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First TRU Waste Shipment from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

This plan coordinates public affairs activities of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO), DOE Livermore Site Office (LSO), Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and DOE-HQ for the first shipment of transuranic (TRU) waste from LLNL. The target date for the first LLNL shipment to WIPP is October 19, 2004.

Roles and Responsibilities

CBFO Office of Public Affairs

The CBFO OPA will coordinate interactions with state contacts, corridor key public officials and corridor news media prior to and during the shipment.

LSO/LLNL Public Affairs

LSO/LLNL Public Affairs will respond to local media and governmental requests for information related to LLNL transuranic (TRU) waste issues. LSO/LLNL Public Affairs will coordinate closely with the California State Designee on any public outreach initiatives.

State Designees

The Arizona, California and New Mexico State Designees will coordinate and lead intergovernmental interactions with state and local officials and media, if required.

Current Strategies

- State Designees will identify and coordinate appropriate political and public outreach requirements.
- New Mexico key state and local elected officials already have requested advance notice of the first shipment.
- Emergency response training along the transportation corridor is complete.
- No special site activities are planned at LLNL or WIPP.
- No news releases will be issued prior to shipment.
- A safe arrival Response to Inquiry is available if needed (see below).

LLNL First Shipment Timeline			
Target Date	Action	Responsible Party	Status
2 weeks prior to shipment	Follow-up with State Designees to determine if CBFO or LSO/LLNL participation is needed for any final political, public outreach requirements.	Ralph Smith, CBFO Dennis Hurtt, CBFO Rich Baker, AZ Barbara Bryon, CA Anne Clark, NM	Completed
2 weeks prior to shipment	CBFO issues 14 Day Notice of Shipment per standard agreement with WGA.	Ralph Smith, CBFO	Completed
1 week	CBFO staff available for advance visits where needed and requested.	Dennis Hurtt, (

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prior to shipment		Ralph Smith, CBFO Rebecca Walker, WTS	
1 week prior to shipment	Courtesy calls to NM states offices: Governor, congressional delegation, key mayors. Other AZ, CA, and NM public officials also will be notified, as appropriate or requested.	Dennis Hurtt, CBFO Rebecca Walker State Designees	In Process
Day of shipment	CBFO/LSO public affairs reps on standby to provide public affairs assistance, if needed.	Dennis Hurtt, CBFO John Belluardo, LSO	Pending

For Response to Inquiry Only

**Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's
First Shipment of Transuranic Waste
Arrives Safely at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant**

The first shipment of defense-generated transuranic radioactive waste from the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory left at 10:00 a.m. (MST/projected) on October 19, 2004, and arrived safely at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) on October 20, 2004.

The shipment consisted of 42 drums of mixed transuranic waste in three TRUPACT-II's. Mixed waste consists of disposable items – like clothing, tools, rags, residues and debris – contaminated with radioactive elements. The waste is also contaminated with chemicals – like cleaning solvents or lead – that would cause it to be regulated under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Questions and Answers

Question: How many shipments from LLNL are expected?

Answer: Approximately 19 are projected for fiscal year 2005. A schedule for shipments beyond the first year has not yet been determined.

Question: How was the route selected?

Answer: DOE worked with the state of California on the route selected for the shipments. California has a highway designation process that they follow. DOE uses the routes selected by the corridor states. Emergency response training has been provided to first responders and key medical facilities along the designated routes, as required.

Question: How many emergency responders have been trained along the transportation corridor?

Answer: Several years ago, DOE began working with the Western Governors' Association and states and tribes along WIPP transportation routes to prepare for waste shipments. Since 1988, more than 24,000 emergency response personnel have been trained nationwide. More than 3,460 emergency response personnel have been trained in California, Arizona and New Mexico in preparation for these shipments

Question: How long was the trip?

Answer: The 1,400-mile trip took about 35 hours, including the time required for WIPP drivers to stop and inspect the truck every 150 miles or three hours. The inspection stops are performed in accordance with safety protocols developed by DOE and the Western Governors' Association member states.

Question: How many shipments will be made to WIPP?

Answer: During the expected 35-year operating life of WIPP, the DOE will transport approximately 24,000 shipments of transuranic waste from more than 23 locations nationwide.

To date, WIPP has received approximately 3, 040 shipments of transuranic waste from the following sites in addition to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (California):

- Argonne National Laboratory (Illinois) (13 shipments)
- Hanford Reservation (Washington) (121 shipments)
- Idaho National Laboratory (Idaho) (634 shipments)
- Los Alamos National Laboratory (New Mexico) (71 shipments)
- Nevada Test Site (Nevada) (14 shipments)
- Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (Colorado) (1,740 shipments)
- Savannah River Site (South Carolina) (448 shipments)

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Points of Contact

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Western Governor's Association

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Courtesy Contact List

Calls to be made by LSO/LLNL, if requested

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CA Senator Barbara Boxer – 202/224-3553
CA Senator Dianne Feinstein – 202/224-3841
CA District 40 Representative Edward Royce – 202/225-4111
CA District 10 Representative Ellen Tauscher – 202/225-1880
CA Livermore City Manager Linda Barton –
CA Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty -

Calls to be made by CBFO

NM Governor Bill Richardson – 505/476-2200
 Dave Contarino – Chief of Staff
 Billy Sparks – Press Secretary
NM Secretary of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Joanna Prukop– 505/476-3200
NM Department of Public Safety Secretary John Denko – 505/827-3370
NM Senator Jeff Bingaman – 202 /24-5521
NM Senator Pete Domenici – 202 /24-6621
NM District 1 Representative Heather Wilson – 202/225-6316
NM District 2 Representative Steve Pearce – 202/225-2365
NM District 3 Representative Tom Udall – 202/225-6190
NM Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez – 505/768-3057

Calls to be made by CBFO, if requested

AZ Governor Janet Napolitano – 602/542-4331
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AZ Senator John McCain – 202/224-2235
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