MINOS EXPERIMENTAL AREAS

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This Chapter of the Fermilab Safety Assessment Document (SAD) contains a summary of the results of the Safety Analysis for the MINOS Experimental Areas segment of the Fermilab Main Accelerator that are pertinent to understanding the risks to the workers, the public, and the environment due to its operation.

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SAD Chapter Review

This Section IV, Chapter 06 of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) Safety Assessment Document (SAD), *MINOS Experimental Areas*, was prepared and reviewed by the staff of the Particle Physics Directorate, Neutrino Division, Technical Support Department in conjunction with the Environment, Safety & Health Division (ES&H) Accelerator Safety Department.

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IV-6.1. Introduction

This Section IV, Chapter 06 of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) Safety Assessment Document (SAD) covers the MINOS experimental areas, which is an underground enclosure in the path of neutrinos produced by the NuMI beam hosting various experiment detectors. The current experiment detectors under operation or installation include the ArgonCube 2x2 Demonstrator, MAGIS-100, SENSEI, MOSKITA, the Scintillating Bubble Chamber (SBC), and two smaller cleanroom enclosures known as NEXUS and QUIET which also host experiments. The Near Detector for the NOvA Experiment is also located in this area, but in a separate alcove and is addressed separately in Section IV, Chapter 05. The MINOS experimental area detectors are not accelerators, and the area isseparated from the NuMI accelerator segments by interlocked doors.

IV-6.1.1 Purpose/Function

The purpose of the MINOS experimental areas is to provide a space within the NuMI neutrino beam that can be utilized to observe neutrinos at a "near" site and coordinated with a detector at a "far" site (e.g. Ash River, MN), as well as provide a space with lower background from cosmic rays.

IV-6.1.2 Current Status

The MINOS experimental area segment of the Fermilab Main Accelerator is currently: **operational**.

IV-6.1.3 Description

The MINOS experimental area consists of the MINOS service building on the surface and the underground areas accessible from the elevator located in the MINOS service building, which are not a part of the NuMI beamline segment described in Section III Chapter 8. Figure 3 provides a schematic; the MINOS experimental areas are the access shaft, the absorber access tunnel, the MINOS access tunnel, and the MINOS detector hall. The underground areas are approximately 350 ft. below the surface.

The ArgonCube 2x2 Demonstrator is located in the MINOS Detector Hall. It consists of a low-pressure cryostat vessel holding four DUNE Near Detector prototype LAr modules. There are 36 reconfigured scintillator planes from the Main Injector Neutrino ExpeRiment v-A (MINERvA) detector installed in front and behind the LAr vessel. The ArgonCube 2x2 is currently in installation phase.

The 100-meter-long Matter-wave Atomic Gradiometer Interferometric Sensor (MAGIS-100) is a project associated with the quantum science program. The MAGIS-100 Experiment will be installed in the MINOS access shaft and in the MINOS Service Building. The experiment will consist of a cold atom source, atom cloud shuttle, launch system, vacuum pipe, laser system and atom detection system. MAGIS-100 is currently in construction phase.

The Northwestern Experimental Underground Site at Fermilab (NEXUS @ FNAL) is a dark matter detector testing facility primarily in support of the SuperCDMS Experiment. A dilution refrigerator is used for detector characterization and prototyping. A neutron generator, with associated shielding materials, is used for calibration. It is sited in the underground area to reduce exposure from cosmic rays and is located in the MINOS access tunnel. NEXUS@FNAL is currently operating.

The Quantum Underground Instrumentation Experimental Testbed (QUIET) is a cleanroom facility, modeled from and built very similarly to the one for NEXUS, which is used for underground quantum information research. QUIET is part of the quantum science center, one of five DOE national quantum initiative centers. A dilution refrigerator is part of the apparatus. Lead shielding will be used for background reduction. It is sited in the underground area to reduce exposure from cosmic rays and is located in the MINOS Access Tunnel. QUIET was installed in 2023 and is in a commissioning phase.

The Scintillating Bubble Chamber (SBC) is a dark matter detector located just downstream of the NEXUS cleanroom in the MINOS Access Tunnel. The SBC uses pressure and temperature-controlled liquid argon in a self-contained pressure vessel containing a piston-controlled hydraulic system. It is sited in the underground area to reduce exposure from cosmic rays. SBC is in an installation phase and plans to commission in 2024.

The Sub-Electron Noise Skipper Experimental Instrument (SENSEI) is a prototype dark matter detector located in a small clean-room tent in the MINOS Access Tunnel. It is situated in the underground area to reduce exposure from cosmic rays. The SENSEI system uses skipper charge-coupled devices (CCDs) inside a small vacuum vessel. SENSEI is currently operating.

MOSKITA (Mobile Oscura SKIpper Testing Apparatus) is a test setup used to characterize skipper CCDs for an upcoming dark matter experiment called Oscura, which will be located at SNOlab near Sudbury, Ontario in Canada. MOSKITA shares the tent with SENSEI and is similarly located underground to reduce exposure from cosmic rays. MOSKITA is currently operating.

There are no experiment detectors currently located in the absorber access tunnel.

IV-6.1.4 Location

The MINOS experimental areas segment of the Fermilab Main Accelerator is located on the Fermilab site in Batavia, IL. . The MINOS experimental areas are ~ 300 ft. underground. The areas are accessed by an elevator in the MINOS Service Building, which is located on the Neutrino Campus, northwest of the Fermilab Main Accelerator on the Fermilab site, shown in Figure 2.

Figure 1 Regional view showing the location of the Fermilab site in Batavia, IL.

Figure 2 Aerial view of the Fermilab site, indicating the location of the MINOS Service Building.

Areas accessible from the MINOS Service Building

Described in SAD IV-06

- 1. MINOS Service Building
- 2. MINOS Shaft
- 3. MINOS Detector Hall
- 4. MINOS Access Tunnel
- 5. Absorber Access Tunnel

Described in SAD III-08

- 6. Muon Alcoves 1, 2 & 3
- 7. Absorber Enclosure, which contains Muon Alcove 0
- 8. Absorber Entry Passage
- 9. Absorber Utility Area
- 10. Decay Pipe Tunnel

Figure 3 Elevation and plan schematic of the MINOS underground areas. The illustrated buildings (Wilson Hall and MINOS Service Building) are not-to-scale with the underground areas.

IV-6.1.5 Management Organization

The detectors are managed by their respective collaborations and Neutrino Division within the Particle Physics Directorate of Fermilab. The MINOS experimental areas receive area facility management from the Infrastructure Services Division and safety support from the ES&H Division

IV-6.1.6 Operating Modes

The MINOS underground neutrino experiments operate as neutrino detectors utilizing the neutrino beam from the NuMI beam line. The Neutrino Division (ND) is responsible for the operation of the neutrino detectors. The operational neutrino experiments assign shifters to monitor the experiment systems, either in the remote operations center (ROC-West) or remotely. Cryogenic engineers on shift respond to Fermilab Fire Incident Reporting and Utility System (FIRUS) trouble or emergency alarms related to the cryogenic system(s). The dark matter detectors operate independently of the NuMI beam line. The Particle Physics Directorate (PPD) is responsible for the oversight and operations of these detectors.

IV-6.1.7 Inventory of Hazards

The following table lists all of the identified hazards found in the MINOS experimental areas. Section [IV-6.9](#page-33-0) *Appendix – Risk Matrices* describes the baseline risk (i.e., unmitigated risk), any preventative controls and/or mitigative controls in place to reduce the risk, and residual risk (i.e., mitigated risk) for facility worker, co-located worker and maximally exposed offsite individual (MOI) (i.e., members of the public). A summary of these controls is described within Section [IV-6.2](#page-20-0) *Safety Assessment.*

Accelerator specific hazards are identified as **purple/bold** in Table 1; there are no accelerator-specific hazards in the MINOS experimental areas. All hazards present in the MINOS experimental areas are

safely managed by DOE-approved applicable safety and health programs and/or processes, and their analyses have been performed according to applicable DOE requirements as flowed down through the Fermilab Environment, Safety and Health Manual (FESHM), as described in Section I Chapter 4. These hazards are considered to be standard industrial hazards (SIH), and their analysis will be summarized in this SAD Chapter.

Table 1. Hazard Inventory for MINOS Experimental Areas.

IV-6.2. Safety Assessment

All hazards for the MINOS Experimental Area segment of the Fermilab Main Accelerator are summarized in this section. All are non-accelerator specific hazards (NASH); lab-wide common mitigations to these hazards are described in Section 1 Chapter 4.

IV-6.2.1 Radiological Hazards

The MINOS experimental area presents radiological hazards in the form of radioactive water (RAW) system, radioactive sources, radiation generating devices, and non-ionizing radiation from lasers.

IV-6.2.1.1 Prompt Ionizing Radiation

N/A

IV-6.2.1.5 Radioactive Water (RAW) Systems

The MINOS Sump area has a chance of containing tritiated water due to accelerator operations. Access to the MINOS sump requires the oversight of the RSO/ESH and is posted accordingly. Fire suppression systems currently use water from the MINOS groundwater loop and are likewise posted accordingly. Workers are notified of this in their training and all visitors receive notice of this in their safety briefings.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV.

IV-6.2.1.12 Radioactive Sources

Calibrating the response of the detectors with sealed radioactive sources may be necessary during the course of commissioning and operating. SENSEI, NEXUS, and QUIET use radioactive sources to test detectors. The hazards from radioactive sources are evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis*. Usage of radioactive sources implement the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table, which reduce an unmitigated risk of I to a residual risk of IV. No additional or unique controls are applied.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV.

IV-6.2.1.13 Nuclear Material

N/A

IV-6.2.1.14 Radiation Generating Devices (RGDs)

The NEXUS site will be utilizing a D-D neutron generator for calibration of the detectors tested in the underground facility. Neutron generators require registration at Fermilab, and their use must be approved in accordance with the Fermilab Radiological Control Manual (FRCM) Article 362, *Radiation Generating Devices and Radiography Sources*. Final operational approval is made through an Operational Readiness Clearance (ORC) review. The Environment, Safety and Health (ES&H) Section Radiation Physics Departments will ensure adequate shielding and interlocks are provided, if necessary, to protect workers and visitors. Operating procedures must be developed and approved. The hazard is assessed in the Risk Matrix table in IV-6.10, which reduce an unmitigated risk of I to a residual risk of IV.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV.

IV-6.2.1.15 Non-Ionizing Radiation Hazards

Lasers may be utilized for experiments located in the shaft or underground, including MAGIS-100 and QUIET.

The MAGIS laser room, located inside the MINOS Service Building electronics room, will contain multiple low-power lasers with an interlock on the room entrance to automatically cut power to all laser generators upon unauthorized entry. On the MAGIS tower, three "atom sources" will use highpower 1000 W lasers to cool rubidium atom clouds to near absolute zero. The tower lasers operate within a closed box about the size of a refrigerator with interlocks to turn off laser power if the box is opened.

Any individual who operates/services the laser will have undergone laser safety training and a laser eye exam. All laser installations have been reviewed and approved by the Fermilab Laser Safety Officer (LSO) prior to operation, and meet all requirements found in Fermilab Environment, Safety and Health Manual (FESHM) Chapter Lasers, as stated in Section I Chapter 4.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV

IV-6.2.2 Toxic Materials

Controlling industrial hygiene hazards is addressed through the application of the relevant OSHA standards and other applicable standards (such as ANSI and ACGIH). The Fermilab facilities areas have numerous industrial hygiene issues including lasers, hazardous atmospheres, confined spaces, and hazardous materials.

The laboratory employs a professional ES&H staff that monitors industrial hygiene hazards for compliance with the national standards and the FESHM 4000 series requirements. When necessary, ES&H staff develops additional procedures to mitigate the hazards.

IV-6.2.2.1 Lead Shielding

Lead bricks are used in SENSEI, NEXUS, and in future in QUIET enclosure. These present potential exposure to lead dust during manual handling of un-encased lead bricks. The hazard has been evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis*. No further or unique controls are utilized in the MINOS areas.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV.

IV-6.2.2.2 Beryllium

N/A

IV-6.2.2.3 Fluorinert & Its Byproducts

Fluorinert is used as a coolant in the neutron generator at NEXUS. The chiller circulates it through the system in a closed loop during operation. The chiller has a total volume of about 7 liters, and the additional quantity in the tubing is 0.2 liters. The hazard has been evaluated within the common risk matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis*. No further or unique controls are utilized in the MINOS areas.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R II and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV.

IV-6.2.2.4 Liquid Scintillator Oil N/A IV-6.2.2.5 Pseudocumene N/A IV-6.2.2.6 Ammonia N/A IV-6.2.2.7 Nanoparticle Exposures N/A

IV-6.2.3 Flammables and Combustibles

The instances of this hazard in the MINOS experimental areas have been evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 Safety Analysis. An unmitigated risk of I is reduced to a residual risk of IV with use of the listed controls. No further or unique controls are utilized in the MINOS areas.

IV-6.2.3.1 Combustible Materials

During the construction phase various combustible materials like boxes, paper, wood, cribbing may be present in the area. The MINOS experimental areas utilize the controls described in the tables in Section I Chapter 4.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV.

IV-6.2.3.2 Flammable Materials

The NEXUS facility will use deuterium gas in their neutron generator. The quantity will be limited to the amount necessary to operate the generator. All use of flammable materials in the underground is in conformance with the controls described in the tables in Section I Chapter 4.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV

IV-6.2.4 Electrical Energy

The MINOS experimental areas contain standard electrical power distribution systems. There are no exposed conductors. The components installed for the experiment detectors utilize both commercial and custom-made electrical equipment for data-taking including DC power supplies. All experiment equipment is reviewed prior to use following the operational readiness clearance process to ensure compliance with electrical safety standards as listed in Section 1 Chapter 4.

Training, work planning and controls, and the ORC review process provide additional protection for workers and other personnel in the area. Work in the MINOS experimental areas involving this hazard implements the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table. No unique controls are in use.

IV-6.2.4.1 Stored Energy Exposure

N/A

IV-6.2.4.2 High Voltage Exposure

High voltage is used by several experiments, as well as for pumps and motors. All custom electronics and power distribution devices were cleared for use via Fermilab's ORC program. Any work involving high voltage exposure is conducted following hazard analysis and work planning and controls guidelines. High voltage electrical installations implement the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table, which reduce an unmitigated risk of I to a residual risk of IV. No additional or unique controls are applied.

IV-6.2.4.3 Low Voltage, High Current Exposure

ArgonCube, NEXUS, SENSEI, and QUIET all employ low voltage, high current electrical power sources. All custom electronics and power distribution devices are cleared for use via Fermilab's ORC program. Any work involving low voltage high current sources is conducted following hazard analysis and work planning and controls guidelines. The installations implement the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table, which reduce an unmitigated risk of I to a residual risk of IV. No additional or unique controls are applied.

IV-6.2.5 Thermal Energy

Thermal energy hazards which are applicable to the MINOS experimental area are discussed in this section.

IV-6.2.5.1 Bakeouts

MAGIS-100 requires very high vacuum and will perform a bakeout of their tower vacuum pipe in the MINOS shaft as part of the installation and commissioning process. The hazards are evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis*. The bakeout process will implement the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table, which reduce an unmitigated risk of I to a residual risk of IV. No additional or unique controls are applied. The bakeout work will be conducted using work planning and controls guidelines.

IV-6.2.5.2 Hot Work

Welding is occasionally utilized during the installation phase of the experiments located in the MINOS areas. The risks from welding work are evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis.* Work plans implement the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table, which reduce an unmitigated risk of I to a residual risk of IV. No additional or unique controls are applied.

IV-6.2.5.3 Cryogenic Liquids

Cryogenic liquids - liquid argon and liquid nitrogen – will be present in the underground areas once ArgonCube 2x2 is installed in the MINOS Experimental Hall and has ORC for operation of the cryogenics system. Hazards from these cryogens include the potential for ODH atmospheres which could result from cryogenic system failure/rupture of the vessel or piping, insulation failure, mechanical damage/failure, deficient maintenance, or improper procedures. The cavern will be classified as Engineered ODH0 upon the installation of the additional ventilation system and duct. These hazards are evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis*. The cryogenics installations planned for the MINOS areas implement the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table.

The cryogenic system for ArgonCube 2x2 is designed and installed to comply with applicable standards per FESHM Chapters *Pressure Vessels*, *Piping Systems*, *Inert Gas Trailer Connections and Onsite Filling Guidelines*, *Gas Regulators*, *Inspection and Testing of Relief Systems*, *Cryogenic System Review, Liquid Nitrogen Dewar Installation and Operation Rules*, and *Liquid Cryogenic Targets*, as stated in Section 1 Chapter 4.1.5.3.

The number of dewars and cryogens in the hall used by SENSEI, NEXUS and QUIET is limited to maintain the area ODH0 classification.

The NuMI/MINOS Underground Safety Training course will be updated to include aspects associated with the cryogenics operations, updating the protective measuresin place, and any emergency actions that would need to be taken.

The underground emergency passageway is supplied with a ventilation system that operates independently of the experimental hall ventilation. This ventilation system is on the emergency backup generator so ventilation will still be supplied during power outages.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV.

IV-6.2.6 Kinetic Energy

The MINOS service building contains a large ventilation system in its mechanical rooms, as well as other mechanical systems for domestic and industrial water. An air compressor skid provides air to equipment in the NuMI beamline segment. Underground, the sump system utilizes municipal-scale pumps which removes the ~ 80 GPM rate of water flowing into the sump at the base of the MINOS Shaft. The moving parts in all this large machinery are protected to prevent contact by personnel.

The experiments in the MINOS areas utilize air compressors and pumps which serve their cryogenic systems. Powered hand tools are occasionally used during experiment maintenance periods.

IV-6.2.6.1 Power Tools

The hazards from powered hand tools are evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis*. Usage of powered hand tools implement the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table, which reduce an unmitigated risk of I to a residual risk of IV. No additional or unique controls are applied.

IV-6.2.6.2 Pumps and Motors

This hazard has been evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 04 *Safety Analysis*. Work in the MINOS experimental area involving this hazard implements the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table. No unique controls are in use.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R III.

IV-6.2.6.3 Motion Tables

N/A

IV-6.2.6.4 Mobile Shielding

NEXUS shields its neutron source with polypropylene, which is set on rails to allow adjustment of the distance within he shielded area between the source and detector in the cryocooler. The adjustment motion is controlled by a crank system. The hazards presented by the motion of the shielding are evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis*.Controls are utilized as specified in the common Risk Matrix table, which reduce an unmitigated risk of I to a residual risk of IV. No additional or unique controls are applied.

IV-6.2.7 Potential Energy

Multiple overhead cranes are located in the MINOS Service Building and in the underground MINOS Detector Hall. A small hoist crane in located in the NEXUS enclosure. Compressed gases can be present in the MINOS areas, as needed to support experiment installation and operation. Vacuum pumps can likewise be present. The cryostats and cryogenics systems installed for the experiments utilize vacuum and pressure vessels, and vacuum/pressure piping; all are designed, installed, reviewed, and approved following FESHM.

Materials handling occurs as needed at all the MINOS experimental areas.

IV-6.2.7.1 Crane Operations

All of the large items are transported underground using the crane in the MINOS surface building which serves the MINOS access shaft. Operation of this crane is aided by a dedicated CCTV camera located at the bottom of the shaft and live display located in the MINOS service building. Site-specific training is required for all operators of the shaft crane due to its unusually long wire rope and swing potential. Standard bridge cranes are located in the MINOS Service Building and Detector Hall.

The hazards in crane operations are evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis*. Work involving crane operationsimplements the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table, which reduce an unmitigated risk of I to a residual risk of IV. No additional or unique controls are applied.

IV-6.2.7.2 Compressed Gasses

Standard compressed gas bottles are used throughout the MINOS underground, for both detector operations and for incidental work; gas bottle racks are available for storage. The hazards in the use of compressed gas in bottles are evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis*. Work involving compressed gas bottles implements the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table, which reduce an unmitigated risk of I to a residual risk of IV. No additional or unique controls are applied.

IV-6.2.7.3 Vacuum/Pressure Vessels

The two large pressure vessels in the MINOS underground are the ArgonCube cryostat and the SBC bubble chamber/cryostat. The hazards due to the presence of vacuum/pressure vessels/piping operations are evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis*. Work involving vacuum/pressure vessels/piping implements the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table, which reduce an unmitigated risk of I to a residual risk of IV. No additional or unique controls are applied.

IV-6.2.7.4 Vacuum Pumps

Vacuum pumps are present throughout the MINOS Underground. The hazards due to the presence of vacuum pumps are evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis*. Work involving vacuum pumps implements the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table, which reduce an unmitigated risk of I to a residual risk of III. No additional or unique controls are applied.

IV-6.2.7.5 Material Handling

Material handling may be conducted in this facility. This hazard has been evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 04 *Safety Analysis*. Work in the MINOS experimental area involving this hazard implements the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table. No additional or unique controls are applied.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV.

IV-6.2.8 Magnetic Fields

N/A

IV-6.2.8.1 Fringe Fields

N/A

IV-6.2.9 Other Hazards

Other hazards applicable to the MINOS experimental area are discussed in this section.

IV-6.2.9.1 Confined Spaces

Confined spaces exist in the MINOS experimental areas. The sump areas at the base of the MINOS shaft, both under the main section and under the elevator section, are confined spaces. The ArgonCube cryostat is a confined space during the construction phase, before being filled with liquid argon.

These confined spaces are included on the laboratory's confined space inventory, and require permits for entry, following FESHM Chapter *Confined Spaces*. The hazards in entering these confined spaces are evaluated within the common risk matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis*. Entry into the confined spaces implements the controls specified in the common risk matrix table, which reduce an unmitigated risk of I to a residual risk of III. No additional or unique controls are applied.

IV-6.2.9.2 Noise

Typical levels of noise in this facility do not present a safety hazard. In the event of maintenance or work which produces high levels of noise, applicable training and work planning and controls are utilized, along with applicable PPE, to protect workers and others.

This hazard has been evaluated within the common risk matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 4 *Safety Analysis*. Work in the MINOS experimental area involving this hazard implements the controls specified in the common risk matrix table. No unique controls are in use.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R III and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV.

IV-6.2.9.3 Silica

Silica exposure hazards may result from drilling of concrete or similar material, performed on an asneeded basis. Applicable training and work planning and controls are utilized, along with applicable PPE, to protect workers and others.

This hazard has been evaluated within the common risk matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 04 *Safety Analysis*. Work in the MINOS experimental area involving this hazard implements the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table. No unique controls are in use.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV.

IV-6.2.9.4 Ergonomics

All work in the MINOS experimental area is conducted following good ergonomics practices and training.

This hazard has been evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 04 *Safety Analysis*. Work in the MINOS experimental area involving this hazard implements the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table. No unique controls are in use.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV.

IV-6.2.9.5 Asbestos

N/A

IV-6.2.9.6 Working at Heights

Occasionally work is performed at heights. This requires fall protection training and hazard protection in accordance with Fermilab's training and work planning and controls program. This hazard has been evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 04 *Safety Analysis.* Work in the MINOS experimental area involving this hazard implements the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table. No unique controls are in use.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R III.

IV-6.2.10 Access & Egress

The MINOS experimental area access/egress is governed by NuMI/MINOS underground training and coordination with the MINOS Area Coordinator. Access to the MINOS Service Building requires a valid ID card. Access to the MINOS elevator and underground areas requires a key to the elevator enclosure. The keys are checked out from the main control room. In order to obtain a key, personnel must have current General Employee Radiation Training (GERT) and NuMI/MINOS Underground Safety Training. Underground access training specifies two-person rule, a hard hat, closed toe shoes, and a flashlight. Depending upon work in the underground area, additional PPE may be required. The MINOS Area Coordinator and the MINOS Work Permit/Tour system coordinate all underground work.

The MINOS access tunnel is the main pathway between the elevator and the MINOS detector hall. A smaller parallel passageway is used only for emergency exit. Experiments located in the MINOS access tunnel are required to maintain a small footprint along the walls, so the open width of the tunnel allows the transport of large objects between the shaft and the detector hall.

The absorber access tunnel provides the main pathway to the absorber and muon enclosures, which are part of the NuMI beamline segment of the accelerator and described in Section III Chapter 08. The 11.5-degree slope of the Absorber Access Tunnel makes it difficult to install experiments in that location and there are no experiments located there. The maintenance is shared between Neutrino Division/PPD and the Accelerator Directorate.

IV-6.2.10.1 Life Safety Egress

Primary and secondary egress routes are explained in the NuMI/MINOS Underground Safety Training and in the safety briefing for tourists.

Primary egress for workers (general access and emergency evacuation) is the personnel elevator located in the MINOS Shaft. In the case of fire or ODH emergency, the emergency escape passage to the base of the elevator is used in place of the MINOS Access Tunnel. The escape passage is supplied

with over-pressured air by the underground ventilation system. If the MINOS elevator is not functional, the secondary emergency egress path is used. The secondary path goes from the absorber access tunnel to the absorber enclosure, along the decay pipeline to MI-65, to the stairwell that leads to the surface; there is also an elevator at MI-65. Use of the secondary egress path requires breaking the NuMI beam interlock at the entrance to the Absorber Enclosure.

The MINOS Service Building has an emergency generator which engages automatically in a power outage, to ensure that a safe exit is maintained during a power outage. The generator provides power for critical life-safety systems such as fire protection systems, sump system, ventilation of egress paths, elevator power, and also supports any ODH systems currently in operation.

Baseline risk for this hazard was R I and, after control measures were evaluated, the residual risk level was R IV.

IV-6.2.11 Environmental

No area-specific hazards. Work in MINOS experimental area involving this hazard implements the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table.

IV-6.2.11.1 Hazard to Air

Locations where there is a potential for the release of airborne radionuclides in measurable concentrations are identified and appropriately monitored to ensure compliance with applicable standards. There is no hazard to air resulting from the MINOS experimental area.

IV-6.2.11.2 Hazard to Water

Groundwater and surface water are monitored on an as needed basis by the assigned RSO or the ESH directorate to ensure compliance with the FRCM and applicable standards. There is no hazard to water resulting from the MINOS experimental area.

IV-6.2.11.3 Hazard to Soil

N/A

IV-6.3. Summary of Hazards to Members of the Public

The MINOS experimental area presents no specific hazards to members of the public.

IV-6.4. Summary of Credited Controls

There are no area-specific Credited Controls.

IV-6.5. Defense-in-Depth Controls

IV-6.5.1 Administrative Controls

Administrative controls and procedures have been put in place to ensure safe operations in the MINOS experimental area.

IV-6.5.1.1 Operation Authorization Document

Operational readiness of the experiment is governed by *PPD ESH 006 ES&H Review of Experiments*. Subject matter experts review each aspect of the experiment prior to operations to ensure safe operations. The review includes procedure, hazard analysis and document reviews and walk-throughs of the experiment components. Division head(s) of the area(s) in which that experimental components reside grant approval for operations.

Commissioning, normal operations, and emergency management of the MINOS experimental area are all conducted under the auspices of the Neutrino Division, Particle Physics Directorate headquarters, and the ES&H Division. Areas and equipment under management by the Accelerator Directorate also share access/egress with the MINOS experimental areas and cooperation and communication are maintained with respect to these operations.

IV-6.6. Decommissioning

Decommissioning of any of the experiments in the MINOS Experimental Hall will follow the requirements of FESHM Chapter 8070 *Decontamination and Decommissioning*. DOE field element manager approval shall be obtained prior to the start of any decommissioning activities for the experiments in MINOS Experimental Area.

IV-6.7. Summary and Conclusion

This chapter of the Fermilab SAD identifies and assesses specific hazards associated with experiments that may be present in the MINOS Experimental Hall. The chapter identifies and describes designs, controls, and procedures to mitigate those hazards. In addition to the specific safety considerations presented in this chapter, the MINOS Experimental Hall experiments are subject to the global and more general safety requirements, controls, and procedures outlined in Section 1 of this Fermilab SAD.

All experiments installed and operated in the hall will be constructed, commissioned, and operated within the specific and general considerations of this safety assessment. The preceding discussion of the hazards presented by the experiments and the controls established to mitigate those hazards demonstrate that the experiments can be operated in a manner that will produce minimal hazards to the health and safety of Fermilab workers, researchers, members of the public, as well as to the environment.

- [1] Fermilab Radiological Control Manual
- [2] ODH analysis EN08215

IV-6.9. Appendix – Risk Matrices

Risk Assessment methodology was developed based on the methodology described in DOE-HDBK-1163-2020. Hazards and their potential events are evaluated for likelihood and potential consequence assuming no controls in place, which results in a baseline risk. A baseline risk (i.e., an unmitigated risk) value of III and IV does not require further controls based on the Handbook. Events with a baseline risk value of I or II do require prevention and/or mitigation measures to be established in order to reduce the risk value to an acceptable level of III or IV. Generally, preventive controls are applied prior to a loss event, reflecting a likelihood reduction, and mitigative controls are applied after a loss event, reflecting a consequence reduction. For each control put in place, likelihood or consequence can have a single "bin drop," resulting in a new residual risk (i.e., a mitigated risk). This risk assessment process is repeated for each hazard for facility workers, co-located workers, and Maximally-Exposed Offsite Individuals(MOI). At the conclusion of the risk assessments, controls that are in place for the identified accelerator specific hazards are identified as Credited Controls and further summarized in Section [IV-](#page-30-5)[6.4.](#page-30-5)

Table 2. Summary of Baseline and Residual Risks - Main Injector Neutron Oscillation Search (MINOS) Hall Detectors

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This hazard has been evaluated within the common Risk Matrix table included in SAD Section I Chapter 04 *Safety Analysis*. Work in the specified areas involving this hazard implements the controls specified in the common Risk Matrix table. No unique controls are in use.

NOTE:

Per DOE-HDBK-1163-2020, Appendix C, "Risk Assessment Methodology":

"Events with unmitigated risk values of III or IV would not require additional control assignments to provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection. Whereas, for events with an unmitigated risk value of I or II, controls would need to be assigned to either reduce the likelihood or the consequence, and therefore the overall mitigated risk. Generally, preventive controls are applied prior to a loss event – reflecting a likelihood reduction and mitigative controls are applied after a loss event – reflecting a consequence reduction. Each control is credited for a single "bin drop" either in likelihood or consequence; not both. Following a standard hierarchy of controls, controls are applied until the residual risk is acceptable – reflecting a mitigated risk value of III or IV. After controls are credited, events with a remaining unacceptable residual risk (i.e., I or II) are candidates for additional

analyses and additional controls, often quantitative in nature." For Fermilab, these controls for accelerator-specific hazards are identified as Credited Controls and further summarized in the Accelerator Safety Envelope (ASE).

Table 2.1 Radiological – Onsite-1 Facility Worker

Table 2.2 Radiological – Onsite-2 Co-located Worker

Table 2.3 Radiological – MOI Offsite

Table 2.4 Toxic Materials – Onsite 1 Facility Worker

Table 2.5 Toxic Materials – Onsite 2 Co-located Worker

Table 2.6 Toxic Materials – MOI Offsite

Table 2.7 Flammable and Combustible Materials – Onsite -1 Facility Worker

Table 2.8 Flammable and Combustible Materials – Onsite -2 Co-located Worker

Table 2.9 Flammable and Combustible Materials – MOI Offsite

Table 2.10 Electrical Energy – Onsite-1 Facility Worker

Table 2.11 Electrical Energy Onsite-2 Co-located Worker

Table 2.12 Electrical Energy – MOI Offsite

Table 2.13 Thermal Energy – Onsite-1 Facility Worker

Table 2.14 Thermal Energy – Onsite-2 Co-located Worker

Table 2.15 Thermal Energy – MOI Offsite

Table 2.16 Kinetic Energy – Onsite-1 Facility Worker

Table 2.17 Kinetic Energy – Onsite-2 Co-located Worker

Table 2.18 Kinetic Energy – MOI Offsite

Table 2.19 Potential Energy – Onsite-1 Facility Worker

Table 2.20 Potential Energy – Onsite-2 Co-located Worker

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Table 2.21 Potential Energy – MOI Offsite

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Table 2.22 Other hazards – Onsite-1 Facility Worker

Table 2.23 Other hazards – Onsite-2 Co-located Worker

Table 2.24 Other hazards – MOI Offsite

Table 2.25 Access & Egress – Onsite-1 Facility Worker

Table 2.26 Access & Egress – Onsite-2 Co-located Worker

Table 2.27 Access & Egress – MOI Offsite

