

## **3.0 Central Plateau**

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This chapter presents the results of groundwater monitoring in the central portion of the Hanford Site. This region contains the 200 East and 200 West Areas where plutonium separation activities occurred and is referred to as the Central Plateau. Section 3.1 presents an overview of the Central Plateau, including discussions on the hydrogeology, groundwater flow, waste disposal operations, and cleanup activities. Sections 3.2 through 3.5 discuss the 2011 results of groundwater monitoring in each of the groundwater interest areas associated with the Central Plateau. Section 3.6 summarizes the chapter and provides groundwater monitoring recommendations.

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