



Subject: FW: WIPP Shipments

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FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Vozella, Joseph [SMTP:jvozella@doeal.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2001 10:26 AM

To: 'Lewis, Greg'

Cc: Vozella, Joseph

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Greg--Thought you should know about this stuff relative to WIPP, call me if you think you'll need more details or want a briefing.

I see we were both quoted in the same news article, re Acid Canyon. Do you really feel that cleanup of that segment of our canyons systems is as high a priority as you come across in the paper.

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> From: Nunz, James

> Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2001 8:26 AM

> To: Themelis, John; Orban, James E.; Arthur, William John

> Cc: Vozella, Joseph; Murnane, Christopher; Gurule, David; Martinez, E.

> Dennis; Osheim, Elizabeth L.

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> Folks, I attended the critique for the past two WIPP shipments that were

> identified as incorrect, yesterday afternoon. The long and short of it is

> this, the recent shipment was due to a flaw in the WWIS database and

> distribution of correct data. Also, dying batteries in an HP12C

> calculator, yes, that is correct, one person, one calculator, which gave

> bogus numbers. The two shipments violated DOT labeling, placarding

> requirements and was a paperwork violation because it was a "Highway Route

> Controlled Quantity" and the manifest did not have this marked on it!

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> Without going into major details, the corrective actions being

> implemented, I feel are adequate to correct the problems (human errors),

> and the shipments are delayed until June first. It is required that CAO

> review the new procedures and certify them before LANL may ship again. If

> CAO cannot make that time frame, we would have to delay further. At this

> time, LANL insists that they are still "Green" as far as the 19 shipping

> committments. Currently, the shipment was delayed by LANL from May 23rd to

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- > May 31st, in order to implement the necessary changes, CAO moved it to
- > June 1st.
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- > I recommended that this issue was not self-identified by LANL, as it was a
- > "Paperwork" violation and although it is a political topic, we have a few
- > of these types of issues, in Hazardous waste and LLMW shipments. However,
- > it will be on the ORPS and in the LANL reading room. If you have any
- > questions, or want more details, feel free to contact me at 667-0573.
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