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# Table of Acronyms

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

## Introduction

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

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

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

## Air and Precipitation Monitoring Results

The ESP operated eight air monitoring stations on and near the INL as well as two monitoring stations distant from the INL during the first quarter, 2015 (**Figure 1**). These stations employed instrumentation for collecting airborne particulate matter, gaseous radioiodine, precipitation, and water vapor for tritium analysis (**Table 1**). The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes operated an air monitoring station located at Fort Hall. The Fort Hall station uses identical instrumentation and sampling protocol as the ten stations operated by the ESP. The DEQ-INL OP reports the Fort Hall station data as an additional distant site.

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

Composites of filters collected using TSP samplers during the course of a calendar quarter are analyzed using gamma spectroscopy. Typically, gamma spectroscopy results are only reported when exceeding a minimum detectable activity (MDA) or minimum detectable concentration (MDC). Gamma spectroscopy results for the first quarter of 2015 for TSP filters are presented in **Table 3**. The only reported gamma-emitting radionuclide was beryllium-7, a naturally occurring, cosmogenic radionuclide.

Annual composites of filters collected using TSP samplers are also analyzed using radiochemical separation techniques. Results from the annual composite analyses are typically presented in the following year's first quarter report. The samples are analyzed for Strontium-90, Plutonium-238,

Plutonium-239/240, and Americium-241 (**Table 6**). Measurable quantities of these radionuclides are expected in the environment due to historic above ground testing of nuclear weapons. DEQ-INL's action levels of 190 for Americium-241, 1900 for Strontium-90, 210 for Plutonium-238, and 200 for Plutonium-239/240 (in  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  pCi/m<sup>3</sup>) are 10 percent of the compliance values listed for the specific radionuclides in 40 CFR 61, Appendix E, Table 2. Field sample concentrations which exceed these levels require further investigation. Results exceeding MDC for the 2014 annual composites are as follows: Experimental Field Station, Howe, and Mud Lake samples exceeded MDC for <sup>90</sup>Sr; the Idaho Falls HVP-4304 sample exceeded MDC for <sup>238</sup>Pu; and Experimental Field Station, Fort Hall, Idaho Falls HVP-3804 and Van Buren samples exceeded MDC for <sup>239/240</sup>Pu. Though minimally exceeding the MDC, the results are well under the specified regulatory limits and DEQ-INL OP's action levels.

Radioactive iodine samples are collected weekly. Samples are collected by drawing air through a canister filled with activated charcoal using a low-volume air pump. The activated charcoal contained in the canister traps the radioiodine by adsorption onto its porous surface. Each week, canisters are collected from all eleven air monitoring stations and analyzed together as a composite. If Iodine-131 is detected in this grouping, the canisters are individually analyzed. No radioactive isotopes of iodine, specifically Iodine-131, were detected on the weekly charcoal cartridges used to collect this nuclide during the first quarter.

Atmospheric moisture was collected by drawing air through hygroscopic media at each of the 11 monitoring stations. This moisture was stripped from the hygroscopic media and analyzed to calculate the atmospheric tritium concentration. Reported values are the result of either a single sample or a weighted mean based upon the volume of air sampled when more than one atmospheric moisture sample was collected during the calendar quarter. There is one individual sample within the weighted mean that exceeded MDC located at the Van Buren sampling station: 0.37 pCi/m<sup>3</sup> (MDC 0.35 pCi/m<sup>3</sup>). Results are well below the DEQ-INL OP action level for atmospheric tritium of 150 pCi/m<sup>3</sup> (40 CFR 61). Average atmospheric tritium concentrations are presented in **Table 4**.

Precipitation samples were collected at six monitoring locations during the first quarter of 2015. Precipitation samples were analyzed for tritium and gamma-emitting radionuclides. Reported values were either the result of a single sample or a weighted mean when more than one precipitation sample was collected during the calendar quarter. Tritium and gamma-emitting radionuclides were below minimum detectable concentration in precipitation collected during the first quarter of 2015. Tritium and Cesium-137 analysis results are presented in **Table 5**.

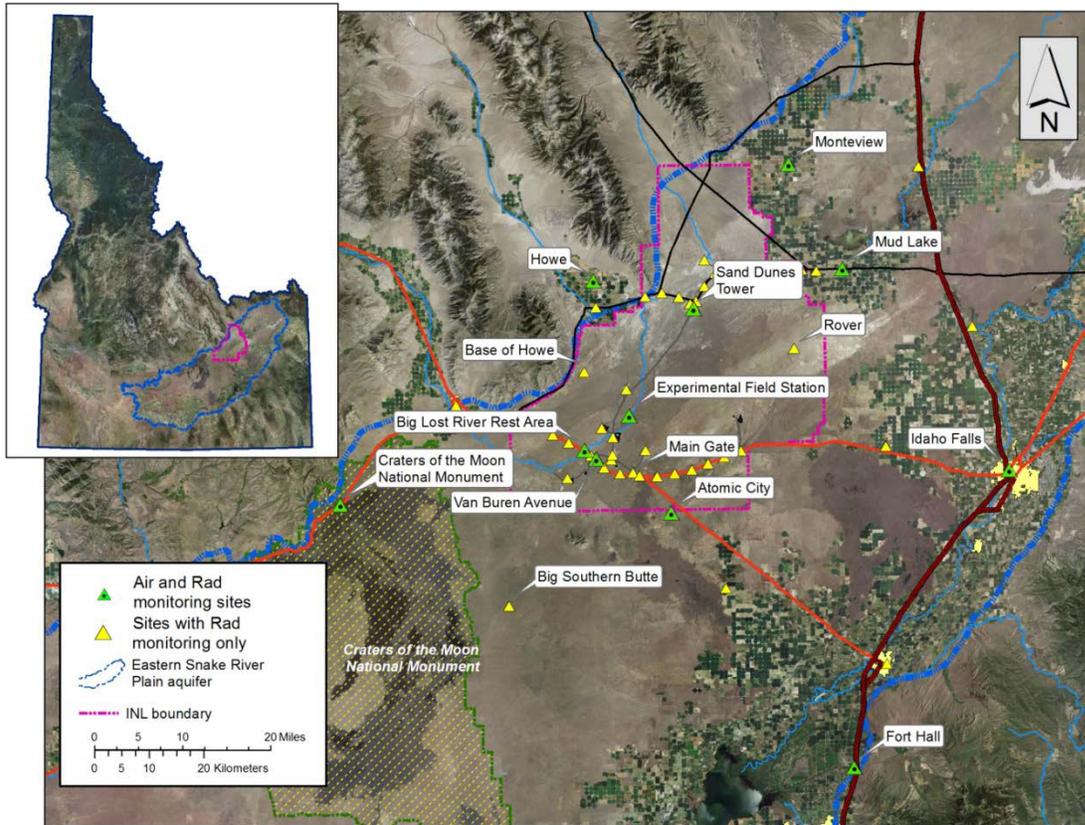


Figure 1. Air and radiation monitoring sites.

Table 1. Sampling locations and sample type.

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

<sup>1</sup>  Samples collected weekly;  Samples collected quarterly.

<sup>2</sup> TSP and radioiodine samples collected by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

**Table 2. Range of gross alpha and gross beta concentrations for TSP filters, first quarter, 2015.**

Station Location	Concentration					
	Gross Alpha			Gross Beta		
<b>On-Site Locations</b>						
Big Lost River Rest Area	0.5	-	2.0	16.2	-	96.5
Experimental Field Station	0.4	-	1.7	14.1	-	83.5
Sand Dunes Tower	0.4	-	1.6	10.4	-	78.8
Van Buren Avenue	0.3	-	1.3	12.3	-	71.2
<b>Boundary Locations</b>						
Atomic City	0.4	-	1.4	13.6	-	76.0
Howe	0.6	-	1.6	12.2	-	70.4
Monteview	0.6	-	2.1	13.3	-	99.9
Mud Lake	0.8	-	3.3	18.2	-	155.2
<b>Distant Locations</b>						
Craters of the Moon	0.2	-	1.0	9.2	-	43.0
Fort Hall <sup>1</sup>	0.2	-	1.3	9.9	-	51.4
Idaho Falls – HVP 3804	0.6	-	1.8	16.0	-	88.0
Idaho Falls – HVP 4304	0.7	-	1.9	13.6	-	84.0

<sup>1</sup>Operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.Note: Concentrations are expressed in  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  pCi/m<sup>3</sup>.**Table 3. Gamma spectroscopy analysis data for TSP filters, composite samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Station Location	Naturally Occurring Radionuclide Beryllium-7		Man-Made Gamma Emitting Radionuclides
	Concentration	± 2 SD	
<b>On-site Locations</b>			
Big Lost River Rest Area	63.0	3.3	<MDC <sup>2</sup>
Experimental Field Station	58.1	3.1	<MDC
Sand Dunes Tower	51.3	2.7	<MDC
Van Buren Avenue	49.9	2.7	<MDC
<b>Boundary Locations</b>			
Atomic City	51.0	2.8	<MDC
Howe	49.2	2.7	<MDC
Monteview	54.6	3.0	<MDC
Mud Lake	73.1	3.9	<MDC
<b>Distant Locations</b>			
Craters of the Moon	53.1	2.8	<MDC
Fort Hall <sup>1</sup>	51.0	2.7	<MDC
Idaho Falls – HVP 3804	63.1	3.5	<MDC
Idaho Falls – HVP 4304	62.5	3.4	<MDC

<sup>1</sup>Operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.<sup>2</sup>MDC for Cs-137 typically  $(5-10) \times 10^{-5}$  pCi/m<sup>3</sup>.Note: Concentrations are reported in  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  pCi/m<sup>3</sup> with associated uncertainty ( $\pm 2$  SD), and minimum detectable concentration (MDC).

**Table 4. Tritium concentrations in air from atmospheric moisture, first quarter, 2015**

Station Location	Tritium		
	Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC
<b>On-site Locations</b>			
Big Lost River Rest Area	0.09	0.28	0.46
Experimental Field Station	0.03	0.30	0.50
Sand Dunes Tower	0.08	0.26	0.43
Van Buren Avenue	0.28	0.24	0.39
<b>Boundary Locations</b>			
Atomic City	0.03	0.21	0.37
Howe	0.14	0.26	0.43
Mud Lake	0.09	0.20	0.32
Monteview	0.10	0.25	0.41
<b>Distant Locations</b>			
Craters of the Moon	0.11	0.28	0.46
Fort Hall <sup>1</sup>	0.10	0.35	0.57
Idaho Falls	0.07	0.22	0.35

<sup>1</sup>Operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

Note: Concentrations are reported in pCi/m<sup>3</sup> with associated uncertainty (± 2 SD) and minimum detectable concentration (MDC).

**Table 5. Tritium and Cesium-137 concentrations from precipitation, first quarter, 2015.**

Station Location	Tritium			Cesium-137		
	Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC	Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC
<b>On-site Locations</b>						
Big Lost River Rest Area	NS <sup>1</sup>					
<b>Boundary Locations</b>						
Atomic City	10	110	180	2.0	1.6	2.5
Howe	40	110	180	0.3	1.2	2.2
Monteview	-50	110	180	NS <sup>1</sup>	NS <sup>1</sup>	NS <sup>1</sup>
Mud Lake	0.0	110	180	0.2	1.3	2.1
<b>Distant Locations</b>						
Idaho Falls	40	110	190	NS <sup>1</sup>	NS <sup>1</sup>	NS <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Insufficient sample to perform gamma spectroscopy at Rest Area, Monteview, and Idaho Falls and for tritium analysis at Rest Area.

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

**Table 6. Annual radiochemical separation analysis data for TSP particulate filters collected during 2014.**

Station Location	<sup>90</sup> Sr			<sup>238</sup> Pu			<sup>239/240</sup> Pu			<sup>241</sup> Am		
	Value <sup>1</sup>	±2SD	MDC	Value <sup>1</sup>	± 2SD	MDC	Value <sup>1</sup>	±2SD	MDC	Value <sup>1</sup>	±2SD	MDC
<b>On-Site Locations</b>												
Rest Area	9.3	5.3	9.7	1.2	1.4	2.2	1.2	1.0	1.3	0.8	1.5	3.1
EFS <sup>3</sup>	16.4	7.6	13.2	1.7	2.1	3.5	1.7	1.2	1.5	-0.1	1.9	4.9
Sand Dunes	2.4	3.6	7.7	0.1	1.5	2.9	1.0	1.2	1.8	-0.9	1.5	4.7
Van Buren	7.4	6.3	12.7	1.0	1.5	2.6	1.7	1.1	1.3	-0.9	1.3	3.8
<b>Boundary Locations</b>												
Atomic City	8.2	8.1	16.8	0.0	2.0	3.6	1.1	0.9	1.2	-1.3	1.9	5.6
Howe	13.4	6.8	12.3	2.3	1.9	2.9	0.3	0.6	1.2	1.2	2.3	4.8
Monteview	9.3	5.3	9.8	1.2	1.8	3.0	0.7	0.9	1.3	2.4	2.4	4.2
Mud Lake	15.3	6.0	9.5	1.5	1.4	2.3	0.8	0.7	1.1	2.4	4.0	8.2
<b>Distant Locations</b>												
Craters of Moon	0.20	6.0	14.0	1.8	1.8	2.8	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.0	1.8	4.6
Fort Hall <sup>2</sup>	2.3	4.4	9.7	2.6	1.8	2.6	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.3	1.9	4.6
Idaho Falls 3804	6.5	5.7	11.6	1.9	2.1	3.3	2.5	1.3	1.1	2.2	2.4	4.2
Idaho Falls 4304	13.3	8.0	15.4	3.2 J <sup>4</sup>	2.0	2.7	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.6	2.0	3.8

Note: Concentrations are reported in  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  pCi/m<sup>3</sup> with associated uncertainty ( $\pm 2$  SD), minimum detectable concentration (MDC), and correspond to filter composites collected during the calendar year.

<sup>1</sup> Measurable quantities of these radionuclides are expected in the environment due to historic above-ground testing of nuclear weapons. DEQ-INL OP's action levels of 190 for americium-241, 1900 for strontium-90, 210 for plutonium-238, and 200 for plutonium-239/240 (in  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  pCi/m<sup>3</sup>) are 10 percent of the compliance values listed for the specific radionuclide in 40 CFR 61, Appendix E, Table 2.

<sup>2</sup> Operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

<sup>3</sup> Experimental Field Station

<sup>4</sup> <sup>238</sup>Pu was detected in the blank filter composite, therefore the Idaho Falls HVP 4304 composite was flagged as an estimate (J) since it exceeded its MDC.

## Environmental Radiation Monitoring Results

The ESP operated 14 environmental radiation stations during the first quarter of 2015 (**Figure 1**). To detect gamma radiation, each station is instrumented with triplicate electret ionization chambers (EIC), and 11 of the stations also are equipped with a high-pressure ion chamber (HPIC) (**Table 7**).

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

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

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

These two systems are used by DEQ-INL OP to measure external gamma radiation for various radiological monitoring objectives. **Table 8** lists the average radiation exposure rates measured by the HPICs for first quarter 2015. **Table 9** lists the EIC monitoring results for first quarter 2015. Overall exposure rates were within the expected historical range of values observed by DEQ-INL OP for background radiation

**Table 7. Summary of instrumentation at radiation monitoring stations.**

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

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

**Table 8. Average gamma exposure rates, first quarter, 2015, from HPIC network.**

Station Location	Exposure Rate ( $\mu\text{R/hr}$ )	
	Quarterly Average	$\pm 2$ SD
<b>On-site Locations</b>		
Base of Howe	15.6	1.0
Big Lost River Rest Area	14.7	1.0
Main Gate	14.3	0.9
Rover	16.0	1.0
Sand Dunes Tower	13.1	0.9
<b>Boundary Locations</b>		
Atomic City	12.3	0.9
Big Southern Butte	14.1	1.5
Howe Met Tower	12.6	1.2
Monteview	12.7	1.2
Mud Lake/Terreton	13.7	1.2
<b>Distant Locations</b>		
Fort Hall <sup>1</sup>	12.4	0.9
Idaho Falls	12.1	1.5

<sup>1</sup>Operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

**Table 9. Electret ionization chamber (EIC) cumulative average exposure rates, first quarter, 2015.**

Station Location	Exposure Rate ( $\mu\text{R/hr}$ )	
	Quarterly Average <sup>1</sup>	$\pm 2$ SD
<b>On-site Locations</b>		
Base of Howe	11.4	2.7
Big Lost River Rest Area	13.9	2.7
Experimental Field Station	14.2	3.5
Main Gate	15.5	2.3
Rover	11.7, 13.3	
Sand Dunes Tower	12.8	1.0
Van Buren Avenue	14.8	2.0
<b>Boundary Locations</b>		
Atomic City	13.5	1.0
Big Southern Butte	16.1, 18.2	
Howe Met Tower	12.9	2.3
Monteview	11.4	3.0
Mud Lake / Terreton	13.3, 15.0	
<b>Distant Locations</b>		
Craters of the Moon	12.4	1.3
Fort Hall <sup>2</sup>	10.8, 12.1	
Idaho Falls	9.8	3.8

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

<sup>2</sup>Station operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

## Water Monitoring

Water monitoring sites are sampled for the purposes of examining trends of INL contaminants and other general ground water quality indicators and for verifying DOE monitoring results. Sites sampled include ground water locations (wells and springs), surface water locations (streams), and selected wastewater sites. Sample sites have been selected to aid in identifying INL impacts on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer (ESRPA), and are categorized as up-gradient, facility, boundary, distant, surface water, and waste water, (**Figure 2 and Figure 3**). Up-gradient locations are not impacted by INL operations and are considered representative of background ground water quality conditions. Facility sites are sample locations on the INL near facilities, in areas of known contamination, or wells selected to illustrate trends for specific INL contaminants or indicators of ground water quality. Boundary locations are on or near the perimeter of the INL and are down-gradient of potential sources of INL contamination. Distant locations are monitored to provide trends in water quality down-gradient of the INL and include wells and springs used for irrigation, public water supply, livestock, domestic, and industrial purposes. During the first quarter of 2015, nine facility locations were sampled, including six aquifer wells at or near the INTEC facility and three perched water wells near the ATR Complex.

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

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

Gross alpha radioactivity was detected at two locations, including an aquifer well at the INTEC facility and in perched water near the ATR Complex. Both detections were within the range of concentrations observed for naturally-occurring radioactivity. The EPA maximum contaminant level (MCL) for alpha radioactivity is 15 pCi/L.

Gross beta radioactivity was detected at all nine facility locations sampled this quarter. Concentrations observed at these locations are similar to previous values collected and with the exception of three sites (USGS-123, USGS-061, & USGS-062), represent past INL waste disposal practices. The MCL for beta and gamma radioactivity is 4 mrem/year, equivalent to 8 pCi/L if the source is  $^{90}\text{Sr}$ ; 900 pCi/L if  $^{99}\text{Tc}$ ; 20,000 pCi/L if tritium ( $^3\text{H}$ ); or 200 pCi/L if  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ . Man-made, gamma emitting radioactivity was not detected at any of the sampled locations. Results for gross alpha; gross beta; and man-made, gamma emitting  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  are shown in **Table 10**.

All six INTEC facility sites were sampled for isotopes of plutonium, with all results reporting as non-detectable (**Table 11**). All six INTEC facility sites were sampled for isotopes of uranium (**Table 12**). All sites reported detectable results for  $^{234}\text{U}$  and  $^{238}\text{U}$ . Three sites, ICPP-2020, USGS-048, and USGS-052, reported results for  $^{235}\text{U}$  that were greater than the MDC; however, those values are less than three standard deviations and are considered non-detections. The results observed at these six locations cannot be distinguished from background values, which means the uranium found in the samples is likely to be

naturally occurring. Three INTEC facility sites were sampled for  $^{241}\text{Am}$  this quarter. There were no detections (**Table 13**).

Seven of the nine samples analyzed for  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  had detectable results this quarter, with five locations reporting concentrations at or above the MCL of 8 pCi/L (**Table 14**). All samples were collected in areas of known contamination at or near either the INTEC facility or ATR Complex. All six INTEC facility locations were sampled for  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  with reported values within the expected ranges of concentrations typically found at these sites and well below the MCL of 900 pCi/L (**Table 15**).

Using the standard analytical method,  $^3\text{H}$  was detected at eight of the nine locations sampled (**Table 16**). Tritium levels found are comparable to historic concentrations for these sites and are consistent with INL waste disposal influences at both the INTEC facility and ATR Complex. Sample location USGS-055, a perched water well near the ATR Complex, reports a  $^3\text{H}$  value close to three times what was measured at the same site during the fourth quarter of 2014 ( $5220\pm 200$  pCi/L on 10/6/14 compared to  $14430\pm 350$  pCi/L on 3/31/15). The ISU Environmental Monitoring Lab reanalyzed this sample twice, providing three tritium analyses for USGS-055. In both cases, the reanalysis agreed with the original concentration reported in **Table 16**. The difference between the 2014 and 2015 values is consistent with large variability in tritium concentrations observed in the past. Selected water samples with tritium concentrations not measurable using the standard method (typically a MDC of 130 pCi/L) are analyzed using an electrolytic enrichment method with a much lower MDC of 10 to 14 pCi/L. There were no samples analyzed using the enrichment method for the current quarter; however sample analyses from fifteen sites collected during previous quarters were completed and results presented during this quarter (**Table 17**). A backlog of 2 samples remains.

Samples were also analyzed for metals and the results shown in **Table 18**. All results were within their expected ranges. Common ion results are shown in **Table 19** and nutrient results are shown in **Table 20**. All results are consistent with historical values at those locations.

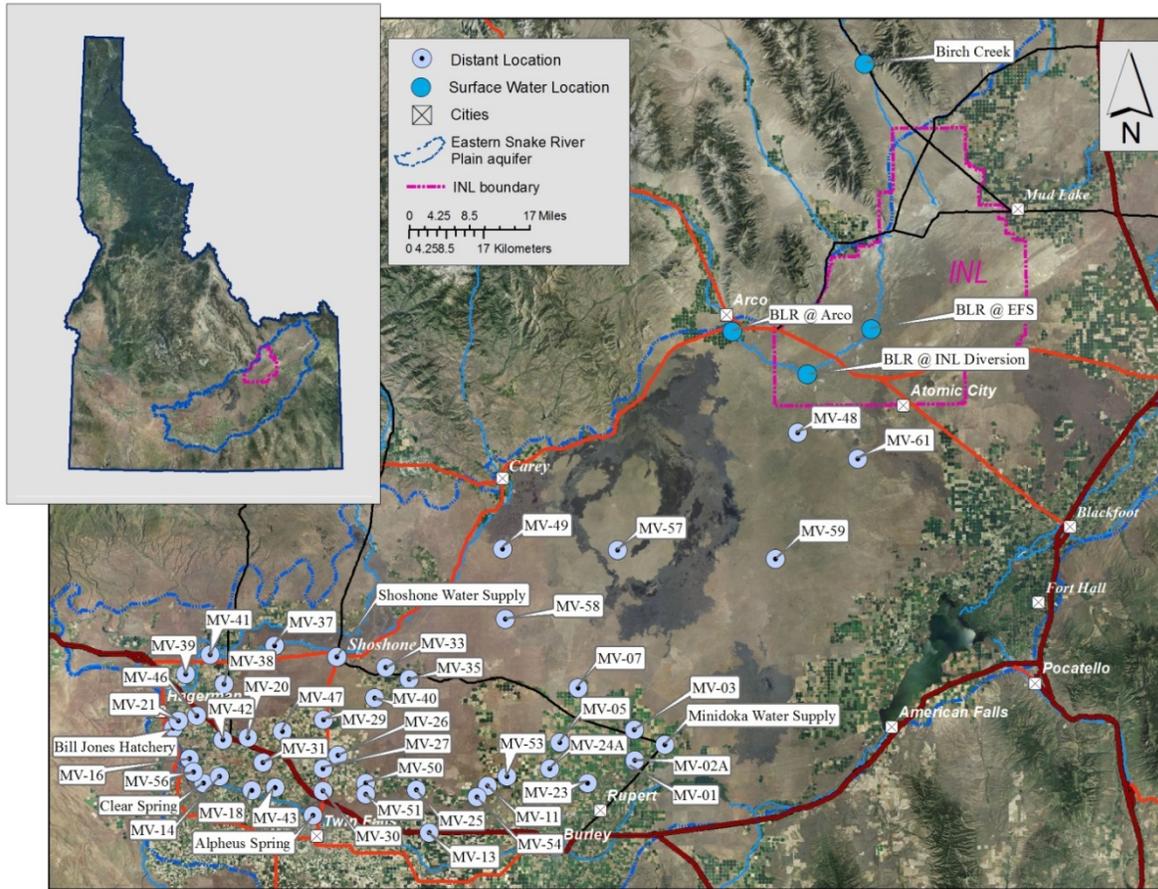


Figure 2. Distant and Surface Water monitoring locations.



**Table 10. Gross alpha, gross beta, and gamma-emitting radionuclide concentrations for water samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Sample Date	Gross Alpha			Gross Beta			Man-made gamma-emitting radionuclide Cesium-137		
		Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>		±2 SD	Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>		±2 SD	Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>		±2 SD
<b>Facility</b>										
ICPP-2020	3/10/2015	3.0		1.4	136.0		2.9	1.1	U	1.6
USGS-047	3/10/2015	1.2	U	1.0	46.5		1.8	1.0	U	1.8
USGS-048	3/10/2015	0.7	U	1.0	22.8		1.4	0.0	U	1.5
USGS-052	3/9/2015	1.3	U	1.1	197.3		3.4	1.4	U	1.6
USGS-055	3/31/2015	0.7	U	1.0	65.3		2.1	0.9	U	1.6
USGS-061	3/31/2015	1.2	U	1.1	5.0		1.0	0.6	U	1.3
USGS-062	3/31/2015	3.0		1.1	5.4		1.0	1.4	U	1.7
USGS-067	3/9/2015	0.6	U	1.1	101.0		2.6	0.8	U	2.5
USGS-123	3/3/2015	1.3	U	1.0	3.0		0.9	1.5	U	1.9

<sup>1</sup>Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected.

<sup>2</sup>Concentrations expressed in pCi/L.

**Table 11. Reported concentrations of plutonium isotopes in water samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Sample Date	Plutonium-238			Plutonium-239/240		
		Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>		±2 SD	Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>		±2 SD
<b>Facility</b>							
ICPP-2020	3/10/2015	-0.002	U	0.017	0.003	U	0.017
USGS-047	3/10/2015	-0.002	U	0.018	0.006	U	0.018
USGS-048	3/10/2015	0.005	U	0.018	0	U	0.018
USGS-052	3/9/2015	0.008	U	0.018	0.001	U	0.018
USGS-067	3/9/2015	0	U	0.017	0.003	U	0.017
USGS-123	3/3/2015	0	U	0.018	0.003	U	0.018

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

<sup>2</sup>Concentrations expressed in pCi/L.

**Table 12. Reported concentrations of uranium isotopes in water samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Sample Date	Uranium-234			Uranium-235			Uranium-238		
		Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>		±2 SD	Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>		±2 SD	Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>		±2 SD
<b>Facility</b>										
ICPP-2020	3/10/2015	1.61		0.35	0.079	U*	0.060	0.94		0.24
USGS-047	3/10/2015	1.37		0.32	0.029	U	0.047	0.62		0.18
USGS-048	3/10/2015	1.45		0.33	0.074	U*	0.061	0.53		0.17
USGS-052	3/9/2015	1.26		0.30	0.095	U*	0.068	0.57		0.17
USGS-067	3/9/2015	1.42		0.33	0.023	U	0.047	0.64		0.19
USGS-123	3/3/2015	1.23		0.30	0.007	U	0.044	0.80		0.23

<sup>1</sup>Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected.

<sup>2</sup>Concentrations expressed in pCi/L.

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

**Table 13. Reported concentrations of americium-241 in water samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Sample Date	Americium-241		
		Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>		±2 SD
<b>Facility</b>				
ICPP-2020	3/10/2015	-0.010	U	0.016
USGS-047	3/10/2015	-0.017	U	0.013
USGS-048	3/10/2015	-0.011	U	0.015

<sup>1</sup>Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected.

<sup>2</sup>Concentrations expressed in pCi/L.

**Table 14. Reported concentrations of strontium-90 in water samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Sample Date	Strontium-90		
		Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>		±2 SD
<b>Facility</b>				
ICPP-2020	3/10/2015	9.8		2.4
USGS-047	3/10/2015	8.0		2.0
USGS-048	3/10/2015	8.0		2.0
USGS-052	3/9/2015	2.70		0.78
USGS-055	3/31/2015	27.3		6.5
USGS-061	3/31/2015	0.31	U	0.26
USGS-062	3/31/2015	1.16		0.41
USGS-067	3/9/2015	11.6		2.8
USGS-123	3/3/2015	0.55	U	0.37

<sup>1</sup>Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected.

<sup>2</sup>Concentrations expressed in pCi/L.

**Table 15. Reported concentrations of technetium-99 in water samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Sample Date	Technetium-99		
		Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>		±2 SD
<b>Facility</b>				
ICPP-2020	3/10/2015	257.9		1.5
USGS-047	3/10/2015	1.4		0.2
USGS-048	3/10/2015	2.4		0.2
USGS-052	3/9/2015	375.1		1.9
USGS-067	3/9/2015	148.6		1.1
USGS-123	3/3/2015	1.7		0.2

<sup>1</sup>Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected.

<sup>2</sup>Concentrations expressed in pCi/L.

**Table 16. Tritium concentrations for water samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Sample Date	Tritium		
		Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>		±2 SD
<b>Facility</b>				
ICPP-2020	3/10/2015	1970		150
USGS-047	3/10/2015	230		110
USGS-048	3/10/2015	720		130
USGS-052	3/9/2015	820		130
USGS-055	3/31/2015	14430		350
USGS-061	3/31/2015	730		110
USGS-062	3/31/2015	60	U	80
USGS-067	3/9/2015	2620		160
USGS-123	3/3/2015	2180		150

<sup>1</sup>Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected.

<sup>2</sup>Concentrations expressed in pCi/L.

**Table 17. Enriched tritium concentrations for water samples from previous sampling quarters, 2014.**

Sample Location	Sample Date	Enriched Tritium		
		Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>		±2 SD
<b>Upgradient</b>				
Mud Lake Water Supply	11/20/2014	5	U	9
<b>Facility</b>				
A11A31	11/4/2014	97		10
M1S	11/3/2014	2	U	9
M6S	11/4/2014	7	U	8
USGS-120	10/14/2014	176		11
<b>Boundary</b>				
USGS-014	10/14/2014	10	U	8
USGS-125	10/14/2014	51		9
<b>Distant</b>				
Alpheus Spring	8/13/2014	19		10
Alpheus Spring	11/17/2014	16		9
Bill Jones Hatchery	11/17/2014	8	U	9
Clear Spring	11/17/2014	5	U	9
Minidoka Water Supply	11/17/2014	1	U	9
MV-18	7/22/2014	13		7
Shoshone Water Supply	11/17/2014	15		9
<b>Surface Water</b>				
Birch Creek	10/16/2014	7	U	8

<sup>1</sup>Data qualifiers: U = non-detection, J = estimate, R = rejected.

<sup>2</sup>Concentrations expressed in pCi/L.

**Table 18. Reported metals concentrations in water samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Sample Date	Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>															
		Arsenic		Barium		Chromium		Iron		Lead		Manganese		Selenium		Zinc	
<b>Facility</b>																	
ICPP-2020 (total)	3/10/2015	<5.0	U	120		88		560		<5.0	U	18		<10	U	8.4	
USGS-047	3/10/2015	<5.0	U	64		7.6		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
USGS-048	3/10/2015	<5.0	U	73		7.4		9.0		<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
USGS-052 (total)	3/9/2015	<5.0	U	82		7.4		23		<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
USGS-055	3/31/2015	6.8		82		24		<10	U	<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	<5.0	U
USGS-061	3/31/2015	<5.0	U	62		6.7		160		<5.0	U	14		<10	U	<5.0	U
USGS-062	3/31/2015	9.6		41		8.6		<10	U	<5.0	U	3.6		<10	U	<5.0	U
USGS-067 (total)	3/9/2015	<5.0	U	120		7.5		16		<5.0	U	<2.0	U	<10	U	8.7	
USGS-123 (total)	3/3/2015	<5.0	U	47		29		690		<5.0	U	13		<10	U	5.3	

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

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

**Table 19. Reported common ion concentrations in water samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Sample Date	Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>									
		Calcium	Magnesium	Sodium	Potassium	Fluoride	Chloride	Sulfate	Alkalinity <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Facility</b>											
ICPP-2020	3/10/2015	60	17	21	3.1	0.261	54.9	38.2	137		
USGS-047*	3/10/2015	49	14	9.3	2.0	0.267	14.2	22.9	152		
USGS-048*	3/10/2015	49	14	11	2.4	0.241	17.4	23.7	148		
USGS-052	3/9/2015	49	15	12	2.7	0.244	21.4	25.2	144		
USGS-055*	3/31/2015	68	19	16	2.8	0.268	15.7	80.8	165		
USGS-061*	3/31/2015	77	17	13	2.2	<0.200	U	16.2	118	144	
USGS-062*	3/31/2015	63	20	14	3.0	0.277	15.5	87.2	152		
USGS-067	3/9/2015	54	15	24	3.6	0.295	43.6	28.6	136		
USGS-123	3/3/2015	38	15	10	3.1	0.238	21.5	21.9	127		

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

<sup>2</sup>Concentrations are expressed in mg/L.

<sup>3</sup>As CaCO<sub>3</sub>.

**Table 20. Reported nutrient concentrations in water samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Sample Date	Concentration <sup>1,2</sup>	
		Nitrite + Nitrate	Phosphorus
<b>Facility</b>			
ICPP-2020	3/10/2015	4.6	0.033
USGS-047	3/10/2015	1.2	0.035
USGS-048	3/10/2015	1.6	0.028
USGS-052	3/9/2015	2.5	0.027
USGS-055	3/31/2015	1.7	0.210
USGS-061	3/31/2015	1.4	0.030
USGS-062	3/31/2015	1.2	0.150
USGS-067	3/9/2015	5.5	0.031
USGS-123	3/3/2015	1.0	0.035

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

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

## Terrestrial Monitoring Results

The DEQ-INL OP conducts terrestrial (soil and milk) monitoring to characterize deposition and migration of contaminants, and provide independent verification of DOE's terrestrial monitoring programs. Physical soil sampling and *in-situ* gamma spectrometry are used to characterize actual deposition and accumulation of radioactive contaminants in soils. Milk samples are collected to evaluate the potential for ingestion of radioactivity by the population around the INL. No *in-situ* gamma spectroscopic measurements were performed, nor were any soil samples physically collected during the first calendar quarter of 2015.

### Milk

DEQ-INL OP monitors milk for the naturally occurring radionuclide potassium-40 ( $^{40}\text{K}$ ) and man-made iodine-131 ( $^{131}\text{I}$ ). Milk samples are collected on a monthly basis. Riverside is a small operation that was able to resume milk sampling in March. Results for analyses of milk samples are presented in **Table 21**.  $^{40}\text{K}$  was detected in all samples within the expected range of concentrations.  $^{131}\text{I}$  was not detected. Based on measurements of radionuclides in milk, there were no discernable impacts to the off-site environment from INL operations.

**Table 21. Gamma spectroscopy analysis data for milk samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location/Dairy	Sample Date	Naturally occurring Potassium-40		Man-made Iodine-131 <sup>1</sup>
		Concentration <sup>3</sup>	$\pm 2$ SD	
<b>Monitoring Samples</b>				
Ft. Hall	1/05/2015	1630	126	<MDC
	2/02/2015	1445	112	<MDC
	3/02/2015	1477	114	<MDC
Gooding/Glanbia	2/04/2015	1422	110	<MDC
	3/10/2015	1437	102	<MDC
Riverside	3/01/2015	1458	120	<MDC
<b>Verification Samples<sup>2</sup></b>				
Howe	1/06/2015	1428	103	<MDC
Dietrich	1/06/2015	1441	119	<MDC
Terreton	2/03/2015	1419	101	<MDC
Rupert	2/03/2015	1523	122	<MDC
Idaho Falls	3/03/2015	1651	115	<MDC
Dietrich	3/03/2015	1458	120	<MDC

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

<sup>2</sup> DEQ-INL OP samples collected by the off-site INL environmental surveillance contractor.

<sup>3</sup> Concentrations are expressed in pCi/L.

## Quality Assurance

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

This section summarizes the results of the quality assurance (QA) assessment of the data collected for the first quarter of 2015 for the DEQ-INL OP's ESP. It also summarizes the quality control (QC) samples (spikes, blanks, and duplicates) submitted to the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories-Boise (IBL) for non-radiological analyses and to Idaho State University's Environmental Monitoring Laboratory (ISU-EML) for radiological analyses during the quarter. All analyses and QC measures at the analytical laboratories used by the ESP are performed in accordance with approved written procedures maintained by each respective analytical laboratory. Sample collection is performed in accordance with written procedures maintained by the DEQ-INL OP.

Analytical results for blanks, duplicates, and spikes are used to assess the precision, accuracy, and representativeness of results from analyzing laboratories. During the first quarter of 2015, the DEQ-INL OP submitted 69 QC samples for various radiological and non-radiological analyses (**Table 22**).

### Blank Samples

Blank samples consist of matrices that have negligible, acceptably low, or immeasurable amounts of the analyst(s) of interest in them. They are designed to determine if an analysis will yield a "zero" result when no contaminant is present, or a sufficiently low result to serve as an acceptable measure of "background." Blank samples are used to monitor for bias introduced during sample collection, storage, shipment, and analysis. Blank sample results submitted for gross alpha and gross beta screening in air for the first quarter of 2015 are presented in **Table 23**.

Blank sample results for select gamma emitters in air from composited air filters are presented in **Table 24**. Data for blank analyses used to assess data quality for tritium in water vapor in air are presented in **Table 25**. Blank analysis results for radiochemical separation analyses for TSP particulate filters collected during 2014 are presented in **Table 26**.  $^{238}\text{Pu}$  was detected in the blank filter composite. The Idaho Falls HVP 4304 composite was therefore flagged as an estimate (J) since it exceeded its MDC. There were no blank water samples submitted for analysis this quarter; however, there were two blank water samples for enriched tritium collected in the fourth quarter of 2014 that were analyzed this quarter and are presented in **Table 27**.

### Duplicate Samples

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

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

Where:

$R_1$  = First sample result.

$R_2$  = Second sample result.

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

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

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

Where:

$R_1$  = First sample result.

$R_2$  = Second sample result.

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

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

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

Duplicate results for ground and surface water are presented in **Table 28** for radiological analyses, and **Table 29** and **Table 30** for non-radiological analyses.

All duplicate comparisons passed DEQ-INL criteria for the first quarter of 2015.

## Spiked Samples

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

Spike samples were not used during the first quarter of 2015.

DEQ-INL OP also prepares additional “spike-like” quality control samples to assess ambient radiation measurement bias. Once per quarter, DEQ-INL OP irradiates a number of electret ionization chambers (EICs) to verify EIC response. Irradiations of triplicate EICs are conducted in a repeatable geometry to a known exposure of near 30 mR and two additional groups of higher and lower exposures, ranging from 15 to 60 mR. EIC responses are compared directly with the exposure received from the NIST traceable cesium-137 source provided by ISU-EML. EIC response is considered acceptable if the average triplicate measurement has a percent recovery of  $100 \pm 25\%$  when compared to the known irradiated quantity. The irradiation results for first quarter 2015 are presented in **Table 33**. Real-time pressure correction is used to calculate the net exposure measured by these EIC control sets. All EIC spiked samples passed the DEQ-INL OP criteria.

### **Analytical QA/QC Assessment**

Other than those listed above, no issues involving sample chain of custody, sample holding times, and the analysis of blank, duplicate, and spiked samples were observed during the first quarter of 2015, which significantly affected data quality. Methodologies and data reports issued by the contracting laboratories generally conformed to the requirements of DEQ-INL OP during the first quarter of 2015.

Data usability is the measure of data that is not rejected compared to the amount that was expected to be obtained. The overall data usability rate for the first quarter of 2015 met the minimum criteria of the DEQ-INL OP ESP and is summarized in **Table 22**.

### **Preventative Maintenance and Equipment Reliability**

All equipment was calibrated and checked according to prescribed periodicity. During the first quarter of 2015 the radioiodine pump at Craters of the Moon was replaced. Service reliability for air sampling equipment for the first quarter of 2015 is summarized in **Table 32**.

### **Conclusion**

All data collected for the first quarter of 2015 have been assigned the applicable qualifiers to designate the appropriate use of the data. In addition, all data has been verified and deemed complete meeting the requirements and data quality objectives established by DEQ-INL OP.

**Table 22. Summary of the analytical performance and usability of the analyses performed for the DEQ-INL OP ESP, first quarter, 2015.**

Media Sampled	Collection Device	Analyte	Test Analyses	Blank Analyses	Duplicate Analyses	Spike Analyses	Data Rejected <sup>1</sup>	Analyzing Lab <sup>2</sup>
<b>Air</b>								
<b>Particulate</b>	4-inch filter	Gross alpha	155	13	0	0	0	ISU-EML
		Gross beta	155	13	0	0	0	ISU-EML
		Gamma emitters	12	1	0	0	0	ISU-EML
		Radiochemical	48	4	0	0	0	ISU Sub
<b>Water Vapor</b>	Desiccant column	Tritium	23	3	0	0	0	ISU-EML
<b>Gaseous</b>	Charcoal filter	Iodine-131	13	0	0	0	0	ISU-EML
<b>Precipitation</b>	Poly bottle	Tritium	5	0	0	0	0	ISU-EML
		Gamma emitters	3	0	0	0	0	ISU-EML
<b>Water</b>								
<b>Groundwater &amp; Surface Water</b>	Grab or composite	Gross alpha	9	0	2	0	0	ISU-EML
		Gross beta	9	0	2	0	0	ISU-EML
		Gamma emitters	9	0	2	0	0	ISU-EML
		Tritium	9	0	2	0	0	ISU-EML
		Enriched tritium	15	2	2	0	0	ISU-EML
		Technetium-99	6	0	1	0	0	ISU-EML
		Radiochemical	24	0	7	0	0	ISU Sub
		Metals	9	0	2	0	0	IBL
		Common Ions	9	0	2	0	0	IBL
Nutrients	9	0	2	0	0	IBL		
Volatile Organics	0	0	0	0	0	0	IBL	
<b>Terrestrial</b>								
<b>Milk</b>	Grab or composite	Gamma emitters	12	0	0	0	0	ISU-EML
<b>Soil</b>	<i>in situ</i>	Gamma emitters	0	0	0	0	0	DEQ-INL OP
	Grab – “puck”	Gamma emitters	0	0	0	0	0	ISU-EML
<b>Radiation</b>								
<b>Ambient</b>	EICs	Gamma Radiation	55	0	0	9	0	DEQ-INL OP
	HPICs	Gamma Radiation	12	NA	NA	NA		DEQ-INL OP
<b>Total Test Analyses</b>			<b>601</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Total of QC Analyses (blanks, duplicates, and spikes)</b>			<b>69</b>					
<b>Percentage of QC analyses of total Test analyses<sup>3</sup></b>			<b>11.5%</b>					
<b>Percentage of usable data<sup>4</sup></b>			<b>100%</b>					

<sup>1</sup> Combined Laboratory and DEQ-INL OP rejection criteria (data was rejected for any reason).

<sup>2</sup> ISU-EML = Idaho State University – Environmental Monitoring Laboratory; ISU Sub = Subcontract laboratory to ISU-EML; IBL = Idaho Bureau of Laboratories, Boise; IBL Sub = Subcontract laboratory to IBL; DEQ-INL OP = Analyzed by INL Oversight Program, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

<sup>3</sup> Analyzing quality control samples at a rate of approximately 5 to 10 percent of the total number of test analyses performed for the year is deemed appropriate for the DEQ-INL OP ESP.

<sup>4</sup> Data usability rate [total analyses – rejected data]/[total analyses] of 90 percent or higher is acceptable for the DEQ-INL OP ESP.

**Table 23. Blank analysis results for gross alpha and beta in particulate air (TSP), first quarter, 2015.**

Collection Period		Corrected volume (m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>1</sup>	Gross alpha		Gross beta	
Start	Stop		Value	Uncertainty (± 2 SD)	Value	Uncertainty (± 2 SD)
12/31/14	01/08/15	2031	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.5
01/08/15	01/15/15	2031	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
01/15/15	01/22/15	2031	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.5
01/22/15	01/29/15	2031	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.5
01/29/15	02/05/15	2031	0.0	0.1	-0.3	0.5
02/05/15	02/12/15	2031	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5
02/12/15	02/19/15	2031	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.5
02/19/15	02/26/15	2031	0.0	0.1	-0.3	0.5
02/26/15	03/05/15	2031	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5
03/05/15	03/12/15	2031	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.5
03/12/15	03/19/15	2031	0.1	0.1	-0.7	0.5
03/19/15	03/26/15	2031	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.5
03/26/15	04/02/15	2031	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.5

Note: Concentrations and associated uncertainties (± 2 SD) are expressed in 1 x 10<sup>-3</sup> pCi/m<sup>3</sup>.

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

**Table 24. Blank analysis results for gamma spectroscopy for TSP particulate air filters, composite samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Analysis Date	Beryllium-7			Ruthenium-106/Rhodium-106			Antimony-125		
	Concentration <sup>1</sup>	± 2 SD	MDC	Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC	Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC
04/16/15	17	35	59	17	34	57	1	10	17
Analysis Date	Cesium-134			Cesium-137					
	Concentration <sup>1</sup>	± 2 SD	MDC	Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC			
04/16/15	6	5	8	3	3	6			

Note: Concentrations are expressed in 1 x 10<sup>-5</sup> pCi/m<sup>3</sup> with associated uncertainty (± 2 SD) and minimum detectable concentration (MDC).

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

**Table 25. Blank analysis results for tritium in water vapor from air samples, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Number	Start Date	Collection Date	Analysis Date	Tritium		
				Concentration	± 2 SD	MDC
OP141ZTR01	03/04/15	03/11/15	04/28/15	-0.05	0.11	0.18
OP141ZTR02	04/20/15	04/27/15	04/28/15	0.04	0.11	0.18
OP141ZTR03	04/20/15	04/27/15	04/28/15	-0.08	0.11	0.18

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

**Table 26. Blank analysis results for 2014 TSP annual radiochemical composites of air filters.**

Location	<sup>90</sup> Sr			<sup>238</sup> Pu			<sup>239</sup> Pu/ <sup>240</sup> Pu			<sup>241</sup> Am		
	Value <sup>1</sup>	± 2 SD	MDC	Value <sup>1</sup>	± 2 SD	MDC	Value <sup>1</sup>	± 2 SD	MDC	Value <sup>1</sup>	± 2 SD	MDC
Blank	0.32	0.45	0.98	0.30	0.18	0.25	0.03	0.10	0.20	0.11	0.22	0.46

Note: Concentrations are expressed in 1 x 10<sup>-5</sup> pCi/m<sup>3</sup> with associated uncertainty (± 2 SD) and minimum detectable concentration (MDC).

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

**Table 27. Radiological blank analysis results in groundwater and/or surface water, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Number	Sample Date	Concentration <sup>1</sup>	± 2 SD	MDC	Within Blank Criteria?
<b>Enriched Tritium</b>					
141W518	10/16/2014	16*	8	13	Yes
141W537	11/20/2014	23*	9	15	Yes

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

\*Note: Reflects typical concentrations found in DI water.

**Table 28. Duplicate radiological analysis results in pCi/L for groundwater and/or surface water, first quarter, 2015.**

Analysis/Sample Location	Original Sample Number	Concentration	± 2 SD	Duplicate Sample Number	Concentration	± 2 SD	/R <sub>1</sub> -R <sub>2</sub> /	3(S <sub>1</sub> <sup>2</sup> +S <sub>2</sub> <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>1/2</sup>	Within Criteria? <sup>1</sup>
<b>Gross Alpha</b>									
USGS-061	151W148	1.2	1.1	151W154	0.7	1.0	0.5	2.2	Yes
USGS-067	151W057	0.6	1.1	151W067	1.1	1.1	0.5	2.3	Yes
<b>Gross Beta</b>									
USGS-061	151W148	5.0	1.0	151W154	3.9	1.0	1.1	2.1	Yes
USGS-067	151W057	101	2.6	151W067	89.1	2.4	11.9	5.3	Yes <sup>2</sup>
<b>Gamma Spectroscopy Cesium-137</b>									
USGS-061	151W148	0.6	1.3	151W154	0.2	1.4	0.4	2.9	Yes
USGS-067	151W057	0.8	2.5	151W067	0.4	1.7	0.4	4.5	Yes
<b>Tritium</b>									
USGS-061	151W148	730	110	151W154	770	110	40	233	Yes
USGS-067	151W057	2620	160	151W067	2540	160	80	339	Yes
<b>Enriched Tritium</b>									
M6S	141W792	7.0	8.0	141W804	16	9.0	9.0	18	Yes
Alpheus Spring	141W811	16	9.0	141W813	21	9.0	5.0	19	Yes
<b>Strontium-90</b>									
USGS-061	151W149	0.31	0.26	151W155	-0.07	0.22	0.38	0.51	Yes
USGS-067	151W060	11.6	2.8	151W070	10.9	2.7	0.70	5.83	Yes
<b>Technetium-99</b>									
USGS-067	151W061	148.6	1.1	151W071	149.7	1.2	1.1	2.44	Yes
<b>Plutonium-238</b>									
USGS-067	151W059	0	0.017	151W069	-0.002	0.021	0.002	0.04	Yes
<b>Plutonium-239/240</b>									
USGS-067	151W059	0.003	0.017	151W069	0	0.021	0.003	0.04	Yes
<b>Uranium-234</b>									
USGS-067	151W063	1.42	0.33	151W073	1.45	0.34	0.03	0.71	Yes
<b>Uranium-235</b>									
USGS-067	151W063	0.023	0.047	151W073	0.051	0.053	0.028	0.11	Yes
<b>Uranium-238</b>									
USGS-067	151W063	0.64	0.19	151W073	0.94	0.25	0.30	0.47	Yes

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

<sup>2</sup> Compared using RPD criteria.

**Table 29. Duplicate results for metals (µg/L) in groundwater and/or surface water, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Sample Number	Sample Date	Arsenic	Barium	Chromium	Iron	Lead	Manganese	Selenium	Zinc
USGS-061	151W152	3/31/2015	<5.0	62	6.7	160	<5.0	14	<10	<5.0
USGS-061	151W158	3/31/2015	<5.0	63	6.9	170	<5.0	14	<10	<5.0
<b>RPD</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
USGS-067	151W065	3/9/2015	<5.0	120	7.5	16	<5.0	<2.0	<10	8.7
USGS-067	151W075	3/9/2015	<5.0	110	7.5	26	<5.0	<2.0	<10	8.0
<b>RPD</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-48<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

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

<sup>1</sup>Both results were less than five times the detection limit; their absolute difference is acceptable (≤ the method detection limit of 10 µg/L).

**Table 30. Duplicate results for common ions and nutrients (mg/L) in groundwater and/or surface water, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Sample Number	Sample Date	Calcium	Magnesium	Sodium	Potassium	Fluoride	Chloride	Sulfate	Total Alkalinity	Total Nitrogen	Total Phosphorus
USGS-061	151W153,152,151	3/31/2015	77	17	13	2.2	<0.200	16.2	118	144	1.4	0.030
USGS-061	151W159,158,157	3/31/2015	76	17	13	2.2	0.219	16.1	118	143	1.4	0.030
<b>RPD</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-9<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
USGS-067	151W066,065,064	3/9/2015	54	15	24	3.6	0.295	43.6	28.6	136	5.5	0.031
USGS-067	151W076,075,074	3/9/2015	53	15	24	3.6	0.274	45.4	28.6	135	5.6	0.029
<b>RPD</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>7</b>

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

<sup>1</sup>Both results were less than five times the detection limit; their absolute difference is acceptable (≤ the method detection limit of 0.20 mg/L).

**Table 31. Electret ionization chamber irradiation results (categorized as spiked samples), first quarter, 2015.**

Electret #	Exposure Received		Net Measured Exposure <sup>1</sup>		%R
	(mR)	Uncertainty (±1 SD, mR)	(mR)	Uncertainty (±1 SD, mR)	
SHC648	38.0	1.9	27.7	1.4	72.8
SHD976	38.0	1.9	32.2	1.4	84.8
SHC747	38.0	1.9	30.5	1.4	80.3
					<b>avg %R: 79.3</b>
SGP608	30.0	1.5	26.7	1.3	89.1
SGO626	30.0	1.5	28.6	1.3	95.5
SGP640	30.0	1.5	25.7	1.3	85.6
					<b>avg %R: 90.1</b>
SHD922	22.0	1.1	17.2	1.4	78.4
SHC813	22.0	1.1	17.9	1.4	81.4
SHD977	22.0	1.1	17.3	1.4	78.6
					<b>avg %R: 79.5</b>

Note: The average percent recovery (%R) of 100 ± 25 is considered acceptable. The triplicate average %R value is now being shown in Table 33, whereas in previous reports only the individual values were shown.

<sup>1</sup> Net measured exposure estimate includes a correction for atmospheric pressure.

**Table 32. Air sampling field equipment service reliability (percent operational), first quarter, 2015.**

Station Locations	Sample Type			
	TSP	Radioiodine	Atmospheric Moisture	Precipitation
<b>Onsite Locations</b>				
Big Lost River Rest Area	100%	100%	100%	100%
Experimental Field Station	100%	100%	100%	NC <sup>1</sup>
Sand Dunes Tower	100%	100%	100%	NC <sup>1</sup>
Van Buren Avenue	100%	100%	100%	NC <sup>1</sup>
<b>Boundary Locations</b>				
Atomic City	100%	100%	100%	100%
Howe	100%	100%	100%	100%
Montevue	100%	100%	100%	100%
Mud Lake	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Distant Locations</b>				
Craters of the Moon	100%	92%	100%	NC <sup>1</sup>
Idaho Falls	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

<sup>1</sup> NC = Sample not collected at this location.

## Appendix A

**Table A-1. Weekly concentrations (in  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  pCi/m<sup>3</sup>) for gross alpha and gross beta analyses for TSP filters for all locations, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Collection Date		Gross Alpha		Gross Beta	
	Start	Stop	Concentration	±2 SD	Concentration	±2 SD
<b>On-Site Locations</b>						
<b>Big Lost River Rest Area</b>	12/31/14	01/08/15	2.0	0.3	96.5	1.9
	01/08/15	01/15/15	1.1	0.3	50.9	1.6
	01/15/15	01/22/15	0.5	0.2	35.0	1.4
	01/22/15	01/29/15	1.1	0.2	45.9	1.5
	01/29/15	02/05/15	1.2	0.3	45.0	1.4
	02/05/15	02/12/15	0.7	0.2	16.2	0.9
	02/12/15	02/19/15	1.1	0.2	32.6	1.3
	02/19/15	02/26/15	0.7	0.2	22.5	1.1
	02/26/15	03/05/15	0.8	0.2	28.5	1.2
	03/05/15	03/12/15	NS <sup>1</sup>	NS <sup>1</sup>	NS <sup>1</sup>	NS <sup>1</sup>
	03/12/15	03/19/15	0.9	0.2	29.0	1.2
	03/19/15	03/26/15	0.9	0.2	16.6	1.0
	03/26/15	04/02/15	1.0	0.2	19.3	1.0
<b>Experimental Field Station</b>	12/31/14	01/08/15	1.7	0.3	83.5	1.8
	01/08/15	01/15/15	0.9	0.2	41.8	1.4
	01/15/15	01/22/15	0.4	0.2	31.7	1.3
	01/22/15	01/29/15	0.6	0.2	37.2	1.4
	01/29/15	02/05/15	0.7	0.2	38.9	1.4
	02/05/15	02/12/15	0.8	0.2	14.1	0.9
	02/12/15	02/19/15	0.9	0.2	26.5	1.2
	02/19/15	02/26/15	0.9	0.2	20.1	1.1
	02/26/15	03/05/15	0.7	0.2	22.8	1.1
	03/05/15	03/12/15	1.1	0.2	34.3	1.3
	03/12/15	03/19/15	0.8	0.2	23.4	1.1
	03/19/15	03/26/15	0.6	0.2	16.6	1.0
	03/26/15	04/02/15	0.8	0.2	15.7	1.0
<b>Sand Dunes Tower</b>	12/31/14	01/08/15	1.6	0.3	78.8	1.7
	01/08/15	01/15/15	0.8	0.2	36.6	1.3
	01/15/15	01/22/15	0.7	0.2	30.1	1.2
	01/22/15	01/29/15	0.5	0.2	32.7	1.2
	01/29/15	02/05/15	0.9	0.2	32.7	1.2
	02/05/15	02/12/15	0.6	0.2	10.4	0.8
	02/12/15	02/19/15	0.6	0.2	20.1	1.0
	02/19/15	02/26/15	0.6	0.2	17.8	0.9
	02/26/15	03/05/15	0.6	0.2	19.6	1.0
	03/05/15	03/12/15	0.7	0.2	25.8	1.1
	03/12/15	03/19/15	0.7	0.2	19.6	1.0
	03/19/15	03/26/15	0.4	0.2	12.1	0.8
	03/26/15	04/02/15	0.6	0.2	13.2	0.8

<sup>1</sup>NS – No sample – sampler was not restarted the previous week.

**Table A-1 continued. Weekly concentrations (in  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  pCi/m<sup>3</sup>) for gross alpha and gross beta analyses for TSP filters for all locations, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Collection Date		Gross Alpha		Gross Beta	
	Start	Stop	Concentration	±2 SD	Concentration	±2 SD
<b>Van Buren Avenue</b>	12/31/14	01/08/15	1.3	0.2	71.2	1.6
	01/08/15	01/15/15	0.8	0.3	38.6	1.4
	01/15/15	01/22/15	0.3	0.2	22.9	1.2
	01/22/15	01/29/15	0.8	0.2	34.4	1.3
	01/29/15	02/05/15	0.6	0.2	34.3	1.3
	02/05/15	02/12/15	0.6	0.2	12.3	0.8
	02/12/15	02/19/15	0.8	0.2	24.6	1.1
	02/19/15	02/26/15	0.7	0.2	16.7	1.0
	02/26/15	03/05/15	0.5	0.2	20.7	1.0
	03/05/15	03/12/15	0.9	0.2	29.5	1.2
	03/12/15	03/19/15	0.6	0.2	21.6	1.1
	03/19/15	03/26/15	0.6	0.2	13.0	0.9
	03/26/15	04/02/15	0.7	0.2	13.3	0.9
<b>Boundary Locations</b>						
<b>Atomic City</b>	12/31/14	01/08/15	1.4	0.2	76.0	1.7
	01/08/15	01/15/15	0.6	0.2	42.2	1.4
	01/15/15	01/22/15	0.4	0.2	24.1	1.1
	01/22/15	01/29/15	0.6	0.2	36.0	1.3
	01/29/15	02/05/15	0.8	0.2	33.0	1.2
	02/05/15	02/12/15	0.7	0.2	13.6	0.9
	02/12/15	02/19/15	0.8	0.2	24.4	1.1
	02/19/15	02/26/15	0.5	0.2	18.8	1.0
	02/26/15	03/05/15	0.9	0.2	22.3	1.0
	03/05/15	03/12/15	0.9	0.2	32.0	1.2
	03/12/15	03/19/15	1.1	0.2	24.7	1.1
	03/19/15	03/26/15	0.8	0.2	14.3	0.9
	03/26/15	04/02/15	1.2	0.3	15.3	0.9
<b>Howe</b>	12/31/14	01/08/15	1.6	0.3	70.4	1.7
	01/08/15	01/15/15	0.6	0.2	38.5	1.4
	01/15/15	01/22/15	0.6	0.2	27.7	1.2
	01/22/15	01/29/15	0.7	0.2	36.2	1.3
	01/29/15	02/05/15	0.8	0.2	36.2	1.3
	02/05/15	02/12/15	0.6	0.2	12.2	0.9
	02/12/15	02/19/15	0.7	0.3	22.7	1.7
	02/19/15	02/26/15	0.9	0.2	18.2	1.0
	02/26/15	03/05/15	0.8	0.2	20.2	1.1
	03/05/15	03/12/15	1.0	0.2	26.7	1.2
	03/12/15	03/19/15	0.9	0.2	20.7	1.1
	03/19/15	03/26/15	1.0	0.2	13.1	0.9
	03/26/15	04/02/15	1.3	0.3	16.1	1.0

**Table A-1 continued. Weekly concentrations (in  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  pCi/m<sup>3</sup>) for gross alpha and gross beta analyses for TSP filters for all locations, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Collection Date		Gross Alpha		Gross Beta	
	Start	Stop	Concentration	±2 SD	Concentration	±2 SD
<b>Montevieu</b>	12/31/14	01/08/15	2.1	0.3	99.9	2.0
	01/08/15	01/15/15	1.1	0.3	46.4	1.5
	01/15/15	01/22/15	0.6	0.2	32.9	1.3
	01/22/15	01/29/15	0.7	0.2	33.3	1.3
	01/29/15	02/05/15	0.8	0.2	34.7	1.3
	02/05/15	02/12/15	0.7	0.2	13.3	0.9
	02/12/15	02/19/15	0.9	0.2	22.1	1.1
	02/19/15	02/26/15	0.7	0.2	18.4	1.0
	02/26/15	03/05/15	0.9	0.2	21.2	1.1
	03/05/15	03/12/15	0.9	0.2	28.8	1.2
	03/12/15	03/19/15	1.1	0.2	29.7	1.2
	03/19/15	03/26/15	1.0	0.2	14.7	0.9
	03/26/15	04/02/15	0.7	0.2	14.8	0.9
<b>Mud Lake</b>	12/31/14	01/08/15	3.3	0.4	155.2	2.8
	01/08/15	01/15/15	1.0	0.3	52.7	1.5
	01/15/15	01/22/15	0.8	0.2	44.4	1.4
	01/22/15	01/29/15	0.9	0.2	51.5	1.5
	01/29/15	02/05/15	1.1	0.2	53.5	1.6
	02/05/15	02/12/15	1.0	0.2	18.2	1.0
	02/12/15	02/19/15	1.2	0.3	35.3	1.3
	02/19/15	02/26/15	1.1	0.3	29.1	1.2
	02/26/15	03/05/15	1.1	0.2	28.0	1.2
	03/05/15	03/12/15	1.4	0.3	45.5	1.4
	03/12/15	03/19/15	1.5	0.3	36.1	1.3
	03/19/15	03/26/15	1.5	0.3	21.0	1.1
	03/26/15	04/02/15	1.5	0.3	24.5	1.1
<b>Distant Locations</b>						
<b>Craters of the Moon</b>	12/31/14	01/08/15	1.0	0.2	43.0	1.3
	01/08/15	01/15/15	0.5	0.2	26.5	1.2
	01/15/15	01/22/15	0.2	0.2	15.9	1.0
	01/22/15	01/29/15	0.4	0.2	28.1	1.2
	01/29/15	02/05/15	0.4	0.2	19.4	1.0
	02/05/15	02/12/15	0.4	0.2	9.2	0.8
	02/12/15	02/19/15	0.4	0.2	18.8	1.0
	02/19/15	02/26/15	0.2	0.2	13.8	0.9
	02/26/15	03/05/15	0.6	0.2	20.6	1.1
	03/05/15	03/12/15	0.4	0.2	24.5	1.1
	03/12/15	03/19/15	0.4	0.2	18.2	1.0
	03/19/15	03/26/15	0.5	0.2	11.4	0.9
	03/26/15	04/02/15	0.5	0.2	12.4	0.9

**Table A-1 continued. Weekly concentrations (in  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  pCi/m<sup>3</sup>) for gross alpha and gross beta analyses for TSP filters for all locations, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Collection Date		Gross Alpha		Gross Beta	
	Start	Stop	Concentration	±2 SD	Concentration	±2 SD
<b>Fort Hall<sup>1</sup></b>	12/31/14	01/08/15	1.3	0.2	51.4	1.4
	01/08/15	01/15/15	0.2	0.3	24.1	1.8
	01/15/15	01/22/15	0.4	0.2	17.3	1.0
	01/22/15	01/29/15	0.8	0.2	29.9	1.2
	01/29/15	02/05/15	0.8	0.2	25.1	1.1
	02/05/15	02/12/15	0.6	0.2	9.9	0.8
	02/12/15	02/19/15	0.7	0.2	17.2	1.0
	02/19/15	02/26/15	0.8	0.2	14.7	0.9
	02/26/15	03/05/15	1.0	0.2	19.6	1.0
	03/05/15	03/12/15	1.0	0.2	33.2	1.3
	03/12/15	03/19/15	1.1	0.2	19.3	1.0
	03/19/15	03/26/15	0.5	0.2	11.8	0.9
	03/26/15	04/02/15	0.9	0.2	12.0	0.8
<b>Idaho Falls - HVP 3804</b>	12/31/14	01/08/15	1.8	0.3	88.0	1.9
	01/08/15	01/15/15	0.8	0.2	46.9	1.5
	01/15/15	01/22/15	0.6	0.2	32.9	1.3
	01/22/15	01/29/15	0.6	0.2	39.1	1.4
	01/29/15	02/05/15	0.8	0.2	41.7	1.4
	02/05/15	02/12/15	0.7	0.2	16.0	1.0
	02/12/15	02/19/15	0.8	0.2	28.0	1.2
	02/19/15	02/26/15	0.8	0.2	25.4	1.2
	02/26/15	03/05/15	1.2	0.3	28.1	1.2
	03/05/15	03/12/15	1.3	0.3	41.0	1.4
	03/12/15	03/19/15	1.4	0.3	34.2	1.3
	03/19/15	03/26/15	1.2	0.3	19.0	1.1
	03/26/15	04/02/15	1.6	0.3	18.7	1.1
<b>Idaho Falls - HVP 4304<sup>2</sup></b>	12/31/14	01/08/15	1.9	0.3	84.0	1.8
	01/08/15	01/15/15	0.9	0.2	49.4	1.5
	01/15/15	01/22/15	1.1	0.3	30.9	1.2
	01/22/15	01/29/15	0.8	0.2	42.8	1.4
	01/29/15	02/05/15	0.9	0.2	40.4	1.4
	02/05/15	02/12/15	0.7	0.2	13.6	0.9
	02/12/15	02/19/15	0.9	0.2	29.3	1.2
	02/19/15	02/26/15	1.0	0.2	24.6	1.1
	02/26/15	03/05/15	1.0	0.2	29.0	1.2
	03/05/15	03/12/15	1.3	0.3	39.0	1.3
	03/12/15	03/19/15	1.5	0.3	27.6	1.2
	03/19/15	03/26/15	0.9	0.2	14.6	0.9
	03/26/15	04/02/15	1.4	0.3	20.1	1.0

<sup>1</sup> Operated by Shoshone Bannock-Tribes.

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

## Appendix B

**Table B.1. Results for all electret locations, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Net Corrected Exposure Rate ( $\mu\text{R/hr}$ ) <sup>1</sup>	$\pm 2$ SD ( $\mu\text{R/h}$ )
Arco	14.9	1.8
Craters of the Moon	12.4	1.3
Big Lost River Rest Area	13.9	2.7
Van Buren Avenue	14.8	2.0
Experimental Field Station	14.2	3.5
Main Gate	15.5	2.3
Atomic City	13.5	1.0
Taber	14.3	3.3
Blackfoot	14.9, 14.9	
Ft. Hall <sup>2</sup>	10.8, 12.1	
Idaho Falls	9.8	3.8
Mud Lake/ Terretton	13.3, 15.0	
Montevieu	11.4	3.0
Sand Dunes	12.8	1.0
Howe Met. Tower	12.9	2.3
MP276 -20	11.5, 12.4	
MP274 -20	9.3, 9.7	
MP272 -20	9.0, 10.0	
MP270 -20	13.6	2.0
MP268 -20	14.2	3.0
MP266 -20	13.6	1.2
MP264 -20	14.0, 14.2	
MP270 -20/26	16.5, 17.0	
MP268 -20/26	14.6	1.1
MP266 -20/26	15.7, 17.2	
MP263 -20/26	15.2	1.7
MP261 -20/26	14.5, 17.2	
MP259 -20/26	13.3	2.4
MFC (EBR II)	12.4	2.5
EBR I	13.1	0.8
RWMC	9.1	0.3
CFA	13.4	2.9
CITRC (PBF)	12.6	2.0
INTEC	13.9	0.4
ATR (TRA)	12.1	2.7
NRF	15.7	1.4
TAN/SMC	10.0	3.4
Mud Lake Bank of Commerce	13.5	3.4
MP43-33	15.5	2.5
MP41-33	15.3	0.6
MP39-33	13.6	0.2
MP 37-33	13.9, 14.5	
MP35-33	14.0, 14.5	
MP33-33	13.2	1.7
MP31-33	12.1	2.1
MP29-33	11.3	0.6
MP27-33	15.3, 15.6	
MP25-33	11.2	1.6

**Table B.1 continued. Results for all electret locations, first quarter, 2015.**

Sample Location	Net Corrected Exposure Rate ( $\mu\text{R/hr}$ ) <sup>1</sup>	$\pm 2$ SD ( $\mu\text{R/hr}$ )
MP23-33	11.3	2.1
Base of Howe	11.4	2.7
Rover	11.7, 13.3	
Hamer	15.1	3.7
Sugar City	17.9, 19.7	
Roberts	12.6	2.2
Big Southern Butte	16.1, 18.2	

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

<sup>2</sup>Station operated by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.