

TRU waste and 1,700 cubic meters of contact-handled TRU waste would be transported from offsite DOE generator sites to Hanford over 20 years (see WM PEIS, Table 8.1-1 and Section 8.3.4). The potential risks associated with transportation (including routine and accident conditions) of the total of approximately 36 total cubic meters that DOE has now decided to ship would be small and much less than the transportation impacts (including routine and accident risks) identified in the WM PEIS (see WM PEIS, Sections 8.4.2, 8.7.5, and 8.10.1.1). In addition, the WIPP SEIS-II specifically analyzed transportation corridor impacts between ETEC and Hanford, which were small (see WIPP SEIS-II, Section 5.1.8). The volume of ETEC waste currently projected to be shipped to Hanford after volume reduction (11 cubic meters to 9 cubic meters) is identical to that analyzed in the WIPP SEIS II (see WIPP SEIS-II, Table 2-2).

In addition, the Environmental Assessment for Battelle Columbus Laboratories Decommissioning Project identified transportation corridor impacts between West Jefferson and Hanford for shipping 1,800 cubic meters of TRU waste over a period of 2 years and also found that the potential impacts would be very small. The 27 cubic meters of West Jefferson waste DOE has now decided to ship, and thus the potential transportation corridor impacts, would be substantially less than those identified in the environmental assessment.

The WM PEIS analyzed the onsite impacts at Hanford of storing, characterizing, and preparing up to 17,000 cubic meters of remote-handled TRU waste and 38,000 cubic meters of contact-handled TRU waste for shipment to WIPP (TRU waste generated at Hanford and TRU waste shipped to Hanford from offsite generators [Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, and Los Alamos National Laboratory]) (see WM PEIS, Table 8.1-1 and Section 8.3.4). The health and environmental impacts of managing these volumes of waste at Hanford were small (see WM PEIS, Volume II, Site Data Tables, Section II.5.3). Although the WM PEIS did not analyze the specific waste inventory at West Jefferson and ETEC that DOE has now decided to ship to Hanford (approximately 36 cubic meters total), the characteristics of the West Jefferson and ETEC wastes are similar to the TRU wastes analyzed in the WM PEIS at Hanford. Further, the waste volumes to be shipped to Hanford would represent

a very small fraction of the total contact-and remote-handled TRU waste to be prepared at Hanford for shipment to WIPP (0.07 percent) as analyzed in the WM PEIS.

For the reasons stated above, DOE is revising its earlier decision and will transfer approximately 27 cubic meters of TRU waste from the West Jefferson site and approximately 9 cubic meters of TRU waste from the ETEC site to Hanford for storage until certification and shipment to WIPP for disposal. Low-level waste (if any) identified during the certification process will be disposed of at Hanford according to existing procedures.

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