



Subject: Recent Hanford Notification

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Ava -

Please call me regarding the May 29 "Transmittal of Audit Plan and Notification of Assigned Auditors for the Hanford Site Recertification Audit." This audit is currently scheduled for June 24-28, 2002. Maybe I'm being a little sensitive, but I believe we need to reach some understanding on the final sentence of the letter, which states "Also, please be advised that an electronic copy of the CBFO notification letter and audit plan was previously submitted to your office on May 6, 2002."

I received the memo to Todd Shrader via e-mail on May 7 as part of the normal CBFO electronic distribution of audit notifications to generator sites. These memos, although useful, do not satisfy the 30-day notification requirement of Permit Condition II.C.2.b., especially now that these memos are transmitted electronically. We rely upon official notification to NMED (which includes either original or faxed copies) in order to initiate our out-of-state travel requests, which was the original basis for imposing the 30-day advance notification in the Permit.

I suggest you review your procedures for notifying NMED to ensure we receive timely, official notification of upcoming audits. We have been tolerant of late notifications to date, but we may consider enforcement action if necessary to ensure timely notification. It would be a rather straight-forward exercise for us to go back through our correspondence files and identify previously submitted late notifications such as this one. Thanks!

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