Mr. Steve Zappe, Project Leader (WIPP)
Hazardous Waste Permits Program
Hazardous Waste Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
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RE: Notification of the Addition of Waste Management Equipment in the CH Bay of the Waste Handling Building

Dear Mr. Zappe:

Module I.E.11.a. of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Management Permit requires the Permittees to notify the Secretary, as soon as possible, of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility.

The purpose of this letter is to notify NMED of DOE/CBFO's intent to design, procure and install the following additional waste handling equipment:

- A third 13 ton forklift
- A second 6-ton Crane at each of the two TRUDOCKs

This equipment will be functionally equivalent to the existing equipment meeting all basic design requirements, codes and standards outlined in Tables M1-1 and M1-2 of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit issued by NMED on October 27, 1999. Additionally, this equipment will be maintained and inspected in accordance with all Hazardous Waste Facility Permit conditions applicable to the existing equipment. The Permittees do not believe that a Permit Modification is necessary to facilitate the addition of this equipment and believe this Notification constitutes compliance with applicable Permit requirements.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Notification, please contact Mr. Jody Plum at (505) 234-7462.

Sincerely,

Dr. Inés R. Triay
Manager

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