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Honorable Bill Richardson
Governor of New Mexico
State Capitol Building, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail
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Subject: Semi-Annual Notification Letter



Dear Governor Richardson:

Enclosed is the projected transuranic (TRU) waste shipment schedule to the waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) covering the twelve-month period from August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009. This schedule updates and extends the data previously sent in January 2008 and is provided in accordance with Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) agreements with the Western Governors' Association (WGA), the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB), the Council of State Governments (Midwest and Northeast Regions), the State of New Mexico, and commitments to tribal governments. This schedule is subject to change due to resource availability and changing priorities.

Shipments of Contact Handled (CH) TRU waste to WIPP are projected to continue for the next twelve months from the following sites.

- Hanford Site (WA)
- Idaho National Laboratory (INL)(ID)
- Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)(NM), and
- Savannah River Site (SRS) (SC).

During this twelve-month period, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) (TN) is projected to ship a campaign of CH-TRU waste to the WIPP. Additionally, several intersite shipments are projected to occur during this period from Hanford, Nevada Test Site (NTS) (NV) and General Electric Vallecitos Nuclear Center (GEVNC) (CA) to Idaho National Laboratory.

CBFO will be working with the Western States to open a route between GEVNC and INL to facilitate the shipments of CH TRU waste during this period. The route between NTS and INL was opened in November 2006 and refresher training will be conducted to maintain the open route.



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Shipments of Remote Handled (RH) TRU waste to WIPP will continue from INL, along with the addition of RH shipments from Argonne National Laboratory (ANL)(IL), LANL, SRS, ORNL, and GEVNC. Once achieved, the RH shipment rate is projected to continue at an average of about five shipments per week through July 2009. The majority of the RH shipments will be carried in RH-72B casks. A portion of the total RH TRU shipments from SRS will be shipped to WIPP in the CNS 10-160B cask.

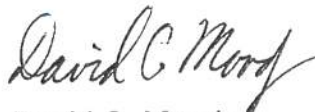
Shipments utilizing the CNS 10-160B cask will be overweight and will, therefore, require the necessary permits. The external radiation level for both RH cask types is the same as those permissible for CH TRU waste shipments.

Projected shipment numbers and rates for all sites shipping to WIPP are contingent upon each site's ability to achieve and maintain certification and audit approval from the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The shipping projections are also contingent upon federal fiscal year 2008 and 2009 funding constraints.

Throughout the year, CBFO will continue to provide 8-week rolling schedules as our official shipment notification. The 8-week rolling schedule is currently sent weekly by electronic mail to cognizant personnel. As a reminder, these schedules contain sensitive information pertaining to the TRU waste shipments and should be protected as such for security reasons.

The next issuance of the Semi-Annual Notification Letter will occur by the end of January 2009. If you need additional information or questions arise, please contact Mr. William Mackie, Institutional Affairs Manager, Office of the National TRU Program, at (575) 234-7335.

Sincerely,



David C. Moody
Manager

Enclosure

TRU Waste Shipments to WIPP
(August 2008 through July 2009)

Site	Projected Shipments to WIPP
ANL	33
Hanford	46
INL	693
LANL	112
ORNL	109
GEVNC	50
SRS	142
Sub-Total	1,185
Intersite Shipments	79
Total	1,264