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Mr. Bearzi:

In my comments on the draft LANL permit I asked that the limitation on the number of barrels of mixed waste sealed sources be removed. In the 1/20/10 draft of the permit, there has been no change in the limit. The permittees are limited one 55 gallon drum per year..... [2.2.1(4) b on page 38].

What is the reason for the limit? If there is a pathway to disposal, what do you care as long the sources are moved out expeditiously? I spent a lot of time in over several years trying to remove obstacles to getting such sources from unsecure to secure environments. We can't predict what the future will bring - there may be a pressing national need to secure a large number of sources in a hurry. It would not be in NMED's or the nation's interest to stand in the way.

Hopefully, such a need will not arise, but if it does, NMED should not have an arbitrary limit in the way.

Unless there is some great need for NMED to have such a limit of which I am currently unaware, then the limit should be removed.

Please inform me.

Thank you.

A. John Ahlquist

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