

Subject: FW: Report of WIPP Route Deviation

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For your information..

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> *From: Mackie, Bill*
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> *Mr. Gallegos:*

> *At approximately 7:35 pm last night (11/21/00), Tri-State Motor Transportation, Inc. (one of two contractors that haul Transuranic Waste to WIPP) passed the US-285 turn-off on I-25 and proceeded on south to the Sandoval County Line.*

> *Neither the TRANSCOM Control Center (TCC) (in Oak Ridge, TN) nor the Central Monitoring Room (CMR) (at WIPP in Carlsbad) reported this deviation. The error was detected by the NMSP District ONE Dispatcher on duty. The Dispatcher immediately notified the TCC of the error and requested verification that the TRANSCOM system was tracking properly. TCC in turn notified the Tri-State drivers and they turned around and returned to the US 285 turnoff.*

> *This deviation is concerning as the shipment was a Highway Route Controlled Quantity shipment which required the drivers to have in their possession a detailed Highway Route Plan This plan, by regulation, cannot be deviated from unless emergency conditions exist. By deviating from this route plan, Tri-State violated the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 397.101).*

> *As a result of a verbal complaint filed with the Carlsbad Field Office, the following actions have been taken:*

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> 1. *Tri-State Motor Transportation has been suspended until such
> time as an analysis and corrective action plan have been submitted to the
> Carlsbad Field Office and approved by them. Carlsbad Field Office
> anticipates this suspension to be approximately thirty days.*

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> 2. *Carlsbad Field Office will be conducting an Internal Audit of
> both TCC and the CMR to determine why the on-duty operators did not
> recognize this deviation and take action to get the shipment back on the
> proper route.*

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> *I will keep you informed as this progresses. Should you have any
> questions, I can be reached at 827-1372.*

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> *William B. Mackie
> Coordinator, Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force*