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Re: Proposed Triassic Park Waste Management Facility Permit

Dear Mr. Pullen:

Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety (CCNS) requests an 90-day extension of the public comment period for the proposed Triassic Park Waste Management Facility from May 15, 2001 to August 15, 2001. CCNS will determine during this time whether to request a public hearing. CCNS also requests that an information meeting about the proposed facility be held in Santa Fe as well as Roswell.

The draft facility permit is a lengthy and complex technical document. This document is not readily available to the general public and if it is available, the cost of copying is prohibitive. We request that copies of the draft permit be made available in public libraries throughout southeastern New Mexico, as well as in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. With respect to obtaining an electronic version, it is difficult for CCNS, with a Mac-based computer system, to download materials from NMED's website.

CCNS, based in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a nonprofit organization which has earned a national reputation for community organizing, research, litigation, public education, and outreach on a range of nuclear safety and environmental issues. Our programs address ongoing activities at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), and the expansion of nuclear-related industries in New Mexico. We pursue enforcement of environmental safety laws and promote responsible citizen action on nuclear weapons and nuclear waste policies and their associated environmental impacts. CCNS compiles and disseminates information about the consequences of the production, transportation, storage, and disposal of radioactive and hazardous materials. We pursue legal and legislative options in upholding and enhancing local, state and federal regulations, and health and safety standards.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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