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TO : Dean Meyer, Group leader, H-1  
FROM : John Enders, H-1  
SUBJECT: Covering Contaminated Trash at Contaminated Dump.  
SYMBOL : H-1

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It is my understanding that the Dump was formerly covered once per week. This was done at a time when trash was piled into the Dump and covering once per week was a means of reducing the danger of fire.

At present, it seems that the Dump is covered whenever: (a) requested by Eng-4, (b) when there is a slack period for Zia Roads Section. After talking to Mr. Anglin and Mr. Raper of the Zia Roads Section, I find that they point out that the more frequent the covering, more fill dirt is used.

At present, the trash is placed into the Dump in single layers of boxes, etc., which cover about one-half of the width of the Dump. The fire hazard is reduced because fire departments efforts to extinguish a fire in a single layer should be successful.

Therefore, I am suggesting that the routine Dump covering operation should be done only after a single layer of trash is placed into the Dump-- the width of the layer to be about one half of the width of the Dump.

cc: File  
Charles Reynolds, Eng-4

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