



Department of Energy

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September 15, 2000



Mr. Steve Zappe
New Mexico Environment Department
2044A Galisteo Street
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Dear Mr. Zappe:

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Area Office is planning a special event to recognize the first receipt of three concurrent shipments at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) on Friday, September 22. These shipments are arriving at WIPP from the Hanford Site, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site.

Please join Secretary Bill Richardson, Assistant Secretary Carolyn Huntoon, and the WIPP team as we welcome these shipments. The celebration will begin at 2 p.m. at the WIPP site. You will want to be at the site by 1:30 p.m.

If your schedule allows you to join us, please RSVP by calling the WIPP Information Center, toll free, at 1-800-336-9477. If you need additional information or assistance with arrangements, please contact Ms. Patricia Kilgore of my staff at (505) 234-7302.

Sincerely,

Dr. Inés Triay,
Manager

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