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Subject: REGULATOR WORKSHOP

Dear Mr. Greg Lewis:

As you know, the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) began receiving contact-handled transuranic (TRU) waste for permanent disposal in March 1999. Since then, 80 shipments of TRU waste from four generator sites have arrived at our site for final disposal. WIPP is, indeed, a major step toward cleanup of the nation's defense-generated TRU waste.

As part of our mandate, we now turn our attention to the cleanup of remote-handled (RH) TRU waste from storage sites in your state. Clearly, your perspective on radioactive and hazardous (mixed) waste permitting processes would be of great benefit to us as we move forward with our program. It is our hope that the exchange of information will lead to a successful and unified approach to cleaning up all RH TRU waste in your state as well as others.

To that end, we invite you to join us for a "Regulator Workshop" October 17 at the Pecos River Village in Carlsbad.

Our collaborative efforts will send a message to the public that, together, we are committed to resolving the problem of radioactive waste disposal. If you can join us, please RSVP by calling Joann Marshall at (505) 234-7524 by September 28. Ms. Marshall will also assist with any arrangements you may need to participate in this workshop.

Sincerely,

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Re: *Workshop*

Comments:

Idaho, Illinois, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, and Washington, as well as New Mexico have been invited to attend. The agenda is being developed for this one day workshop, with overviews/presentations being held in the morning session and discussion topics in the afternoon.

I will ask Miriam to call you regarding your presentation/overview.

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