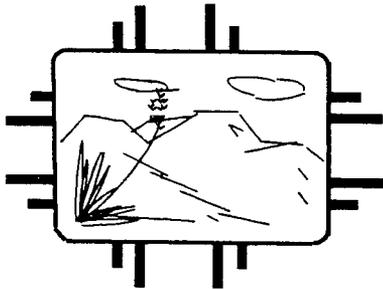


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Mr. Harold E. Valencia  
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Re: Storage of Mixed Waste  
NM 0890010515

Dear Mr. Valencia:

In response to your letter of April 10, 1987, the EID can not, at this time, either approve or disapprove the storage or handling of mixed radioactive and hazardous wastes. Your proposed storage method appears to be adequate but, in the absence of regulatory criteria we are unable to provide a definitive response to your request. We would advise that you store the stringers in accordance with NRC guidance until the final ruling on mixed waste jurisdiction is promulgated.

We do suggest that you perform EP Toxicity tests on unirradiated samples of the stringers to confirm the actual status. We would appreciate receipt of the test results when they become available.

If you have further questions please call Mr. C. Kelley Crossman on my staff at 827-2923.

Sincerely,

Jack Ellvinger  
Program Manager

cc: Susan Stark, EPA (6H-HS)



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