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Subject: Re: Responses to nickel questions

Re: SP-99-014

Tom,

In our response to the first question posed by SP-99-074, we indicated several specific types of wastes that are commonly released following a demonstration that the referenced criteria had been met. Such releases are primarily made by facilities licensed to process and dispose of radioactive materials, although other types of licensees may also obtain such authorizations. These authorizations are issued following review of the protocol to be utilized by the licensee to characterize the level of contamination in the material proposed for release, and to determine that the measurement techniques proposed are adequate to verify compliance with the selected criteria. The term "other wastes" was included for the sake of completeness, but can, in fact, include any material that can be adequately characterized and verified as meeting the criteria.

The above is a general description of the process we use. We note that the tenor of the questions seems to relate more to medical- and laboratory-type wastes (e.g., references to: ... medical ... blue chux ... pipettes). We are somewhat perplexed by this apparent focus, given the nature of current discussion regarding the issue of release criteria for solid materials. If you are in need of details, please let us know more specifically what area(s) you are interested in.

-- Eddie

>>> "Thomas O'Brien" <TJO@nrc.gov> 11/29/99 01:41PM >>>
Eddie-

Thank you for response. We are in the process of compiling State responses and find that some clarification is needed to ensure we accurately profile each State's practices.

Could you please clarify what the term "wastes" means in the context of your response (copy below)? It appears to allow anything (e.g., blue chux, pipettes) to be released from a licensed facility if the 1.86 and 8-08 criteria are met.

Thanks for your assistance.

TN Response:

U.S.N.R.C. Regulatory Guide 1.86 and Policy and Guidance PG-8-08 are used for the release of dirt, resins, asphalt, concrete, metals, and other wastes from licensed activities

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Paul, attached are our responses to some (as requested) of the original questions posed by the

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