

FW Area G Closure.txt

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Information regarding whether there is a plan to change the Area G authorization basis in the future.

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Mitch, thanks for the information on your discussions with Kirk. I appreciate your help on this issue.

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>John,
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>I talked to Kirk and his coworkers about the Area G plan.
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>In essence, the current limit of 150,000 PE-Ci (Pu equivalent
>curies) will stand for the foreseeable future. To be precise, we
>adjusted this number recently based on recovery of offsite sources, but
>150,000 works as the source term number.
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>As we ship waste off the mesa in the quick to WIPP program, TA-55 is
>attempting to de-inventory their vaults to receive waste from TA-18.
>After QTW finishes next summer, we are looking to begin retrieval from
>Pit 9. This should last 12 to 18 months. After that, Pit 29 is on tap
>and should last another 12 to 18 months. Pit 29 is the one containing
>the Corrigated Metal Pipe packages that we plan to cut with diamond
>saws to fit into Standard Waste Boxes for shipment.
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>Also, the Remote Handled waste is scheduled to come out, be packaged
>into a 72B container and immediately shipped offsite, such that there
>will be minimal impact on above ground source term.
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>The bottom line is that the total above ground source term will remain
>near our limit for at least the next 3 to 4 years and any shipment off
>the mesa will simply allow more expeditious retrieval.
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>On the other side, the local NNSA field office is very unlikely to
>allow us to increase our material at risk above ground.
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>Let me know if you have any more questions,
>
> - Mitch

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