Mr. Steve Zappe, WIPP Project Leader  
Hazardous Waste Permits Program  
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
2044A Galisteo  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Subject: TRANSMITTAL OF DRAFT NOTICE REGARDING WIPP FACILITY WORK PLAN (FAXED TO YOU ON FEBRUARY 13, 2001)

Dear Mr. Zappe:

Section VII.D.4 of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Permit requires that a notice be sent to all individuals on the facility mailing list maintained by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary regarding copies of completed documents placed in the information repositories established in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Carlsbad for corrective action activities. Section VII.D.4 requires that this notice be mailed “On or before five (5) calendars days prior to the due date of each submittal (excluding progress reports and correspondence) required by this Module, the Permittees shall mail a notice to each individual, specified in Permit Condition VII.D.2.a, indicating the date the respective submittal will be made available for public review at the repositories.” The annual modification to the WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern is due to NMED on February 23, 2001. Consequently, the notice must be mailed no later than February 18, 2001. The latest practical date for mailing the notice is February 16, 2000. Prior to mailing the notice, it must be submitted to the NMED Secretary for approval. The Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) has prepared a draft notice for the WIPP Facility Work Plan for the Secretary’s approval.

Please obtain the Secretary’s approval or required changes to the notice and return the approval notice to us no later than February 15, 2001. On February 16, we will mail either the notice approved by the Secretary received on or about February 16, 2001, or we will mail the attached notice, if we have received no further guidance from the Secretary.
The CBFO is pleased to provide this draft notice to comply with this Permit requirement. If you have any questions or comments, please call Ms. Cynthia A. Zvonar at (505) 234-7495, or Harold Johnson at (505) 234-7349.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Inés R. Triay
Manager

Enclosure
SUBMITTAL OF THE ANNUAL MODIFICATION TO THE WIPP FACILITY WORK PLAN FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS AND AREAS OF CONCERN

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will be submitting the annual modification of the *WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern* to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous Waste Bureau on February 23, 2001. The WIPP Facility Work Plan will be available on February 23, 2001, for public review at the information repositories listed below:

New Mexico State Library
1209 Camino Carlos Rey
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm

University of New Mexico
General Library
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131-1466
Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am-9:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am-6:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Skeen-Whitlock Building
WIPP Information Center
4021 National Parks Highway
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220
Monday-Friday: 7:00 am – 4:30 pm

This notice fulfills requirements contained in Module VII.D.4 of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Permit: “On or before five (5) calendar days prior to the due date of each submittal required by Module VII, the DOE shall mail a notice to each individual, specified in Permit Condition VII.D.2.a, indicating the date the respective submittal will be made available for public review at the repositories.”

As required by the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, the DOE will place copies of all completed documents related to corrective action activities in the information repositories. These documents will include correspondence, progress reports, work plans, reports, and other documents deemed appropriate by the NMED Secretary. Each document placed in the repository will include the date of submittal to the repository. The documents will be placed in the repositories on or before the date the submittal is due to the NMED Secretary.
Written comments concerning the WIPP Facility Work Plan should be forwarded to the NMED representative, at the address provided below, by March 12, 2001. Individuals wishing to be included on the facility mailing list must submit a written request either to the NMED representative or to the DOE at the address in the letterhead above. The address for the NMED representative is: Mr. Steve Zappe, Hazardous Waste Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department, 2044A Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505.