
Update on

Multi-Sector General Storm Water Permit

NMED Order and FFCA/AO Requirements

March 16, 2004

Regulatory Enforcement Trends Regarding Water Quality --

- **Regulatory emphasis is shifting from point source discharges from treatment facilities to storm water discharges from operating facilities, construction sites, and SWMUs.**
- **N.M. Stream Standards are continuing to become more stringent and are directly enforceable by NMED.**
- **Regulatory agencies continue to look towards new and advanced analytical methods (i.e. PCBs, perchlorate, etc.) to measure contaminants to determine enforcement actions.**

Point Source Discharges from Treatment Facilities --

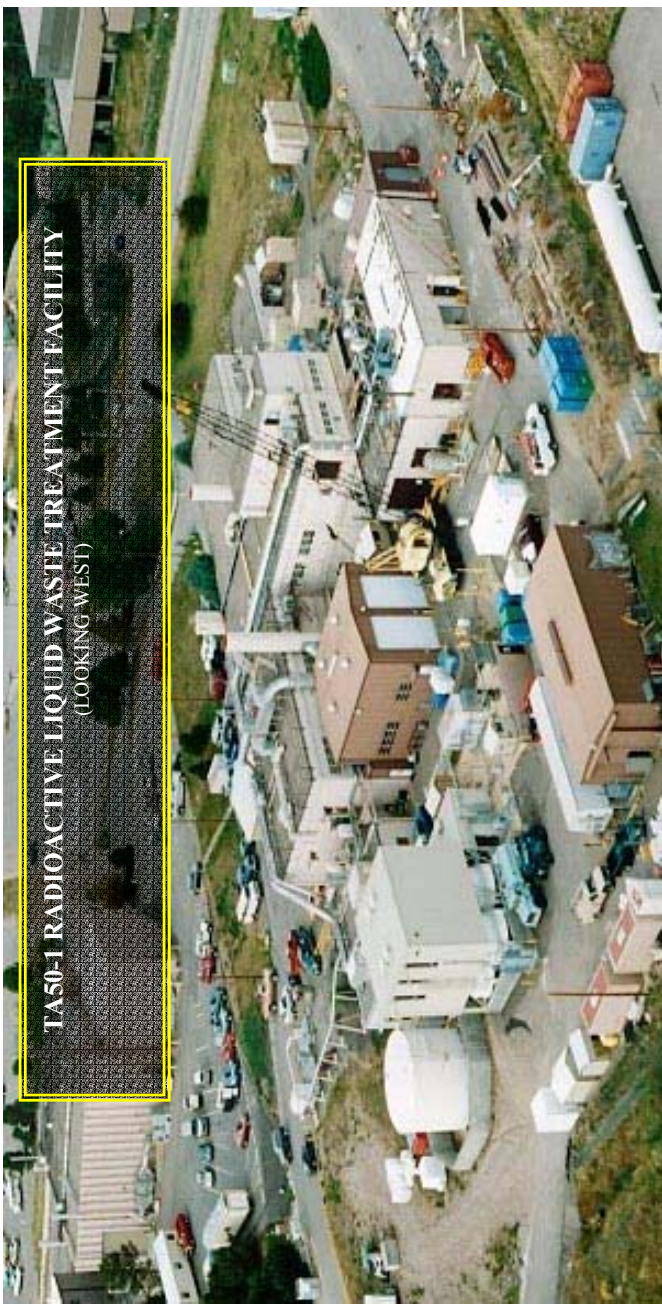
During 1990s and early 2000s, the Laboratory made major investments in treatment facility upgrades

- **Waste Stream Characterization**
- **Waste Acceptance Criteria (WACs)**
- **Outfall Reduction (141 to 20)**
- **Sanitary Treatment Plant Consolidation (9 to 1)**
- **New HE Treatment Plant**
- **Upgrades to Cooling Towers**
- **Upgrades to TA-50 RLWTF**

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Triennial Review of N.M. Stream Standards N.M. Water Quality Control Commission, Feb. 24 - March 4, 2004

Laboratory Issues and Testimony

- **Application of chronic or acute criteria for aquatic life to ephemeral streams (storm water flows).**
- **Number of samples collected to establish standards verses enforcement.**
- **Approval process for new analytical methods and consistent application across the state.**

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Multi Sector General Storm Water Permit Industrial Activities at the Laboratory --

Conventional Industrial Activities (Seven Sectors)

- **Asphalt Batch Plant**
- **Primary Metals Work**
- **Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities**
- **Landfills and Land Application Sites**
- **Steam Electric Power Generating**
- **Land Transportation and Warehousing**
- **Metals Fabrication**

Solid Waste Management Units

- **Approx. 320 SWMUs**

Multi Sector General Storm Water Permit NMED Order and FFCA/AO Requirements --

Conventional Industrial Activities (MSGP only)

- 18 SWPP Plans updated annually
- 20 Gaging Stations operated and maintained
- Quarterly BMP inspection and maintenance
- DMRs submitted to EPA and NMED

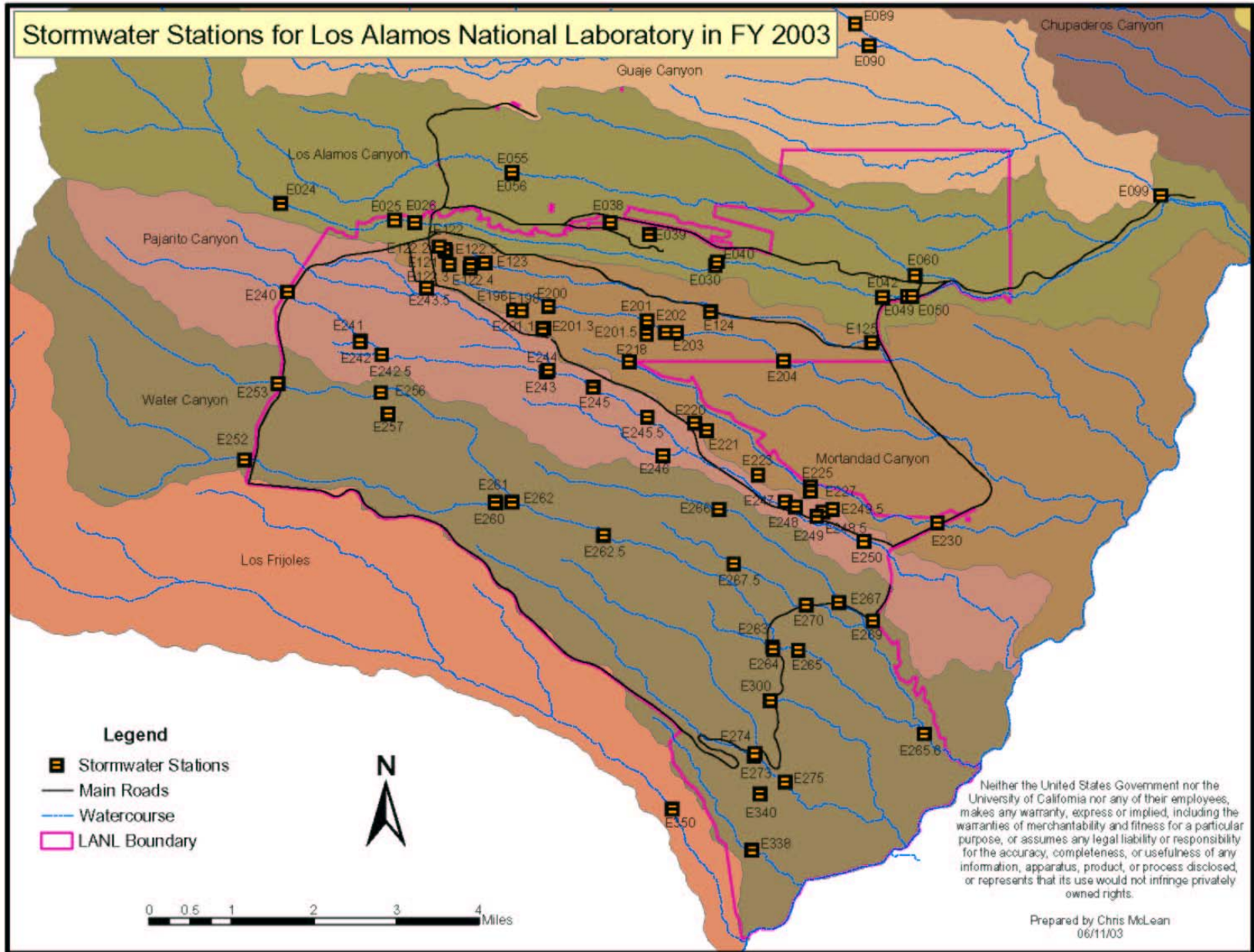
Watershed-Based Monitoring (NMED Order and FFCA/AO)

- 1 Storm Water Monitoring Plan updated annually
- 58 Gaging Stations operated and maintained
- DMRs submitted to EPA and NMED (?)
- Corrective actions (?)

SWMU-Specific Monitoring (NMED Order and FFCA/AO)

- 1 SWPP Plan covering approx. 320 SWMUs
- 20 to 40 SWMUs originally proposed in FY04 (now 62)
- Quarterly BMP inspection and maintenance
- DMRs submitted to EPA and NMED (?)
- Corrective actions (?)

Stormwater Stations for Los Alamos National Laboratory in FY 2003



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Monitoring at Conventional Industrial Site



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Flow Event in Ephemeral Drainage



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Severe
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Safety
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Create Stormwater Management Areas (SMAs)

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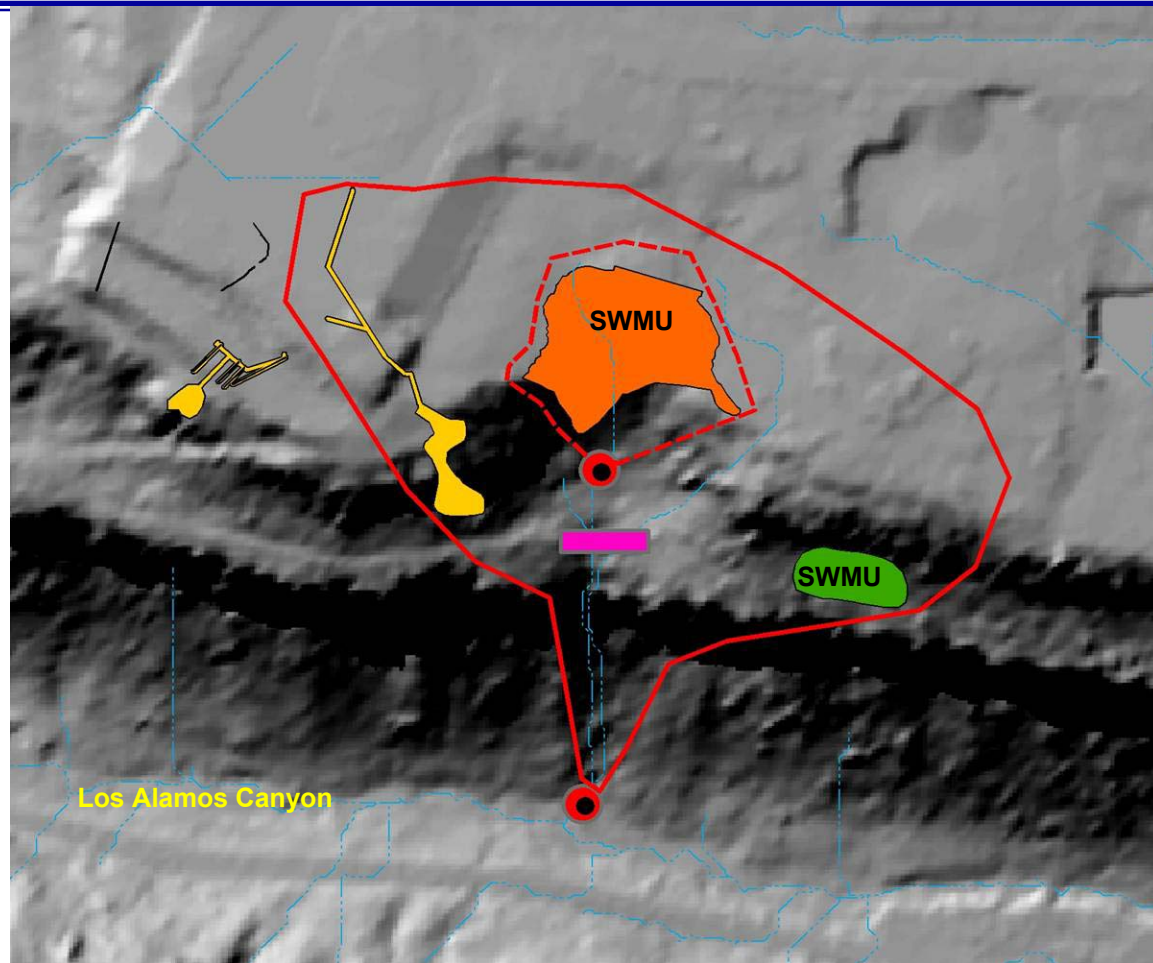
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 Proposed Monitoring Location

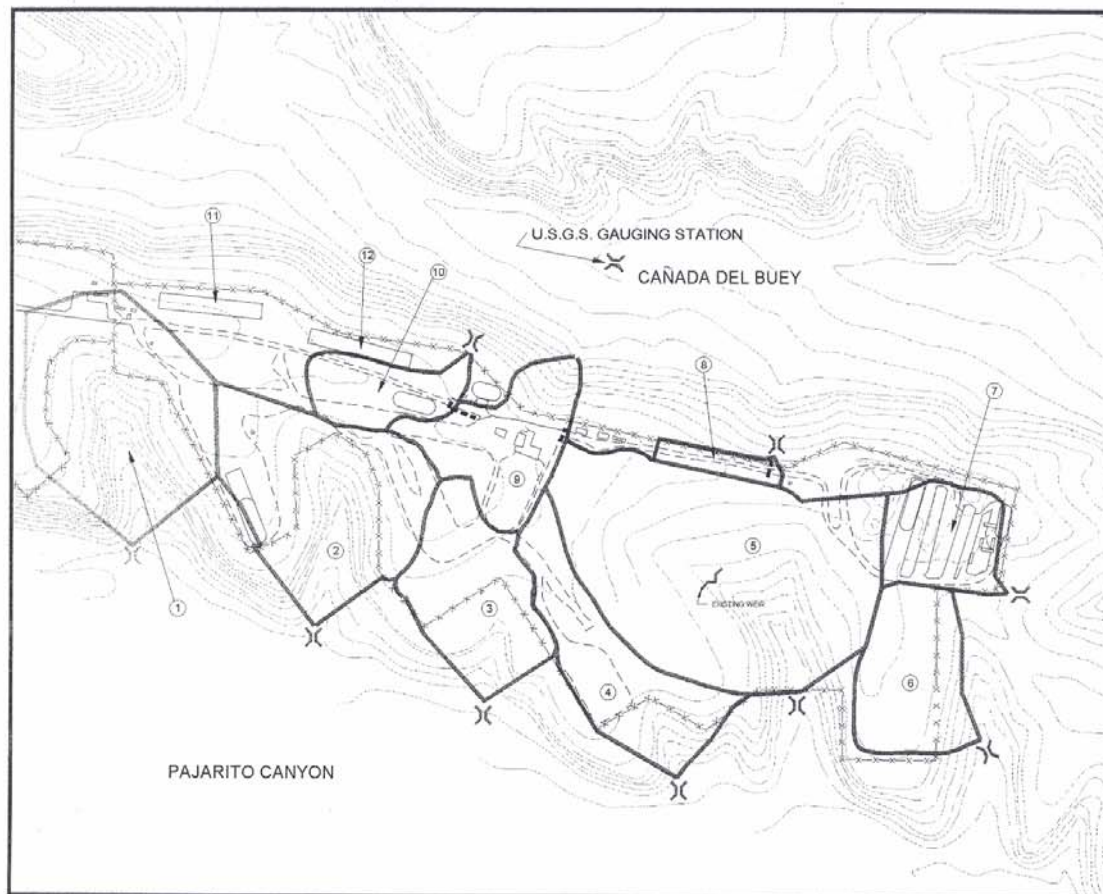
 BMP Installation

 Site Hydrology

Conceptual only



TA-54 AREA G, STORM WATER MONITORING SITES



ACTIVITY AREAS

- 1 ACCESS TO "OLD AREA G"
- 2 MIXED WASTE PAD.
MIXED TRITIUM STORAGE.
- 3 MESON SHAFT DISPOSAL.
- 4 TRITIUM SHAFT DISPOSAL
- 5 OLD PIT AREA &
PCB DISPOSAL.
- 6 TRU-PAD REMEDIATION
PROJECT STORAGE AREA.
- 7 TRU PAD REMEDIATION
PROJECT.
- 8 ROAD WAY.
- 9 SHAFT DISPOSAL.
- 10 TRU FRP/DRUM DOME
STORAGE.
- 11 PIT 38 (CONSTRUCTION
PENDING).
- 12 PIT 31 RADIOACTIVE
ASBESTOS PIT.

Multi Sector General Storm Water Permit Future Outlook --

- Laboratory has requested an FFCA/AO to bridge the gap until individual storm water permit is developed for SWMUs.
- Laboratory has requested that storm water monitoring requirements be removed from NMED Order to avoid dual regulation.
- Approx. 75 gaging stations required for Conventional and Watershed-Based Monitoring.
- Approx. 160 sampling devices required for 320 SWMUs.
- Approx. 1200 inspections required annually.
- Monitoring results to drive corrective actions (BMPs and clean-ups).