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Dr. Inez Triay
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Dear Dr. Triay:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit for your review and approval a fiscal analysis depicting current funding shortfalls associated with the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED's) current and future support of the WIPP RCRA Part B permit (Permit). In response to our most recent meeting on July 28, 2000, I have developed the attached fiscal analysis and request for your review and approval.

As you are aware, NMED's resources must align with those of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for effective, efficient, and comprehensive administration of the Permit. Towards this end, I have identified four (4) main areas where fiscal assistance is warranted.

- Permit Modifications
- Site Audits
- Corrective Action
- Program Support (i.e., Information Technology)

Activities that would occur pursuant to these general areas include:

- Hiring of a project manager to supervise and assist in all activities associated with comprehensive administration of the permit, including permit modifications, site audits, corrective action and program support;

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- Hiring additional technical staff (three) to support permit modification processing, site audit review and approval, and corrective action;
- Hiring additional legal staff necessary to assist in permit modification processing, site audit approval, and response to third-party complaints;
- Improving/Redesigning work processes associated with permit modification review;
- Contracting assistance associated with the performance and review of site audits; and
- Implementing and maintaining an integrated environmental management system to support Hazardous Waste Bureau operations.

The supplemental funding request is summarized below:

CATEGORY	FY 01	FY 02
1. Salary and Benefits (one project manager, one attorney, three technical staff)	\$ 355,000.00	\$ 355,000.00
2. Professional Service Agreements	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
3. Capital Costs (IT infrastructure)	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
4. Other (training, rent, vehicles, furniture, computers, etc.)	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Total	\$1,455,000.00	\$ 840,000.00

In closing, DOE supplying NMED supplemental funding makes good sense. The complexities associated with DOE's waste generation and shipment represents a multibillion-dollar federal investment. Funding NMED the requested amount in order to facilitate swift and comprehensive support of these activities is both protective of the environment and public health while facilitating the DOE's mission.

I would welcome the opportunity to personally meet with you at your convenience regarding this request. Please contact me at (505) 827-2855 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Peter Maggiore
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