

**Department of Energy**

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July 23, 2008

Honorable Bill Richardson  
Governor of New Mexico  
State Capitol Bldg., Rm 400  
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Subject: Shipments of Remote-Handled Transuranic Waste from the Argonne  
National Laboratory to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

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Dear Governor Richardson:

Although the Department of Energy (DOE) has completed a campaign of 14 shipments from the Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) which met its commitments to the Council of State Governments and the Western Governors' Association in mid-2003, DOE is providing a courtesy 14-day prior notification of the first five shipments of remote-handled transuranic nuclear waste from the Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) in Argonne, Illinois. These will be the first of approximately 30 scheduled shipments made to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The first shipment is planned to occur on August 7th, 2008. The next four shipments are scheduled for August 14th, 21st, and two on August 27th. This shipment schedule is based on the approved certification audit report from the New Mexico Environment Department and the Carlsbad Field Office certification of ANL to perform characterization and certification of TRU Waste for disposal at the WIPP. If there is cause for delay, you will be notified and informed of subsequent shipping plans through receipt of an updated 8-week Rolling Schedule, as soon as schedule changes are determined.

Each of these five shipments will consist of one truck with an RH-72B shipping cask. The RH-72B shipping cask has been certified by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the transport of nuclear materials. Each cask will consist of three drums of remote-handled transuranic waste loaded inside a canister which is placed inside the RH-72B.

Shipments from ANL will travel primarily using the U.S. interstate highway system; on surface roads to Interstate 55 south to Interstate 80 west to Cheyenne, WY; south on Interstate 25 to US 285 in New Mexico; south to the WIPP relief route north of Carlsbad and US 62/180 east to the WIPP access route. This route has been agreed upon with state representatives and emergency response training has been provided upon request.

Thank you for your continued support in making the clean up and transportation of transuranic waste a success. If you have any questions concerning this notification, please contact Mr. William Mackie, Institutional Affairs Manager, at (575) 234-7335.

Sincerely,

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Manager





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