Department of Environment and Conservation

Solid Waste Permit Status at Radiological Facilities

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This memorandum of agreement (MOA) is entered into by the Division of Radiological Health (DRH) and the Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM). Certain radiological waste processing facilities that are licensed by the DRH, including those that handle bulk survey for release (BSFR) material, also have solid waste management activities as part of their operations. The DSWM has made a determination that these facilities are not processing solid waste subject to a permit-by-rule, but are generating solid waste during the process of handling BSFR waste material. This MOA is an agreement between DSWM and DRH acknowledging that the DRH licensing program provides appropriate oversight for the Department of Environment and Conservation. It is understood that any questions arising to DRH regarding solid waste management at these facilities will be referred to DSWM.

Per this agreement, the DSWM shall not require a permit-by-rule for these facilities. DSWM shall instead regulate the solid waste generated from these facilities by use of the special waste approval process. All special wastes approved from facilities with a DRH waste processing license shall meet the following conditions for disposal:

1. The waste shall be immediately disposed of at the landfill working face and then immediately covered. The waste shall not be salvaged or recycled.

2. Disposal facilities that receive special wastes from facilities with DRH waste processing licenses shall install, calibrate, maintain, inspect and test periodically radiological sensing equipment at the facility scales. Records that verify these calibration requirements have been met annually shall be kept at the scale house and made available to DSWM personnel upon request and during inspections. A written protocol for responding to alarms triggered by this special waste shall be maintained at the landfill facility.

3. The generator shall provide an annual report to the Division of Solid Waste Management. This report must include the total quantity of special waste under this approval that was delivered to and disposed at Class I landfills in Tennessee.

This agreement is entered into by DRH and DSWM in a cooperative effort to increase the timeliness of service delivery, enhance overall customer service, and realize greater departmental efficiency.

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