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Ms. Norma J. Nungester
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Dear Ms. Nungester:

Thank you for your questions following the May Community Meeting at Ross Middle School about handling and processing wastes at the Feed Materials Production Center (FMPC).

You ask a question about the FMPC accepting waste from other areas. A subcontractor to Westinghouse Materials Company of Ohio (WMCO) named RMI in Ashtabula, Ohio provides extrusion and metal shaping capabilities for FMPC uranium products. Low level radioactive waste at RMI is certified by WMCO for direct shipment to the Nevada Test Site (NTS) for disposal. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) waste from RMI's heat treating process is sent to the FMPC for storage in permitted RCRA warehouses. Waste oils, contaminated with low levels of radioactivity and solvents, have also been shipped from RMI to the FMPC in the past. Recently, these waste oils were shipped directly to the Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant (ORGDP) at Oak Ridge for treatment, eliminating receipt at the FMPC.

Secondly, you inquired about incinerating liquid wastes and the analyses of their content. The FMPC uses an identification code that catalogs the source and type of material contained in every drum. The knowledge of this identification code provides the routing process from the time the materials first arrived on site to disposition. Makeup of the wastes is also clearly identified for incineration. Samples of waste oils, taken in early 1986, confirmed the presence of trace quantities of hazardous waste constituents. The incinerator immediately ceased operation when it was determined that the unit was not properly authorized to burn the liquid waste as analyzed.

If you have other questions, feel free to contact me at 738-6319.

Sincerely,

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