

ADVANCE NOTICE OF TRU WASTE SHIPMENTS

The following procedures have been developed cooperatively by the Western Governors' Association Technical Advisory Group on WIPP Transport and the U.S. Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO). These procedures explain advance notice requirements which will be followed by CBFO and its contractors for shipments of transuranic waste through Western states.

1. Annual and Eight-Week Schedules

The CBFO will develop shipment schedules to optimize use of its shipping assets (drivers, trucks and shipping casks).

The CBFO will provide advance WIPP shipment schedules to the Western states through a protected Web Site (the WIPP Transportation Web Site). This will include both an annual schedule and an eight week rolling schedule.

- The annual schedule will be provided twice yearly, by January 31 and July 31 of each year. The schedule will be for the subsequent twelve-month period.
- The eight week rolling schedule will reflect shipment plans eight weeks in advance and will be revised on a monthly basis. Any changes subsequent to the eight week rolling schedule will be posted on the WIPP Transportation Web Site within one working day. Information on the Web Site will include the date the schedule was posted or updated.
- The eight week schedule will provide states with basic information about each shipment. This will include name, address and telephone number of the shipper, carrier and receiver; the origin; schedule; the type of waste (contact-handled or remote-handled); special packaging considerations such as use of the pipe overpack; and whether the shipment contains a "Highway Route Controlled Quantity" of radioactive material, as defined in U.S. Department of Transportation regulations.

Each state will distribute the schedule information to the appropriate parties within its borders.

2. Notice of Impending Shipment

States will receive written notice of the first five (5) shipments for each corridor no later than 14 days prior to the shipment.

After the first five (5) shipments, states will use the WIPP Transportation Web

Site as the primary means of advance notice. States are responsible for internal state and local notifications. States may also provide notice to affected Indian tribes within their respective borders upon request; however, states concur that the responsibility for advance notice of TRU waste shipments to Indian tribes rests with USDOE.

3. Bill-of-Lading

The shipper will post the Bill-of-Lading for each shipment on the WIPP Transportation Web Site at least 24 hours prior to shipment departure time.

4. Coordination of Public Information for First Shipments

The states and the CAO will coordinate public information activities for the first few shipments from each site. DOE will notify the states in writing as soon as the first shipments are scheduled, and no later than two weeks prior to departure. The notification will go to the persons(s) specified in the attached list.