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RE: Request for Waste Characterization Records and Results Specific to Rocky Flats
Environmental Technology Site TRU Waste Container RFD72774

Dear Mr. Zappe:

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As stated in your letter dated February 14, 2001, to Dr. Inés Triay, Manager, U.S. Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) and Mr. Hank Herrera, General Manager, Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC, an issue related to the identification of fluorescent light ballasts was identified by the audit team during recertification audit A-01-07 at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS). Audit A-01-07 was conducted January 29 through February 1, 2001.

Pursuant to your request and as required by the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act [NMSA 1978, Section 74-4-4.3], the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Regulations [20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR § 270.30(h))], and WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit condition I.E.8, the CBFO is providing the following specific items:

- Traveler records package for container RFD72774 (see enclosure tab 1)
- Real-time Radiography (RTR) Batch Report including RTR Waste Package Report and Waste Characterization RTR Report for container RFD72774 (see enclosure tab 2)

Pages 42, 43, and 64 are for container RFD72774. Radiographic examination was performed on February 15, 2000. RFETS procedure 4-W30-NDT-00664 was revised on February 16, 2000. The procedure was revised to add the list of prohibited items to the Appendix 2 - Real Time Radiography Waste Package Report. Subsequent to this change, the radiography tape was reviewed and the revised Appendix 2 - Real Time Radiography Waste Package Report was completed and included in the RTR Batch Report. (see enclosure tab 9 for additional information)

- Copy of the RTR and Visual Examination videotapes for container RFD72774 compiled onto one VHS video cassette (see enclosure tab 3 & 5)

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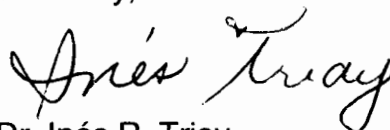
- Visual Examination (VE) Batch Report including VE Drum Log for container RFD72774. Pages 17 and 18 are specific to container RFD72774. (see attachment tab 4)
- CBFO Corrective Action Report (CAR) No.01-019 (see enclosure tab 6)
Note: RFETS has not initiated any Nonconformance Reports (NCRs) related to container RFD72774.
- Backlog Waste Reassessment Baseline Book, Waste Form 24, Metal, May 1999 (see enclosure tab 7)
- Waste Characterization Program Manual, 1-MAN-036-EWQA-Section 1.6.1, Revision 1, December 1999 (see enclosure tab 8)
- Additional information provided by RFETS TRU Waste Characterization Program (see enclosure tab 9)

CBFO has requested information from RFETS and the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) concerning similarities and differences between RF002.01 and INW296.001 light metal waste streams. Upon receipt of the requested information, CBFO will evaluate similarities and differences. Specific information resulting from the evaluation will be submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department as soon as possible but not later than March 30, 2001.

In addition, RFETS personnel are currently performing investigative actions to support development of a corrective action plan in response to CAR No. 01-019. Additional information provided to CBFO by RFETS in response to this CAR will be forwarded to the NMED.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Kerry Watson at (505) 234-7357 (office) or (505) 361-0265 (cellular telephone).

Sincerely,



Dr. Inés R. Triay
Manager

Enclosures

Mr. Steve Zappe

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