May 22, 2000

Inés Triay  
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RE: NMED Review of WIPP Sampling and Analysis Plan Notice  
EPA No. NM4890139088

Dear Dr. Triay:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received your letter of May 18, 2000, transmitting a draft notice regarding the submittal of the WIPP Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) as specified in Table 1 of Module VII and our letter of April 20, 2000, approving submittal of a SAP in lieu of the RFI Workplan specified in Permit Condition VII.M.2. However, because your staff submitted the draft notice too late for meaningful comment, NMED was unable to review and approve the notice before it was mailed out to the public in compliance with Permit Condition VII.D.4. In the future, please ensure that your request for NMED review and approval of draft notices is provided in a timely manner consistent with the requirements of Permit Condition VII.D.4.

NMED’s review of the draft notice determined that it fulfilled the notice requirements of Permit Condition VII.D.4.

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

Sincerely,

Steve Zappe  
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COMMENTS

Bob -

Attached is the "approval" letter for the Sampling and Analysis Plan notice.

Steve