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Subject: Daily Technical Call Submission - June 19, 2014

Attached is the written daily submission from today's pre-scheduled technical call. The Permittees are submitting this pursuant to Section 19 of the May 19, 2014, *Administrative Order*, and Section VIII of the May 29, 2014, *Revised LANL Nitrate Salt-Bearing Waste Container Isolation Plan*.

If you have any revisions, please let me know.

We will talk with you on tomorrow's call.

Thank you

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### NMED / LANL Technical Call

## June 19, 2014

#### **Participation:**

- New Mexico Environment Department: John Kieling, Steve Pullen, Trais Kliphuis, Tim Hall, Siona Briley, Coleman Smith, Ricardo Maestas.
- LANL Los Alamos Field Office: Gene Turner.
- LANL Los Alamos National Security: Tori George, Alison Dorries, Mark Haagenstad.

#### **LANL Technical Update:**

- Location of Nitrate Salt-Bearing Wastes
  - o Remediated nitrate salt-bearing waste containers.
    - All containers remain in the 375 Permacon.
  - o Unremediated nitrate salt-bearing waste containers.
    - All containers remain in the 231 Permacon.

#### • Monitoring - Daily Temperature

Temperatures remain below 90°F.

#### • Monitoring – Visual Inspections

No abnormal conditions.

#### Additional measures currently underway

- As a conservative measure, LANL is currently conducting additional monitoring. This additional monitoring includes:
  - Container 68685.
    - Collecting a daily head space gas sample.
      - CO<sub>2</sub> Moving towards equilibrium between SWB and drum. The Permittees are working with LANL chemistry SMEs, and will continue to watch this trend.
      - o H<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O continuing analytical.
      - LANL also continuing solid phase micro-extraction technique.
    - Hourly temperature measurements.
      - o Temperatures remain below 90°F.
  - Seven other SWB overpacks (containing 55-gallon drums of remediated nitrate salt bearing waste).

- Collecting a daily head space gas sample.
  - $\circ$  CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O performing analytical.
  - LANL also continuing *solid phase micro-extraction* technique.

# • Anticipated Changes to Nitrate Salt-Bearing Waste Containers (e.g. movement, re-packaging).

o Currently, no further movements or re-packaging are planned.

#### Other:

- o Other remaining 3706 TRU containers.
  - As described above, all remediated nitrate salt-bearing waste containers remain in the 375 Permacon.
  - All other remaining TRU waste containers from the 3706 Campaign population have been moved into Dome 230.
- o Preparation for sampling empty containers.
  - LANL will be venting some empty parent drums that previously contained nitrate salt-bearing waste. We are doing this in anticipation of sampling these empty containers.

## **Summary Chart - Requested Information / Pending Issues:**

|    | Requested Information  | Actionee | Status   | Completion Date       |
|----|--|----------|--|-----------------------|
| 1. | NMED contact / process for LANL to notify NMED under the Revised Isolation Plan (e.g., 24 hour notices).   | NMED     |  | Complete June 5, 2014 |
| 2. | Keep NMED informed on the status of on-going chemistry / analytical work.  | LANL     |  | Complete June 9, 2014 |
| 3. | On upcoming daily call, provide additional discussion on the potential for liquids in the 378 post-1991 cemented containers (including a discussion of the review of RTR tapes).     | LANL     | In progress.  Provided additional discussion on June 6, 2014 call. |                       |
| 4. | On upcoming call, provide additional discussion on why 231 and 375 Permacon fire suppression systems are not part of the LANL RCRA Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Contingency Plan. | LANL     |  | Complete June 5, 2014 |
| 5. | Send copy of June 4, 2014 written daily submission to Trais Kliphuis. Also, include her on future daily submissions.   | LANL     |  | Complete June 5, 2014 |
| 6. | Provide LANL procedures and example records associated with post-1991 TA-55 cementation process discussed on June 6.   | LANL     | In progress.   |                       |

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| 7.     | Provide information on numbers of containers in   | LANL   |                     | Complete              |
|        | the post-1991 cemented waste streams from the TA-55 process discussed on June 6. This should          |        |                     | June 17, 2014         |
|        | include numbers regarding RTR status (RTR'd,  |        |                     | Julie 17, 2014        |
|        | meet WIPP criteria, requiring remediation).   |        |                     |                       |
| 8.     | Provide RTR video and pre-screening   | LANL   | In progress.        |                       |
|        | information associated with those containers  |        |                     |                       |
|        | requiring remediation from the post-1991  |        |                     |                       |
|        | cemented waste streams from the TA-55 process discussed on June 6.                                    |        |                     |                       |
| 9.     | Provide copy of CCP/LANL Interface  | LANL   |                     | Complete              |
| ).<br> | Document.   | DITTE  |                     | Complete              |
|        |   |        |                     | June 9, 2014          |
| 10.    | Provide a list of the analytes for which LANL is  | LANL   |                     | Complete              |
|        | sampling HSG (CO <sub>2</sub> and LFL analytes).  |        |                     |                       |
| 1.1    | Discourse notantial securities of HCC for NO  | LANL   |                     | June 11, 2014         |
| 11.    | Discuss potential sampling of HSG for NO <sub>x</sub> .   | LANL   |                     | Complete              |
|        |   |        |                     | June 16, 2014         |
| 12.    | Follow-up with Tim Hall regarding LANL  | LANL   | Unremediated Parent | Empty Parent          |
|        | Hazardous Waste Facility Permit and procedures  |        | In progress.        | Complete              |
|        | that LANL is developing for possible future   |        |                     | June 16, 2014         |
|        | sampling of empty parent containers and   |        |                     |                       |
|        | unremediated nitrate salt-bearing containers at LANL.   |        |                     |                       |
| 13.    | Respond to NMED email request for information   | LANL   | In progress.        |                       |
|        | associated with the nitrate salt-bearing parent and   |        | p8                  |                       |
|        | daughter waste containers.  |        |                     |                       |
| 14.    | NMED will review the Round Sheets (provided   | NMED   | NMED reviewing      |                       |
|        | in June 11 summary) and inform LANL if these  |        |                     |                       |
|        | should be attachments to the Revised Plan, or if<br>they fall under the provision in Section I of the |        |                     |                       |
|        | Revised Isolation Plan and their identification   |        |                     |                       |
|        | during this technical call is sufficient.   |        |                     |                       |
| 15.    | NMED has requested 'copies of any waste   | LANL   |                     | Complete              |
|        | processing, treatment, characterization stop  |        |                     | June 13, 2014         |
|        | orders issued since Feb 14, 2014.'  |        |                     | (Included w/ daily    |
|        |   |        |                     | summary.)             |
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|        |   |        |                     | Complete              |
|        |   |        |                     | June 16, 2014         |
|        |   |        |                     | (Discussed            |
|        |   |        |                     | current TA-54 & WCRRF |
|        |   |        |                     | operations)           |
| 16.    | NMED requested information on the location of   | LANL   |                     | Complete              |
|        | drums 68327 and 68328. Request made June 14.  |        |                     |                       |
|        |   |        |                     | June 14, 2014         |

Next Call: Friday, June 20, 2014 - at 10 am.