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Subject: TA-16 Off-Site Waste Acceptance

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Lee,

This memo responds to your telephone request asking about off-site waste acceptance for the open burn units at TA-16. I received the information from the waste management organization at TA-16 and have copied them to provide any corrections if I am in error. The answer to your question is dependent on how the term "off-site" is defined.

TA-16 OB units will not routinely accept HE contaminated wastes from off the LANL facility. There may be emergency or national security situations when this practice might be necessary but they could be handled on that type of basis (i.e., an emergency permit). An example of such a situation could include disposing of munitions for local or state agencies to avoid lengthy transport. If a non-emergency need to accept waste from off the facility developed, a permit modification would probably be used to receive approval such as Section II.B.2 of the 1989 permit. The current permit application isn't intended to contain a provision for off-site (off-LANL) waste acceptance at the TA-16 OB units.

TA-16 OB units do accept wastes from other technical areas within the LANL facility. These can be from other HE waste producing areas (e.g., TA-9, 21, or 53; DX Division, etc.). Remediation waste contaminated with HE could also be accepted for OB treatment if it was an appropriate media.

If you have any further questions related to this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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