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11	10/3/05		Conclusions. Modified conclusions to reflect current interpretation of the data.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF) began processing Sludge Batch 2 (SB2) (Macrobatches 3) in December 2001 as part of Sludge Receipt and Adjustment Tank (SRAT) Batch 208. Macrobatches 3 consists of the contents of Tank 40 and Tank 8 in approximately equal proportions. A glass sample was obtained while pouring Canister S01913 and was sent to the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) Shielded Cells for characterization. This report contains observations of the glass sample, results for the density, the chemical composition, the Product Consistency Test (PCT) and the radionuclide results needed for the Production Record for Canister S01913.

The following conclusions are drawn from this work:

- The glass sample taken during the filling of canister S01913 received at SRNL weighed 33.04 grams and was dark and reflective with no obvious inclusions indicating the glass was homogeneous.
- The results of the composition for glass sample S01913 are in good agreement ($\pm 15\%$) with the DWPF SME results for Batch Number 254, the SME Batch that was being fed to the melter when the sample was collected.
- The calculated WDF was 2.58.
- Acid dissolution of the glass samples may not have completely dissolved the noble metals rhodium and ruthenium.
- The PCT results for the glass (normalized boron release of 1.18 g/L) indicate that it is greater than seven standard deviations more durable than the EA glass; thus, the glass meets the waste acceptance criterion for durability.
- The measured density of the glass was $2.56 \pm 0.03 \text{ g/cm}^3$.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ADS	Analytical Development Section
AES	Atomic Emission Spectroscopy
ARG-1	Analytical Reference Glass 1
ARM-1	Approved Reference Material-1
CPC	Chemical Processing Cell
DWPF	Defense Waste Processing Facility
EA	Environmental Assessment
g	gram
ICP	Inductively Coupled Plasma
MB3	Macrobatch 3
MFT	Melter Feed Tank
MS	Mass Spectroscopy
PCT	Product Consistency Test
SB2	Sludge Batch 2
SB3	Sludge Batch 3
SME	Slurry Mix Evaporator
SRAT	Sludge Receipt and Adjustment Tank
SRNL	Savannah River National Laboratory
THERMO	Thermodynamic Hydration Energy Reaction Model
WAPS	Waste Acceptance Product Specifications
WDF	Waste Dilution Factor

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF) began processing Sludge Batch 2 (SB2) in December 2001 as part of Sludge Receipt and Adjustment Tank (SRAT) Batch 208. Sludge Batch 2 consists of the contents of Tank 40 and Tank 8 in approximately equal proportions.

The sludge slurry is received into the DWPF Chemical Processing Cell (CPC) and is processed through the SRAT and Slurry Mix Evaporator Tank (SME). The treated sludge slurry is then transferred to the Melter Feed Tank (MFT) and fed to the melter. During the processing of each sludge batch, the DWPF is required to take at least one glass sample. This glass sample is taken to meet the objectives of the Glass Product Control Program¹ and to complete the necessary Production Records so that the final glass product may be disposed of at a Federal Repository.

The DWPF requested analysis of a radioactive glass sample obtained from the melter pour stream during the processing of Macrobatch 3 (MB3) (Sludge Batch 2)² with Frit 320. A glass sample was obtained while pouring Canister S01913 and was sent to the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) Shielded Cells for characterization. Canister S01913 was the 267th canister out of 364 poured during vitrification of Sludge Batch 2. The glass sample arrived from DWPF in primary container PC0034. The primary container contained pieces of glass. The glass had been extracted from the sample holder in the DWPF. This report contains the visual observations of the as-received glass sample, results for the density, the chemical composition, the Product Consistency Test (PCT) and the calculated and measured radionuclide results needed for the Production Record for Canister S01913^{2,3,4}.

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2.0 APPROACH

The glass sample was removed from the primary container, weighed, and visual observations were recorded. A portion of the glass was prepared for the Product Consistency Test (PCT). The glass was ground using a remotely operated, automatic agate mortar and pestle. This method proved too aggressive for preparing the particle size necessary for the PCT and the remainder of glass was prepared using the stainless steel Tekmar grinder. Glass produced by the agate mortar and pestle that was too fine for the PCT (-200 mesh) was dissolved for determining the measured composition of the glass using Inductively Coupled Plasma – Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-AES) and the radionuclide content of the glass using ICP – Mass Spectroscopy (MS). The remaining fines were used to determine the density using a pycnometer. ICP-AES results for select elements were used to calculate a waste dilution factor (WDF) that is then used to calculate the concentration of radionuclides measured in the sludge slurry but cannot be readily measured in the glass. The specific analyses performed are published in the analytical study plan and relevant information is in laboratory notebook, “DWPF Glass Pour Stream Samples Sludge Batch 2”, WSRC-NB-2002-00092.

2.1 Chemical Composition of the Glass

The measured elemental composition of the glass was obtained by dissolving a sample of the ground glass and analyzing the resulting solutions using ICP-AES. Dissolution of the glass samples was performed remotely in the Shielded Cells of SRNL. A portion of the glass sample was dissolved in quadruplicate by two separate dissolution methods, a mixed acid dissolution⁵ and a sodium peroxide fusion⁶. The acid dissolution method uses boric acid to complex the fluorine used to help dissolve the glass. Thus, the boron content of the glass cannot be obtained by this method. The sodium peroxide fusion uses sodium peroxide to render the glass more soluble. Thus, the sodium content of the glass cannot be obtained by this method. The peroxide fusions were performed in zirconium crucibles; thus the zirconium content of the glass could not be obtained by the peroxide dissolution method. The samples for the dissolutions were obtained from the glass that was ground and sieved for the PCT. A standard glass with a composition similar to the DWPF glass, Analytical Reference Glass-1 (ARG-1)⁷, was also dissolved and analyzed concurrently with the DWPF glass. The average of the eight replicates (four from each dissolution method) was used unless otherwise noted.

2.2 Radionuclide Composition of the Glass

Glass that was dissolved by the acid dissolution method was analyzed using ICP-MS to determine the actinide and fission product content of the glass. Glass dissolved by the peroxide fusion method was analyzed by counting methods to calculate concentrations in the glass. Radionuclide concentrations that are required for the Glass Product Control Program¹ that were not measured in this study are calculated from the sludge slurry results⁸ using a WDF.

2.3 Noble Metal Composition of the Glass

Glass that was dissolved by the acid dissolution method was analyzed using ICP-MS to determine the concentrations of select noble metals in the glass.

2.4 Product Consistency Test

The PCT⁹, a crushed glass leach test using ASTM Type I water, was performed in quadruplicate in Cell 14 using a sample of the glass. The test, which was performed at 90°C for seven days, included the appropriate blanks and standards (Environmental Assessment (EA) glass and Approved Reference Material-1 (ARM-1)).

The concentrations of boron, lithium, sodium and silicon were measured using ICP-AES in the leachate. The concentrations were used along with the measured chemical composition of the glass to calculate the average normalized releases in terms of grams of glass dissolved per liter of leachate based on the specific elements in the glass.

2.5 Density

The density of the glass was measured in triplicate using the ASTM procedure¹⁰ for measuring particle density. A procedure that uses particles was applied to take advantage of the ground glass produced in the automatic mortar and pestle. An approximately 2 g portion of the glass was placed into a volumetric flask that has confirmed volume markings. The mass of the glass added was measured and water was added to the mark of known volume. The volume of the glass was then calculated from the mass of the water. Thus the density of the glass was obtained. The procedure was modified for performance in the shielded cells. The glass used was the remaining fines from the grinding of the glass for PCT.

3.0 RESULTS

Analyses to determine the composition, radionuclide content, PCT response and density of the glass obtained during the filling of canister S01913 were measured and calculated using the approach in Section 2.0. The visual observations of the as-received glass were that the glass was dark and reflective with no obvious inclusions or irregularities.

3.1 Chemical Composition of the Glass

Table 3-1 shows the measured and published compositions for the ARG-1 glass. Except as noted in the table, the measured values are averages of four replicates from the two dissolution methods. Results indicate that the dissolutions were complete ($95 \leq \text{sum of oxides} \leq 105$) and the analytical procedures were performed correctly (multi-element standards measured within ten percent of the standards values).

Table 3-1. Published and Average Measured Values of Analytical Reference Glass -1

	Measured (wt.%)	Published ⁷ (wt.%)	Measured/Published
Al ₂ O ₃	4.35	4.72	0.92
B ₂ O ₃	7.50 ^a	8.66	0.87
BaO	0.09	0.09	1.05
CaO	1.43	1.53	0.94
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.10	0.09	1.08
Fe ₂ O ₃	13.37	14.00	0.95
K ₂ O	3.13	2.71	1.15
Li ₂ O	3.23	3.21	1.01
MgO	0.81	0.86	0.94
MnO ₂	2.22	2.31	0.96
Na ₂ O	11.12 ^b	11.48	0.97
NiO	1.01	1.05	0.96
P ₂ O ₅	0.33	0.25	1.30
SiO ₂	47.42 ^a	47.92	0.99
TiO ₂	1.11	1.15	0.97
ZnO	0.03	0.02	1.27
ZrO ₂	0.13 ^b	0.13	1.01
Total	96.97	100.18	--

^aObtained from analysis of peroxide fusion dissolution.

^bObtained from analysis of mixed acid dissolution.

Table 3-2 presents the measured compositional results for the glass sample taken during the filling of canister S01913. As with the ARG-1 glass, the average of the eight replicates (four from each dissolution method) was used unless otherwise noted. The relative standard deviation of the major components (>0.5 wt% in glass) is less than ten percent, indicating good precision of the results. The value for Sn was calculated by subtracting the large blank value for this one element obtained by ICP-AES. Table 3-3 compares the results for elements that comprise >0.5 wt% of the glass with the concentration of these oxides in SME Batch 254, the material in the melter and the materials being fed to the melter at the time the glass sample was taken. The ratio of the concentration of several of the major components in Table 3-3 to their concentration in the sludge as reported in the MB3 Qualification Run¹¹ in the SRNL shielded cells is used to calculate the waste dilution factor (WDF) in Table 3-4. The WDF was calculated from Al, Ca, Fe, Mg, Mn, Ni, and U. The larger set of elements was used than previously recommended¹² due to

improved confidence in the additional values for Mg, Ni, and U. The larger data set decreases the likelihood of a single element's indetermination impacting the calculated WDF disproportionately. The average WDF calculated from these elements is 2.58. This will be used in Section 3.2 to calculate the concentration of reportable radionuclides (with the exception of C-14 and I-129) that were not measured in the glass.

Table 3-2. Oxide Composition of Glass Pour Stream Sample Taken During Filling of Canister S01913

Oxide	Wt%	Standard Deviation	Relative Standard Deviation
Al ₂ O ₃	4.34	0.14	3.3%
B ₂ O ₃	4.44 ^a	0.13	2.9%
BaO	0.05	0.006	11%
CaO	1.31	0.12	9.1%
CdO	0.05	0.004	6.9%
CeO ₂	0.06 ^b	0.01	18%
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.08	0.005	6.6%
CuO	0.03	0.0009	3.1%
Fe ₂ O ₃	12.17	0.28	2.3%
Gd ₂ O ₃	0.03 ^a	0.002	5.9%
La ₂ O ₃ ^d	0.01 ^b	0.0008	8.3%
Li ₂ O	5.27	0.22	4.2%
MgO	1.16	0.03	2.2%
MnO	1.47	0.03	2.2%
MoO ₃	0.03 ^b	0.004	12%
Na ₂ O	11.31 ^b	0.37	3.2%
NiO	0.55	0.02	3.4%
P ₂ O ₅	0.48	0.05	11%
PbO	0.02 ^b	0.002	9.8%
SO ₄ ^c	0.25	0.02	6.7%
Sb ₂ O ₅	0.07	0.01	16%
SiO ₂	49.31 ^a	0.96	2.0%
SnO ₂	0.08 ^b	0.01	20%
SrO	0.32	0.009	2.6%
TiO ₂	0.06	0.001	2.5%
U ₃ O ₈	3.36	0.07	2.0%
ZnO	0.05	0.009	18%
ZrO ₂	0.08 ^b	0.002	3.0%
	96.69		

^aObtained from analysis of peroxide fusion dissolution.

^bObtained from analysis of mixed acid dissolution.

^cObtained from analysis using ADS low sulfur protocol.

^dObtained from ICP-MS data.

Table 3-3. Concentration of Major (>0.5 Wt. % Elemental) Components of Glass Pour Stream Sample Taken during Filling of Canister S01913

	S01913	Vitrified SME Batch 254	% Difference (relative to SME)
Oxide	Wt%		
Al ₂ O ₃	4.34	4.96	-14.3
B ₂ O ₃	4.44	5.11	-15.1
CaO	1.31	1.21	7.6
Fe ₂ O ₃	12.17	13.19	-8.4
Li ₂ O	5.27	5.14	2.5
MgO	1.16	1.02	12.1
MnO	1.47	1.39	5.4
Na ₂ O	11.31	10.52	7.0
SiO ₂	49.31	48.60	1.4
U ₃ O ₈	3.36	3.80	-11.1

Table 3-4. Concentrations of Elements in the Dried Sludge Slurry, the Glass Pour Stream Sample, and the Calculated WDF

Element	Concentration (Wt %)		
	Dried Sludge Slurry ¹¹	Glass	WDF
Al	5.56	2.30	2.42
Ca	2.19	0.938	2.33
Fe	22.3	8.51	2.62
Mg	1.84	0.700	2.63
Mn	2.97	1.14	2.61
Ni	1.19	0.432	2.76
U	7.61	2.85	2.67
Average (Std. Dev.)	--	--	2.58 (0.15)

3.2 Radionuclide Composition of the Glass

Table 3-5 contains the 29 radionuclides in Sludge Batch 2 identified as reportable based upon analysis of the sludge⁸. Since this report a technical basis has been established that eliminates C-14 because it volatilizes during DWPF processing¹³. Consequently, the concentration of C-14 was not estimated in the pour stream sample taken during the filling of canister S01913. Radionuclides in bold are measured using the ICP-MS. Those in italics are measured by counting methods after a separation process. A discussion of the methods is published in Reference 3. The remaining radionuclides in the table are obtained by calculation using a WDF and the measured quantities in the dried sludge slurry⁸.

Table 3-5. Reportable Radionuclides for Macrobatches 3 Identified in Reference 8

C-14	Ni-59	Ni-63	Se-79	Sr-90	Nb-93m
Zr-93	Tc-99	Sn-121m	Sn-126	Cs-137	Sm-151
U-233	U-234	U-235	U-236	Np-237	U-238
<i>Pu-238</i>	Pu-239	<i>Pu-240</i>	<i>Am-241</i>	<i>Pu-241</i>	Pu-242
Am-243	Cm-244[†]	Cm-245	Cm-246	Cf-251	

[†]Cm-244 was not detected by the ICP-MS. Therefore the value reported was calculated from the reported value for Cm-244 in Reference 8.

Table 3-6 is the reportable radionuclide content of the glass sample determined from either measured values from the glass or calculated from the measured values in Reference 8.

Table 3-6. Radionuclide Content of the Glass Pour Stream Sample Taken during the Filling of Canister S01913

Radionuclides	Wt % Dried Sludge ^s	Ci/Kg Sludge ^s	Wt % Glass (Calculated)	Wt % Glass (Measured)	Ratio Calc./Meas. (by Mass)	Ci/Kg Glass	Source
Ni-59	3.88E-04	3.13E-04	1.50E-04	--	--	1.21E-04	Reference 8
Ni-63	3.97E-05	2.05E-02	1.54E-05	--	--	7.95E-03	Reference 8
Se-79	8.95E-05	6.23E-05	3.47E-05	--	--	2.41E-05	Reference 8
Sr-90	3.32E-03	4.52E+00	1.29E-03	1.08E-03	1.19	1.47+00	Counting
Zr-93	5.41E-03	1.36E-04	2.10E-03	6.00E-03	0.35	1.51E-04	ICP-MS
Tc-99	7.35E-04	1.26E-04	2.85E-04	2.73E-04	1.04	4.63E-05	ICP-MS
Sn-121m	6.77E-06	3.64E-03	2.62E-06	--	--	1.41E-03	Reference 8
Sn-126	1.58E-04	4.49E-05	6.12E-05	--	--	1.74E-05	Reference 8
Cs-137	3.17E-04	2.75E-01	1.23E-04	9.84E-05	1.25	8.64E-02	Counting
Sm-151	6.75E-04	1.77E-01	2.62E-04	2.64E-04	0.99	6.95E-02	ICP-MS
U-233	1.11E-04	1.07E-05	4.30E-05	5.29E-05	0.81	5.12E-06	ICP-MS
U-234	5.72E-04	3.57E-05	2.22E-04	2.63E-04	0.84	1.64E-05	ICP-MS
U-235	3.04E-02	6.57E-07	1.18E-02	1.37E-02	0.86	2.96E-07	ICP-MS
U-236	1.46E-03	9.44E-07	5.66E-04	7.00E-04	0.81	4.53E-07	ICP-MS
Np-237	1.88E-03	1.33E-05	7.29E-04	8.15E-04	0.89	5.74E-06	ICP-MS
U-238	7.53E+00	2.53E-05	2.92E+00	2.87E+00*	1.02	9.65E-06	ICP-MS
Pu-238	2.25E-04	3.85E-02	8.72E-05	7.29E-05	1.20	1.24E-02	Counting
Pu-239	1.24E-02	7.68E-03	4.81E-03	6.46E-03	0.74	4.02E-03	ICP-MS
Pu-240	1.05E-03	2.38E-03	4.07E-04	5.59E-04	0.73	1.27E-03	ICP-MS
Pu-241	2.71E-05	2.80E-02	1.05E-05	8.03E-06	1.24	8.48E-03	Counting
Am-241	9.53E-04	3.27E-02	3.69E-04	2.99E-04	1.23	1.03E-02	Counting
Pu-242	1.16E-04	4.59E-06	4.50E-05	7.88E-05	0.57	3.01E-06	ICP-MS
Am-243	2.68E-04	5.34E-04	1.04E-04	9.62E-05	1.08	1.92E-04	ICP-MS
Cm-244	5.48E-05	4.42E-02	2.12E-05	-- [†]	--	1.71E-02	Reference 8
Cm-245	2.25E-06	3.86E-06	8.72E-07	--	--	1.50E-06	Reference 8
Cm-246	8.06E-06	2.48E-05	3.12E-06	--	--	9.61E-06	Reference 8
Cf-251	7.52E-07	1.19E-05	2.91E-07	--	--	4.61E-06	Reference 8

*For comparison, the total uranium measured from ICP-AES was 2.85E+00 wt %.

[†]Cm-244 was not detected in the ICP-MS sample. Therefore, the value was calculated using the values in Reference 8.

3.3 Noble Metal Composition of the Glass

The concentrations of the noble metals of interest; silver (Ag), palladium (Pd), rhodium (Rh), and ruthenium (Ru) were calculated based on ICP-MS results of one or more isotopes. The total ruthenium in the sludge consists of the three nonradioactive isotopes, Ru-101, Ru-102, and Ru-104. Thus the total ruthenium concentration is the sum of the concentrations of these three isotopes. The single isotope for rhodium is Rh-103. The total palladium is comprised of five isotopes. These are Pd-105, Pd-106, Pd-107, Pd-108, and Pd-110. Because natural silver and cadmium share the same mass as several of the palladium isotopes, and both may exist in the sludge, only one palladium isotope, Pd-105, could be measured in the glass. The concentrations of the remaining isotopes of palladium were calculated by multiplying the measured concentration of Pd-105 by the ratio of the fission yield for that specific isotope relative to the fission yield for Pd-105. The total palladium is then the sum of these five concentrations. The total silver is comprised of isotopes Ag-107 and Ag-109. Table 3-7 is the concentration of these noble metals in the glass sample along with the concentrations from Reference 11 and the calculated concentrations using the WDF from Table 3-4. For Pd, the agreement between the calculated and measured concentration in the glass is excellent. For Ag, the agreement is not as good but is reasonable. For Rh and Ru, the agreement is very poor. This poor agreement is likely due to the mixed acid digestion's failure to dissolve these two noble metals in glass as recently reported for the SB3 pour stream glass sample¹⁴.

Table 3-7. Measured Noble Metal Concentration in Glass Pour Stream Sample Taken during the Filling of Canister S01913

Noble Metal	Wt % Dried Sludge ¹¹	Wt % Glass (Calculated)	Wt % Glass (Measured)	Ratio Measured to Calculated
Ag	1.06E-02	4.21E-03	3.10E-03	0.75
Pd	8.85E-04	3.43E-04	3.24E-04	0.94
Rh	7.77E-03	3.01E-03	2.17E-05	0.0072
Ru	3.32E-02	1.29E-02	9.43E-04	0.073

3.4 Product Consistency Test

The analyses of the ARM-1 glass, standard solutions and blanks met the requirements for experimental control as specified in Reference 9. Results are located in laboratory notebook, "DWPF Glass Pour Stream Samples Sludge Batch 2", WSRC-NB-2002-00092.

The concentrations of several elements in the leachate were measured using ICP-AES. The concentrations were used along with the chemical composition of the glass (measured values for the glass sample and published¹⁵ values for the ARM-1 and EA glasses) to calculate the average normalized releases in terms of grams of glass dissolved per liter of leachate based on specific elements in the glass. Results are presented for boron, sodium, lithium, and silicon in Table 3-8 as the average normalized releases and measured leachate pH of the sample along with predicted values using the PCT/chemical composition correlations from THERMO¹⁵. The average measured values for the EA glass are also presented along with published values¹⁶. Silicon is not required by the Waste Acceptance Product Specifications (WAPS)¹⁷ but is provided because it is a major component of the glass. The leachate pH was measured as part of the PCT protocol and provides a secondary indication of glass durability.

The normalized elemental release ranges reported in Table 3-8 indicate that the glass sample taken during the filling of canister S01913 met the acceptance criterion as defined in the WAPS. This criterion states that the normalized boron release glass produced must be at least two standard deviations* better than the EA glass¹⁶. The boron release for the glass is seven standard deviations better than the EA glass. The measured release for boron from the EA glass in this test was lower than the published values. However, the results of the standard ARM glass indicate the PCT was valid. The exact reason for the PCT response of the EA glass being low is not known, but this has been observed in previous PCT tests with radioactive DWPF glass^{18,19,20,21}.

Table 3-8. Normalized PCT Results (Measured and Predicted) for Glass Pour Stream Sample Taken during the Filling of Canister S01913

Element	Measured (g/L, Std. Dev., %RSD)	Predicted * (g/L)	Measured EA (g/L., Std. Dev., %RSD)	Published ¹⁶ EA (g/L., Std. Dev., %RSD)
B	1.18, 0.03, 2.4	1.13	10.5, 1.2, 11	16.7, 1.2, 7.2
Na	1.11, 0.03, 2.3	1.10	8.5, 0.9, 10	13.3, 0.9, 6.8
Li	1.10, 0.03, 2.4	1.09	7.0, 0.7, 8.9	9.6, 0.7, 7.3
Si	0.73, 0.02, 2.3	N/A	3.0	3.9
pH	10.4	N/A	11.4	11.9

* Taken from the DWPF SME Acceptability Data File for SME Batch 254

3.5 Density

Crushed samples were used to measure the density of the glass sample taken during the filling of canister S01913. The measurement was performed in triplicate. The limited mass of sample available dictated the use of a small volumetric flask to achieve satisfactory resolution. The standard glass typically measured is a monolith, too large to be measured in the equipment used for this sample. Table 3-9 is the results along with the density calculated from the major components of the glass²². A molar volume factor for uranium was not provided in the literature. An estimate was used based on the molar volume of U₃O₈ and the factor used to modify molar volumes for other large cations.

Table 3-9. Measured and Calculated Density of the Glass Pour Stream Sample Taken during the Filling of Canister S01913

	Replicates	Density @ 23°C (g/cm ³)	Standard Deviation	Relative Standard Deviation
Canister S01913	3	2.56	0.03	1.2%
Calculated	--	2.52	--	--

* Standard deviation of the mean (1.222) from Reference 16 adjusted for quadruplicate samples (1.045).

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

- The glass sample taken during the filling of canister S01913 received at SRNL weighed 33.04 grams and was dark and reflective with no obvious inclusions indicating the glass was homogeneous.
- The results of the composition for glass sample S01913 are in good agreement ($\pm 15\%$) with the DWPF SME results for Batch Number 254, the SME Batch that was being fed to the melter when the sample was collected.
- The calculated WDF was 2.58.
- Acid dissolution of the glass samples may not have completely dissolved the noble metals rhodium and ruthenium.
- The PCT results for the glass (normalized boron release of 1.18 g/L) indicate that it is greater than seven standard deviations more durable than the EA glass; thus, the glass meets the waste acceptance criterion for durability.
- The measured density of the glass was $2.56 \pm 0.03 \text{ g/cm}^3$.

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