

United States Government

Department of Energy

memorandumCarlsbad Area Office
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

DATE: October 14, 1997

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CAO:NTP:MRB 97-2219 UFC 5822

SUBJECT: TRU Waste, Mixed TRU Waste Segregation

TO: John Wilcynski, ID
Tom Baca, LANL
Jessie Roberson, RFFO


The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant is on schedule to open in May; however, it now appears that the RCRA Part B permit from the State of New Mexico will be delayed. The State of New Mexico has publicly stated that it has no objection to the transportation and disposal of non-mixed TRU waste prior to issuance of the RCRA Part B Permit.

Consequently, your support is needed in identifying, segregating, certifying, and preparing for shipment non-mixed defense TRU waste. For planning purposes, a firm estimate of how much non-mixed defense TRU waste can be shipped to the WIPP in the FY98 and FY99 time period is required by October 22, 1997, given the planned opening date of May 30, 1998. If necessary, members of my staff and their support contractors will be available to assist your site. For the purpose of performing a National TRU Waste Program impact analysis, we also require information specific to your site regarding ALARA consequences, safety considerations, cost impacts, and potential impacts on State agreements.

Your site should take immediate action to concentrate efforts on segregating, certifying and preparing non-mixed defense TRU waste for disposal at WIPP.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Kent Hunter of my staff at 505-234-7456.

Thank you for your support.


George E. Dials
Manager



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