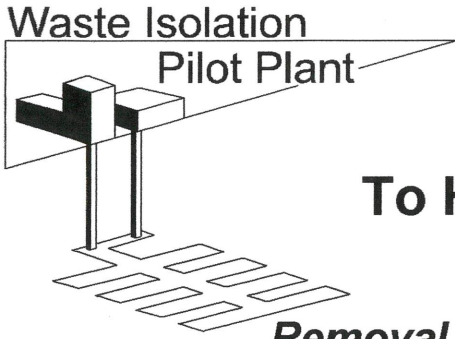


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Fact Sheet

# DOE Proposes Modification To Hazardous Waste Facility Permit

## *Removal of Formaldehyde as a Required Analyte*

**Background**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has proposed a modification to its Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (HWFP) for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) to make DOE environmental cleanup efforts more efficient.

The existing HWFP, issued in October 1999 by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), lists formaldehyde as an analyte in certain waste streams located at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).

After reassessing the transuranic (TRU) waste at LANL, it was noted that formaldehyde was not found. A recent 2003 inventory update of LANL TRU waste confirmed the absence of formaldehyde. Therefore, DOE is asking that LANL no longer be required to test for formaldehyde as an analyte.

**What is Proposed?**

DOE submitted the Class 2 permit modification request to NMED on May 13, 2003, to remove formaldehyde as a required test analyte for LANL TRU waste.

Deleting this analyte will not affect the requirements or procedures by which LANL samples other required analytes in TRU waste. This simply alleviates the necessity to sample and test for this analyte known not to be present in the TRU waste.

**Comments**

Comments for the record must be sent to Mr. Steve Zappe, New Mexico Environment Department, 2905 Rodeo Park Drive, Building 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505. They may also be e-mailed: [steve\\_zappe@nmenv.state.nm.us](mailto:steve_zappe@nmenv.state.nm.us) or faxed to 505-428-2567. Only written comments will be accepted and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on July 14, 2003. A copy of the permit modification



may be viewed or copied at the NMED offices of Mr. Zappe. To be placed on the WIPP mailing list, contact Mr. Zappe at the address above.

***For more  
Information***

For more information about transuranic waste shipments and procedures, call the WIPP Information Center at 1-800-336-WIPP (9477). You also may visit the WIPP Home Page at <http://www.wipp.ws>. Comments to the Permittees regarding this permit modification may be sent to Mr. Bobby St. John, Washington TRU Solutions, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221.