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Actually, there were two shipments

Here are a few interesting tidbits connecting this story with the WIPP "gashed" container:

1. According to the WWIS, shipment from LANL resumed on July 30... note I used the singular term. There was only one shipment from LANL to WIPP before the gash was discovered and shipments were subsequently halted. The "gashed" container was on that shipment, LA080040, sent 7/30 (the same day EPA approved resumption of shipments from LANL) and received 7/31.
LA080041 sent 7/31

2. The "gashed" container, based on the picture, was LAS850391. It was emplaced on 8/3 (Sunday) in Panel 4, Room 3, Row 83, Column 5, on the top.

3. The "gashed" container was from our favorite LANL waste stream, LA-MIN03-NC.001, the dewatered sludge made famous for the 121 drums that were the subject of CO-07-43 (VE in lieu of RTR) and, more recently, the drum whose name will not be mentioned (subject of a future CO because it had an unresolved nonconformance for prohibited amounts of liquid). Fortunately, the "gashed" container didn't have liquid in it or it could have "gushed" like a stuck pig...

Steve

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This is a few days old

LANL resumes shipments to WIPP

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CARLSBAD — Shipments of transuranic waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant have resumed this week.

According to Casey Gadbury, National TRU Program director, the Department of Energy's Carlsbad field office received approval from the Environmental Protection Agency to resume shipments Wednesday morning. LANL made a shipment of transuranic waste to the underground repository near Carlsbad later that day.

In June, a drum of transuranic waste with an open non-conformance report was mistakenly shipped from Los Alamos to WIPP and emplaced in the underground repository near Carlsbad. The standard waste box holding the drum was returned to Los Alamos, but the incident sparked an investigation as to why the mistake happened and what could have prevented the error.

Shipments from other sites resumed, but the EPA initially didn't support the resumption of shipments from LANL, at least until the agency received more information on what corrective actions were in place. But the agency apparently saw what it needed during an inspection in Los Alamos Tuesday.

"Basically, they visited some areas where drums are stored and they interviewed some individuals at the site," Gadbury said. "They concurred with our conclusions and allowed us to resume shipments."

But the EPA still isn't allowing drums from some waste streams to be sent to WIPP until the agency can identify database changes specific to those streams.

"DOE needs to notify EPA when these changes have been implemented so that the agency can review them for adequacy," wrote Jonathan Edwards, acting director of the EPA's Radiation Protection Division. "In addition, EPA will further evaluate the segregation of TRU drums at CCP sites."

The EPA is also asking for a schedule of follow-up surveillances.

Some of the EPA's specific concerns seemed to relate to the drum tagging process. A follow-up inspection of the drum in question concluded that the tag was missing. Gadbury said a new method for attaching tags to drums was one of the corrective actions taken.

"In our corrective action process, there were some actions identified that need to be completed. Those will be verified when they are completed," Gadbury said.

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-Search Results:
ContainerID: **las850391**

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Search Stats: SearchCount: RecordsReturned: 5 Started: Completed: 4:08:04 PM Results

CONTAINERID	ITEMNO	ITEMTYPE	CONTAINER_STATUS	RESOLVED	REJECT
S850391	1LANDA0877	NDA			No
S850391	LA-RTR2-05-0200	NDE	NCR_REJECT		Yes
S850391	LA-RTR2-08-0043	NDE			No
S850391	NCR-LANL0820050	NCR			SUPERCEDED
S850391	NCR-LANL0820051	NCR	NCR_REJECT		Reject

Reject Data:

BDRID	CONTAINERID	REJECTED	STATUS_DESCRIPTION	NCR
LA-RTR2-05-0200	S850391	YES	NCR_REJECT by << NCRID:NCR-LANL0820051 >> Actual Condition:1. Liner not vented. Reason for revision 1: To remove container S804844 not completed and add that container to NCR-LANL-2021-08 and Revise final disposition steps. (proc-rjt_valid)	Details

ContainerID Lot Data:

Search Stats: ContainerSearchCount: RecordsReturned: 1 Started: Completed: 4:08:05 PM Results

CONTAINERID	WSID	CONTAINERTYPE	LOTID	RS_LOTID	INL_LOTID_COMMENT	UNQID
S850391	LA-MIN03-NC.001		LANL 447	1	Lot 47 LANL AK4 LA-MIN03-NC.001	Details

End Search Listing

Current AK DATA for [LANL]:

(* - denotes results 24 hrs dated)

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CONTAINERID	WASTESTREAM	WWIS	VENTDATE	VENTDATE1	OVERPACK *	OVERPACK_STATUS *
S850391	LA-MIN03-NC.001	EMPLACED_CNTR	01/26/2004	04/09/2008		

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ContainerID Relation Data:

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CONTAINERID	RELATION_MATRIX
S850391	LAS850391,S850391

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ActionLocation: ActionNum: CurrentYear: Revision:

IsNCROpen: *closed* WO_JONum:
OtherIDNum: PONum: Fac_SysNum:
SupplierName: NCRInitiator: NCRInitDate:
CBFO: *NO* PAAA: *NO*

ReqCondition:

1. CCP-PO-002, Rev 13, Section 3.2.7 states in part: "When a payload container does not meet the payload container filter requirements, an NCR is initiated."

ActualCondition:

1. Liner not vented. Reason for revision 1: To remove container S804844 not completed and add that container to NCR-LANL-2021-08 and Revise final disposition steps.

NCRDescription: TrendCodeID:
Responsible Manager: InterimDispID:
InterimCompReqDate: IDCompletionQADate:

InstructionsForInterimDis:

FinalDispositionID:

TechJust1:

TechJust2:

InstructionsForCompletion:

1. Return drum(s) to LANL for correction of nonconforming Actual Condition as identified in Block 7c. 2. After step 1 is complete, confirm correction with a new RTR examination.

CorrectiveActionID:

ClosureQAVerifiedDate: