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Subject: RE: TNORM disposal in KY
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<http://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/ruleview.aspx?document=9530>

5.6.a.1. "Drill Cuttings and Associated Drilling Wastes" means the broken bits of solid material and drilling mud removed from a borehole drilled by rotary, percussion, or auger methods, but does not include wastes generated during the completion process or derived from the hydraulic fracturing process, including but not limited to, flowback solids and liquids, brine, tank bottoms, pit cleanout material and sludges, filters and filter media, pipe scale, used frack sand and proppants, etc.

5.6.d. Radiation Monitoring

5.6.d.1. All Solid Waste Facilities that accept drill cuttings and associated drilling waste for disposal must install fixed radiation detection equipment at the entrance to the facility. All drill cuttings and associated drilling wastes generated in the exploration, production and development of oil and natural gas and associated activities must be evaluated by this equipment. The facility must also have a portable radiation monitor capable of determining dose rate and the presence of contamination on a vehicle. The facility shall provide staff with documented training in the operation of all onsite radiation monitors.

5.6.d.2. The fixed detector must be capable of measuring exposure rates from ten microrentgens per hour (10 μ R/hr) to greater than fifty milliroentgens per hour (>50 mR/hr.). The instrument must be maintained and calibrated according to manufacturer specifications.

5.6.d.2. The detector elements must be configured to be as close as practical to the waste load and in an appropriate geometry to monitor the waste.

5.6.d.3. The facility shall set the detector to sound an alarm if the reading on the detector exceeds 10 μ R/hr. above local background.

5.6.d.4. If a load of drilling cuttings or associated drilling waste is confirmed to be less than ten microrentgens per hour (10 μ R/hr.) above local background level, the waste may be disposed of in the facility. If the load of waste is confirmed to be equal to or greater than 10 μ R/hr. above local background level, the combined concentration of Radium 226 and Radium 228 must be determined. The combined concentration must be analyzed by a State approved method. If the combined concentration in the waste is less than five picocuries per gram (5pCi/gr.) above local background level, the waste may be disposed in the facility. If the values are greater than 5pCi/gr. above local background level, the load must be rejected.

5.6.d.5. For each radiation alarm generated the facility shall provide an incident report to both the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) Radiological Health Program using Form 1W *Solid Waste Radioactivity Reporting Form* within 24 hours of the initial alarm. Form 1W can be obtained by contacting the DHHR Radiological Health Program.

5.6.d.6. Solid Waste facilities accepting drill cuttings and associated wastes must submit and obtain approval from both the DEP and the DHHR Radiological Health Program of a Radiation Monitoring Plan that outlines the facility's procedures for managing the waste.

5.6.e. A commercial solid waste facility located in a county that is, in whole or in part, within a karst region as determined by the West Virginia Geologic and Economic Survey, may not accept drill cuttings and drilling waste generated from horizontal well sites.

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Subject: RE: TNORM disposal in KY

Thanks Jason. That is exactly what I was hoping to hear. A WV regulation referencing a drive through radiation portal alarm of 2X background and 5 pCi/g Ra-226/228 above background, would be great if you can send me a link. Also, actual radiochemical data on the loads in questions would be extremely helpful. Does WV actually make companies like Fairmont Brine conduct radiological surveys and radiochemical analysis of oil and gas production fluids? I know that Republic Services operates many landfills here in KY and it is a company policy that all Republic landfills have drive through radiation portal monitors. We get our share of alarms for medical wastes in sewage sludge, usually long-lived isotopes such as I-131 which has a 8 day half-life. We even had a Republic landfill outside Ashland KY get a medical isotope alarm in a waste load from Huntington, WV not too long ago. That load was found to contain Tc-99m which meant that with a 6 hour half-life, the wastes was pretty fresh.

Thanks again for all your assistance.

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WV DEP is not involved in any type of radiological permitting. I believe you are referring to the drill cuttings disposal regs that we developed with WVDEP which set gate alarms of 2x background and then 5 pCi/g radium 226/228 above local background analytical limits. I may already have data for the loads. Will check.

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Hello Jason,

I have huge favor to ask of you. Is there any way that you can contact Fairmont Brine Processing in Fairmont WV and ask them for actual data on these loads as to the activity concentration of Ra-226 + Ra-228 plus daughter products? I would presume the driving force behind FBP notifying your office of a regulated waste activity and being assigned a US EPA ID number was the radioanalytical analysis of this wastes and not the fact the wastes read 0.5-2.0 mR/hr, I presume on contact with the waste containers.

sludge. The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) has received and processed FBP's Notification of Regulated Waste Activity Form. As a result, FBP was assigned a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Identification Number (WVR000521948).

Also, I remember seeing something in the lay press about WV issuing new regulations regarding TENORM. However, I can't seem to find anything on the web other this blurb below which references 185 Bq/kg or 5 pCi/g above natural background. I am assuming FBP analyzed the loads in question and determined they exceeded this WV limit. Also, I am assuming this limit is based on protecting public and health and safety of the citizens of WV but what I saw seemed to be more of a proposed rule and not an actual regulation (<http://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?DocId=8395&Format=PDF>). I am hoping that you can share copy or a link to the actual WV regulation which references this TENORM limit for disposal in WV. I believe OH chose to use this 5 pCi/g Ra-226 + Ra-228 plus daughter products as well as their limit for disposal in the regular waste stream.

16.4. Exemptions.

16.4.a. Persons who receive, own, possess, use, process, transfer, distribute, or dispose of TENORM are exempt from the requirements of this Section with respect to any combination of 226Ra and 228 Ra if the materials contain, or are contaminated at, concentrations less than one hundred eighty five (185) becquerel per kilogram (five [5] pCi/gm) excluding natural background. This does not apply to consumer or retail products which are discussed in Subdivision 16.12.c. and Subsection 16.13. Using purposeful dilution to render TENORM waste exempt shall not be allowed without prior agency approval.

Just to let you know, while KY lacks specific regs addressing TENORM, our Central Midwest Interstate Low-Level Waste Compact of which KY is a member along with IL, specifically prohibits the disposal of out-of-compact wastes here in KY. See below. How that ties in with the EPA's determination that "Wastes generated during the exploration, development, and production of crude oil, natural gas, and geothermal energy are categorized by EPA as "special wastes" and are exempt from federal hazardous waste regulations under Subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)" will be question for my colleagues in the Energy and Environment Cabinet to answer. But if you actual radioanalytic data on these loads from FBP that you could share with us, we would be extremely grateful.

Thanks,
Curt

211.863 Control of commerce of low-level radioactive waste in and out of Kentucky -- Prohibitions -- Exemption. <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/statutes/statute.aspx?id=8502>

(3) Naturally-occurring radioactive material (NORM) as defined in KRS 211.862(8) shall be the exclusive regulatory responsibility of the states, **except that no person shall import naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from outside the region for disposal in Kentucky, or dispose of such imported material in Kentucky, if the imports or disposal are inconsistent with policies of the commission.**

211.869 Penalties. <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/statutes/statute.aspx?id=8505>

(1) Any person who fails to comply with any provision of KRS 211.859 or 211.863, or with any administrative regulations promulgated pursuant to KRS 211.859 or 211.865, or fails to comply with any order of the cabinet issued pursuant to KRS 211.859 or KRS 211.863 and 211.865 shall be assessed a civil penalty not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) nor more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). Each day of the violation or noncompliance shall constitute a separate offense.

211.862 Definitions for KRS 211.861 to 211.869. <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/statutes/statute.aspx?id=8501>

(8) "Naturally-occurring radioactive material" (NORM) means naturally occurring materials not regulated under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, whose radionuclide concentrations have been increased by or as a result of human practices. Naturally occurring radioactive material does not include the natural radioactivity of rocks or soils, or background radiation, but instead **refers to materials whose radioactivity is technologically enhanced by controllable practices (or by past human practices);**

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Subject: RE: TNORM disposal in KY

- Number and type of trucks/ volume, etc. of the wastes. **35 vac boxes, unsure of volume but tractor trailer size.**
- Dates and time period the shipments were sent. **Shipments occurred during August 2015.**
- The form or appearance of the waste when it was shipped (before solidification). **Varied but typically a brown sludge, with a water layer on top.**
- Level of radioactivity. **Exposure rates were between 500 uR/hr and 2 mR/hr**
- Name of company in Fairmont along with County that contracted with Advanced TENORM Services. **Fairmont Brine**
- Any knowledge where it was sent for solidification in Ashland, KY (?) prior to being sent to the landfill. **See attachment**

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To: Frame, Jason R
Cc: Pendergrass, Curt (CHFS DPH)
Subject: RE: TNORM disposal in KY

Jason;

I will be joining our field inspectors at landfills and waste sites in Eastern Kentucky to investigate our concerns regarding TENORM disposal.

If you could provide additional information related to our conversation about the shipments by Advanced TENORM Services to Kentucky that would be helpful.

As much detail as possible will be helpful as we review manifests, etc. at the landfills.

Information such as:

- Number and type of trucks/ volume, etc. of the wastes.
- Dates and time period the shipments were sent.
- The form or appearance of the waste when it was shipped (before solidification). What does it look like?
- Level of radioactivity.
- Name of company in Fairmont along with County that contracted with Advanced TENORM Services.
- Any knowledge where it was sent for solidification in Ashland, KY (?) prior to being sent to the landfill.

I know some of the above items we discussed in our conversation but I was so floored with the news I want to be sure I confirmed the understanding we have of the situation before we move forward with site visits.

Also our Assistance Director for the DWM is aware of the situation along with our Hazardous Waste Branch.

I appreciate all you and Curt do for our respective states.

Thanks again for all the time you devoted to corresponding and following up with us.

Look forward to hearing from you!

George

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Subject: RE: TNORM disposal in KY

Hello Mr. Frame,

Thank you for the follow-up e-mail on the purported disposition of WV TENORM wastes here in KY by Advanced TENORM Services of Liberty, KY (<http://advtenorm.com/>). We will follow up with the company's president, Cory Hoskins, and ascertain the nature and extent of their activities. We will also reach out to our colleagues in the Energy and Environment Cabinet Division of Waste Management since they regulate landfills here in KY.

Thanks again for reaching out to me regarding this matter.

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Cc: Webb, April (EEC); George.Patridge@ky.gov; Loyselle, Maridely (EEC); Keffer, Christopher (CHFS Rad Hlth)
Subject: RE: TNORM disposal in KY

Mr. Pendergrass,

I apologize for digging up this old email, but I don't believe I received any further response. I believe a company operating as "Advanced TENORM Services" is continuing to facilitate the disposal of WV waste in KY landfills. Please advise on this issue. Thanks

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Subject: RE: TNORM disposal in KY

Hello Mr. Frame,

While KY does not currently have any regulations dealing with the control and disposal of NORM/TENORM waste generated in the oil and gas industry from hydraulic fracturing, we do have statutes on the books establishing the Central Midwest Interstate Low Level Radioactive Waste Compact of which KY is a member with IL. The compact strictly forbids the disposal of any and all radioactive materials generated outside of IL and KY anywhere in our states. This obviously includes fracking wastes generated in West Virginia. I am Cc'ing my colleagues in the Division of Solid Waste on this e-mail since disposal of wastes containing hazardous materials including NORM/TENORM in landfills here in KY is their regulatory purview. Ohio and Pennsylvania both have regulations addressing the disposal of NORM/TENORM contaminated waste so Advanced TENORM Services might want to check with the authorities in those states to see what is required.

Regards,

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Subject: TNORM disposal in KY

Dr. Pendergrass,

I was contacted this morning by Mr. Jason R. Frame; a member of the West Virginia radiation program. He was inquiring about a West Virginia company's intent to dispose of TNORM from a "fracking" operation here in Kentucky by using the services provided by Advanced TENORM Services L.L.C. ([https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftsshow/\(S\(30yqolkfdaebcz4hporeemp4\)\)/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0904260&ct=06&cs=99999](https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftsshow/(S(30yqolkfdaebcz4hporeemp4))/default.aspx?path=ftsearch&id=0904260&ct=06&cs=99999)). From Mr. Frame's understanding, Advanced TENORM Services L.L.C. (located in West Liberty, KY) will be solidifying the "facking" sludge in Ashland, KY and then sending it to a Class D landfill in Irvine, KY. Mr. Frame's question was in regards to whether or not we would allow the disposal of TNORM from other states in the state of Kentucky or send it back to the materials origins. I informed Mr. Frame that our office does not currently have regulation regarding TNORM in place and that each landfill may have their own limits on what they accept or turn away in regards to radiation levels.

If you have any input on this matter please contact Mr. Frame at the e-mail address provided (jason.r.frame@wv.gov).

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