# Disposal Operations Update



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# **Topics**

- Operational updates
- Recent disposal issues
- NTS initiatives
- Contacts



## Operational Updates

- Send WMDATA files at least 24 hours in advance of shipment departure
- Include information about the waste (such as type, unique) conditions, etc.) in the body of the WMDATA e-mail
- If sending a corrected WMDATA please flag it with "Corrected" or "Revised"

To: WMDATA

Cc: Enockson, Katherine

Subject: INL08035, Corrected/Revised #1 (up this number sequentially as revisions are required)

Attached is Corrected/Revised INL08035 PSDR. The correction is due to xxxxxx change.

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## Operational Updates

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Call Disposal Operations (702-295-6811) the day before arrival if

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 Allow Disposal Operations adequate time to prepare for waste requiring special needs (such as a lift plan, ALARA\* review, Radioactive Work Permits, etc.)

 Clearly mark boxes that do not meet the strength requirement with "Does Not Meet Strength Requirement" on at least two (2) sides



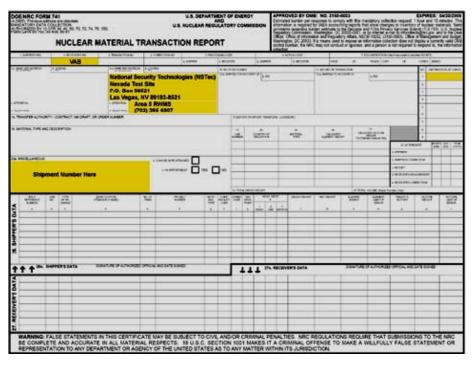


\*As Low As Reasonably Achievable

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#### Recent Disposal Issues

 Shipping paperwork (i.e., Package Storage and Disposal Request [PSDR] weights, nuclides) not matching the Low-Level Waste Information System (LWIS) database



- Not receiving corrected hardcopies from generators in a timely fashion
- Not receiving Nuclear Material Transaction Report (Form 741)
  - Send with shipments
  - Operations will sign same day and return with shipment driver

#### Recent Disposal Issues

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- Preferred routes to the NTS
  - Carriers should be reminded to avoid routes through Las Vegas (including I-215)
  - Updated Transporting Low-Level Waste to the Nevada Test Site brochure (Rev. 2 dated February 2008) available on the Nevada Site Office web site



http://www.nv.doe.gov/library/factsheets/DOENV\_990\_REV2.pdf

#### Recent Disposal Issues

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- Several late shipment arrivals (after 2 p.m.) in fiscal year 2008
- Several incidents of contamination found on trailers which were not associated with any leakage from package(s)
- Liquids leaking from Sealand containers, end dump trailers diligence required to ensure ALL waste packaging keeps contents contained



#### **NTS** Initiatives

- Drop-n-Go (approved on a case-by-case basis)
  - Carriers will be able to drop a trailer used to haul waste and pick up an empty trailer during normal operating hours
- Bulk Disposal (under consideration)
  - Evaluating location and criteria to allow for bulk disposal (direct dumping) from intermodals, etc.
- Monthly Look-Ahead (generator assistance needed)
  - Accurate monthly shipping projections lead to efficient disposal operations



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