

Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV

From: Andrew Gold <rosemount@newmexico.com>
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2013 4:46 PM
To: Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV
Subject: Waste sampling

I am very concerned that eliminating sampling of waste bound for WIPP would reduce health and safety protections because such analysis is still needed, including for the many waste streams that have not yet been sampled. NMED should deny the request. Any future requests to reduce or eliminate sampling should only be made after the kind of systematic approach recommended by the National Academy of Sciences is carried out and made public and after representative sampling is done for waste streams that have not yet been shipped to WIPP.

Thanks for your consideration.

Andrew Gold; Santa Fe, NM

Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV

From: Stephen Gilbert <slg@JoshuaAssociates.net>
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2013 3:56 PM
To: Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV
Subject: Informed public comment on DOE's plans to eliminate sampling of waste coming to WIPP
Attachments: slg.vcf

Dear Sirs;

I am very concerned that eliminating sampling of waste bound for WIPP would reduce health and safety protections because such analysis is still needed, including for the many waste streams that have not yet been sampled. NMED should deny the request. Any future requests to reduce or eliminate sampling should only be made after the kind of systematic approach recommended by the National Academy of Sciences is carried out and made public and after representative sampling is done for waste streams that have not yet been shipped to WIPP.

I am chemist and resident of New Mexico and bring my perspective on these issues. Additionally, as a previous member of the Northern New Mexico Citizen's Advisory Board and having toured the storage facilities at Los Alamos and been informed of the range of materials and radiation stored there, I am simply astonished at the attitude that could possibly allow much higher level waste transit the State of New Mexico en route to WIPP. In the unforeseen event of an accident in transit, the immediate response, both public and first responders, would be at a serious disadvantage not knowing the level and character of the waste involved. Additionally, an error at the point of departure would also go undetected with the potential exposure of the public during transit and handing at WIPP.

Sincerely

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Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV

From: lindafair@TaosNet.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2013 5:47 PM
To: Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV

DOE should eliminate sampling of anything coming off the hill from Los Alamos. History has shown clearly that contamination goes hand in hand with nuclear products. Sampling is our only hope for keeping NM's water and air relatively clean.

Thank you, Linda Fair

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From: Jeanne Green <innerlight52@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2013 7:43 PM
To: Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV
Subject: sampling for WIPP

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The WIPP permit specifies the amount of sampling and the quality assurance measures that are required to ensure accurate results. Sampling is done for a certain number of containers of a waste stream, that is, of the waste generated by a single process. Identification of the chemical composition is important because the WIPP permit prohibits wastes and chemicals that explode, ignite, corrode, react or are chemically incompatible. Careful sampling protects workers at the originating sites and all those who handle the waste during transportation and at WIPP.

Sampling results were used in 2010 to identify which waste streams contained the carcinogen carbon tetrachloride that arrived at WIPP in higher than expected concentrations. Shipments of those waste streams were curtailed while measures were taken to reduce carbon tetrachloride in the underground air.

Furthermore, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) recommended in 2004 that DOE should use a "systematic and quantitative approach to determine the value of the information currently obtained by its waste characterization activities" and the impacts of changes to them. The NAS suggested using this analysis to support requests for permit modification. No such analysis accompanies the DOE sampling modification request, nor has the public been provided with any of that information.

Thank you, Jeanne Green
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From: Angela Werneke <awerneke@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2013 8:44 PM
To: Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV
Subject: DOE's plans to eliminate sample of waste coming to WIPP

February 7, 2013

To the New Mexico Environment Department:

I am very concerned that eliminating sampling of waste bound for WIPP would reduce health and safety protections because such analysis is still needed, including for the many waste streams that have not yet been sampled. NMED should deny the request. Any future requests to reduce or eliminate sampling should only be made after the kind of systematic approach recommended by the National Academy of Sciences is carried out and made public and after representative sampling is done for waste streams that have not yet been shipped to WIPP.

Sincerely,

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Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV

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Sent: Friday, February 08, 2013 10:18 PM
To: Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV

Feb. 7, 2013
Trais Kilphuis
NMED

Dear Mr. Trais Kilphuis:

I am very concerned that eliminating sampling of waste bound for WIPP would reduce health and safety protections because such analysis is still needed, including for the many waste streams that have not yet been sampled. NMED should deny the request. Any future requests to reduce or eliminate sampling should only be made after the kind of systematic approach recommended by the National Academy of Sciences is carried out and made public and after representative sampling is done for waste streams that have not yet been shipped to WIPP.

Sincerely,
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