

NYE COUNTY NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY PROJECT OFFICE

TECHNICAL PROCEDURE

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1.0 PURPOSE

This procedure provides instructions for the planning, management and documentation of borehole drilling activities by the Nye County Nuclear Waste Repository Project Office (NWRPO) as a part of the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project (YMP). More specifically, this procedure identifies approved work plans (drilling package) that provide detailed instructions for drilling and testing operations, presents instructions for making necessary changes to these work plans in response to conditions encountered in the field, and provides a series of data forms (drilling operations records) that facilitate the management and documentation of drilling operations.

2.0 SCOPE

This procedure includes activities required to plan, manage, and document the drilling and testing of boreholes for NWRPO's Early Warning Drilling Program (EWDP).

2.1 APPLICABILITY

This procedure applies to NWRPO principal investigators (PI) and designated staff and contractors performing drilling, logging, testing, and sampling of NWRPO boreholes as described in Work Plans and related sub-plans (e.g., a drilling package). These individuals will be referred to collectively as NWRPO field personnel.

2.2 TRAINING

NWRPO field personnel will be trained to this procedure before conducting work, and will document they have read and understand this procedure. Documentation of training will be submitted to the NWRPO Quality Assurance Records Center (QARC). Personnel performing drilling will supply the QARC with a statement of previous training and experience. NWRPO field personnel will conform to the latest revision of the EWDP Health and Safety Plan.

3.0 <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

- 3.1 Aquifer Testing Plan A work plan describing aquifer-testing strategies for different EWDP borehole and well conditions.
- 3.2 Drilling Operations Records A set of data forms designed to facilitate the detailed documentation of drilling and well construction operations at EWDP rigs. The set of forms include: Drilling/Coring Data Sheet, Tubing and Casing Record, Daily Drilling Activities Record, and Field Change Approval Form. Examples of these forms can be found in Attachments A through D. The Daily Drilling Activities Record contains sub-forms applicable to different types of drilling operations.
- 3.3 Drilling Package The work plans and all related sub-plans that relate to a specific borehole-drilling program. The Drilling Package for the EWDP consists of the following related work plans: WP-5, Drilling and Well Construction Plan; WP-8, Sample Management Plan; WP-4, Aquifer Testing Plan; and WP-6, Geophysical Logging Plan.
- 3.4 Drilling and Well Construction Plan A work plan describing drilling and well completion specifications to meet EWDP objectives, applicable environmental and other regulatory requirements, and sampling requirements as defined in the *Sample Management Plan*. The *Drilling and Well Construction Plan* also includes a health and safety plan that the drilling contractor is required to follow.
- 3.5 Geophysical Logging Plan A work plan describing types of borehole geophysical logs available for use in EWDP boreholes, as well as strategies for selecting suites of logs in specific EWDP boreholes.
- 3.6 Sample Management Plan A work plan describing sample collection, handling, testing, and archiving requirements for a borehole or series of boreholes. The Sample Management Plan will delineate expected sample depth intervals, documentation requirements, and required environmental conditions for collection, transporting, testing, and archiving.

- 3.7 Sample A physical specimen of either a natural or a man-made material, which is analyzed to gain information about the nature of a large population. Samples can be solid, liquid or gaseous, and commonly include core, drill cuttings, construction materials, geologic hand specimens, and water.
- 3.8 Technical Procedure A set of instructions for routine data collection and/or analysis related activities. Technical Procedures are controlled documents that are subject to review and approval. All NWRPO Technical Procedures are developed under the controls of *NWRPO Quality Assurance Program Plan*, Section 5.0, "Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings" and 11.0 "Test Control."
- 3.9 Work Plan A document that provides a detailed description of the planned work, including methods, the design and rationale of the task, the schedule, data requirements, and personnel responsibilities. Work Plans reference applicable Technical Procedures, and are controlled documents that are subject to review and approval. All NWRPO Work Plans are developed under the controls of *NWRPO Quality Assurance Program Plan*, Section 5.0, "Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings" and 11.0, "Test Control."

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- **4.1** The PI is responsible for the preparation, and revision (as needed) of this procedure.
- 4.2 The On-Site Geotechnical Representative (OSGR) is responsible for the oversight of the performance of this procedure, as well as approving any changes to the work plans prior to being executed in the field.
- 4.3 The NWRPO person in charge in the field or designee is responsible for the implementation of this procedure. That is, this individual is responsible for supervising NWRPO field personnel and ensuring that field operations are conducted in accordance with this procedure.

5.0 PROCESS

Drilling and related operations will be conducted in accordance with the drilling package and in accordance with applicable industry standards and regulatory requirements.

5.1 PREPARATION

- 1. Review the drilling package for specific information for drill site activities and verify that all equipment meets specifications outlined in the relevant plans.
- 2. Ensure that all required health and safety training has been completed by NWRPO field personnel.

- 3. Ensure that appropriate field support areas have been prepared (e.g., sample logging areas, rest areas, etc.). Ensure that adequate physical space for the planned operations are reserved on site.
- 4. If required, ensure that approval from DOE has been obtained for site use and access.
- 5. Ensure that the work site is cleared of all brush and minor obstructions and have the location of utilities (if applicable) properly staked and identified.
- 6. Ensure that proposed drilling locations are not traversed by utility transmission-ways.
- 7. Ensure that all-necessary equipment and supplies are in place and in working order.
- 8. Ensure that all site environmental permitting requirements are followed.

5.2 FIELD CHANGES TO DRILLING PACKAGE

It is the responsibility of the NWRPO person in charge in the field to execute fieldwork in accordance with the controls of the approved drilling package.

However, unanticipated conditions may require deviation from the approved drilling package. It is the intent in this technical procedure to ensure prior approval for field changes that may have *significant impact* on the planned purpose of a borehole. This will include significant impact to drilling, sampling, testing, completion, or cost. Insignificant field deviations to the controls of the approved drilling package need not be approved in advance.

The following process shall be followed if significant changes to the drilling package are required:

- 1. The NWRPO person in charge in the field will contact the OSGR and the PI for the drilling package by telephone (a three-way conference call is preferable) or in person to discuss the proposed departure from the approved drilling package prior to carrying out a change. Verbal agreement from the OSGR and PI will signal approval for the NWRPO person in charge in the field to execute the change. The NWRPO Person in Charge in the field will document the approval in the scientific (field) notebook for the subject borehole.
- 2. If verbal approval is given by the OSGR and the PI, then the person proposing the change will transmit a summary of the changes on the Field Change Approval Form (Attachment D) to the OSGR within 24 hours. The OSGR will sign and date the form and pass it on to the PI. The PI will then sign and date the form,

- route a copy to the QARC, and give the completed Field Change Approval Form to the NWRPO person in charge in the field.
- 3. The NWRPO person in charge in the field will document known effects of the field change in the scientific (field) notebook for the subject borehole.

5.3 FIELD OPERATIONS DOCUMENTATION

The NWRPO person in charge in the field will ensure that drill site operations are documented as specified in the following.

- 1. Drilling, coring, completion, and abandonment operations will be documented by NWRPO field personnel in drilling operation records. EWDP drilling operation records are listed in Section 7.0 and included as attachments in Section 8.0. Depth control operations during drilling, coring, reaming, and cleanout are documented in the Tubing and Casing Record and the Drilling/Coring Data Sheet. Depth control while running casing during well completion is documented in the Tubing and Casing Record. Both a running time record of drilling operations and a record of materials used are documented in one of the sub-forms of the Daily Drilling Activities Record. Those personnel entering the data in drilling operations records shall sign forms as recorders.
- 2. All information entered into these forms will be checked for accuracy in the field by NWRPO field personnel different from those originally entering information into the forms. These forms will be transmitted to the QARC generally once per week.
- 3. Important drilling operations related information that is not documented in drilling operations records should be recorded in the scientific notebook for a specific borehole.
- 4. Borehole geophysical logging activities should be documented in the scientific notebook and the geophysical logs produced should be labeled and transmitted to the QARC as described in TP-11.0.
- 5. Aquifer testing activities should be documented in the scientific notebook and all hard copy and electronic data generated should be transmitted to the QARC as after testing has been completed according to the appropriate technical procedures.

5.4 DATA ACQUISITION METHODOLOGY AND LIMITATIONS

As described in the preceding section, drilling operations related data will be recorded on drilling operations records by NWRPO field personnel who will sign these forms as recorders. These data will be independently reviewed for accuracy and the review will be

attested to by the reviewer's signature on the drilling operations records. Completed drilling operations records will be submitted to the NWRPO QARC for capture and preservation in the project files. Data and/or related information that are not documented in drilling operations records or other forms associated with aquifer testing and geophysical logging shall be recorded in the scientific notebook.

Uncertainty associated with drilling, testing, and logging data and related information is related to the level of skill and professional judgment of the NWRPO field personnel performing the documentation. NWRPO field personnel who record and review data are trained and have demonstrated proficiency in these tasks.

6.0 REFERENCES

NWRPO Quality Assurance Program Plan, Current Revision.

EWDP Health and Safety Plan, Current Revision.

WP-5, Drilling and Well Construction Plan.

WP-8, Sample Management Plan.

WP-4, Aquifer Testing Plan.

WP-6, Geophysical Logging Plan.

TP-11.0, Borehole Geophysical Logging Data Identification and Acceptance.

7.0 RECORDS

Drilling/Coring Data Sheet

Tubing and Casing Record

Daily Drilling Activities Record

Field Change Approval Form

8.0 ATTACHMENTS

- A. Drilling/Coring Data Sheet
- B. Tubing and Casing Record
- C. Daily Drilling Activities Record
- D. Field Change Approval Form

Attachment A DRILLING/CORING DATA SHEET

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