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Subject: Daily Technical Call Submission - July 15, 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.

Thank you

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NMED / LANL Technical Summary

July 15, 2014

Participation:

- New Mexico Environment Department: Tim Hall, Steve Holmes, Siona Briley, Leslie Dale.
- LANL - Los Alamos Field Office: Karen Armijo.
- LANL - Los Alamos National Security: Tori George, Mark Haagenstad, Kiki Torres, Don Allen.

LANL Technical Update:

- **Location of Nitrate Salt-Bearing Wastes**
 - Remediated nitrate salt-bearing waste containers.
 - All containers remain in the 375 Permacon.
 - 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.
 - CO₂, H₂ and N₂O - continuing analytical.
 - LANL also continuing *solid phase micro-extraction* technique.
 - Hourly temperature measurements.
 - 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.
 - CO₂, H₂ and N₂O - continuing analytical.
 - LANL also continuing *solid phase micro-extraction* technique.

- **Anticipated Changes to Nitrate Salt-Bearing Waste Containers (e.g. movement, re-packaging).**
 - Currently, no further movements or re-packaging are planned.
- **Other**
 - Procedure Revision.
 - *Nitrate Salt-bearing TRU Waste Container Monitoring, EP-AREAG-FO-DOP-1246.*
 - LANL has made minor revisions, including listing container numbers in certain attachments, and refining where temperature is measured on the SWBs containing remediated nitrate salt-bearing wastes. The new procedure will be R.2 (R.1 was not issued).
 - This procedure is Attachment 5 to the Revised Container Isolation Plan.
 - LANL will submit this revised procedure to NMED via a letter, and post the letter in the Information Repositories.

Summary Chart - Requested Information / Pending Issues:

| | Requested Information | Actionee | Status | Completion Date |
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| 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 350 post-1991 cemented containers (including a discussion of the review of RTR tapes). | LANL | In progress. Provided additional discussion on June 6, 2014 call. Meeting scheduled for July 18. | |
| 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 | --- | Complete July 3, 2014 |

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| 7. | Provide information on numbers of containers in the post-1991 cemented waste streams from the TA-55 process discussed on June 6. This should include numbers regarding RTR status (RTR'd, meet WIPP criteria, requiring remediation). | LANL | --- | Complete June 17, 2014 (Supplemental Info provided July 3) |
| 8. | Provide RTR video and pre-screening information associated with those containers requiring remediation from the post-1991 cemented waste streams from the TA-55 process discussed on June 6. | LANL | --- | Complete July 3, 2014 |
| 9. | Provide copy of CCP/LANL Interface Document. | LANL | --- | Complete June 9, 2014 |
| 10. | Provide a list of the analytes for which LANL is sampling HSG (CO ₂ and LFL analytes). | LANL | --- | Complete June 11, 2014 |
| 11. | Discuss potential sampling of HSG for NO _x . | LANL | --- | Complete June 16, 2014 |
| 12. | Follow-up with Tim Hall regarding LANL Hazardous Waste Facility Permit and procedures that LANL is developing for possible future sampling of empty parent containers and unremediated nitrate salt-bearing containers at LANL. | LANL | Unremediated Parent In progress – will include information on sampling of S802701 and S813389 (occurred before the May 19 Administrative Order) in next technical meeting (August). | Empty Parent Complete June 16, 2014 |
| 13. | Respond to NMED email request for information associated with the nitrate salt-bearing parent and daughter waste containers. | LANL | In progress – remaining items are portions of items 2 and 8, and all of item 5. | Partially Complete. July 9, 2014 (Letter sent addressing items 1-4 and 6-9 of the email request) July 14, 2014 (Determined that issue with spreadsheet cell resulted in data not appearing – corrected. Will resend via letter.) |
| 14. | NMED will review the Round Sheets (provided in June 11 summary) and inform LANL if these should be attachments to the Revised Plan, or if they fall under the provision in Section I of the Revised Isolation Plan and their identification during this technical call is sufficient. | NMED | NMED has reviewed Round Sheets – no comments / direction at this time. NMED will address any comments in their formal response to Revised Container Isolation Plan. | Complete June 23, 2014 |

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| 15. | NMED has requested ‘copies of any waste processing, treatment, characterization stop orders issued since Feb 14, 2014.’ | LANL | --- | Complete June 13, 2014 (Included w/ daily summary) Complete June 16, 2014 (Discussed current TA-54 & WCRRF operations) |
| 16. | NMED requested information on the location of drums 68327 and 68328. Request made June 14. | LANL | --- | Complete June 14, 2014 |
| 17. | Update on LANL efforts – including LANL teams. (On June 20 call, LANL offered to schedule an update meeting). | LANL / NMED | --- | Complete July 2, 2014 |
| 18. | Neutralizer use in association with container S855793 (parent of 68660 and 68685). | LANL | --- | Complete June 25, 2014 |
| 19. | List of nitrate salt-bearing waste containers that LANL records indicate contain absorbed liquids with the same neutralizer, as discussed during June 25 technical call. | LANL | In progress. | |
| 20. | Schedule follow-on update on LANL efforts – including teams. | LANL / NMED | In progress. NMED proposed August 14 meeting date. | |
| 21. | NMED requested information on document approval / review (as discussed on July 3 call). | LANL | In progress. | |
| 22. | What analyses will be conducted on samples taken from empty drums that previously contained nitrate salt-bearing waste. | LANL | --- | Complete July 7, 2014 |
| 23. | NMED requested the following information on cemented waste containers generated from TA-55, that are currently stored above-ground at Area G: container id number; location; form (cans or monoliths); and type of concrete. Additionally, NMED requested information on pH adjustment during waste generation process, and information on anticipated pH of free liquids (and rationale). | LANL | In progress. Will include discussion of pH questions in meeting responding to Item #3. | |
| 24. | NMED requested the procedure for sampling empty parent drums that previously contained nitrate salt-bearing waste. | LANL | EP-AREAG-WO-DOP-1245 is included in Enclosure 1 to LANL’s July 3, 2014 <i>Response to Request for Information on Management of Waste at LANL.</i> | Complete July 8, 2014 |

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| 25. | NMED requested an additional discussion on a future technical call regarding CO ₂ , including data. | LANL | In progress. Will include trending information in next technical meeting (August). | |
| 26. | NMED requested additional discussion on CIN-01 waste containers and absorbent, including confirmation and extent of use. | | In progress Will include discussion in meeting responding to Item #3. | |

Next Call:

Thursday, July 17, 2014 - at 10 am.