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Re: Letter dated December 28, 2004 regarding additional information to document closure of Area of Concern (AOC)-55 - Comments;
Camp Stanley Storage Activity, Boerne, TX;
TCEQ SWR No. 69026;
EPA ID No. TX2210020739

Dear LTC Shirley:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) received your letter dated December 28, 2004. Your letter responds to the TCEQ letter dated November 18, 2004 which requested CSSA for additional information concerning the closure of AOC-55. In particular, the TCEQ letter requested CSSA to submit laboratory analyses pertaining to the sampling and analyses of the incinerator ash, the incinerator ash-soil mix and contaminated soil collected from AOC-55. Also required for submission are: information on location and depth of sampling, sampling and field notes, and chain of custody.

Our review of the information provided in your letter indicate that ash materials were found at AOC-55 from what appears to be an incinerator which operated within AOC-55 area. Despite the finding of ash wastes, samples collected for waste characterization consisted of composite soil samples collected from top and bottom of each test trenches. Grab sample was collected for VOC analysis at approximately two foot deep into the soil material in the trench. The sample chain of custody information identified the samples as soil medium and one water sample. This appears to be an incorrect waste characterization; the soil analyses are not representative of ash wastes and vice versa. In the future, the TCEQ requires CSSA to collect representative samples of the materials, in question, for waste analyses

The TCEQ previously commented on "pre-RCRA" wastes in its letter dated November 18, 2004. In summary, the TCEQ indicated that wastes disposed prior to the implementation of hazardous waste regulations as promulgated under RCRA are generally known as "pre-RCRA" wastes. If these "pre-RCRA" wastes are exhumed during closure or remediation activities, a "newly" generated waste is generated. If this "newly" generated waste meets the definition of hazardous waste (refer to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §261.3), then it is subject to all applicable hazardous waste regulations, including Land Disposal Restrictions of 40 CFR §268. The TCEQ also apprises CSSA that in the *Management of Remediation Waste Under RCRA* EPA530-F-98-026 October 1998, it states that "documentation regarding a source of contamination, contaminant or waste is unavailable or inconclusive, EPA has stated that one may assume the

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source, contaminant or waste is not listed waste and, therefore, provided that material in question **does not exhibit a characteristic hazardous waste** (underscore and boldface supplied for emphasis), RCRA requirements do not apply." Crucial, therefore, to these requirements are the correct and proper sampling, waste analysis and characterization.

As previously stated in the November 18, 2004, the above issues of waste characterization, "pre-RCRA" wastes and determination when contamination is caused by listed waste should be evaluated during the rewrite and update of the report entitled *RFI and Interim Measures Waste Management Plan August 2002*. The TCEQ reiterates the need to update the waste management plan.

The closure report originally submitted in February 2004 for AOC-55, specified that remediation, cleanup and closure at AOC-55 attained Risk Reduction Standard No. 1. At this time, the TCEQ Corrective Action Section is deferring its decision pending consultation with the TCEQ Region 13 Office San Antonio.

Please prepare a written comment regarding CSSA waste characterization with possible proposal for procedural processes to ensure that improper waste characterization will not occur in the future. An original and one copy of the written response must be submitted to the TCEQ at the letterhead address using mail code number MC-127. An additional copy should be submitted to the TCEQ Region 13 Office in San Antonio. Your response must be received on or before May 25, 2005. The facility name, location and identification number(s) in the TCEQ reference line above should be included in your response.

To document compliance with the Texas Professional Geoscience Act, the Remediation Division will not review reports and documents received on or after September 1, 2004 that do not contain the seal of a Texas Professional Geoscientist for geoscience services and work. Reports and documents containing geoscience information that are not stamped with a Texas Professional Geoscience seal will be returned to the submitting party. For further information, please consult the webpage of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscience at <http://www.tbpg.state.tx.us>. Any inquiry regarding what constitute geoscience information or what information requires a Professional Geoscientist seal shall be made to the Board by calling 512.936.4400, in Austin, Texas. Examples of geology work which requires a Professional Geologist seal are provided in the link: <http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/permitting/remed/techsupp/PGRReports.pdf>.

Please contact me at 512.239.2371 or at srayos@tceq.state.tx.us if you wish to discuss or if you have questions concerning this letter. Please use Mail Code MC-127 when responding by mail.

Sincerely,



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