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Dear Dr. Triay and Mr. Epstein:

**RE: Meeting Notes
EPA I.D. Number NM4890139088**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) appreciates the effort of the Department of Energy Carlsbad Area Office (DOE/CAO) to familiarize HRMB with information presented or discussed at any of our meetings. HRMB received a letter dated February 11, 2000 from Ms. Cynthia Zvonar which summarizes a February 1, 2000 meeting among several parties regarding proposed actions at solid waste management units and areas of concern at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). HRMB has no objection if DOE/CAO chooses to provide a copy of their meeting notes for submittal to the NMED WIPP files as a public record.

However, HRMB neither reviews nor comments on any meeting notes. HRMB does not want the public to misconstrue meeting notes to conclude that binding decisions have been made by HRMB as a result of a review and comment process at a meeting. These and any future meeting notes reflect only DOE/CAO's conclusions, and do not represent the position of HRMB.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-1560, x1013.

Sincerely,

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