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Station A Exhaust Air Monitoring at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Conducted by the New Mexico Environment Department, DOE Oversight Bureau, April – June 2012

The New Mexico Environment Department DOE Oversight Bureau has compiled and assessed data collected from Station A for April through June 2012. The accompanying data report shows results for selected analytes and sample blanks as determined by an independent analytical laboratory.

Results

Results indicate no activities above the sample Minimum Detectable Concentration (MDC) for americium-241, cesium-137, isotopic plutonium, or strontium-90. The contract lab reported that uranium analysis failed due to low tracer yields. Due to the matrix type, isotopic uranium was run sequentially will the plutonium and americium. While the tracer yield for these analytes was within acceptance criteria, the uranium tracer yield was lost due to an unidentified chemistry failure. Therefore, no uranium results were reported, and no additional sample volume was available for re-analysis.

Response

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Enclosure: (1) Table 1 – Laboratory Results for Selected Analytes from Station A April - June, 2012

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Table 1 – Laboratory Results for Selected Analytes from Station A, April - June 2012

Apr-12 Station A	Analytical Results Monthly Composite Sample			Data Summaries		
Analyte	Result	2s TPU	Sample	Lab	Result	2s TPU
	pCi/composite		MDC	Flag	nBq/m^3	
Sr-90	1.07E-01	4.4E-01	9.23E-01	U	1.70E+03	7.00E+03
Pu-239/40	7.27E-03	2.0E-02	4.46E-02	U	1.16E+02	3.18E+02
Pu-238	1.15E-02	2.6E-02	5.47E-02	U	1.83E+02	4.14E+02
Am-241	-3.73E-04	2.0E-03	5.26E-03	U	-5.94E+00	3.18E+01
Cs-137	1.22E-02	6.1E-01	1.05E+00	U	1.94E+02	9.71E+03
U-234						
U-235						
U-238						
	(m^3)	(ft^3)				
Total Air Flow	2324	82108				

May-12 Station A	Analytical Results Monthly Composite Sample			Data Summaries		
Analyte	Result	2s TPU	Sample	Lab	Result	2s TPU
	pCi/composite		MDC	Flag	nBq/m ³	
Sr-90	2.47E-01	4.3E-01	8.59E-01	U	4.27E+03	7.43E+03
Pu-239/40	-2.33E-03	2.0E-02	5.76E-02	U	-4.02E+01	3.45E+02
Pu-238	-1.17E-03	1.4E-02	4.54E-02	U	-2.02E+01	2.42E+02
Am-241	-3.46E-07	1.7E-02	4.82E-02	U	-5.98E-03	2.94E+02
Cs-137	-6.76E-01	8.9E-01	1.47E+00	U	-1.17E+04	1.54E+04
U-234						
U-235						
U-238						
	(m^3)	(ft^3)				
Total Air Flow	2142	75667				

Jun-12	Analytical Results				Data Summaries	
Station A	Monthly Composite Sample					
Analyte	Result	2s TPU	Sample	Lab	Result	2s TPU
	pCi/composite		MDC	Flag	nBq/m^3	
Sr-90	4.05E-02	4.1E-01	8.66E-01	U	6.46E+02	6.54E+03
Pu-239/40	-2.84E-02	2.4E-02	7.71E-02	U	-4.53E+02	3.83E+02
Pu-238	1.93E-02	2.1E-02	3.16E-02	U	3.08E+02	3.35E+02
Am-241	3.21E-03	1.2E-02	3.02E-02	U	5.12E+01	1.91E+02
Cs-137	4.72E-01	1.3E+00	2.22E+00	U	7.53E+03	2.07E+04
U-234						
U-235						
U-238						
	(m^3)	(ft ³)				
Total Air Flow	2320	81960				