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Change in Dates of EPA Inspection of Transuranic Waste Characterization Systems and Processes at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site Related to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a change in the dates of a planned inspection of systems and processes for characterizing certain transuranic (TRU) radioactive waste at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS), as described in EPA's **Federal Register** document of March 25, 1999 (64 FR 14418). The original dates were April 12-16, as announced in the March 25 notice. The inspection will now be held the week of April 26, 1999. This will allow for the 30-day public comment period on Department of Energy (DOE) documents applicable to characterization of TRU waste at RFETS, which was announced in the March 25 notice, to occur in advance of the inspection. The documents available for comment are entitled: (1) "Transuranic Waste Management Manual, Rev. 2," (2) "RFETS TRU Waste Characterization Program Quality Assurance Project Plan," and (3) "Salt Residue Stabilization, Building 707 Process Control/Qualification Plan." They are available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. In accordance with EPA's WIPP Compliance Criteria at 40 CFR 194.8, EPA will conduct an inspection of waste characterization systems and processes at RFETS to verify that the proposed systems and processes at RFETS can characterize transuranic waste at issue properly, consistent with the Compliance Criteria. This notice of the inspection and comment period accords with 40 CFR 194.8.

DATES: Comments must be received by EPA's official Air Docket on or before May 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Docket No. A-98-49, Air Docket, Room M-1500 (LE-131), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460. The DOE documents are available for review in the official EPA Air Docket in Washington DC, Docket No. A-98-49, Category II-A-2, and at the following three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico: in Carlsbad at the Municipal Library, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 am-9 pm, Friday-Saturday, 10 am-6 pm, and Sunday 1 pm-5 pm; in Albuquerque at the Government Publications Department, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am-9 pm, Friday, 8 am-5 pm, Saturday-Sunday, 1 pm-5 pm; and in Santa Fe at the Fogelson Library, College of Santa Fe, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am-12 am, Friday, 8 am-5 pm, Saturday, 9 am-5 pm, and Sunday, 1 pm-9 pm.

Copies of items in the docket may be requested by writing Docket A-98-49 at the address provided above, or by calling (202) 260-7548. As provided in EPA's regulations at 40 CFR part 2, and in accordance with normal EPA docket procedures, a reasonable fee may be charged for photocopying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Monroe, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, (202) 564-9310, or call EPA's toll-free WIPP Information Line, 1-800-331-WIPP.

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Waste Characterization Program Documents Applicable to Transuranic Radioactive Waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Proposed for Disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability; opening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of, and soliciting public comments for 30 days on, Department of Energy (DOE) documents on waste characterization programs applicable to certain transuranic (TRU) radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) proposed for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The documents are: "Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Transuranic Waste Characterization Program (PLN-190), Revision 3 (April 1999)," "INEEL TRU Waste Characterization, Transportation, and Certification Quality Program Plan (PLN-182), Revision 3 (April 1999)," and "Program Plan for Certification of INEEL Contact-Handled Stored Transuranic Waste (INEL-96/0345), Revision 2 (April 1999)." These documents are available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. The EPA will use these documents to evaluate waste characterization systems and processes at INEEL that DOE described as applicable to waste streams containing homogeneous solids, debris, and soils and gravels. In accordance with EPA's WIPP Compliance Criteria at 40 CFR 194.8, EPA will conduct an inspection of waste characterization systems and processes at INEEL to verify that the proposed systems and processes at INEEL can characterize transuranic waste at issue properly, consistent with the Compliance Criteria. This notice of the inspection and comment period accords with 40 CFR 194.8.

DATES: The EPA is requesting public comment on these documents. Comments must be received by EPA's official Air Docket on or before May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Docket No. A-98-49, Air Docket, Room M-1500 (LE-131), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20460.

The DOE documents "Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Transuranic Waste Characterization Program (PLN-190), Revision 3 (April 1999)," "INEEL TRU Waste Characterization, Transportation, and Certification Quality Program Plan (PLN-182), Revision 3 (April 1999)," and "Program Plan for Certification of INEEL Contact-Handled Stored Transuranic Waste (INEL-96/0345), Revision 2 (April 1999)," are available for review in the official EPA Air Docket in Washington, D.C., Docket No. A-98-49, Category II-A-2, and at the