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RE: RESCISSION OF FEES FOR WIPP AUDIT ACTIVITIES  
WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT  
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088

Dear Dr. Triay and Mr. Epstein:

On November 17, 2000, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued two letters to the Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Westinghouse (the Permittees). One letter, signed by me, was issued from the Hazardous Waste Bureau, and the other letter was signed by NMED Secretary Peter Maggiore. Both letters assessed fees associated with site audits performed under the WIPP hazardous waste facility permit.

By this letter, NMED rescinds the November 17, 2000 letter issued by the Hazardous Waste Bureau. I apologize for any confusion this situation may have created. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (505) 827-1560, x1013.

Sincerely,

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