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Hello John,

Yesterday afternoon (Thursday March 7th), Mr. Mike Brown from CBFO called to inform me of the following:

A waste tray at the Idaho National Labs that is used to sort through PCB waste was not decontaminated before it was used to sort through non-PCB waste.

It was determined that the subsequent non-PCB waste that was handled in that tray should have also been labeled as PCBs, conservatively.

There are two Ten Drum Over-Packs (TDOPs) currently in the WIPP Waste Handling Building and 15 TDOPs that have already been emplaced in the underground (170 internal 55-gallon drums).

WIPP has contacted EPA Regions 6 to let them know of the events and that these TDOPs will be handled as "Unmanifested Waste" under 40 CFR 761.216. WIPP has 15 days to get the waste manifests corrected.

Personnel from Idaho and CCP are continuing their investigation into the issue and a report will follow. WIPP will keep NMED apprised of the issue.

There are no dangers posed.

I will pass on information as more is known.

In the mean time we will review the Permit to check if there are any Permit requirements that may need attention.

Thank you.

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§ 761.216 Unmanifested waste report.

(a) If a facility accepts for storage or disposal any PCB waste from an off-site source without an accompanying manifest, or without an accompanying shipping paper as described by § 761.211(e), and the owner or operator of the commercial storage or disposal facility cannot contact the generator of the PCB waste, then he shall notify the Regional Administrator of the EPA region in which his facility is located of the unmanifested PCB waste so that the Regional Administrator can determine whether further actions are required before the owner or operator may store or dispose of the unmanifested PCB waste, and additionally the owner or operator must prepare and submit a letter to the Regional Administrator within 15 days after receiving the waste.