

Subject: Re: What's going on?

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Don -

I started to reply earlier today, but the computer locked up and I didn't get right back to it...

We were involved in discussions with DOE and EPA Region 6 earlier this spring. DOE is currently working with EPA (both Region 6 and other Regions) to identify the inventory of PCB waste which might qualify under the so-called Megarule regarding PCB disposal <<http://www.epa.gov/rgytgrnj/programs/artd/headliners/pcb.htm>>. Also, check out EPA's PCB homepage <<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/pcb/>> and the PCB Disposal Final Rule <<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/pcb/pcbdisp.htm>> for more information.

We are awaiting notification from EPA on their findings from evaluating the information provided them by DOE. Only on that basis will we consider a permit modification request from DOE to alter the current PCB prohibition provisions in the WIPP permit. This would likely be a Class 2 or a Class 3 modification, depending upon whether disposal of these new wastes would require additional or different management practices from those authorized in the permit. See §270.42 Appendix I(F)(3).

I couldn't find any correspondence in the record regarding this initiative. For further information on this from DOE's perspective, contact Jody Plum at (505)234-7462.

Steve

Don Hancock wrote:

> DOE has apparently just told the committee that's looking at alternatives
> to incineration at INEEL that in May it asked EPA to allow unlimited
> amounts of PCBs in waste coming to WIPP. Supposedly they made the same
> request to NMED.
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> Are you aware of such a letter? Has there been discussion between NMED and
> DOE about the idea? Is some kind of permit modification in the works?
> Please fax me copies of any such letter(s) or other materials on this
> subject.
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> You will not be surprised to hear that I think such a change is a major
> permit modification.

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