Radiological Monitoring Zion, Illinois

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IEMA Goals at Zion

Independently monitor licensed activities at Zion

 Provide the earliest possible notice to the public of increases in radiation levels or releases of radioactive material

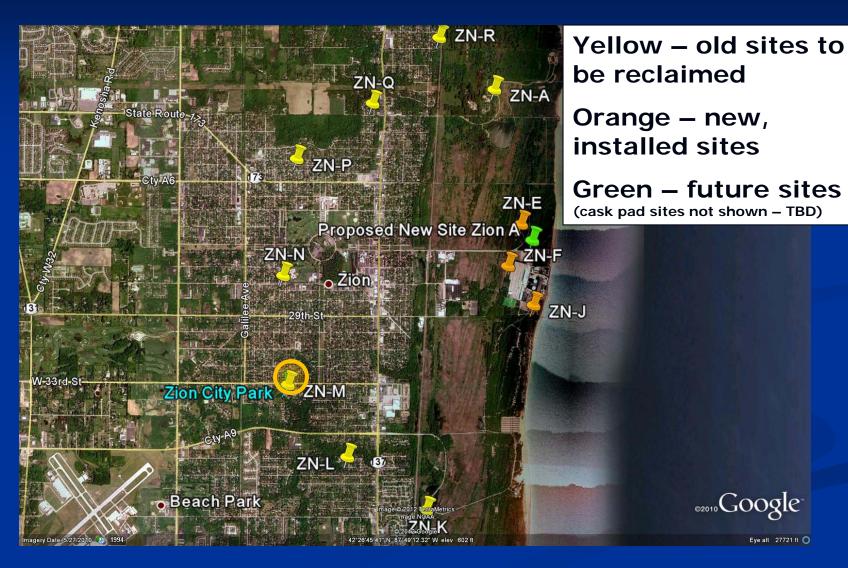
Monitoring Plan

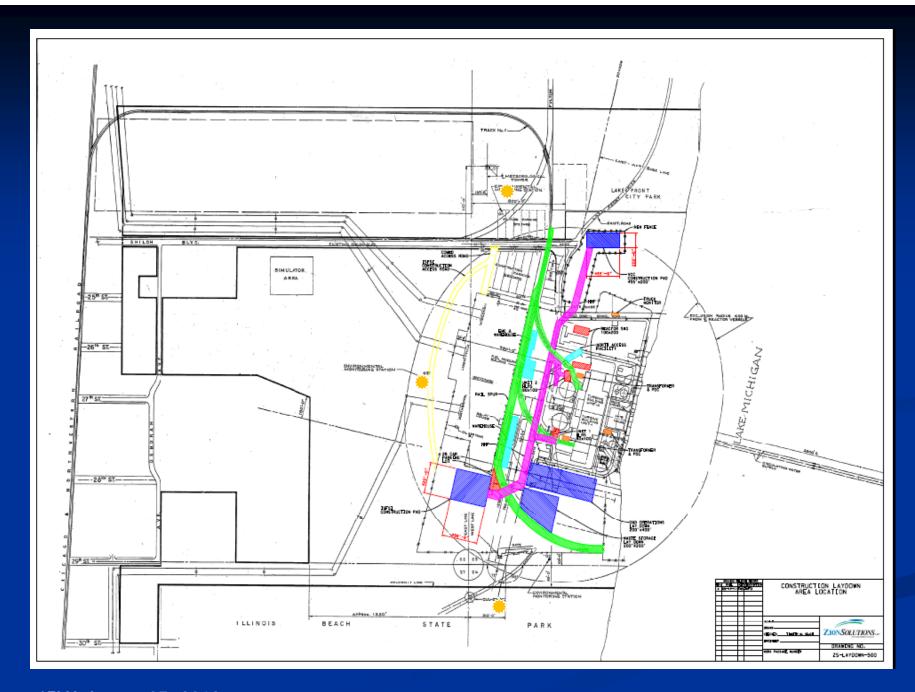
- Monitor potential effluents and radiation levels at the Zion site
 - Move monitoring sites closer
 - Increase air monitoring sites during decommissioning
 - Upgrade data transmission technology
 - Upgrade radiation detection instruments

Gamma Detection Network

- The Gamma Detection Network (GDN) is a series of very sensitive radiation detection sensors around the plant (except for the lake)
- Existing units are A/C powered and data is transmitted via telephone lines to our computer centers in Springfield

Gamma Detection Network





Site Re-Positioning

- Currently, 8 older model installations still remain
 - All approximately 2 miles from the Zion site
 - These will be removed once the newer, closer sites are installed
- 3 newer design systems have been installed
 - These are at or near the fence line
 - North-West, West and South of the site
- 4 remain to be installed
 - One in town at the Gabriel Street park
 - (just west of existing site)
 - One at the Zion site entrance
 - Two at the Fuel Cask pad (to be built)

Data Transmission

- Our new GDN design uses Spread-Spectrum radio to transmit data
 - More reliable than telephone lines
 - Carries more system data
 - More economical

Upgraded Radiation Sensors



- Measure radiation levels from background to accident levels
- Polled and controlled remotely
- More system data available for evaluation

(not all units have solar power)

Environmental Monitoring



Air Monitoring

 Air samplers are currently installed at the 3 newer, close-in sites

An air sampler will be installed at the access gate site

 Air samples are collected weekly and analyzed for radioactive content in our radiochemistry laboratory

Environmental Dosimeters

20 environmental dosimeters around the site and in the city of Zion

Measure long-term radiation exposure

Exchanged and analyzed quarterly

Lake Water Sampling

 2 sites have been identified to monitor drainage into Lake Michigan

To be sampled Quarterly

IEMA

IEMA will continue the radiation monitoring program at Zion

IEMA Inspectors routinely evaluate project progress and are kept informed of Zion Solutions project schedules