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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 1, 1996

Ms. Betty Richards
1010 Center Street
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

**RE: REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TRIASSIC PARK WASTE
DISPOSAL FACILITY
EPA ID No. NM0001002484**

Dear Ms. Richards:

During our telephone conversation at the beginning of the week of July 22, 1996, you indicated that you could not find the proposed Triassic Park Waste Disposal Facility draft permit in the Roswell public library. At my direction, Cornelius Amindyas of my staff arranged for another copy of the subject draft Permit to be deposited in the Roswell public library on July 25, 1996. He informed you that it was available for your review at 9:00 am Friday, July 26, 1996.

In order for the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to further consider your request for a public hearing on the Triassic Park Waste Disposal Facility, we must receive the following information from you:

- 1) Provide NMED with a list of the specific Permit Conditions or Attachments of the Triassic Park Waste Disposal Facility draft Permit to which you object, and your specific reasons for the objections.
- 2) Provide NMED with a primary date and two alternate dates during the week of August 12, 1996 on which you can meet in Santa Fe with NMED and Gandy Marley Inc. representatives. The purpose of this meeting will be for NMED and Gandy Marley representatives to resolve any technical or regulatory issues that you wish to have addressed.

Alternately, submit to NMED a letter withdrawing your earlier request for a public hearing, if the draft permit and NMED's letter of June 11, 1996 have satisfactorily addressed your concerns raised in your letter of May 22, 1996 to NMED.

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If NMED does not receive a written response from you which meets one of the two conditions stipulated above by the close of business day on Wednesday August 7, 1996, NMED must assume that your concerns are satisfied. NMED will then make a final decision on the draft permit without holding a formal public hearing. Please direct all correspondence to Barbara Hoditschek at the above address or fax number.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Ms. Barbara Hoditschek or Cornelius Amindyas at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,



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