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## **107th TRU Shipment Sent Off Hanford Site in 2010**

*Recovery Act Funding Accelerates Schedule By Four Years*

RICHLAND, Wash. – The Department of Energy and its contractors shipped 107 shipments of Transuranic waste (TRU) off the Hanford site so far in 2010.

“Recovery Act funding has allowed Hanford to make TRU shipments in 2010 and in 2011 and accelerated our shipment schedule by four years,” said Larry Romine, Federal Project Director for Waste Disposal at DOE’s Richland Operations Office.

Before American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding became available, TRU shipments were on hold until 2014.

The shipments resumed in March of 2010 to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) after nearly a year and a half hiatus caused by funding being allocated to other cleanup projects. Since 2000, 540 TRU shipments have left the Hanford Site. WIPP began operations in 1999.

Transuranic Waste Transportation Shipments (TRUPACT-II) arrived safely this week at Idaho’s Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) near Idaho Falls for compaction before final disposal at the WIPP near Carlsbad, N.M.

TRUPACT-II’s are stainless steel containers approximately 8 feet in diameter and 10 feet high. Workers packed each container with up to 14 fifty-five gallon waste drums, two standard waste boxes, or one ten-drum over pack then loaded three containers onto a tractor-trailer for shipment.

Shipments to Idaho are put through automatic compacting equipment for Transuranic waste which allows disposal space at WIPP to be used more efficiently. Idaho shipments will continue through January at a rate of five to eight per week. Then in February shipments to WIPP will resume following a maintenance outage period at the disposal facility.

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