

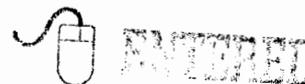
**Subject:** RE: WWIS question - WIPP site derived waste

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Steve -

You asked the following questions on Friday 9/6/02.

We immediately investigated your report and prepared the attached response which has now been reviewed and approved.

Please feel free to contact me about any further questions.

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Dave -

I noticed recently in a WWIS Repository Report that there is now one container listed under the WIPP site, a 55-gallon drum with status "Site Derived". However, this container doesn't appear anywhere else in the WWIS to the best of my knowledge.

I have several questions about this drum, some of which are probably beyond your knowledge. However, I'll ask them for completeness, and I hope that you will forward this to whoever might be able to provide the answers:

Q1. Why doesn't this container appear anywhere else in the WWIS?

A1. The container you reference is container number WISD001. This container is in the WWIS. The Repository Report is not the only WWIS view which contains this waste container. The container record is visible when you do a container query on this number. The container is also visible from a number of other reports where it should be visible. Since it was not received in a shipment and is not part of an assembly, it cannot be seen from those points of view.

The apparent inability to see this container in another view may have been caused by a lack of authorization to view "WI" (WIPP) site containers. You have now been given this authorization. Please verify that you are able to see this container as noted above.

Q2. Has this container been emplaced? If not, where is it physically located?

A2. No, this drum is in the Waste Handling Building in the Derived Waste Storage Area. The filter on the drum at the time of packaging was not demonstrably a WIPP approved filter and will be replaced with a NUCFIL-013 fileter from RFETS. We are awaiting a procedure change for torquing the filter before emplacement.



Q3. When did waste accumulation begin in this container?

A3. The container fill began 6/4/02.

Q4. What incident(s) occurred that generated site-derived waste?

A4. WISD001 originated from TRUPACT 166, Shipment Number RF020246, Assembly 4GSWBD, Standard Waste Box RFS00774. This was non-mixed TRU waste. WISD001 is a 55

gallon drum which contains 6-large area wipes, 14 vinyl gloves, 6 cotton glove liners, 3 cotton coveralls, 6 boot covers, 6' of duct tape, 2 pieces of herculite (9'X12'), 1 foam hard plastic large area wipe. The bagged material weighed 9.2 lbs. This standard waste box was shown to have contamination on the bottom of the container (highest count 342 dpm alpha).