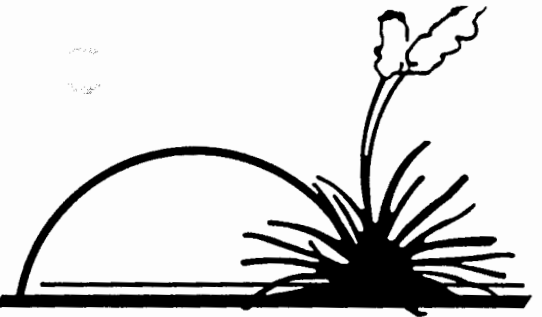


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April 19, 2001

By FAX



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Hazardous Waste Bureau
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PROPOSED TRIASSIC PARK WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERMIT

Dear Ms. Kruse:

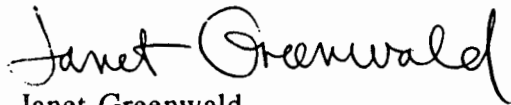
CARD is requesting a Public Hearing on this permit application and an extension of the public comment period from May 15, 2001 to August 15, 2001 with a coincidental extension of the Public Hearing from July 16, 2001 to October 16, 2001. We are also requesting that you hold an informational meeting about this facility permit in Santa Fe as well as in Roswell since there is a lot of interest in this facility among our members in the north.

The draft permit for this facility is a lengthy and complex technical document. This document is also not readily available to the general public. Hard copy of the document itself is available in only a very few places (we also request that copies of the draft permit be made available in public libraries throughout the southeastern New Mexico area as well as in Santa Fe and Albuquerque.) The cost of copying this document is prohibitive and essentially makes it de facto unavailable to the general public. Electronic forms of this document are also not accessible to the general public as many people do not have personal access to the internet and many potentially affected people in the southeastern New Mexico area do not even have computers. (Statistically, computers as well as access to the internet are much less common among Latinos—especially rural Latinos—than they are among White, urban residents; heavy reliance on electronic media to disseminate this information could, therefore, be discriminatory.) Also, the format in which the draft permit is available to the public on NMED's website is not usable for those of us who are Mac-based. For these reasons, it is imperative that the public be given enough time to be able to access the draft permit and review it in a concentrated way.

CARD would also request that at least the *Fact Sheet* and *Request for Comment* information that was sent out on March 15, 2001 be translated into Spanish and supplied to those who request it in Spanish as well as being placed along with the draft permit in the various public libraries referred to above. If requests are made for a Spanish-speaker, knowledgeable about the draft permit and the facility, at the informational meeting, such a person should be provided. The area around the proposed waste dump includes many Spanish-speakers and information needs to be provided in a form that all affected people can understand.

Thank your for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Greenwald". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Janet Greenwald,
CARD