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Dear Ms. Webb:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT (NMED) AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE (AIP) REVIEW OF OPERABLE UNIT (OU) 1144 RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (RCRA) FACILITY INVESTIGATION (RFI) WORK PLAN

Thank you very much for forwarding the insightful comments of the NMED-AIP on the OU 1144 Technical Area (TA)-49 RFI Work Plan. As you are aware, the TA-49 RFI is in the middle of its first field season following formal approval by the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) of the Work Plan and the drilling plan associated with the field work at TA-49. Many of the points raised in the NMED-AIP letter either are already being addressed in current RFI activities or will receive attention in planned work. We welcome the opportunity to informally review the status of the TA-49 RFI with AIP on an ongoing basis and to discuss the specific points of the aforementioned AIP comments with their staff.

Results from the TA-49 RFI are reported formally to the EPA Region 6 in technical quarterly progress reports, phase reports, occasional correspondence, and ultimately in a final RFI report. Informal discussions are carried out with Region 6 personnel as needed. NMED-AIP also receives copies of the reports for information and comment and we actively seek to continue meaningful dialogue with AIP's on-site personnel.

Sincerely,

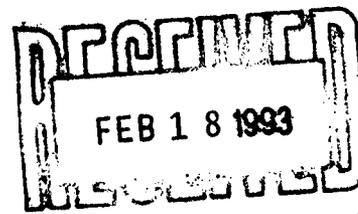


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