

From: Jamison, James D.
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2005 3:48 PM
To: 'Stephen Costigan'
Cc: Gorden, Milton E.
Subject: RE: TA-55 Incident

Thank you Steve. This is exactly the clarification I was looking for.

Just for the record (after all, this email is probably going to end up in our EIS files somewhere), we are talking about the August 2003 incident, correct?

Jim

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephen Costigan [mailto:costigan@lanl.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2005 1:46 PM
To: Jamison, James D.
Cc: jgeorge@lanl.gov; johnb@lanl.gov
Subject: Re: TA-55 Incident

Mr. Jamison-

TA-55 room 201B sustained a release of Pu-238 in August of 2005. To the best of my knowledge, there was no significant spread of contamination beyond that room. The recovery of room 201B was delayed due to the subsequent Type B investigation by DOE and additional DOE authorization basis issues. The nuclear material stored in the room at the time of the release is to be repackaged in more robust nuclear material containers. The status of repackaging is that this is in progress, containers at risk have been removed, or repackaged or temporarily mitigated prior to final repackaging, but the overall repacking effort is not complete at this time. Significant decontamination has taken place but decontamination will not be fully completed that room until repackaging or removal has been completed.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

At 02:24 PM 12/15/2005, you wrote:

Steve:

I am working on the LANL Site-Wide EIS effort and need some info on the status of the room where that Pu release incident took place in August 2003 (Room 201B in PF-4). Specifically, can you tell me whether the room has been decontaminated and what (if anything) was done with the materials that were stored therein at the time of the event?

John Bliss said he understood that the room had not really been cleaned out yet. He suggested that you might be able to tell me more about the about the present status.

I don't need any great detail – just a brief summary of the condition that we can include in the Accident History section of the SWEIS.

Thanks for your help.

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