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SWAB REPORT # 1136

SWAB DATE: 22 November 2025

*Van #625.4.03, #625.4.05, 2914-01, #625.1.01-2*

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## COMMENTS TO SWAB REPORTS

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The LSC is now a Quantulus GCT 6220, with the SWAB counting assay having background cpm of 0.3 & 1.2 for  $^3\text{H}$  &  $^{14}\text{C}$ . This replaces an LSC with background cpm of 1.6 & 5.5 for  $^3\text{H}$  &  $^{14}\text{C}$ .

All samples are counted for 60 minutes, the instrument background is subtracted, and activities are reported in  $\text{dpm}/\text{m}^2$ . Bucket blank activities are not subtracted. Counting errors (2 standard deviations) are also reported in  $\text{dpm}/\text{m}^2$ . An error larger than the activity indicates that the activity is not significantly different from zero. All activities significantly above background will be in **bold**.

### Criteria for SWAB Results

Category	$^3\text{H}$ ( $\text{dpm}/\text{m}^2$ )	$^{14}\text{C}$ ( $\text{dpm m}^2$ )	Recommendations
A	<500	<50	No action
B*	500-10,000	50-10,000	Needs cleaning before any natural tracer work. Decks in radiation vans with activities above $1000 \text{ dpm}/\text{m}^2$ should be cleaned.
C**	10,000-100,000	10,000-50,000	Must be cleaned before any use.
D***	>100,000	>50,000	May be a health hazard. Notify local radiation safety official.

Note:  $^{14}\text{C}$  and  $^{35}\text{S}$  have peak energies of 156 and 167 KeV, respectively; thus  $^{35}\text{S}$  will be registered as  $^{14}\text{C}$  by our counting techniques. Categories A, B and C are not a health hazard.

### Recommended Cleaning Procedure

Wearing ordinary household rubber gloves:

$^3\text{H}$ : Wash and scrub with radioactive cleanup detergent such as COUNT-OFF (50 ml COUNT-OFF to 4 liters of water), using sponges to distribute solution and reabsorb it.

$^{14}\text{C}$ : Wash with 1% sulfuric or 2% hydrochloric (muriatic) acid with good ventilation (will dissolve carbonates, releasing  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$ ). Follow up with wash as if for  $^3\text{H}$ .

### Disposal of Cleaning Materials (gloves, sponges, etc)

Categories A & B dispose as ordinary garbage, C & D contact your institution's radiation safety office.

Note: If category C or D is encountered, we try to notify the insitution promptly by phone or email.

REPORT FOR SWAB # 1136

LOCATION: Newport, OR  
VESSEL: *West Coast Van Pool Vans*

DATE: 22 November 2025  
TECHNICIAN: Jim Happell

Sample #	Sample Identification	<sup>3</sup> H dpm/m <sup>2</sup>		<sup>14</sup> C dpm/m <sup>2</sup>	
		activity	error	activity	error
1	1st Vial Bkgnd	0 ±	43	0 ±	20
2	Initial bucket blank	-11 ±	12	13 ±	12
	<u>Van #625.4.03 (Figure 1)</u>				
3	Sink area	7 ±	5	22 ±	12
4	Benchtop adjacent to sink	5 ±	6	12 ±	11
5	Benchtop adjacent to fume hood	6 ±	6	12 ±	11
6	Inside refrigerator	15 ±	11	6 ±	10
7	Inside freezer	50 ±	20	7 ±	8
8	Fume hood	5 ±	4	22 ±	12
9	Benchtop across from sink	25 ±	13	17 ±	11
10	Benchtop across from hood	6 ±	7	6 ±	10
11	Deck near fume hood	-13 ±	14	10 ±	12
12	Deck near entrance	9 ±	7	22 ±	12
	<u>Van #625.4.05 (Figure 5)</u>				
13	Sink area	18 ±	9	31 ±	12
14	Benchtop adjacent to sink	-13 ±	15	14 ±	12
15	Benchtop above freezer	55 ±	20	13 ±	9
16	Benchtop across from sink	6 ±	5	22 ±	12
17	Deck in temperature controlled section	30 ±	15	11 ±	10
18	Inside fume hood	14 ±	9	17 ±	11
19	Benchtop adjacent to fume hood	16 ±	14	-4 ±	217
20	Deck in entrance vestibule	20 ±	13	7 ±	10
	<u>Van #2914-01 (Figure 3)</u>				
21	Sink area	8 ±	8	9 ±	11
22	Fume hood	-28 ±	31	19 ±	12
23	Benchtop adjacent to fume hood	35 ±	16	11 ±	10
24	Benchtop across from sink	8 ±	7	13 ±	11
25	Benchtop across from hood	17 ±	10	21 ±	11
26	Deck near sink	-11 ±	277	24 ±	12
27	Deck in center of van	15 ±	10	16 ±	11
28	Deck in entrance vestibule	12 ±	9	14 ±	11

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		activity	error	activity	error
	<u>Van #625.1.01-2 (Figure 6)</u>				
29	Sink area	<b>107</b>	± <b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	± <b>9</b>
30	Benchtop adjacent to sink	<b>20</b>	± <b>14</b>	1	± 6
31	Benchtop adjacent to hood	<b>49</b>	± <b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	± <b>11</b>
32	Fume hood	<b>136</b>	± <b>32</b>	5	± 5
33	Benchtop adjacent to LSC	<b>27</b>	± <b>16</b>	-1	± 58
34	Benchtop across from sink	4	± 6	5	± 10
35	Inside refrigerator	<b>31</b>	± <b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	± <b>11</b>
36	Deck between hood and LSC	<b>59</b>	± <b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	± <b>10</b>
37	Deck in center of van	4	± 4	<b>13</b>	± <b>11</b>
38	Deck near entrance	<b>8</b>	± <b>5</b>	<b>26</b>	± <b>12</b>
39	Final bucket blank	<b>19</b>	± <b>10</b>	<b>24</b>	± <b>12</b>

### Comments

Please note that the error reported for each isotope is the two-standard deviation counting error. Reports may now contain values less than zero. Decay counting background samples will be distributed about the background vial, which means that negative values are possible. In the past we rounded the negative values to zero. Values are only significantly above background when they are positive and larger than the error. Please note that we are now using a Quantulus 6220 LSC which counts very near natural background. While the cleanup standards have not changed all values above background will now be in bold. All vans tested had no isotope contamination requiring cleaning.

# UNOLS General Purpose Van 625.4.03

Figure 1  
SWAB #1135  
21 November 2025

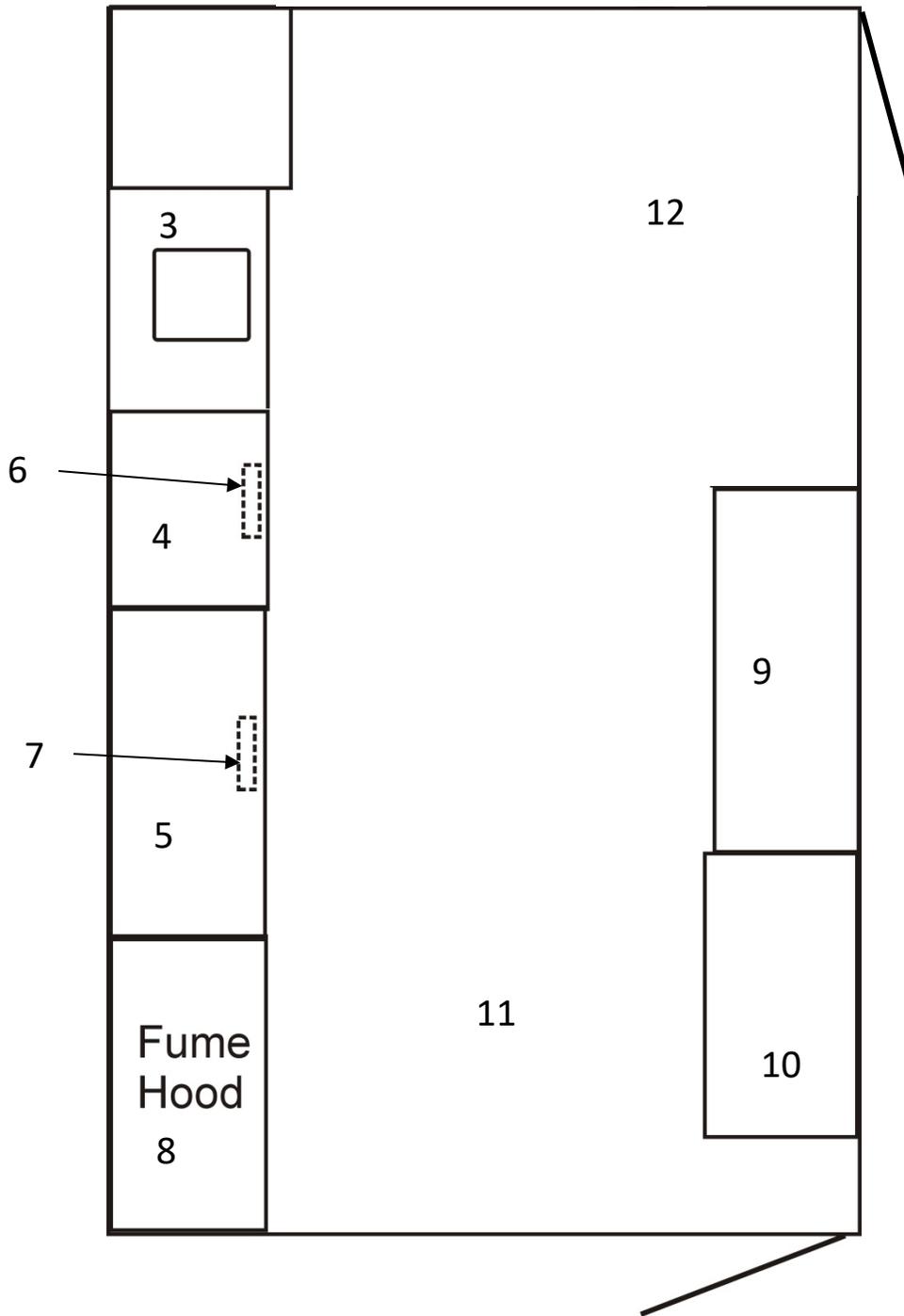
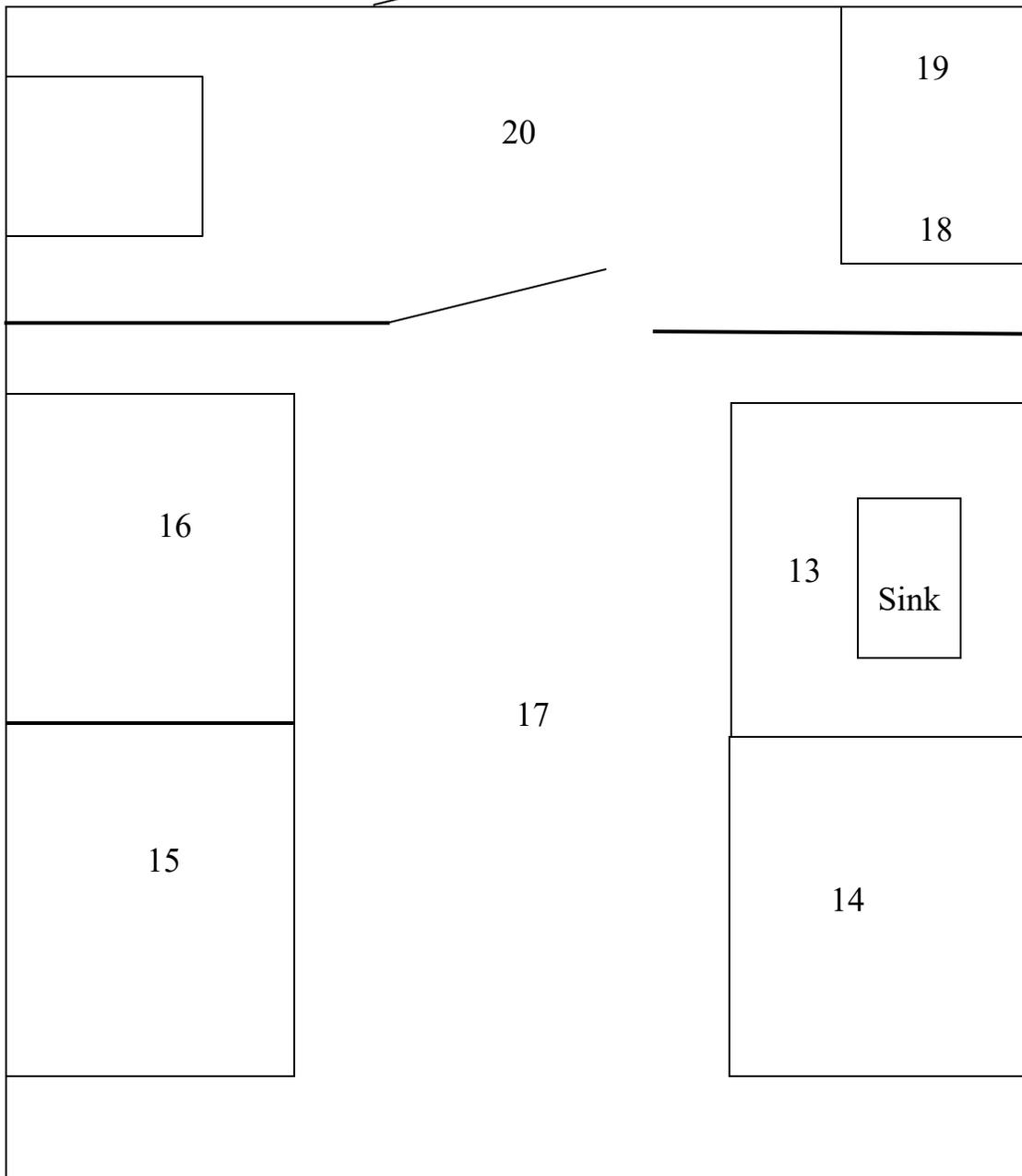


Figure 2  
SWAB #1136  
21 November 2025

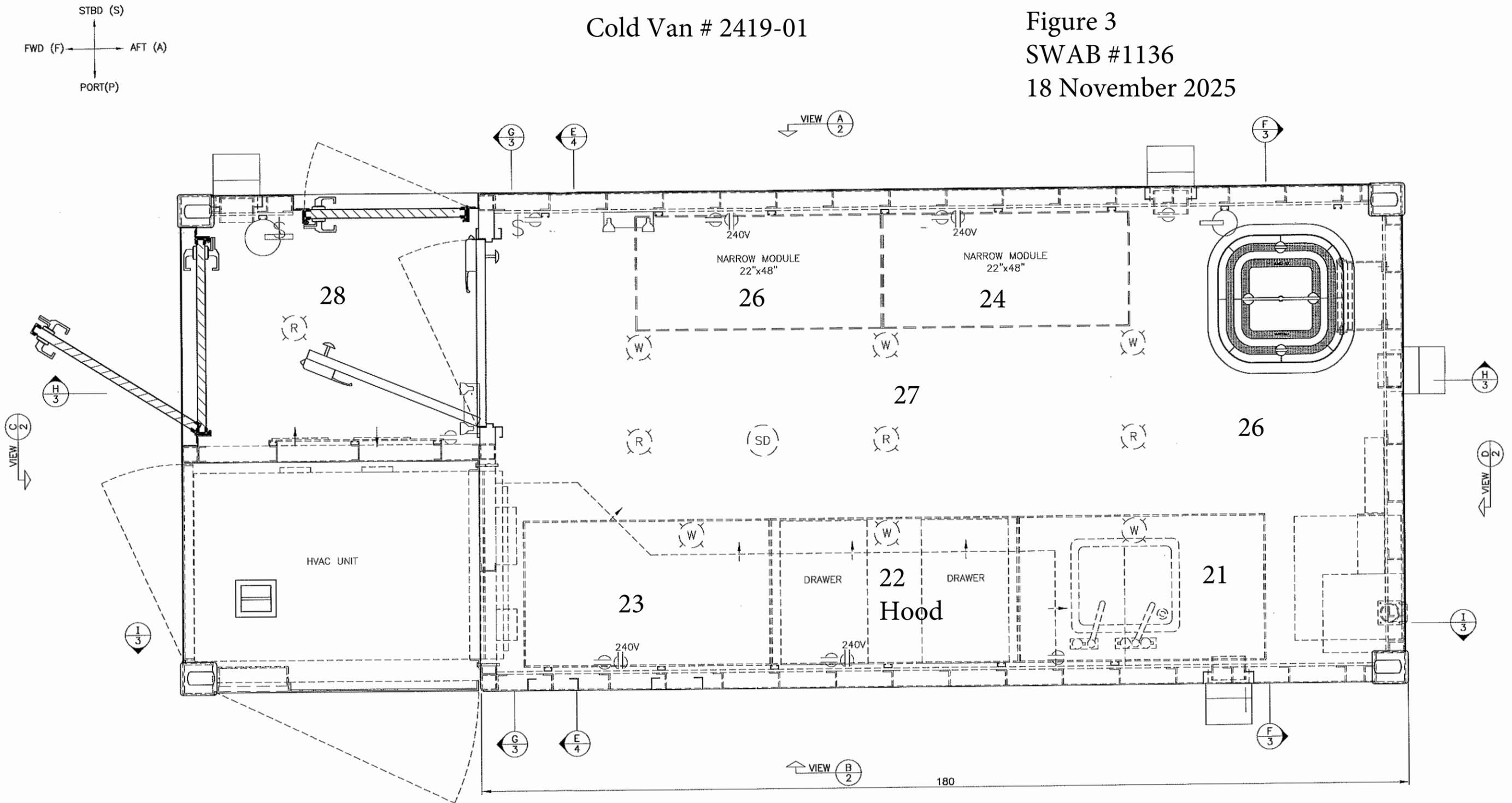
### UNOLS Calibration Van #625.4.05



REV	DESCRIPTION	REV BY	REV DATE	B	AS BUILT	GP	04.MAY.10	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UOM
A	SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL	D.DSC	5.AUG.19								

Cold Van # 2419-01

Figure 3  
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UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED:  
DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES  
LINEAR DIMENSIONS ARE ±1/16  
ANGULAR DIMENSIONS ARE ±1°

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PROJECT MANAGER DAVE DSC	PROJECT No 2419-01	SECTION 01	REV B	SHEET No 1 of 4
DRAWN BY DAVE DSC	DATE 6.JUNE.19	DWO TITLE GENERAL ARRANGEMENT PLAN VIEW		
DRAWING SCALE 1:20	DRAWING SIZE B	JOB NAME 20' ALUMINUM COLD LAB		
PLOTT STAMP	CLIENT UNOLS WEST COAST POOL			

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Figure 4  
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UNOLS Rad Van #625.1.01-2

