slope elevation surveys, and field density tests.

Area/ Material	Total Volume Placed (yd³)	Total Number of Lifts Approved	Lifts Approved Using CBCS	Lifts Approved Not Using CBCS	Total Number of Standard Proctor Tests	Total Number of In-place Density/Moisture Tests	Total Average for All In-place Density Tests Performed (%)	Total Average CBCS Passes that Meet Compaction Criteria (%)	Total Number of Soil Classifications	Total Number of Durability Tests	Total Number of Gradation Tests
Cell Perimeter Embankment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RRM	480,400	204	118	86	8	585	94.2	99.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Interim Cover	8242	2	0	2	2	5	95.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Radon Barrier	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Infiltration and Bio- intrusion Barrier	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Frost Protection Layer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2-in. Cap Rock	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 1. Lifts/Testing Totals

CBCS = Computer Based Compaction System; in. = inch

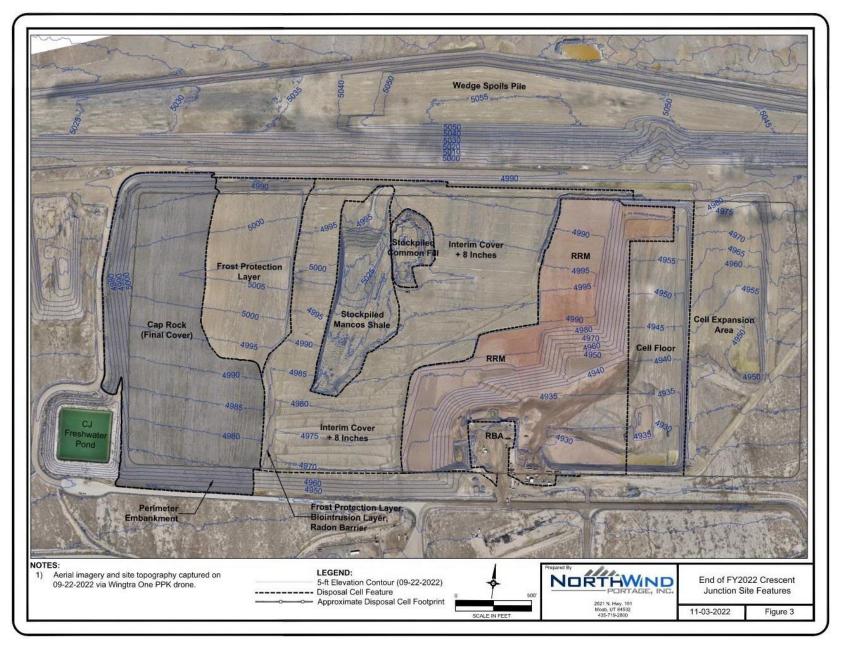


Figure 3. General Extent of Cover Layers and Cell Floor Excavation

#### 2.1 Cell Excavation

No activities associated with cell excavation were conducted during this period.

#### 2.2 Perimeter Embankment

No activities associated with the perimeter embankment were conducted during this period.

#### 2.3 RRM

#### 2.3.1 Computer Based Compaction System Performance Verification Testing

The Project used machines equipped with a Computer Based Compaction System (CBCS) to meet RRM compaction requirements as specified in Section 6.4.3 of the RAIP. Additional information about the computer-based compaction system verification testing is provided in Section 4.3 of this Addendum.

The RAIP also requires periodic verification of the CBCS compaction by comparing the results to in-place, nuclear density gauge test results. Table 2 shows the results of the comparison tests performed during this Report period.

Lift ID Number	Test Performance Date	In-place Density Compaction (%)	Lift Area Meeting CBCS Compaction
UW2G1N220221-00	02/22/22	96.4	100.0
UW2M5N22011-00	03/01/22	94.2	99.9
UW1ZI7220224-00	03/16/22	93.3	100.0
UW2FO7220406-00	04/12/22	95.9	99.9
UW1R22220420-00	04/21/22	93.6	99.9
UW1X17220427-00	05/03/22	93.4	100.0
UW2IO6220524-00	05/25/22	93.6	99.8
UW2CO6220531-00	06/01/22	92.6	100.0
UW1X16220628-00	06/29/22	94.1	100.0
UW1V15220705-00	07/06/22	93.5	99.9
UW1Q21220726-00	07/28/22	92.7	99.9
UW1V15220719-00	08/16/22	94.0	100.0

Table 2. CBCS Performance V	Verification	Testing
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#### 2.3.2 RRM Placement

RRM inspections and tests are shown in Table 3. The distribution of survey points is shown in Figure 4. The standard proctor test results summary, lift approval summaries, one lift approval package for RRM, and top-of-waste buyoff survey are provided in Appendix A2.

Inspection or Test Type	Criteria and Method Number	RAP Specification Section or Drawing Number	RAIP Section Number	Verification Results
Visual Observation	Scarify, at a minimum, the top 1 in. of subsoil or preceding RRM lift using a footed roller or a dozer before placing subsequent RRM layers. Fill materials shall be placed in continuous and planar lifts. The method of	Specification 31-00-20 Sections 1.3.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.4, 3.5.1, and 3.5.2	6.4.2, 6.4.3	Visually verified throughout material preparation, ground preparation, and RRM placement.

	Table 3.	RRM Inspection an	d Testina
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Inspection or Test Type	Criteria and Method Number	RAP Specification Section or Drawing Number	RAIP Section Number	Verification Results
	dumping and spreading RRM shall result in loose lifts of nearly uniform thickness, with average thickness not to exceed 24 in. Compaction equipment shall consist of footed rollers or dozers. Footed rollers shall have a minimum weight of 45,000 lb, and at least one tamping foot shall be provided for each 110 in <sup>2</sup> of drum surface. The length of each tamping foot from the outside surface of the drum shall be at least 6 in. After lift placement, moisture content shall be maintained until the next lift is placed. Erosion that occurs in RRM layers shall be repaired and grades re-established. If freezing or desiccation occurs, the affected soil shall be reconditioned.			Documented in lift approval packages.
Laboratory Compaction Characteristics	Assessment tests shall be performed on RRM to ensure compliance with specified requirements and to develop compaction requirements for placement. Perform tests (standard proctor) in accordance with the following standards, as applicable: *ASTM D698 and D2216.	Specification 31-00-20 Section 3.1.1 And 3.4.1	6.4.3	Eight tests were performed to determine compaction characteristics.
Visual Observation	RRM shall be placed and compacted within the moisture content range needed to achieve 90% of the laboratory determined maximum dry density of each type of material. The range in moisture content shall be maintained uniform throughout each lift as necessary to achieve 90% compaction and dust control. The moisture content shall be maintained uniform throughout each lift.	Specification 31- 00-20 Section 3.2.2	6.4.3	Daily observations were performed during placement.
In-place Density/ Moisture Test	Density tests must meet at least 90% of the material's maximum dry density in accordance with *ASTM D698. Perform in accordance with the following standards, as applicable: *ASTM D1556, D2216, D4643, and D6938.	Specification 31-00-20 Sections 3.2.2, 3.2.3	6.4.3	585 tests were performed with average in-place density of 94.2 % of the laboratory- determined maximum dry density. 106 two-foot lifts were approved using in-place density/moisture tests with average in-place density of 94.7% Note: Troxler tests were taken through August 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 6", 12", and 18" for two foot lift testing locations.

Inspection or Test Type	Criteria and Method Number	RAP Specification Section or Drawing Number	RAIP Section Number	Verification Results
Compaction by CBCS	QC shall monitor CBCS compaction by visually inspecting the process and reviewing the computer records for each layer of soil placed.	Specification 31-00-20 Section 3.4.1	6.4.3	118 lifts were approved using the CBCS.
Visual Observation	Each container of demolition debris shall be in the cell along with RRM. Debris shall not contain free liquids. Debris shall be sized to minimize voids. Pipes and ducts that are 6 in. or greater in diameter shall be crushed, filled, or cut.	Specification 31-00-20 Section 3.2.5	6.4.4	Debris inspections performed during debris placement. Inspections documented in lift approval packages.
Visual InspectionDebris may be placed as a sacrificial lift at the bottom of the disposal cell in a 2-ft lift. Debris in sacrificial lifts shall contain no free liquids and shall be oriented in a manner that minimizes voids and contained within the 2-ft lift profile. Sacrificial debris lifts are not subject to moisture and compaction criteria.		Specification 31-00-20 Section 3.2.5	6.4.4	Debris inspections performed during debris placement. Inspections documented in lift approval packages.

Table 3. RRM Inspection and Testing (continued)

ASTM = ASTM International; in. = inches; in<sup>2</sup> = square inches; lb = pounds; lb/ft<sup>2</sup> = pounds per square foot; QC = quality control. \*ASTM Standard titles are included in the References (see Section 5.0).



Figure 4. Distribution of Survey Points to Verify Compliance with RRM Specifications

#### 2.4 Interim Cover

The inspection and testing for the interim cover can be found in Table 4. The distribution of survey points is shown in Figure 5. The standard Proctor test results summary, lift approval summaries, one lift approval package, and buyoff surveys for the interim cover are provided in Appendix A3.

Inspection or Test Type	Criteria and Method Number Section or Drawing Number		RAIP Section Number	Verification Results
Visual Observation	Common fill (1 ft clean compacted): loose lifts with an average thickness not to exceed 14 in. Interim cover is placed in continuous and approximately horizontal lifts. Soil shall be free of roots, debris, and organic or frozen material. After lift placement, moisture content shall be maintained until the next lift is placed. Erosion that occurs in the RRM layers shall be repaired and grades re- established. Freezing and desiccation of the RRM shall be prevented. If freezing or desiccation occurs, the affected soil shall be reconditioned, as directed.	Specification 31-00-20 Section 3.2.1	6.5.4	Visually verified throughout material preparation, ground preparation, and interim cover placement. Documented on lift approvals
Visual Observation	Visual inspection of the process and review of computer records.	Specification 31-00-20 Section 3.4.1	6.5	Lift approvals document the approval process.
High-Accuracy GPS Survey	The top surface of the interim cover shall be no greater than 2 in. above the lines and grades shown on the drawings. No minus tolerance will be permitted.	Specification 31-00-20 Section 3.3	6.5.5	Completed using high- accuracy GPS.
In-Place Density/ Moisture Test	Compaction and moisture content tests shall be performed in accordance with the following as applicable: ASTM D1556, D2216, D4643, and D6938.	Specification 31-00-20 Section 3.4.1	6.5.4	Two approved lifts; using in- place density/moisture testing. Five in-place tests were performed with average density 95.5% of laboratory- determined maximum dry density.
Laboratory Compaction Characteristics	Common fill. Perform in accordance with the following as applicable: ASTM D698 and D2216.	Specification 31-00-20 Section 3.1.1	6.5.4	Two tests performed to determine compaction characteristics.

	Table 4.	Interim C	over Inst	pection and	Testina
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Inspection or Test Type	Criteria and Method Number	RAP Specification Section or Drawing Number	RAIP Section Number	Verification Results
Visual Observation	A smooth, non-vibratory steel-wheeled roller shall be used to produce a smooth compacted surface on the top of the completed interim cover layer, such that direct rainfall causes minimal erosion. Steel-wheeled rollers shall weigh a minimum of 20,000 lb. The final lift shall be rolled smooth with at least 3 passes of the smooth steel-wheeled roller to provide a smooth surface or proof rolled with rubber-tired construction equipment, such as a loaded dump truck or loaded scraper, with a minimum weight of 45,000 lb to produce a smooth compacted surface on the top of the completed interim cover layers, such that direct rainfall causes minimal erosion.	Specification 31-00-20 Section 1.3.2, 1.3.3 and 3.2.4	6.5.5	Visually verified cover compaction using rubber-tired construction equipment performed on the final lift of the interim cover as approved by CID#072.

Table 4. Interim Cover Inspection and Testing (continued)



Figure 5. Distribution of Survey Points to Verify Compliance with Interim Cover Specifications

#### 2.5 Radon Barrier

No activities associated with this material layer were conducted during this period.

#### 2.6 Infiltration and Bio intrusion Barrier

No activities associated with this material layer were conducted during this period.

## 2.7 Frost Protection Layer

No activities associated with this material layer were conducted during this period.

#### 2.8 Cap Rock and Armoring

No activities associated with this material layer were conducted during this period.

## 3.0 Design Assessment

The disposal cell design incorporates established design criteria, drawings and specifications, and calculations, all of which are included in the RAP and in Interim Completion Report addenda.

This section discusses design criteria changes, changes to the design of the disposal cell, associated erosion control features, fulfillment of QA requirements, and compliance with permit requirements.

## **3.1 Design Criteria Changes**

No changes to the design criteria were made during this period.

## 3.2 Design Changes

No changes to the design were made during the period.

#### 3.3 QA Requirements

There were no QA requirements for design changes during this period.

QA activities were conducted in accordance with the *Moab UMTRA Project Quality Assurance Plan for the Remedial Action Contractor* (DOE-EM/GJRAC1766), and compliant with:

- ASME NQA-1 2008 and addenda through 2009 consensus standard, "Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications."
- DOE Order (O) 226.1B, "Implementation of Department of Energy Oversight Policy."
- Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations Part 830 (10 CFR 830) Subpart A, "Nuclear Safety Management, Quality Assurance Requirements."
- DOE Office of Environmental Management EM-QA-001, "EM Quality Assurance Program."
- DOE O 414.1D, Admin Chg 2, "Quality Assurance."

## **3.4** Permits and Agreements

The Project is in compliance with permits and agreements applicable to the Crescent Junction

site. The permits and agreements are summarized in Table 5.

Agreement Number	Document Name or Description	lssuing Agency	Purpose
400-00177	Easement for Green River Pump Station	Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands	ROW easement to construct and operate water pipeline in the Green River.
4P-082341-1	UDOT Encroachment Permit	UDOT	To construct waterline within UDOT 60-ft ROW and operate within 20-ft ROW for State Route 19 near City of Green River. Formerly 4P-082364-0.
6-UT-06-F-014	Biological Opinion	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued Biological Opinion for Green River Pump Station.
1-92-677	Green River Water Right	State Water Engineer	Gives DOE right to divert 323 acre- feet or ~200 gallons per minute from Green River for Crescent Junction disposal site.
E-RO01-06GJ68009	Access Roadway Contract and Grant of Easement	Private Owner	Perpetual easement and ROW for construction of an access roadway and related utilities at the disposal site.
ESMT 463	Waterline Easement	SITLA	Easement across state land for potable waterline.
Folder No. 02392-96	Pipeline Crossing Agreement	Union Pacific Railroad	Agreement grants right to construct, maintain, and operate one underground waterline and access for phone line and 1.5- in. conduit across Union Pacific Railroad's property at milepost 533.2, Green River Subdivision.
Folder No. 02399-44	Pipeline Crossing Agreement	Union Pacific Railroad	Agreement grants right to construct, maintain, and operate one underground waterline and access for phone line and 1.25-in. conduit at milepost 0.25, Cane Creek Subdivision, Thompson Springs, for the disposal site.
Folder No. 2537-02	Industrial Track Contract	Union Pacific Railroad	Covers construction, maintenance, and operation of 5,209-ft Track A, 3,524-ft Track B, and 617-ft Track C at milepost 533.21, Green River Subdivision line.
Property No. 70-4; 189A: AEQ	Easement	UDOT	Easement for waterline across UDOT property near Floy Wash that allows 60-ft construction ROW and 20-ft permanent ROW.
Public Land Order 7697	Permanent Land Transfer	BLM	Order permanently transferred 500 acres of BLM public domain land to DOE for disposal cell.
REEMCBCDOE-3-15-0702	Real Estate License	Rocky Mountain Power	Power line extension to dump ramp.
REEMCBCDOE-6-08-0302	Waterline Easement	Grand County	Easement within County Road 175 or old Highway 6 and 50 and Hastings Lane ROWs to construct waterline within 60-ft ROW and operate within 20-ft ROW.
REEMCBCDOE-6-08-0304	Waterline Easement	Private Owner	Easement across private land near the Green River to construct waterline within 60-ft ROW and operate within 20-ft ROW and pump station.

Table 5. Crescent Junction Site Permits and Agreements

Table 5. Crescent Junction Site Permits and Agreements (continued)

Agreement Number	Document Name or Description	Issuing Agency	Purpose
REEMCBCDOE-6-08-0309	Waterline Easement	City of Green River	Easement to construct waterline within 60 ft of County Road 175 or old Highway 6 and 50 ROWs within Green River city limits and operate within 20-ft ROWs.
REEMCBCDOE-7-21-0005	Access Agreement	Private Owner	For installation and maintenance of air monitoring equipment and collection of air quality data for monitoring station MPS-0306. Formerly REEMCBCDOE-7-15- 0104.
REEMCBCDOE-7-15-0106	Access Agreement	Private Owner	For installation and maintenance of air monitoring equipment and collection of air quality data for monitoring station MPS-0307.
Statewide Utility License Agreement No. 8439Resolution 2006-2741	Utility License Grand County Council Resolution	UDOT Grand County	License with state of Utah to construct waterline across UDOT property. Approved conditional use permit for the Project.
U.S. DOT-SP 14283 Statewide Utility License Agreement No. 8439	Special Permit Utility License	U.S. DOT UDOT	Permit to transport mill tailings from Moab site to the disposal site. License with state of Utah to construct waterline across UDOT property.
UTR359187U.S.	Storm Water Permit	Utah Division of Water Quality U.S. DOT	To limit the discharge of pollutants from disposal cell construction activities. Permit to transport mill tailings from Moab site to the disposal site.
UT-SES-GR-2202UTR359187	MOU Storm Water Permit	Utah Dept. of Natural Resources and BLM Utah Division of Water Quality	MOU outlines terms and conditions for helicopter use of pond for wildland fire fighting. Formerly UT-SES-GR-17001To limit the discharge of pollutants from disposal cell construction activities.
UTU-83354UT-SES-GR-2202	Waterline ROWMOU	BLM Moab Field Office Utah Dept. of Natural Resources and BLM	For construction of 14.5 miles of waterline on BLM land from Green River to disposal site. MOU outlines terms and conditions for helicopter use of pond for wildland fire fighting. Formerly UT-SES-GR-17001.
UTU-83396UTU-83354	Utility ROW Waterline ROW	BLM Moab Field Office BLM Moab Field Office	For buried telephone line at the disposal site .For construction of 14.5 miles of waterline on BLM land from Green River to disposal site.
UTU-83450UTU-83396	Utility ROW	BLM Moab Field Office	ROW for power line to the disposal site. For buried telephone line at the disposal site.
UTU-83450	Utility ROW	BLM Moab Field Office	ROW for power line to the disposal site.
Not assigned	Memorandum of Agreement	BLM Moab Field Office	Between DOE and BLM for management of existing uses on lands withdrawn in conjunction with the Project.

Table 5. Crescent Junction Site Permits and Agreements (continued)

Agreement Number	Document Name or Description	Issuing Agency	Purpose
Not assigned	Water Use Agreement	Thompson Special Service District	Water use agreement among Thompson Special Service District in Grand County, Crescent Junction Properties, Inc., and DOE to install potable waterline from Thompson Springs, Utah, to the disposal site.

BLM = U.S. Bureau of Land Management; ft = feet; in. = inches; MOU = Memorandum of Understanding; ROW = right-of-way; SITLA = School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration; UDOT = Utah Department of Transportation; U.S. DOT = U.S. Department of Transportation.

# 4.0 Remedial Action Assessment

This section describes pre-excavation site conditions, construction activities, and verifications performed at the Crescent Junction disposal site.

#### 4.1 **Pre-excavation Site Conditions**

Pre-excavation site conditions were discussed in Addendum A of the *Moab UMTRA Project Crescent Junction Disposal Cell Interim Completion Report* (DOE-EM/GJRAC2040-A).

# 4.2 Cell Construction

Cell construction during this period included two major activities:

- Placement of RRM to the design thickness and assuring that the radium-226 (Ra-226) activity in the upper 7 feet (ft.) of placed material does not exceed design criteria.
- Placement of Interim Cover to the design thickness.

The *Moab UMTRA Project Lift Approval Procedure* (DOE-EM/GJRAC1803) was used to ensure that the material placed met the compaction criteria. Descriptions of compaction equipment used during the above cell construction activities provided in Table 6.

Each activity performed as part of this Addendum is further described in the following subsections. Photographs representative of the cell construction activities are included in Appendix B.

## 4.2.1 Excavation

There were no excavation activities during this period.

## 4.2.2 Perimeter Embankment Construction

There were no perimeter embankment construction activities during this period.

					N	laterial	Layer		
Compaction Equipment	Machine Weight (Ibs.)	Equipped with CBCS	RRM	Interim Cover	Radon Barrier	Infiltration and Bio intrusion Barrier	Frost Protection	Perimeter Embankment	Spoils Embankment
CAT 825H Soils Compactor	69,000	х	х						
CAT D8 Bulldozer	84,850	Х	х						
Komatsu 275AX Bulldozer	112,466	х	х						
CAT D6T Bulldozer	34,361	х		х					

Table 6. Compaction Equipment Used during Cell Construction

CAT = Caterpillar; lb = pounds

## 4.2.3 RRM Placement

Placement of RRM in the disposal cell continued east from where it ended, as shown in Addendum K of the *Moab UMTRA Project Crescent Junction Disposal Cell Interim Completion Report* (DOE-EM/GJ2040-K). The RRM was loaded into dump trucks and driven to the placement area, where it was spread for compaction using a bulldozer. A Caterpillar (CAT) 825H soils compactor, CAT D8 bulldozer, CAT D6T bulldozer, and Komatsu 275AX bulldozer were used to compact the RRM in place. From to February compaction was completed utilizing a fully loaded rubber-tired haul track and verifying compaction with the Troxler moisture density gauge. The CBCS was not used during this time, due to equipment availability.

## 4.2.4 Cover and Rock Armoring Placement

There were no cover or rock armoring activities during this period.

## 4.2.5 Spoils Embankment Construction

There were no spoils-embankment construction activities during this period.

## 4.3 Soil Compaction and Testing

Initial CBCS compaction setup and verification is documented in Crescent Junction *Interim Completion Report* Addendum H. The CBCS compaction is periodically verified by performing in-place tests using a nuclear density gauge manufactured by Troxler Electronic Laboratories, Inc., following ASTM methods and in compliance with the RAIP. The individual nuclear density tests verify that the compaction achieved with the CBCS is greater than or equal to the required 90 percent. The CBCS compaction results are compared to the nuclear density gauge results in Table 3.

# 4.4 Lift Approval

The *Lift Approval Procedure* and Addenda B and E of the RAP were followed to verify that each lift met established criteria. Results of lifts are documented in lift approval packages. A sample lift approval for RRM placed during this Report period is provided in Appendix A.

# 4.5 Geotechnical Testing

The RAIP describes methods and frequencies for performing tests to verify that material placed in the cell meets the requirements. Geotechnical tests fall within two general categories: soils testing and aggregate testing. The *Moab UMTRA Project Moisture/Density Testing Procedure* (DOE-EM/GJRAC1783) provides requirements and methods for the proper moisture/density testing of soils placed in the cell. Only soils testing was used during this Addendum period, as described below.

# 4.5.1 Soils Testing

Laboratory and/or field soils geotechnical tests were conducted on every lift of each material layer placed to support verification that specified compaction requirements were met. Test requirements varied depending on whether the CBCS was used for demonstrating compaction. Because the soils in the RRM can vary in composition, compaction curves were developed to determine the maximum dry density and optimum moisture content for that material to achieve compaction.

Results of tests conducted are shown in the standard proctor test results summary tables included in Appendix A. Over time, the RRM was found to have a consistent soil type, so the need for sets of standard proctor tests was eliminated, and standard proctors were completed in the frequency required by the RAIP. The tables also summarize the tests performed to determine soil type and geotechnical properties.

Material is compacted to meet 90 percent of the laboratory-determined maximum dry density in accordance with ASTM D698. When practical, thickness of each lift was surveyed and verified using a high-accuracy GPS; otherwise, manual measurements were taken.

# 4.5.2 Aggregate Testing

There were no aggregate testing activities during this period.

# 4.6 Radiological Verification

Section 5 of the Remedial Action Selection Report of the RAP, *Radon Attenuation*, identifies two primary verification criteria associated with construction of the disposal cell: radium-226 (Ra-226) measurements in RRM placed in the upper 7 ft and radon flux measurements to verify the integrity of the radon barrier. Addendum A of this Report provides an explanation of this verification process.

During this Addendum period, 280 samples of RRM were taken in 10 lifts in the upper 7 ft of the disposal cell. The Ra-226 activity of the material ranged from 309 to 690 picocuries per gram (pCi/g). Table 7 shows the average results for material placed in each lift tested.

Lift Identification No.	Samples Taken	Lift Average (pCi/g)	Lift Area (m²)
UW1Q14	28	690	7639
UW1U06	28	563	7682
UW1Y05	28	479	5952
UW2E5N	28	463	5560
UW2D1N	28	324	4523
UW2G1N	28	309	4888
UW2E05	28	349	3168
UW2C06	28	446	3162
UW2H05	28	354	2436
UW1V15	28	389	5381

Table 7. Results of Ra-226 Activity in Upper 7 Feet of Placed RRM

## 4.7 QA Requirements

QA activities were conducted in accordance with documents identified in Section 3.3. During construction activities, surveillances and assessments were performed by the RAC to verify and ensure that these activities were performed in accordance with established plans, drawings, instructions, procedures, specifications, and other applicable documents.

In addition, the Technical Assistance Contractor (TAC) supports the DOE in the assessment of the RAC.

During the period of this Addendum, multiple oversight inspections, two management assessments, and one assessment were performed (see Table 8). Corrective actions were developed to address any deficiencies identified during the assessments.

Date	Conducted By	Туре	Assessment Number	Scope
10/21/21	RAC	Management Assessment	MA-22-001	Determine if the established program is adequate to control contamination from leaving the confines of the radiological posted areas.
2/16/22	RAC	Assessment	MB-22-A-004	Evaluate and verify proper implementation of DOE-EM/GJRAC1783 Moisture/Density Testing Revision 4, and DOE-EM/GJRAC1803 Lift Approval Procedure Revision 9
3/10/22	RAC	Assessment	MB-22-A-006	Verify that contract required environmental records have been submitted and continue to be submitted to DOE and permits have been obtained and renewed.
3/10/22	RAC	Management Assessment	MA-22-007	Review functional element 6 b., <i>Entry and Exit</i> <i>Controls</i> and verify compliance per the requirements of 10 CFR 835 and DOE O 441.IC.
Daily/ Weekly	DOE/TAC	Oversight	NA	Operational awareness oversight "boots-on- the-ground": conducted to verify compliance to Project/contractual requirements including Remedial Action Plan specifications.

Table 8. Inspections and Assessments Conducted during Construction

ISMS = Integrated Safety Management System.

#### 4.8 Monitoring Free Liquid Presence

Table 9 provides the results of the standpipe (location shown on Figure 6) monitoring for the presence of free liquids in the disposal cell. During this reporting period, no water was present in the standpipe, and no additional standpipes were installed during this period.

Date Monitored	Presence or Level of Fluids (ft)		
12/02/21	Dry		
04/14/22	Dry		
09/28/22	Dry		

Table 9. Monitoring Results for the Presence of Fluids in Standpipe 01

Dry = no fluids present.

#### 4.9 Monitoring Groundwater Presence

In addition to monitoring the standpipe, monitoring wells 0202, 0203, 0205, and 0210 (Figure 6) were also checked for the presence of groundwater. These results are presented in Table 10. Groundwater has consistently been detected in wells 0202 and 0205 since June 2019 and June 2015, respectively. Wells 0203 and 0210 were dry throughout this Report period.

Date Monitored	Monitor Well Number			
	0202	0203	0205	0210
12/02/21	DTW = 50.43 TD = 60.86	Dry TD = 61.40	DTW = 46.83 TD = 69.90	Dry TD = 54.76
04/14/22	DTW = 50.02	Dry TD = 60.82	DTW = 47.32	Dry TD = 54.16
09/28/22	DTW = 49.75 TD = 60.90	Dry TD = 61.40	DTW = 48.34 TD = 69.73	Dry TD = 54.76

Table 10. Monitoring Results for Presence of Groundwater

Notes: All measurements are feet below top of casing, Dry = no fluids present; DTW = depth to water; TD = total depth;



Figure 6. Locations of Monitoring Wells and Standpipe

Water level, precipitation, and recovery test data along with the analytical results continue to suggest that the groundwater source is surface runoff flowing off the cover.

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