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RE: Request for Extension to Respond to Specific Items in the Notice of Deficiency (NOD) on the Material Disposal Area-P (MDA-P) Closure Plan

Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

We have reviewed the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) NOD comments on the MDA-P Closure Plan, which was submitted to your office in August of 1993. These comments were received by our office on June 21, 1994. Because of the long history surrounding this site and the significance of many of your comments, we request a 120-day extension period so that we have time to draft adequate and appropriate responses and plans to amend what you have identified as deficiencies.

NOD concerns which we would like to specifically address within the requested extension period are those pertaining to the potential for migration of contaminants beneath MDA-P and the conceptual design of the cap/cover as proposed in the August 1993 Closure Plan. These items and suggested plans on how to address them are identified in our NOD Response Comments which will be sent to your office on July 21, 1994.

To support our efforts in addressing your concerns regarding this closure, we have scheduled a meeting with you and your technical staff on Monday, July 25, 1994, at 1:30 p.m., in the Marquez Building. During this meeting, we would like to discuss your NOD comments on the Closure Plan and our proposed plans for developing amendments.

We ask that NMED approve our request for extension on NOD items relating to the issues referenced above. Should you have questions, please contact me at 665-7203, or Court Fesmire at 665-4718.

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