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**Subject: Transmittal of Nitrate Salt Waste Analytical Results Summary, Los Alamos National Laboratory Hazardous Waste Facility Permit**

Dear Mr. Kieling:

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Overall, the data provide a summary of the variability of the nitrate salt-bearing waste streams. As noted in previous result summaries, a complete classified record review of all original bags placed into the nitrate salt waste containers was not conducted for the waste stream. The level of effort that would have been expended would not have changed the overall characterization or the stabilization method of the waste stream because the waste streams are similar. Furthermore, none of the concentrations of specific constituents reported outside of the expected ranges affect the hazardous waste characterization of the waste stream, or have any bearing on the effectiveness of the stabilization treatment process. No additional sampling and analysis should be necessary for this waste stream prior to treatment in the future.

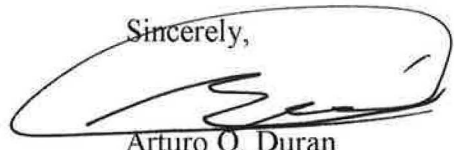
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Enclosures:

- 1) Analytical Results Summary for Pre-Treatment Nitrate Salt-Bearing Waste Samples
- 2) Analytical Results Summary for Post-Treatment Nitrate Salt-Bearing Waste Samples

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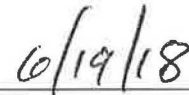


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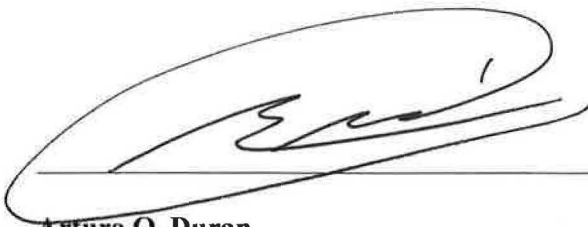
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# **ENCLOSURE 1**

**Analytical Results Summary for Pre-Treatment Nitrate Salt-Bearing Waste Samples**

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Analytical Results Summary for Pre-Treatment Nitrate Salt-Bearing Waste Samples

Analyte	Analysis Results								Expected Range within Waste Stream Pre-treatment	Unit
	68685	69490	69208	69553	69559	94068	S844602 (repackaged to 69907 then 70195)	S822599 (repackaged to 72672)		
Nitrate	23.5 wt%	11.4 wt%	33.9 wt%	11.8 wt%	29 wt%	22.9 wt%	30 wt%	36.6 wt%	20-70	%
Lead	210 µg/g (soluble) + 12.1% (insoluble)	0.73 wt%	1.79 wt%	1.72 wt%	0.235 wt%	1.6 wt%	0.77 wt%	2 wt%	0-40	%
Water	9.9 wt%	13.9 wt%	14.1 wt%	13.7 wt%	30.4 wt%	14.9 wt%	54.3 wt%	43.4 wt%	10-30	%
Sodium	11.2 wt%	3.67 wt%	12.22 wt%	3.78 wt%	0.64 wt%	7.1 wt%	10 wt%	4 wt%	0-25	%
Aluminum	55 ppm	1,900 ppm	910 ppm	1,500 ppm	4,600 ppm	1,200 ppm	3,300 ppm	7,300 ppm	0-10,000	ppm
Calcium	12 ppm	6,000 ppm	1,250 ppm	1,550 ppm	14,500 ppm	3,300 ppm	790 ppm	6,400 ppm	0-10,000	ppm
Iron	6 ppm	89 ppm	490 ppm	800 ppm	130 ppm	240 ppm	1,500 ppm	680 ppm	0-10,000	ppm
Magnesium	125 ppm	7,100 ppm	1,340 ppm	3,450 ppm	22,300 ppm	8,000 ppm	370 ppm	30,000 ppm	0-50,000	ppm
Potassium	2,345 ppm	3,000 ppm	2,400 ppm	3,200 ppm	17,000 ppm	1,300 ppm	3,400 ppm	36,000 ppm	0-10,000	ppm
Arsenic	1 ppm	<0.6 ppm	<0.3 ppm	0.28 ppm	0.14 ppm	0.04 ppm	2 ppm	4.4 ppm	0-1	ppm
Barium	0.5 ppm	<4 ppm	3 ppm	2.7 ppm	16 ppm	1.5 ppm	0.47 ppm	26 ppm	0-10	ppm
Beryllium	<0.3 ppm	0.3 ppm	<0.6 ppm	1.5 ppm	<0.6 ppm	< 0.6 ppm	1.2 ppm	7.3 ppm	0-1	ppm
Cadmium	0.02 ppm	1 ppm	2.9 ppm	1.4 ppm	5.6 ppm	2.3 ppm	12 ppm	29 ppm	0-100	ppm
Chromium	69 ppm	86 ppm	65 ppm	87 ppm	165 ppm	40 ppm	160 ppm	190 ppm	0-1,000	ppm
Copper	<0.6 ppm	12 ppm	75 ppm	25 ppm	60 ppm	37 ppm	45 ppm	33 ppm	0-1,000	ppm
Gallium	Not measured	Not measured	Not measured	Not measured	Not measured	Not measured	Not measured	Not measured	0-1,000	ppm
Mercury	0.04 ppm	<0.1 ppm	<0.1 ppm	<0.1 ppm	0.23 ppm	< 0.1 ppm	0.13 ppm	0.17 ppm	0-1	ppm
Nickel	<0.7 ppm	170 ppm	89 ppm	60 ppm	310 ppm	54 ppm	43 ppm	110 ppm	0-1,000	ppm
Selenium	<0.4 ppm	0.1 ppm	<0.8 ppm	0.1 ppm	<0.04 ppm	< 0.1 ppm	3.3 ppm	6.4 ppm	0-1	ppm
Silicon	9 ppm	13 ppm	12 ppm	43 ppm	210 ppm	27 ppm	13 ppm	6.1 ppm	0-1,000	ppm
Silver	<1 ppm	0.05 ppm	<2 ppm	0.09 ppm	0.02 ppm	0.24 ppm	0.53 ppm	0.6 ppm	0-1	ppm
Chloride	420 ppm	650 ppm	490 ppm	660 ppm	700 ppm	820 ppm	1,300 ppm	1,400 ppm	0-1,000	ppm
Fluoride	<800 ppm	68 ppm	150 ppm	510 ppm	4,300 ppm	650 ppm	670 ppm	1,200 ppm	0-1,000	ppm
Nitrite	24 ppm	41 ppm	1,500 ppm	65 ppm	96 ppm	Not detected	Not detected	Not detected	0-10,000	ppm
Oxalate	5 wt%	0.03 wt%	0.41 wt%	2.51 wt%	0.35 wt%	1.1 wt%	3.7 wt%	2.2 wt%	0-1	%
Sulfate	270 ppm	1,800 ppm	580 ppm	1,250 ppm	230 ppm	370 ppm	800 ppm	630 ppm	0-2,500	ppm
pH of moistened solid	4.5	4.2	5.2	3.6	3.9	2.7	0.02	1.6	0-7	pH
Organic Matter	31.1 wt%	63.9 wt%	17.7 wt%	53.5 wt%	32.3 wt%	33.3 wt%	Not applicable	Not applicable	5-90	%

## **ENCLOSURE 2**

**Analytical Results Summary for Post-Treatment Nitrate Salt-Bearing Waste Samples**

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## Analytical Results Summary for Post-Treatment Nitrate Salt-Bearing Waste Samples

Analyte	Analysis Results				Expected Range within Waste Stream Pre-treatment	Unit
	68553	68685	69559	71921		
Nitrate	2.87%	4.94%	5.44%	9.69%	20-70	%
Lead	0.05%	0.71%	0.035%	15.50%	0-40	%
Water	2.40%	21.10%	19.80%	11.30%	10-30	%
Sodium	1.71%	2.78%	1.34%	4.05%	0-25	%
Aluminum	9,100 ppm	6,400 ppm	7,000 ppm	6,300 ppm	0-10,000	ppm
Calcium	7,400 ppm	5,800 ppm	7,900 ppm	6,000 ppm	0-10,000	ppm
Iron	120 ppm	250 ppm	220 ppm	390 ppm	0-10,000	ppm
Magnesium	1800 ppm	790 ppm	4900 ppm	300 ppm	0-50,000	ppm
Potassium	3,100 ppm	2,900 ppm	4,700 ppm	4,600 ppm	0-10,000	ppm
Arsenic	<0.6 ppm	<0.6 ppm	<0.6 ppm	0.4 ppm	0-1	ppm
Barium	120 ppm	145 ppm	120 ppm	250 ppm	0-10	ppm
Beryllium	1.3 ppm	0.2 ppm	<0.6 ppm	6 ppm	0-1	ppm
Cadmium	1.4 ppm	0.7 ppm	0.9 ppm	0.9 ppm	0-100	ppm
Chromium	70 ppm	14 ppm	31 ppm	56 ppm	0-1,000	ppm
Copper	35 ppm	6 ppm	8 ppm	120 ppm	0-1,000	ppm
Gallium	Not measured	Not measured	Not measured	Not measured	0-1,000	ppm
Mercury	0.1 ppm	0.09 ppm	<0.1 ppm	0.4 ppm	0-1	ppm
Nickel	160 ppm	< 1 ppm	56 ppm	17 ppm	0-1,000	ppm
Selenium	< 0.04 ppm	<0.04 ppm	<0.04 ppm	<0.04 ppm	0-1	ppm
Silicon	320 ppm	380 ppm	400 ppm	870 ppm	0-1,000	ppm
Silver	0.03 ppm	0.09 ppm	0.01 ppm	0.4 ppm	0-1	ppm
Chloride	200 ppm	59 ppm	110 ppm	80 ppm	0-1,000	ppm
Fluoride	160 ppm	55 ppm	130 ppm	10 ppm	0-1,000	ppm
Nitrite	470 ppm	40 ppm	Not detected	58 ppm	0-10,000	ppm
Oxalate	60 ppm	110 ppm	60 ppm	Not detected	0-1	%
Sulfate	75 ppm	26 ppm	Not detected	Not detected	0-2,500	ppm
pH of moistened solid	7.4	6.3	6.6	2.7	0-7	pH
Organic Matter	11.40%	10.60%	8.20%	6.20%	5-90	%