1. Last year you stated that you could not promise that the wastes would be removed from the trenches; is that still the case?

Yes. We will not know which clean-up method will be used until we finish the Remedial Investigation, Feasibility and Proposed Plan. Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, all remedial alternatives, including no action, must be considered and evaluated against the EPA evaluation criteria. The alternative most protective of the human health and the environment will be selected.

2. Is the endpoint of cleanup free release?

The site will be cleaned up to NRC unrestricted use criteria for radionuclides (25 millirems/year).

3. Will the soil sampling be conducted just at the site or will it be conducted at neighboring properties?

Soil sampling will be conducted at the site. During sampling and cleanup, if we find that radiological site contaminants have migrated to neighboring properties, we have the authority to investigate that contamination. Otherwise, we are not authorized to sample outside the SLDA site.

4. Will the information from sampling be available on the internet?

Information from the sampling will be included in the Remedial Investigation Report and a copy will be available in the local public library for the community. In addition, a summary of the results will be presented at the Public Information Session.

5. Has it been determined what is the depth from the trenches to the mines?

Based on information that is available from previous investigations, the depth to the mines from the trenches is approximately 80 feet in the upper trench area.