

WIPP Update

New Mexico Environment Department

October 14, 2010

Permit Modification Requests

- **Revise VOC Concentrations of Concern (C of C) Class 2**
 - **Included a “Temporary Authorization (TA) request”**
 - **NMED approved PMR with changes, July 2, 2010**
 - **Issue was also subject to permit renewal**

Permit Renewal

- **WIPP permit set to expire Nov. 26, 2009**
- **Amended permit renewal application submitted Sept. 25, 2009**
- **NMED issued administrative completeness determination, Nov. 25, 2009; extended current permit through issuance of new permit**
- **NMED issued draft permit, fact sheet, and notice of public comment period and opportunity to request a hearing, April 27, 2010**
- **“Stipulation on Permit Language”, June 29, 2010**
- **Hearing was held in Santa Fe August 9-10, with one day of non-technical oral public comment in Carlsbad August 16**
- **Parties filed post-hearing brief and findings of fact/conclusions of law, Sept. 22, 2010**
- **Anticipated future milestones:**
 - **Hearing Officer’s Report filed, Oct. 22, 2010**
 - **Comment on Hearing Officer Report, Nov. 8, 2010**
 - **Secretary’s Final Order filed, Dec. 8, 2010**

RCRA-related Audits

- **Audit report approvals in the last 90 days**
 - **ORNL/CCP Recertification (A-10-08)**
 - **INL Labs Recertification (A-10-17)**
 - **Hanford/CCP Certification (A-10-07)**
 - **LANL/CCP Recertification (A-10-14)**
- **Audits reports currently under review**
 - **INL/CCP Recertification (A-10-16), received September 10, 2010**
- **Audits that NMED has observed and is awaiting an audit report**
 - **ANL/CCP Recertification (A-10-23), August 3-5, 2010**
 - **AMWTP Recertification (A-10-24), August 23-26, 2010**
- **Upcoming audits, surveillances**
 - **SRS/CCP Recertification (A-11-01), October 26-28, 2010**
 - **ORNL/CCP Recertification (A-11-04), February 8-10, 2011**

“AKSD”

- **“AKSD” = Acceptable Knowledge Sufficiency Determination**
- **NMED approved AKSD for LANL “16 Canisters” in 2009**
- **6 others approved since June**
 - **All for waste at Savannah River**
- **None pending**

Compliance Issues

- **Emplacement of LANL waste container with liquid**
- **Notification of exceedance of repository VOC concentration of concern**
- **Request for Information concerning conflict of interest**

The Near Future

- **Permit renewal**
- **Subsequent modification request to renewed permit**
- **VOC issue continues**
- **Blue Ribbon Commission**
- **Linkages to LANL and SNL cleanups**

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