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Re: 224-B EE/CA and Laydown Yard

Dear Mr. Valcich:

Recent project level discussions between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), as well as public comment, have focused on the 224-B Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) and the possible inclusion of a nearby construction laydown yard into the scope of the proposed cleanup. The EE/CA will be used to support a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) non-time critical removal action for the 224-B facility. The laydown yard contains debris and structures that are not associated with the 224-B facility. The laydown yard materials and some underlying soils were contaminated by past occurrences of contaminated fruit flies and through construction operations over the years.

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The EPA understands that the area where the laydown yard exists is a good location to set up trailers and stage equipment for the 224-B project. The laydown yard is in close proximity to the 224-B facility and EPA agrees that the area of contamination could be expanded to include the laydown yard. The DOE has proposed that cleaning up the laydown yard offers an opportunity to provide fill work between regular decontamination and decommission (D & D) tasks. The EPA does not believe the cleanup of the laydown yard is a priority and recommends that D & D workers concentrate on higher-priority activities. However, EPA will accept the inclusion of the laydown yard into the 224-B Action Memorandum for the removal action as a response to public comment and to facilitate the mobilization of resources.

Please contact me at 509 376-8665 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Record: 224-B Removal Action