

memorandum

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REPLY TO:
ATTN OF: CAO:QA:SAV:99-1185 UFC 2300.00

SUBJECT: Notification of Implementation of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Permit

TO: Distribution

On October 27, 1999, the Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) signed the Final Order granting a Hazardous Waste Permit to the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Westinghouse Electric Company Waste Isolation Division (WID) for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP); US EPA No. NM 4890139088. The WIPP Hazardous Waste Permit conforms to the NMED Proposed Final Permit of June 25, 1999, with an amendment to Permit Condition IV.B.2.b as set forth in the final order. The Permit will become effective on November 26, 1999, and the WIPP will then begin accepting TRU mixed waste that has been characterized in accordance with the Hazardous Waste Permit Waste Analysis Plan. The last day to ship non-mixed waste characterized in accordance with the CAO Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP) is November 23, 1999. After November 25, 1999, WIPP will only accept mixed and non-mixed TRU waste that has been characterized in accordance with the Hazardous Waste Permit and the other authorization documents discussed below. This letter provides the required notification to off-site sources in accordance with Permit Condition II.B.2.

On or about November 4, 1999, CAO will issue Revision 3 to the CAO Quality Assurance Program Document (QAPD), CAO-94-1012 and Revision 7 to the Waste Acceptance Criteria for the WIPP (WAC), DOE/WIPP-069. These documents are compliant with the Hazardous Waste Permit and will become effective on November 26, 1999. Also on November 26, 1999, the following documents will be cancelled via separate correspondence: TRU Waste Characterization Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP), CAO-94-1010, Revision 0 with Interim Change, and Revision 1; TRU Waste Characterization Sampling and Analysis Methods Manual, DOE/WIPP-91-043, Revision 1.0; and Generator Site Certification Guide, DOE/CAO-95-2119, Revision 1.


As of November 26, 1999, the WIPP authorization documents for TRU waste generator sites will consist of the following:

- S Waste Acceptance Criteria for the WIPP (WAC), DOE/WIPP-069, Revision 7
- CAO Quality Assurance Program Document (QAPD), CAO-94-1012, Revision 3
- S WIPP Hazardous Waste Permit; US EPA No. NM 4890139088 and associated Modifications and Clarifications
- Safety Analysis Report for the TRUPACT-II Shipping Package, Appendix 1.3.7 (TRAMPAC), Revision 17

CAO will no longer routinely distribute paper copies of the authorization documents. Commencing with the issuance of the QAPD, Revision 3 and WAC, Revision 7, CAO will post authorization documents on the NTP website designated for this purpose. This website will also contain a ready reference list of the effective versions of the authorization documents. Sites will be notified via letter and e-mail when the major documents are revised.

Download and retention of backup copies at the sites is recommended as a precaution against temporary network failures. Document distribution and control methods employed by the sites must continue to ensure that current versions of applicable documents are made available in the workplace, that users are properly trained in their use, and that the documents are used appropriately. As always, it is the responsibility of the document user to verify that the current version is being used in the performance of work.

Please ensure that the above information is expeditiously disseminated to and implemented by your personnel that are involved in the handling, characterization, and shipping of TRU waste.



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