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RE: Request for extension to comments on the WIPP Groundwater Monitoring Report  
for June - December 2000

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of your June 29, 2001 letter and to request a 60-day extension to respond to your comments. The Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) received your letter on July 6, 2001. If this request for an extension is granted, our response to your comments will be submitted to NMED on or before September 4, 2001.

The need for the extension to develop our response is based on the fact that we are currently preparing the *Round 12, Semi-Annual WIPP Groundwater Monitoring Report* that we are required to submit to NMED in September. Due to this activity and other activities that must be completed to meet compliance driven requirements, an extension of 60-days is needed to allow us adequate time to address NMED's comments.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (505) 234-7462.

Sincerely,

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