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(CIO001V)**

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ABSTRACT

The Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts was one of many companies performing work during the 1940s associated with the development of nuclear energy for defense-related projects for the Manhattan Engineer District (MED) and the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). In 1947 Chapman set aside approximately one-third of Building 23 at the Chapman site for the machining of uranium rods. The "set aside" portion of the building measured ~ 200 by 60 ft and was separated from the remainder of the building by a floor-to-ceiling wooden partition.

In 1991, a radiological survey was conducted at the former Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company by members of the Measurement Applications and Development (MAD) Group of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) at the request of the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE). The survey report, published in 1992, concluded that survey results indicated ^{238}U contamination in excess of the DOE criteria for surface contamination, and some ^{235}U residues in the west end of the building.

Decontamination of the facility to supplemental guidelines, derived by a hazard assessment based on appropriate scenarios for this building, was conducted by subcontractor personnel in 1995 under the direction of Bechtel National Incorporated (BNI), the project management contractor for FUSRAP. The independent radiological verification survey detailed in this report was performed in July and August 1995 under the FUSRAP program by members of ORNL at the request of DOE.

The radiological verification survey of the west end of the building included gamma, alpha, and beta-gamma scans for fixed contamination, smear sampling for transferable contamination, and radionuclide analysis of soil samples taken from outside the building and from excavations in the concrete floor inside the building.

Additionally, DOE has committed to conduct an additional radiological survey after demolition of the building by the property owner.

Based on the results of the remedial action and verification data in this report, all radiological measurements fall below the limits prescribed by DOE radiological guidelines established for this site.

Results of the Independent Radiological Verification Survey at the Former Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts (CIO001V)*

INTRODUCTION

The Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, was one of many companies performing work during the 1940s associated with the development of nuclear energy for defense-related projects for the Manhattan Engineer District (MED) and the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). Operations conducted under government contract at such sites included the procurement, storage, and processing of uranium oxides, salts, and metals, and the subsequent machining of these products. As a result of activities involving these materials, equipment, buildings, and land at some of the sites became radiologically contaminated with small amounts of the material resulting in low levels of contamination on the properties. The Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) was established by DOE in 1974 to assist in the assessment and cleanup activities at these sites.¹

In 1947 Chapman set aside approximately one-third of Building 23 at the Chapman site, 203 Hampshire Street, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, for the machining of uranium rods for Brookhaven Laboratory. The "set aside" portion of the building measured ~ 200 by 60 ft and was separated from the remainder of the building by a floor-to-ceiling wooden partition, which has since been removed. Chapman became part of the Crane Company in 1959. Building 23 has been vacant since Crane discontinued all manufacturing at Indian Orchard early in 1987.²

In 1991, a radiological survey was conducted at the former Chapman Valve Manufacturing company by members of the Measurement Applications and Development (MAD) Group of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) at the request of the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE). The survey and sampling at this site covered selected areas outdoors and accessible areas inside Building 23. Survey emphasis was on interior floors, walls and overhead beams. The survey report, published in 1992, concluded that survey results indicated ^{238}U contamination in excess of the DOE criteria for surface contamination, and some ^{235}U residues in the west end of the building.³

Decontamination of the facility to supplemental guidelines, derived by a hazard assessment based on appropriate scenarios for this building, was conducted by subcontractor personnel in 1995 under the direction of Bechtel National Incorporated

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(BNI), the project management contractor for FUSRAP. Thermo NUtech was the radiological support subcontractor.

The independent radiological verification survey detailed in this report was performed in July and August 1995 under the FUSRAP program by members of ORNL at the request of DOE. The policy to assign an independent verification contractor ensures the effectiveness of remedial actions performed within FUSRAP and confirms the site's compliance with DOE guidelines.

Figure 1 is a drawing of the former Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company property showing the location of Building 23.

VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the verification activities was to confirm (1) that available documentation adequately and accurately describes the post-remedial condition of the facility that is to be verified, and (2) that the remedial action reduced contamination levels to within authorized limits. Applicable DOE residual radioactivity guidelines for protection of the general public are summarized in Table 1.

SURVEY METHODS

Survey methods followed guidelines for a generic site as outlined in References 4 and 5. Figures 2-10 are diagrams of the building indicating locations of scans, smears, and soil samples. The building has been divided into a series of survey blocks, with the east-west support columns and overhead beams numbered 1 to 31, and the north-south columns labeled AA, A, B, and C (Fig. 2). Instrument calibrations were verified and background checked before each survey session.

Residual uranium was concentrated in the west end of the building, specifically blocks A1 through A7. The radiological verification survey of the west end of the building included: (1) a gamma scan at the surface of floors, using sodium iodide (NaI) gamma scintillation detectors; (2) beta-gamma scans of the floors and overhead structures with "pancake" GM detectors, and limited alpha scans on overhead structures with ZnS scintillation detectors; (3) a comprehensive scan of the floor surface for alpha-beta-gamma activity, using large area gas flow proportional detectors; (4) smear sampling at selected locations; and (5) radionuclide analysis of soil samples taken from outside the building and from core holes drilled through the concrete floor inside the building.

VERIFICATION SURVEY AND ANALYSIS

Current guidelines for sites included within FUSRAP are summarized in Table 1. Typical background radiation levels for the Massachusetts area are presented in Table 2. These data are provided for comparison with the survey results presented in this section. Gamma measurements presented in this report are gross readings; background radiation levels have not been subtracted. Similarly, background concentrations have not been subtracted from radionuclide concentrations in soil.

Beta-gamma contamination levels were recorded in gross counts per minute (cpm), background adjusted and converted to disintegrations per minute (dpm/100 cm²) using standard geometry factors for beta-gamma pancake probe/Bicron ratemeter combination. Transferable radioactivity levels (smears) are reported as net counts with background subtracted.

DIRECT AND REMOVABLE RADIOACTIVITY LEVELS

Gamma exposure rates, taken at the initial survey, ranged from 5 to 11 $\mu\text{R/h}$ at 1 m above the floor in grid blocks A1-A30 (see Fig. 2), while surface exposure rates ranged from 5 to 13 $\mu\text{R/h}$. These values are comparable to the typical average background levels for the area (6 to 9 $\mu\text{R/h}$, Table 2). Gamma levels at accessible floor and wall surfaces were higher on contact with bricks, concrete, and other materials that contain naturally occurring radioactivity.

Direct beta-gamma activity levels were measured on the overhead crane and at 81 locations on seven roof-support trusses (beams) in the west end of the building, where contamination was found in the first survey. The eighth truss was not included in the verification survey; after review of the post remedial survey data for truss no. 8 it was determined unnecessary. Some activity above guidelines was found on the crane during the initial survey by the verification team but was remediated and again surveyed and verified below guidelines. Beta-gamma activity measured on the trusses ranged from 400 to 60,000 dpm/100 cm². When averaged over the first 8 trusses, these measurements meet the supplemental guidelines established for this site (i.e., an average surface level of not more than 15,000 dpm/ 100 cm² of uranium activity for the first eight trusses).⁶ Results are given in Table 3.

Direct alpha activity was measured on the west beams and in spots on the floors underneath the beams. None of the measurements were above guidelines. A comprehensive beta-gamma scan of the floors under these beams showed no beta-gamma measurements above guidelines. The building is scheduled for demolition by the owner.

Smears were collected at selected locations throughout the area surveyed to ensure that remedial efforts left no residual transferable radioactivity above established guidelines. Results from smear analyses indicate no removable beta-gamma activity

above guidelines and the instrument-specific minimum detectable activity (MDA)*. All alpha measurements were below guidelines (Table 1) for both fixed and transferable alpha activity.

SOIL SAMPLES

Systematic surface (0-6 in, or 0-15 cm) soil samples were taken outdoors as well as indoors under the concrete floor where excavations had been dug by the remedial action contractor to remove the drainlines. Sample locations are shown on Fig. 3.

All samples were analyzed to determine the concentrations of ^{238}U , ^{235}U , ^{226}Ra , and ^{232}Th . Results of the radionuclide analysis are shown in Table 4. Concentrations of ^{235}U and ^{238}U ranged from <0.05 to 0.46 pCi/g, and 0.71 to 14 pCi/g, respectively. The site specific guidelines for ^{238}U concentrations of 35 to 40 pCi/g have been applied at other FUSRAP sites (Table 1). Concentrations for ^{232}Th , and ^{226}Ra in surface soil ranged from 0.27 to 0.43 pCi/g and from 0.43 to 0.65 pCi/g, respectively. All these values are comparable to background levels in the area, and well below DOE guidelines.

CONCLUSIONS

Prior to remedial efforts, uranium residuals exceeded current DOE surface contamination guidelines in the west quadrant of Building 23. With the exception of the overhead crane, the rest of the building had been found to meet guidelines as reported in ORNL/RASA-92/1. The building will be demolished at a future date, when further verification of the site will be performed.

All known radioactivity at the site has been addressed during the remedial action, either by cleanup or by evaluation for Supplemental Standards. In addition, DOE has committed to the property owner and to the community to conduct an additional radiological survey after demolition of the building by the property owner. This will provide the property owner and community with additional confidence that the property does not contain residual uranium at levels that would affect health or safety of future site occupants.

Decontamination of the facility was performed by subcontractors under the direction of BNI. Initially, spotty contamination on the crane was identified by the ORNL verification team during the remediation efforts; however, these residuals were removed

* The MDA for transferable alpha and beta activity is 9 and 140 dpm/100 cm², respectively. The critical detection level (L_c) for transferable alpha and beta activity is 3 and 85 dpm/100 cm², respectively. The MDA for direct alpha and beta measurements is 60 dpm/100 cm² and 970 dpm/100 cm², respectively. The L_c for direct alpha and beta measurements is 20 and 440 dpm/100 cm², respectively.

and the areas resurveyed by Thermo NUtech personnel, followed by another radiological verification effort by the ORNL team.

Results of this independent radiological verification survey of Building 23 at the former Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts confirm that residual uranium contamination in the west end of the building has been remediated to levels meeting the supplemental DOE guidelines for this site. The results of the direct scans and the removable smear analyses showed that all direct and transferable activity on the overhead beams and crane was below applicable guidelines. The results of soil radionuclide analyses indicate that all soil concentration measurements are below the limits prescribed by DOE radiological guidelines.

Based on the results of the remedial action and verification data in this report, all radiological measurements fall below the limits prescribed by DOE radiological guidelines established for this site.

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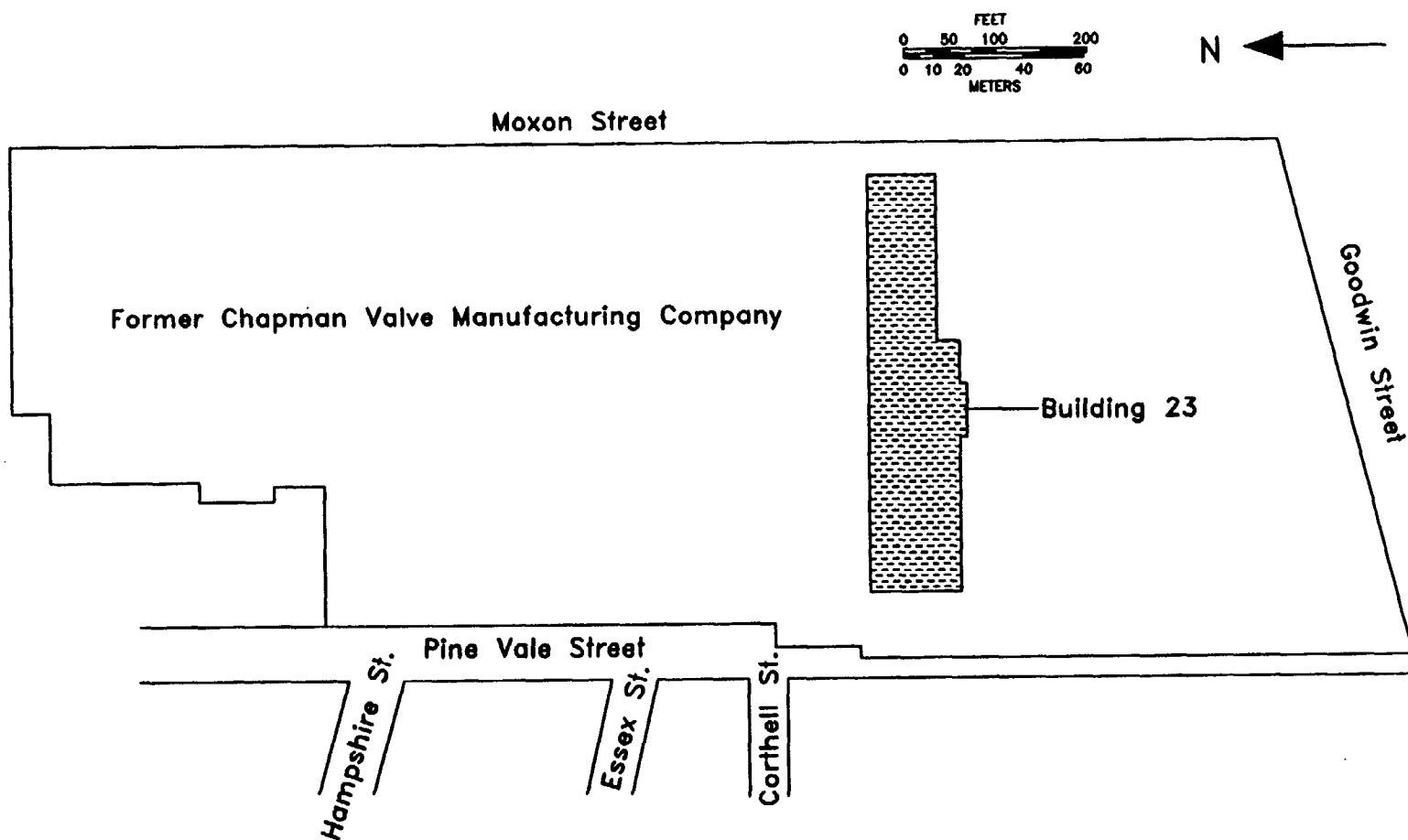


Fig. 1. Location of Building 23 at the site of the former Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts.

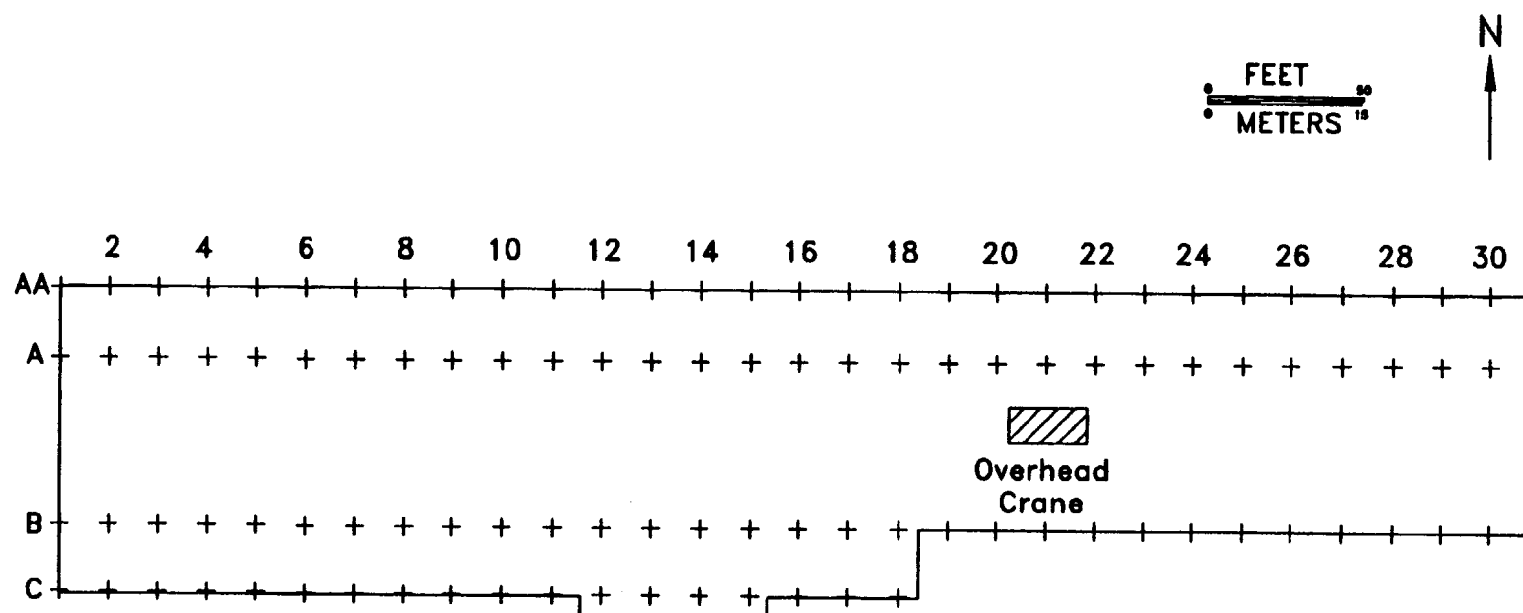


Fig. 2. Building 23 at the site of the former Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts. Overhead roof support trusses are numbered 1 to 31 and columns are labeled AA to C. The mobile overhead crane is shown in the eastern half of the building.

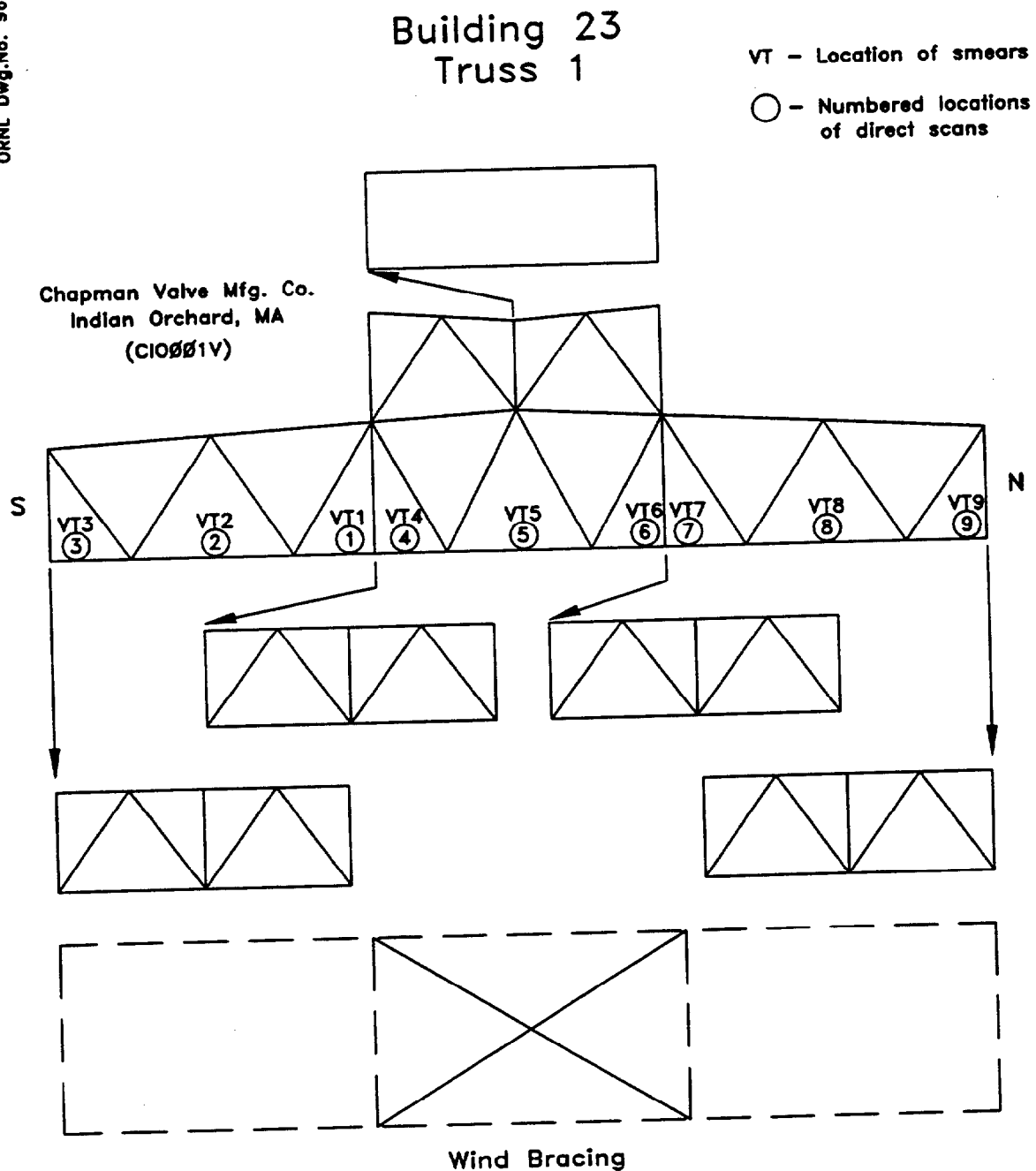


Fig. 3. Locations of directly measured beta-gamma activity levels (dpm/100 cm²) and smears collected on Truss #1 in Building 23 at the site of the former Chapman Valve facility. Results of alpha and beta-gamma scans on all trusses are shown in Table 3.

ORNL Dwg.No. 96-4420

Building 23 Truss 2

VT - Location of smears

○ - Numbered locations of direct scans

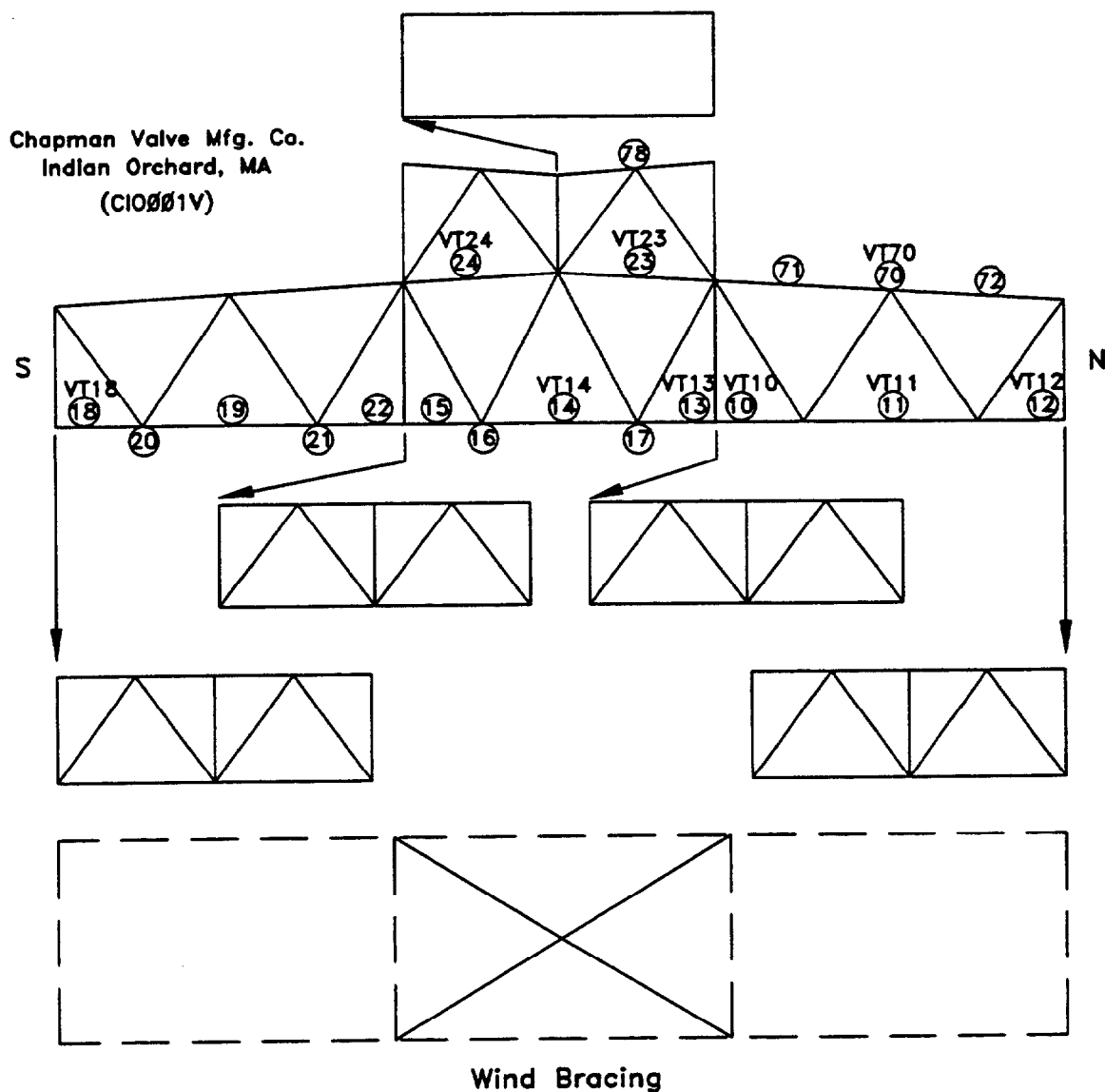


Fig. 4. Locations of directly measured beta-gamma activity levels (dpm/100 cm²) and smears collected on Truss #2 in Building 23 at the site of the former Chapman Valve facility, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts.

Building 23 Truss 3

VT - Location of smears

○ - Numbered locations of direct scans

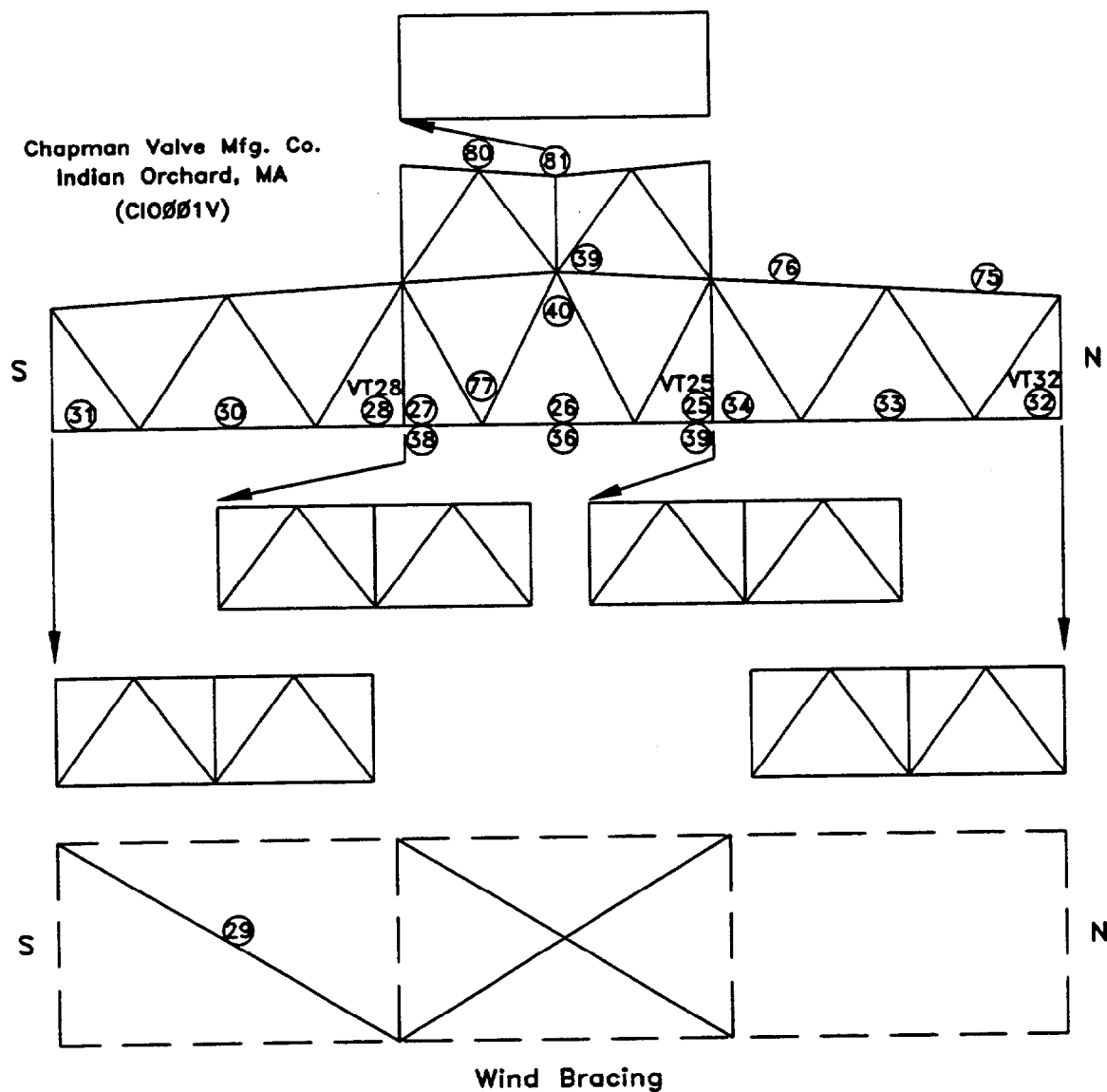


Fig. 5. Locations of directly measured beta-gamma activity levels (dpm/100 cm²) and smears collected on Truss #3 in Building 23 at the site of the former Chapman Valve facility, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts.

ORNL Dwg.No. 96-4422

Building 23 Truss 4

VT - Location of smears

○ - Numbered locations of direct scans

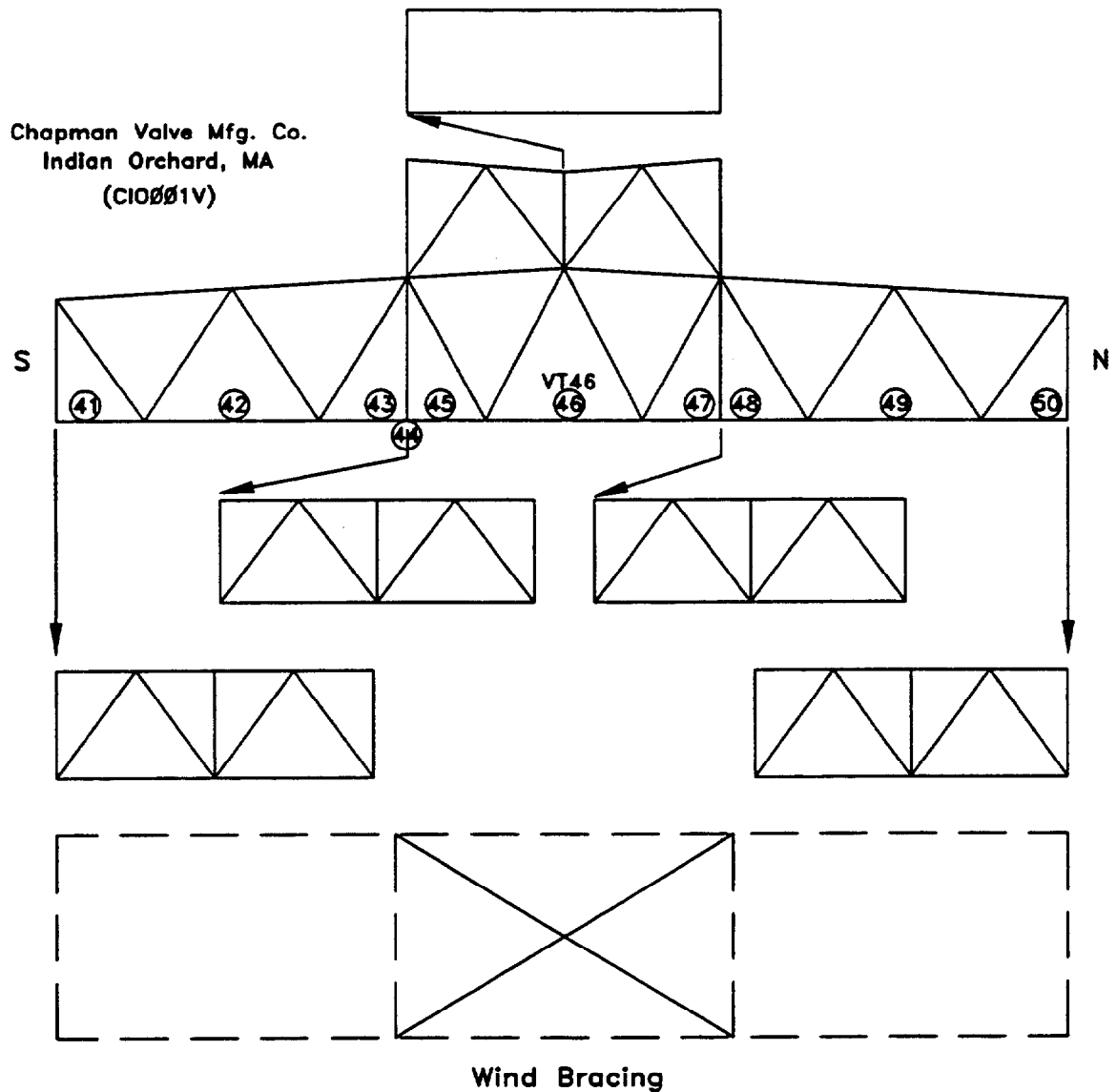


Fig. 6. Locations of directly measured beta-gamma activity levels (dpm/100 cm²) and smears collected on Truss #4 in Building 23 at the site of the former Chapman Valve facility, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts.

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Building 23 Truss 5

VT - Location of smears

○ - Numbered locations of direct scans

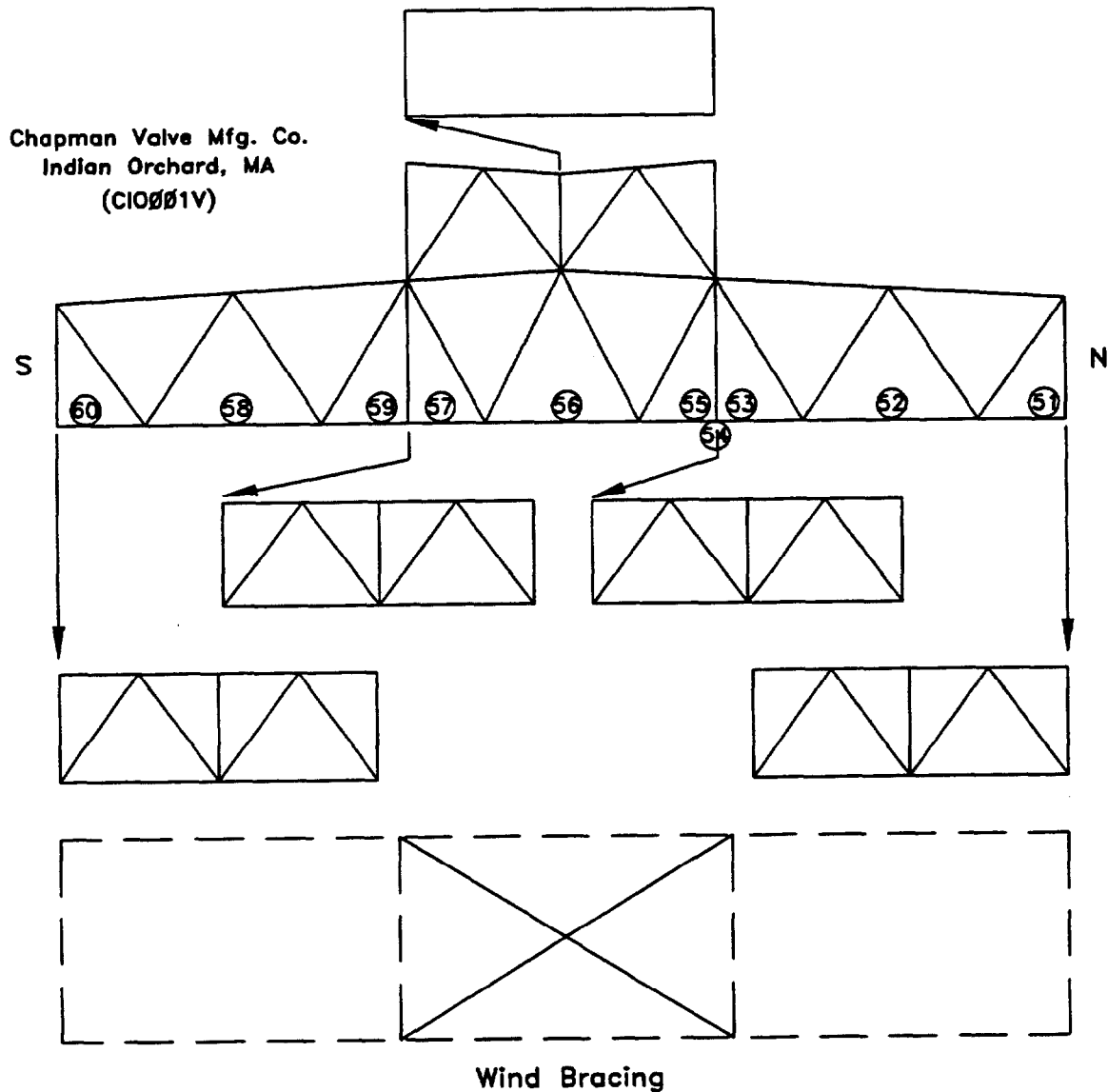


Fig. 7. Locations of directly measured beta-gamma activity levels (dpm/100 cm²) and smears collected on Truss #5 in Building 23 at the site of the former Chapman Valve facility, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts.

ORNL Dwg.No. 96-4424

Building 23 Truss 6

VT - Location of smears

○ - Numbered locations of direct scans

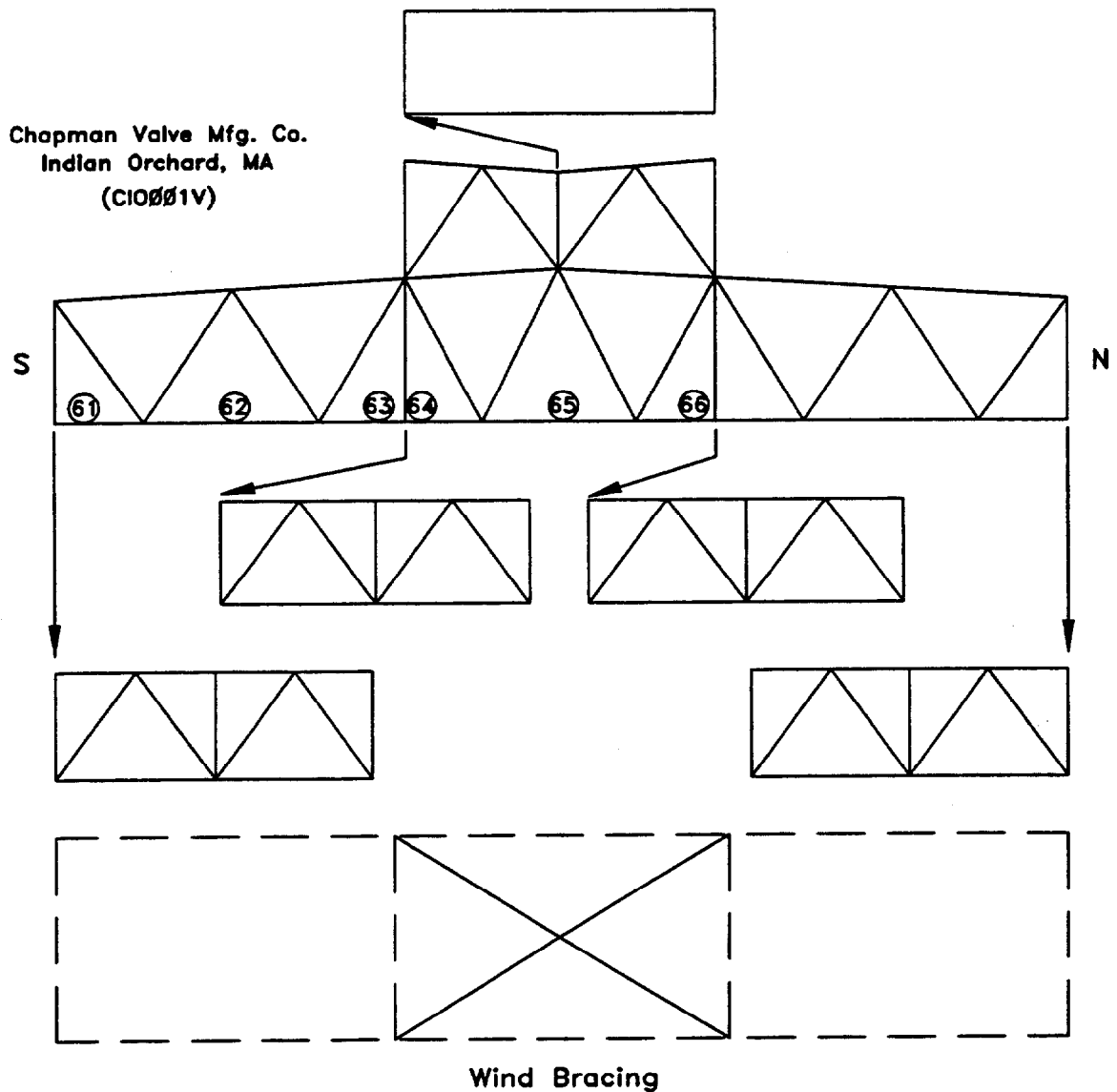


Fig. 8. Locations of directly measured beta-gamma activity levels (dpm/100 cm²) and smears collected on Truss #6 in Building 23 at the site of the former Chapman Valve facility, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts.

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Building 23 Truss 7

VT - Location of smears

○ - Numbered locations of direct scans

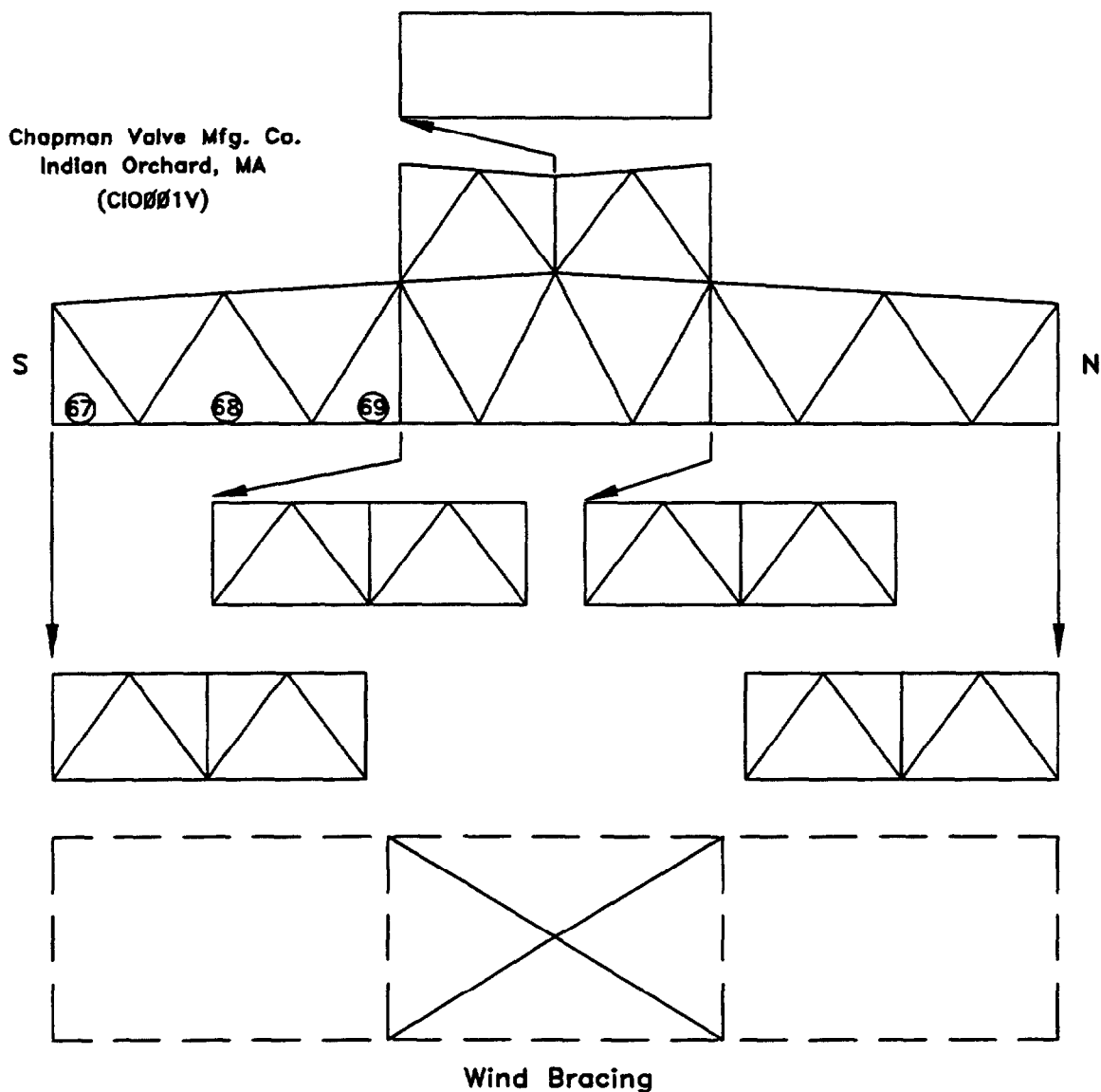


Fig. 9. Locations of directly measured beta-gamma activity levels (dpm/100 cm²) and smears collected on Truss #7 in Building 23 at the site of the former Chapman Valve facility, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts.

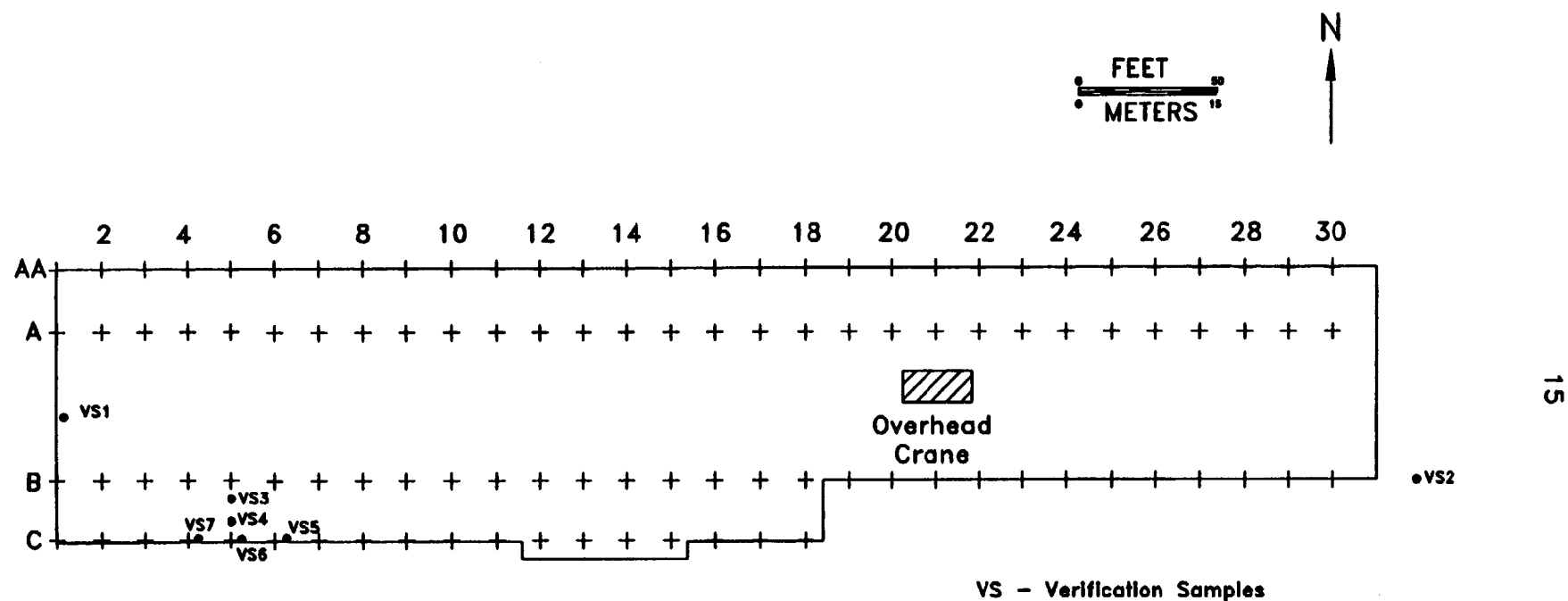


Fig. 10. Locations of soil samples collected at the site of the former Chapman Valve facility, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts.

Table 1. Applicable guidelines for protection against radiation
(Limits for uncontrolled areas)

Mode of exposure	Exposure conditions	Guideline value
Gamma radiation	Indoor gamma radiation level (above background)	20 $\mu\text{R}/\text{h}^a$
Total residual surface contamination ^{b,c}	²³⁸ U, ²³⁵ U, U-natural (<i>alpha emitters</i>) or Beta-gamma emitters ^d	
	Maximum	15,000 dpm/100 cm ²
	Average	5,000 dpm/100 cm ²
	Removable	1,000 dpm/100 cm ²
	²³² Th, Th-natural (<i>alpha emitters</i>) or ⁹⁰ Sr (<i>beta-gamma emitter</i>)	
	Maximum	3,000 dpm/100 cm ²
	Average	1,000 dpm/100 cm ²
	Removable	200 dpm/100 cm ²
	²²⁶ Ra, ²³⁰ Th, transuranics	
	Maximum	300 dpm/100 cm ²
	Average	100 dpm/100 cm ²
	Removable	20 dpm/100 cm ²
Beta-gamma dose rates	Surface dose rate averaged over not more than 1 m ²	0.20 mrad/h
	Maximum dose rate in any 100-cm ² area	1.0 mrad/h
Radionuclide con- centrations in soil (generic)	Maximum permissible con- centration of the following radionuclides in soil above background levels, averaged over a 100-m ² area ²²⁶ Ra ²³² Th ²³⁰ Th	5 pCi/g averaged over the first 15 cm of soil below the surface; 15 pCi/g when averaged over 15 cm-thick soil layers > 15 cm below the surface
Derived concentrations	²³⁸ U	Site specific ^e

Table 1. (continued)

Mode of exposure	Exposure conditions	Guideline value
Guideline for non-homogeneous contamination (used in addition to the 100-m ² guideline) ^f	Applicable to locations with an area ≤ 25 m ² , with significantly elevated concentrations of radionuclides ("hot spots")	$G_A = G_i(100/A)^{1/2}$, where G_A = guideline for "hot spot" of area (A) G_i = guideline averaged over a 100-m ² area

^aThe 20 μ R/h shall comply with the basic dose limit (100 mrem/yr) when an appropriate-use scenario is considered.

^bDOE surface contamination guidelines are consistent with *NRC Guidelines for Decontamination at Facilities and Equipment Prior to Release for Unrestricted Use or Termination of Licenses for By-Product, Source, or Special Nuclear Material*, May 1987.

^cLimits not applicable for the first eight trusses on the west end of the building. Source: Memo, J. W. Wagoner II, Director, Division of Off-Site Programs, Office of Eastern Area Programs, Office of Environmental Restoration, U. S. DOE, to L. K. Price, Director, Former Sites Restoration Division, Oak Ridge Field Office, U.S. DOE, July 27, 1995.

^dBeta-gamma emitters (radionuclides with decay modes other than alpha emission or spontaneous fission) except ⁹⁰Sr, ²²⁸Ra, ²²³Ra, ²²⁷Ac, ¹³³I, ¹²⁹I, ¹²⁶I, ¹²⁵I.

^eDOE guidelines for uranium are derived on a site-specific basis. Guidelines of 35-40 pCi/g have been applied at other FUSRAP sites. Sources: J. L. Marley and R. F. Carrier, *Results of the Radiological Survey at 4 Elmhurst Avenue, Colonie, New York (AL219)*, ORNL/RASA-87/117, Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc., Oak Ridge Natl. Lab., February 1988; B. A. Berven et. al., *Radiological Survey of the Former Kellex Research Facility, Jersey City, New Jersey*, DOE/EV-0005/29, ORNL-5734, Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc., Oak Ridge Natl. Lab., February 1982.

^fDOE guidelines specify that every reasonable effort shall be made to identify and to remove any source that has a concentration exceeding 30 times the guideline value, irrespective of area (adapted from *Revised Guidelines for Residual Radioactive Material at FUSRAP and Remote SFMP Sites*, April 1987).

Sources: Adapted from U.S. Department of Energy, *Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment*, DOE Order 5400.5, April 1990, and U.S. Department of Energy, *Guidelines for Residual Radioactive Material at Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program and Remote Surplus Facilities Management Program Sites*, Rev. 2, March 1987; and U. S. Department of Energy *Radiological Control Manual*, DOE N 5480.6 (DOE/EH-256T), June 1992.

Table 2. Background radiation levels and concentrations of selected radionuclides in soil in the Beverly, Massachusetts, area

Type of radiation measurement or sample	Radiation level or radionuclide concentration	
	Range	Average
Gamma exposure rate at ground surface ($\mu\text{R/h}$) ^a	6-9	7
Concentration of radionuclides in soil (pCi/g) ^a		
²²⁶ Ra	0.70-1.8	1.1
²³² Th	0.76-1.2	0.97
²³⁸ U	0.69-2.7	1.2

^aValues obtained from six locations in the Beverly, Massachusetts, area.

Source: R. D. Foley, M. S. Uziel, *Results of the Radiological Survey at the Former Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts (C10001)*, ORNL/RASA-92/1, Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc., Oak Ridge Natl. Lab., July 1992.

Table 3. Direct and transferable beta-gamma and alpha measurements on overhead trusses in Building 23 for the verification of the former Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company facility

Location No. ^a	Directly measured activity		Removable activity
	Beta-gamma (dpm/100 cm ²)	Alpha	Smear No. ^b
<i>Truss # 1</i>			
1	24,000	<i>c</i>	VT1
2	5,000	330	VT2
3	13,500	<i>c</i>	VT3
4	6,000	<i>c</i>	VT4
5	1,800	430	VT5
6	8,400	<i>c</i>	VT6
7	3,000	112	VT7
8	1,800	<i>c</i>	VT8
9	6,000	<i>c</i>	VT9
<i>Truss # 2</i>			
10	21,000	30	VT10
11	1,800	<i>c</i>	VT11
12	2,700	<i>c</i>	VT12
13	24,000	10 ^d	VT13
14	9,500	<i>c</i>	VT14
15	18,000	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>
16	27,000	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>
17	4,500	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>
18	24,000	10 ^d	VT18
19	21,000	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>
20	7,500	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>
21	24,000	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>
22	15,000	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>
23	18,000	780	VT23
24	10,500	<i>c</i>	VT24
70	15,000	<i>c</i>	VT70
71	24,500	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>
72	10,500	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>
78	6,600	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>
<i>Truss # 3</i>			
25	6,600	<i>c</i>	VT25
26	4,800	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>

Table 3 (continued)

Location No. ^a	Directly measured activity		Removable activity
	Beta-gamma (dpm/100 cm ²)	Alpha	Smear No. ^b
<i>Truss # 3 (cont)</i>			
27	12,000	c	e
28	60,000	150	VT28
29	6,600	c	e
30	17,000	c	e
31	4,500	c	e
32	3,000	c	VT32
33	2,400	c	e
34	30,000	c	e
35underside	5,500	c	e
36underside	2,500	c	e
38underside	0 ^d	c	e
39	24,000	c	e
40verticle truss	870	c	e
75	4,500	c	e
76	9,000	c	e
77	21,000	c	e
80	600	c	e
81	1,350	c	e
<i>Truss # 4</i>			
41	25,000	c	e
42	7,500	c	e
43	1,500	160	e
44underside	60 ^d	c	e
45	900	c	e
46	4,200	c	VT46
47	13,000	c	e
48	13,000	c	e
49	2,400	c	e
50	3,000	c	e
<i>Truss # 5</i>			
51	600	c	e
52	3,600	c	e
53	27,000	c	e
54underside	0 ^d	c	e
55	9,000	c	e
56	2,700	c	e
57	900	c	e

Table 3 (continued)

Location No. ^a	Directly measured activity		Removable activity
	Beta-gamma (dpm/100 cm ²)	Alpha	Smear No. ^b
<i>Truss # 5 (cont)</i>			
58	3,000	c	e
59	3,000	c	e
60	2,700	c	e
<i>Truss # 6</i>			
61	4,500	c	e
62	~400	c	e
63	3,000	c	e
64	6,600	c	e
65	150 ^d	c	e
66	12,000	c	e
<i>Truss # 7</i>			
67	4,800	c	e
68	210 ^d	c	e
69	6,000	c	e

^aLocations of the direct readings on trusses are shown on Figs. 3-9.

^bSmears (VT samples) are located on Figs. 3-9. All smears were below the guidelines for transferable alpha and beta measurements.

^cMeasurement was not taken. Review of post remedial action data indicated that because of dust and rust the primary measurable radiation was beta-gamma.

^dValues not discernible from background.

^eNo smear taken.

**Table 4. Concentrations of radionuclides in soil
at the former Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company,
Indian Orchard, Massachusetts (CIO001V)**

Indian Orchard, Massachusetts (C100017)					
Sample number ^a	Depth (cm)	Radionuclide concentration (pCi/g) ^b			
		²²⁶ Ra	²³² Th	²³⁸ U	²³⁵ U
<i>Systematic soil samples^c</i>					
VS1	0-15	0.47±0.1	0.43±0.08	14 ±1	0.46 ±0.07
VS2	0-15	0.56±0.1	0.34±0.07	0.71±0.3	0.09±0.04
VS3	0-15	0.65±0.2	0.31±0.1	0.82±0.3	<0.10
VS4	0-8	0.57±0.1	0.36±0.07	1.1 ±0.4	<0.08
VS5	0-15	0.50±0.2	0.37±0.2	0.98±0.3	0.11±0.05
VS6	0-15	0.43±0.1	0.33±0.1	0.90 ±0.3	<0.05
VS7	0-15	0.63±0.1	0.27±0.06	0.87 ±0.3	0.08±0.03

^aLocations of soil samples are shown on Fig. 10.

^bIndicated counting error is at the 95% confidence level ($\pm 2\sigma$).

^cSystematic samples are taken at locations irrespective of gamma exposure rates.

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