

To: Albuquerque Operations Center
Subject: Daily Operations and Event Report Worksheet

Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) input for the Daily Operations and Event Report (DOER):

OPERATIONS:

New: None.

Updates: None.

EVENTS:

New:

CBFO—DIR2001-003

LATE ENTRY--On January 9, 2001 at approximately 1015 hours (MST), the Central Monitoring Room Operator (CMRO) was notified of elevated counts on a swipe taken on the bottom side of drum #IDRF03201258B. The initial count on the swipe indicated 265 disintegrations per minute (dpm) alpha and five (5) dpm beta/gamma. The radiological control technicians (RCTs) directed all personnel to remain clear of the TRUDOCK until further evaluation was conducted. Hand, face, and foot frisks were performed on the personnel working in the area, with no contamination detected. The initial elevated swipe was transferred to the radiochemistry laboratory for analysis to determine the exact nature of the radioactivity. Preliminary analysis indicates the contamination is a transuranic element, not naturally occurring.

RCTs conducted full body surveys on the personnel working in the area, and additional swipes of payload. RCTs reviewed the data on the continuous air monitors (CAMs) located at the West TRUDOCK. The CAMs indicated no airborne activity present above background. The surveys performed on the personnel indicated no contamination present and other swipes taken indicated no activity present. Additional swipes were taken on the interior of the inner containment vessel (ICV) TRUPACT unit # 139 to verify the extent of contamination. No contamination was found inside the ICV.

The Radiological Control Manager, Facility Shift Manager, and Waste Handling Manager discussed the options available at 1030 hours. The indications from the additional swipes and large area wipes were utilized in the decision to continue Waste Handling Operations. Waste Handling mode was re-verified at approximately 1135 hours. Waste handling activities and processing INEEL shipment (IN010032) for disposal resumed at approximately 1400 hours.

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Updates: None.

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