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Subject: Daily Technical Submission - August 25, 2014

Attached is the written daily technical submission for today. The Permittees are submitting this pursuant to: Section 19 of the May 19, 2014, *Administrative Order; the* July 10, 2014 letter from NMED regarding *Modification to 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

## August 25, 2014

## **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
  - o Temperatures remain below 90°F.
- Monitoring Visual Inspections
  - No abnormal conditions.
- Additional measures currently underway
  - o As a conservative measure, LANL is currently conducting additional monitoring. This additional monitoring includes:
    - Container 68685.
      - Collecting a daily head space gas sample.
        - o CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O continuing analytical.
        - o LANL also continuing solid phase micro-extraction.
      - Hourly temperature measurements.
        - o Temperatures remain below 90°F.
    - Other SWB overpacks (containing 55-gallon drums of remediated nitrate salt-bearing waste).
      - Collecting a daily head space gas sample for 6 additional SWBs.
        - o  $CO_2$ ,  $H_2$  and  $N_2O$  continuing analytical.
      - 1 of these 6 additional SWBs (SB50522) LANL will also:
        - o Continue solid phase micro-extraction.
        - o Continue hourly temperature measurements.
    - LANL has conducted head space gas sampling on each of the 55 SWBs that contain 55-gallon drums of remediated nitrate salt-bearing waste.
       All of these are located in the 375 Permacon.
- Anticipated Changes to Nitrate Salt-Bearing Waste Containers (e.g. movement, repackaging).
  - o Currently, no further movements or re-packaging are planned.

## **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 ongoing 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		Complete  July 6, 2014 (Discussion on call)  July 18, 2014 (Meeting held)
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
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 <sub>2</sub> and LFL analytes).	LANL		Complete 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 Hazardous Waste Facility Permit and procedures that LANL is developing for possible future sampling of empty parent containers and unremediated nitrate saltbearing containers at LANL.	LANL	Unremediated Parent In progress –	Empty Parent Complete June 16, 2014  August 14, 2014 (Supplemental information discussed on sampling of parent containers)
13.	Respond to NMED email request for information associated with the nitrate salt-bearing parent and daughter waste containers.  WIPP Recovery Daily Meeting Action List item #84 – NMED requested a copy of the LANL remediation records for waste stored in Panel 6 (Trais Kliphuis) – is a subset of the information in item 5 of this action.	LANL	In progress – remaining are portions of item 5	Partially Complete  July 9, 2014 (Letter sent addressing items 1-4 and 6-9 of the email request)  July 17, 2014 (Letter sent with updated spreadsheet)  August 7, 2014 (First submittal in response to item 5)  August 14, 2014 (- Letter sent addressing items 2 & 8 - Second submittal in response to item 5)  August 18, 2014 (Third submittal in response to item 5)  August 21, 2014 (Fourth submittal in response to item 5)
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
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)  June 16, 2014 (Discussed current TA-54 & WCRRF operations)

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16.	NMED requested information on the location of drums 68327 and 68328. Request made	LANL		Complete
	June 14.			June 14, 2014
17.	Update on LANL efforts – including LANL teams. (On June 20 call, LANL offered to	LANL / NMED		Complete
10	schedule an update meeting).	T A NIT		July 2, 2014
18.	Neutralizer use in association with container S855793 (parent of 68660 and 68685).	LANL		Complete
19.	List of nitrate salt-bearing waste containers	LANL	In muccuses	June 25, 2014
19.	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 –	LANL /		Complete
20.	including teams.	NMED		•
				August 14, 2014 (Meeting held)
21.	NMED requested information on document	LANL		Complete
21.	approval / review (as discussed on July 3	LI II (L		Compiete
	call).			July 29, 2014
22.	What analyses will be conducted on samples taken from empty drums that previously	LANL		Complete
	contained nitrate salt-bearing waste.			July 7, 2014
23.	NMED requested the following information	LANL		Complete
	on cemented waste containers generated from			
	TA-55, that are currently stored above-ground			July 17, 2014
	at Area G: container id number; location; form (cans or monoliths); and type of			(Letter sent w/ information)
	concrete. Additionally, NMED requested			July 19 2014
	information on pH adjustment during waste			July 18, 2014 (Meeting held)
	generation process, and information on anticipated pH of free liquids (and rationale).			(micomig mora)
24.	NMED requested the procedure for sampling	LANL	EP-AREAG-WO-	Complete
"	empty parent drums that previously contained		DOP-1245 is	F
	nitrate salt-bearing waste.		included in Enclosure	July 8, 2014
			1 to LANL's July 3,	
			2014 Response to	
			Request for Information on	
			Management of	
			Waste at LANL.	
25.	NMED requested an additional discussion on a future technical call regarding CO <sub>2</sub> ,	LANL		Complete
	including data.			August 14, 2014 (Meeting held)
26.	NMED requested additional discussion on	LANL		Complete
	CIN-01 waste containers and absorbent,			•
	including confirmation and extent of use.			July 18, 2014
			<u> </u>	(Meeting held)

27.	NMED requested historic analytical information on pH of liquids associated with gypsum cemented waste.	LANL		Complete August 7, 2014
28.	NMED requested link to pdf of Actinide Quarterly edition (3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2008).	LANL		Complete July 21, 2014
29.	NMED requested a copy of lessons learned	LANL		Complete August 11, 2014
30.	NMED request regarding empty drum sampling presentation.	LANL	In review	
31.	Respond to NMED email request dated 8/12/2014 for information associated with the nitrate salt-bearing waste containers.	LANL	In progress	
32.	NMED request regarding technical presentation.	LANL	In review	
33.	NMED request regarding literature review of catalytic reactions.	LANL	In review	

Next Call: Tuesday, August 26, 2014.