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Mr. Paul Schumann
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Dear Mr. Schumann:

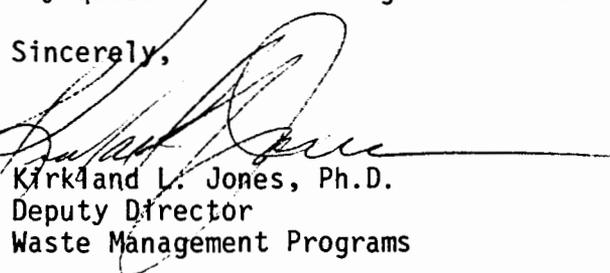
We have received your facility's "Five Year Plan." Thank you for making it available to the Environmental Improvement Division for review and comment.

As you are aware the Environmental Improvement Division is very short on resources. This, coupled with the extremely short turn around time and the EID's staff unfamiliarity with many of the units discussed in your plan makes it impossible to review and comment.

To resolve this perplexing situation the Environmental Improvement Division encourages DOE to act quickly on the proposal now being negotiated between the two agencies. That proposal will provide the State with the resources to give DOE facilities the type and extent of attention necessary to insure a successful environmental review/restoration program.

Please feel free to contact me at (505) 827-2835 if you should have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,


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