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100TH SHIPMENT OF TRANSURANIC (TRU) WASTE LEAVES HANFORD

The 100th shipment of TRU waste will leave Hanford today, bound for permanent disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Hanford began shipping TRU out of state in 2000, but considerably increased the number of shipments in 2003. In fact, more than three times the number of drums left the site in 2003 than the total number shipped in the first three years combined.

To date, almost 3,000 drums of TRU waste have been sent to WIPP, and the U.S. Department of Energy and contractor Fluor Hanford, Inc. expect to make 40 more shipments before the end of the fiscal year.

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