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Generators:

In the last year there have been several changes in how we handle waste verification failures. A recent memorandum (Policy on compliance of Radioactive Waste Acceptance Requirements, dated September 12, 2007) from DOE directed that, “any LLW or MLLW shipment sent to a DOE facility for treatment, storage or disposal which does not comply with the receiving site’s waste acceptance criteria, will not be accepted for processing and/or disposal.” The memo goes on to state that the generator will be responsible for the timely return transport of the container to the generator site. And, if there are issues associated with the container that prevent or complicate its return, resolution of the issues will also be the responsibility of the generator.

As a result of this memo the Hanford SWOC TSD facilities will no longer take verification failure containers for remediation. All containers (including TRU waste) that do not meet the Hanford Site Solid Waste Acceptance Criteria, HNF-EP-0063, will be returned to the generator. The waste generator will make arrangements to have the waste container removed from the SWOC TSD facility within 15 business days.

Please direct any questions on the Waste Acceptance Criteria to J.A. Nielsen or A.J. Ramirez.