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Subject: Semi-annual Notification letter

Due to events that occurred in February 2014 and the ongoing recovery effort, a schedule of confirmed shipping dates has not been produced. For the twelve month period from February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017, no transuranic (TRU) waste shipments are yet scheduled for shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). Once exact dates are established for the reception of waste and shipping campaigns are determined, this notification will be revised. This schedule update extends the data previously sent in July, 2015, and is provided in accordance with the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) agreements with the Western Governors' Association (WGA), the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB), the Council of State Governments (Midwest Region), and commitments to tribal governments.

Projected shipment numbers and rates for all sites shipping to the WIPP are contingent upon each site's ability to achieve and maintain certification and audit approval from the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Throughout the year, the CBFO will continue to provide the 8-week rolling schedule or summary schedule, as appropriate, as our official shipment notifications. These schedules will be sent weekly by electronic mail to cognizant personnel. As a reminder, these schedules contain sensitive information pertaining to the TRU waste shipments and should be protected as such for security reasons. The next issuance of this Semi-Annual Notification Letter will occur before the end of June, 2016.

If you require additional information or questions arise, please feel free to contact Mr. James Mason, Institutional Affairs Manager, TRU Sites and Transportation Division, Carlsbad Field Office, at (575) 234-7335 or by email at [james.mason@cbfo.doe.gov](mailto:james.mason@cbfo.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

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