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Dear Ms. Wills:

In response to Mr. Hooks recent letter requesting Department of Energy (DOE) comments on the proposed revisions in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Federal Agency Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket, DOE has reviewed the list and is providing the comments in the following areas. Four of these areas correspond to the package items sent us; the fifth is an observation on the consistency of the NFRAP status indications on the actual docket.

1. Additions List:

Three sites were proposed for addition to the Docket, the Salmon Site, the Fallon Project Shoal Site, and the North Las Vegas Facility. Our comments are as follows:

- (a) the DOE concurs with placement of the Salmon Site.
- (b) the Fallon Project Shoal Site is properly named the Shoal Site; the DOE concurs with the listing but the name needs to be changed to minimize future confusion.
- (c) the North Las Vegas Facility should not be added to the Docket. The North Las Vegas Facility at 2621 Losee Road is an administrative office building and storage yard and is not a large quantity generator. Please contact either Mr. Ethan Merrill at DOE Headquarters (301 903 8185) or Mr. Pete Sanders at the DOE Nevada Operations Office (702 295 1037) if you need further information on the site.

2. Corrections List:

No comment.

3. List of Facilities Lacking Identification Numbers:

The facility identification number requested for the Carlsbad Waste Isolation Plant is as follows:
NM 4890139088

4. NFRAP Status List:

The following three sites were listed with an “N” indicator but should be listed with a “U” for the reasons cited below.

- (a) the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory is undergoing remediation with completion scheduled for 2003.
- (b) the Lovelace Inhalation Toxicology Research Institute has not yet received State approval of the completed remediation activity so the site should have a “U” indicator.
- (c) the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center is undergoing remediation with completion scheduled for 2000.

5. Federal Agency Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket Update # 10:

The following sites are listed on the docket with inaccurate “N” or “U” indicators for the reasons cited:

- (a) the Oxnard site should be indicated with an “N” rather than a “U” since it was sold with no expectation of any remedial action being done. DOE suggest that EPA consider deleting the site from the docket completely.
- (b) the Sandia National Laboratories - Kauai Test Facility has received a No Further Action approval from EPA Region 9 so the site should either be assigned an “N” indicator rather than the present “U” indicator or be deleted from the docket.
- (c) the Tonopah Test Range is undergoing remediation and therefore should have a “U” indicator rather than an “N” indicator.
- (d) the Gnome site and the Gasbuggy site are both underground test sites. Site investigations have not yet started but monitoring is being done. Gnome is listed with a “U” indicator while Gasbuggy is given an “N” indicator. Both sites should be assigned the same indicator.
- (e) Colonie Interim Storage Site, Maywood Interim Storage Site, Niagara Falls Storage Site, Wayne Interim Storage Site, and Middlesex Sampling Plant are Formerly Used Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) sites. By law, the Army Corps of Engineers now has cleanup authority at these sites.¹ Congressional transfer of FUSRAP to the Army Corps of Engineers needs to be reflected in the docket.

Thank you for providing the proposed docket for DOE review and comment.

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¹ Title I of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1998, Public Law 105-62, [III]
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