

ATTACHMENT G

TRAFFIC PATTERNS

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1 G-1 Facility Access and Traffic

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3 On-site roads, sidewalks, and paved areas are used for the distribution and storage of vehicles
4 and personnel and are designed to handle all traffic generated by employees, visitors, TRU
5 mixed waste shipments, and movements of operational and maintenance vehicles. The facility
6 entrance and TRU mixed waste haul roads are designed for AASHTO H20-S16 wheel loading.
7 Service roads are designed for AASHTO H10 wheel loading. Access and on-site paved roads
8 are designed to bear the anticipated maximum load of ~~80,000 lbs (36,287.2 kg)~~ 115,000 lbs
9 (52,272.7 kg), the maximum allowable weight of a truck/trailer carrying loaded Contact-or
10 Remote-Handled Packages. The facility is designed to handle an average of five approximately
11 eight truck trailers per day, each carrying one or more Contact-or Remote-Handled Packages.
12 ~~Outbound transporters with empty shipping containers will match that number daily.~~ This is
13 equivalent to ~~2,600~~ 3,640 TRU mixed waste-carrying vehicles per year.

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15 The calculations to support the anticipated maximum load of 115,000 lbs. are shown below:

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17 Soil Resistance R (psi) - is taken directly from the WIPP Soil Report and Bechtel calculation
18 because there is no change.

19
20 A. Pavement Thickness.

21 The traffic frequency increase from 10 shipments per day to 10.15 shipments per day has only
22 minimal impact on the Total Expanded Average Load (EAL) and the traffic index (TI) as shown
23 below, both important parameters in pavement design.

24
25 Total EAL (TEAL):

26 13,780 ~ constant for 5 or more axles over 20 years, taken from Table 7-651.2A - Highway
27 Design Manual (HDM).

28 TEAL = 13,780 x 25yr./20yr. = 17,225

29 Using 10.15 shipments per day ~ 17,225 x 10.15 = 174,834

30
31 Conversion of EAL to Traffic Index (TI).

32 For TEAL of 174,834 ~ TI = 7.5 - (from HDM, Table 7-651.2B)

33
34 Asphalt Concrete Thickness TAC:

35 GE=0.0032 x TI x (100 -R)....R=80

36 GE - Gravel Equivalent (Ft).

37 GE=0.0032 x 7.5 x 20 = 0.48' ...GfAC = 2.01 ⇒ TAC = 0.48/2.01= 0.24' ⇒ use 2½" AC Surface
38 Course.

39 (Actually used: 3")

40 Gf - Gravel Equivalent Factor (constant from Table 7-651.2C from HDM).

41
42 B. Bituminous Treated Base.

43 GE = 0.0032 x TI x (100 -R) R = 55 ~ caliche subbase ⇒ GE = 1.08' GEBTB = 1.08 - 2.01 x

1 $0.21 = 0.66'$

2 $TBTB = GE_{BTB}/GfBTB = 0.66/1.2 = 0.55' \Rightarrow$ Use 4" BTB

3 GfBTB ~ taken from table 7-651.2C

4

5 C Caliche Subbase ~ TCSB

6 $GE = 0.0032 \times TI \times (100 - R) \dots R=50$ - prepared subgrade

7 $GE=1.2$

8 $GE_{CSB}=1.2 - (0.21 \times 2.07) - (0.33 \times 1.2) \Rightarrow 0.37'$

9 $TCBS=0.37/1.0=0.37' \sim 4\frac{1}{2}"$

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11 Based on the results of the above calculation, the site paved roads designated for waste
12 transportation are safe to be used by the heavier truckloads carrying shipping casks used in RH
13 TRU mixed waste transportation to the WIPP.

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15 G-1 Waste Handling Building Traffic

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17 Each facility pallet will accommodate four seven-packs of 55-gallon drums, four SWBs, four
18 four(4)-packs of 85-gallon drums, four three (3)-packs of 100-gallon drums, two TDOPs, or any
19 combination thereof. Waste containers will be secured to the facility or containment pallet prior
20 to transfer. The pallet will be moved to an appropriate location and the waste assemblies on the
21 pallet will be tagged to indicate it is unverified and unexamined waste and cannot be placed in
22 the repository. If radiography is required for verification and examination, and once it is
23 determined which containers are to be radiographed the waste will be transported to the TMF
24 for radiography and, when radiography is completed, returned to an appropriate staging
25 location. Once the verification and examination is approved the tags will be removed to indicate
26 the waste stream is acceptable for storage and emplacement and the container(s) will be
27 transferred from the containment pallet to a facility pallet as needed. A forklift will transport the
28 The loaded facility pallet will be transported to the conveyance loading car inside the air lock at
29 the Waste Shaft (Figure G-3). The conveyance loading car will be driven onto the waste hoist
30 deck, where the loaded facility pallet will be transferred to the waste hoist and downloaded for
31 emplacement, and the loading car will be backed out.

32

33 RH TRU mixed waste will arrive at the WIPP facility in a payload container contained in a
34 shielded cask loaded on a tractor-trailer. Upon arrival, radiological surveys, security checks,
35 and shipping documentation reviews will be performed, and the trailer carrying the cask will be
36 moved into the Parking Area or directly into the RH Bay of the Waste Handling Building Unit.

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38 The cask is unloaded from the trailer in the RH Bay and is placed on the Cask Transfer Car.
39 The Cask Transfer Car is used to move the cask to the Cask Unloading Room. At this point, a
40 crane moves the waste to the Hot Cell or the Transfer Cell. Some RH TRU mixed waste may be
41 moved to the Hot Cell for overpacking before being moved to the Transfer Cell. Once in the
42 Transfer Cell, the Transfer Cell Shuttle Car moves the waste beneath the facility cask. A crane
43 is used to move the waste from the Transfer Cell Shuttle Car into the facility cask. The Facility

Cask Transfer Car then moves the facility cask to the underground. A more detailed description of waste handling in the WHB is included in Attachment M1. Figures G-5, G-6 and G-7 show RH TRU mixed waste transport routes.

Table G-1, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Site Design Designation Traffic Parameters^a

Traffic Parameter	North Access Road (No. of Vehicles, unless otherwise stated)	South Access Road (No. of Vehicles, unless otherwise stated)	On-Site Waste Haul Roads (TRUPACT-II <u>Shipping</u> Traffic)
Average Daily Traffic (ADT) ^b	800	400	<u>6</u> <u>8</u>
Design Hourly Volume (DHV) ^c	144	72	NA ^g
Hourly Volume (Max. at Shift Change)	250	125	NA
Distribution (D) ^d	67%	<u>67%</u> <u>33%</u>	NA
Trucks (T) ^e	2%	0	100%
Design Speed ^{h,i}	70 mph (113 kph)	60 mph (97 kph)	25 mph (40 kph)
Control of Access ^f	None	None	Full

^a For WIPP personnel and TRU mixed waste shipments only.

^b 3ADT-Estimated number of vehicles traveling in both directions per day.

^c DHV-A two-way traffic count with directional distribution.

^d D-The percentage of DHV in the predominant direction of travel.

^e T-The percentage of ADT comprised of trucks (excluding light delivery trucks).

^f Control of Access-The extent of roadside interference or restriction of movement.

^g NA-Not applicable.

^h mph-miles per hour.

ⁱ kph-kilometers per hour.

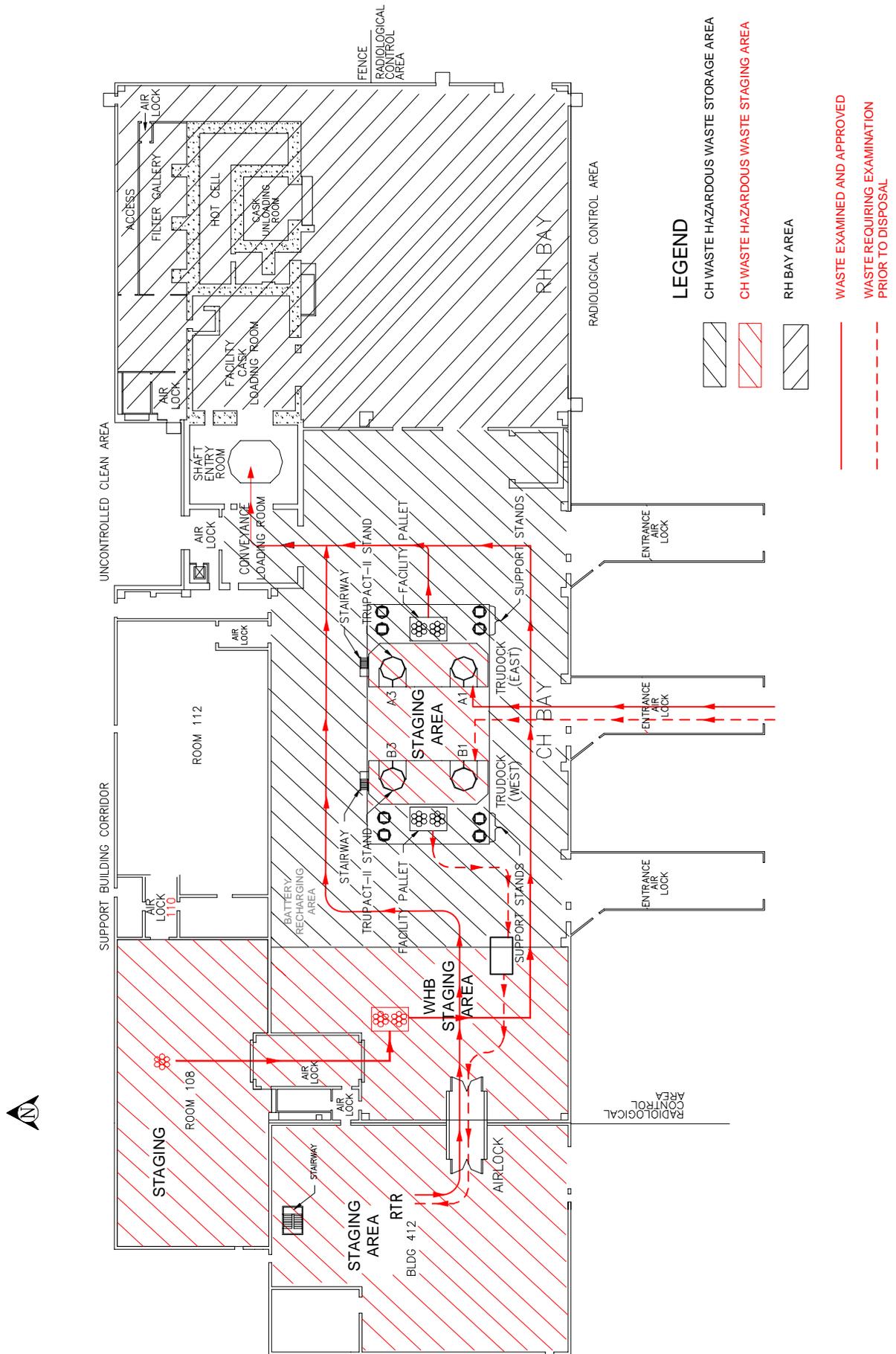


Figure G-3

Typical Waste Transport Routes in Waste Handling Building - Container Storage Unit

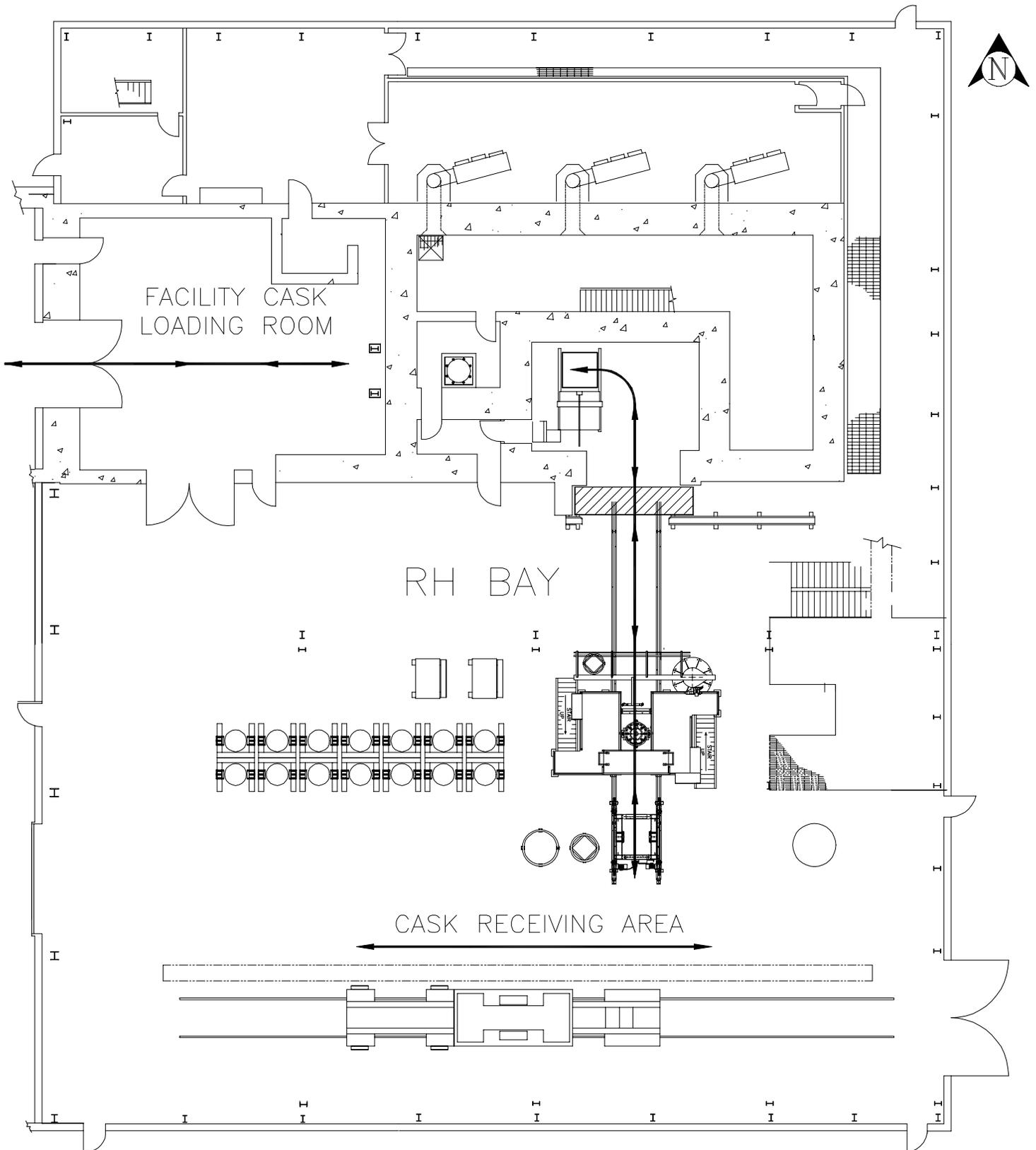


Figure G-5
RH Bay Transport Routes

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RH BAY (FLOW)

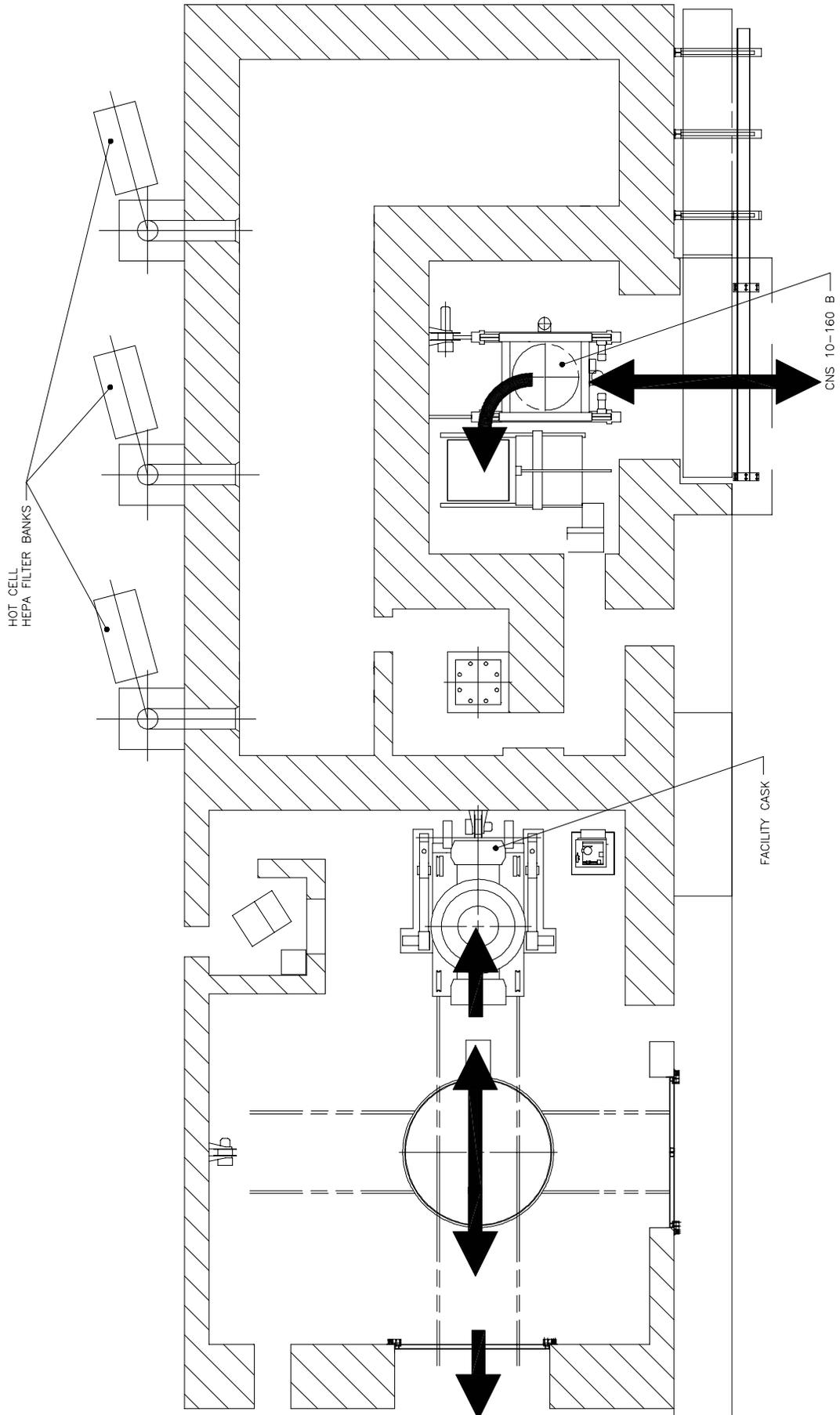
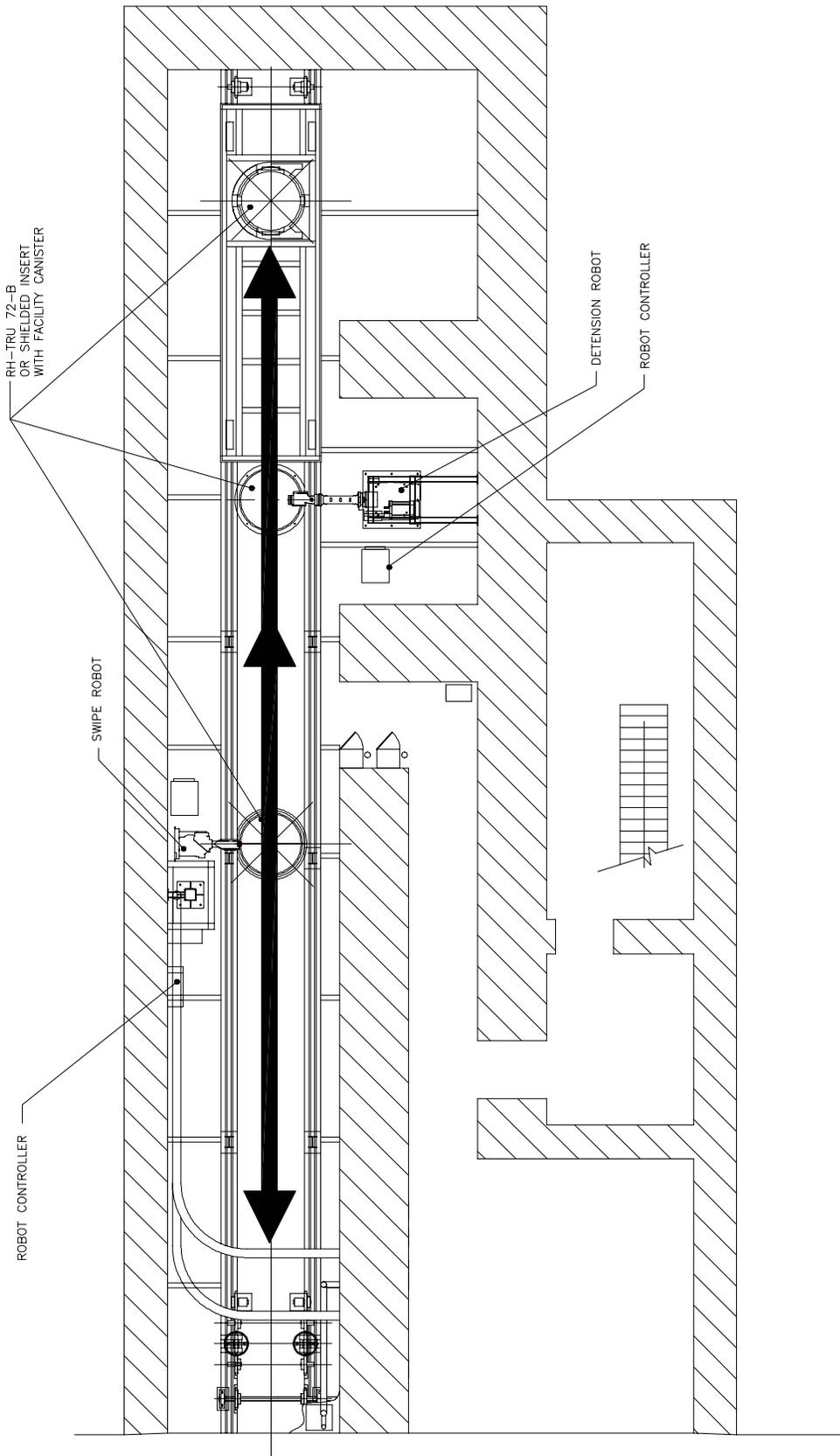


Figure G-6
RH Bay Cask Loading Room Transport Route

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 CASK LOADING ROOM



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Figure G-7
RH Bay Canister Transfer Cell Waste Transport Route