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Dear Mr. Zappe:

The Department of Energy's Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) invites you and your contractors to participate in a workshop on headspace gas sampling techniques it is sponsoring on March 22 and 23, 2000. The workshop is part of DOE's waste characterization reengineering effort and is currently planned for Albuquerque, NM

The workshop would bring regulators (including EPA and the New Mexico Environment Department) together with personnel from the transuranic waste generator sites to discuss headspace gas sampling methods DOE plans to use to meet Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) analytical requirements in the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's (WIPP) RCRA permit. CAO hopes the interactions will eventually produce a set of performance based standards for RCRA headspace gas sampling that would enable us to simplify the current RCRA permit requirements. CAO has invited Mr. Barry Lesnik from EPA headquarters to participate so that all attendees can gain from his experience in developing, approving and maintaining acceptable sampling and analysis methods.

If you accept this invitation, please confirm your attendance by calling or electronically mailing Harold Johnson of my staff at (505) 234-7349 or johnsoh@wipp.carlsbad.nm.us. Further details about the meeting will be sent to you when they are available.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Inés R. Triay
Manager

