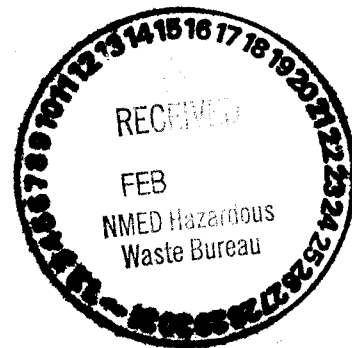


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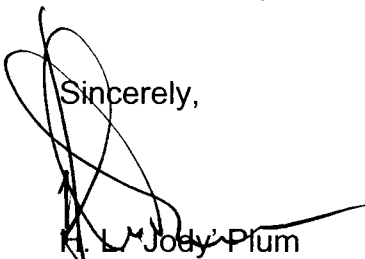
RE: Draft Notice Regarding Revised WIPP Facility Work Plan

Dear Mr. Zappe:

Module VII.D.4 of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility 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. Module VII.D.4 requires that this notice be mailed "on or before five (5) calendar days prior to the due date of each submittal required by Module VII". The annual modification to the WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern (WIPP Facility Work Plan) is due to NMED on February 24, 2002. Consequently, the notice must be mailed no later than February 19, 2002. Prior to mailing the notice, it must be submitted to the NMED Secretary for approval. The Department of Energy/ Carlsbad Field Office (DOE/CBFO) has prepared a draft notice for the WIPP Facility Work Plan for the Secretary's approval.

Please obtain the Secretary's or his designated representative's approval or required changes to the notice and return the approval notice to us no later than February 18, 2002.

The DOE/CBFO is pleased to provide this draft notice to comply with this Permit requirement. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (505) 234-7462.

Sincerely,

H. L. Jody Plum
RCRA Compliance Manager

Enclosure



Mr. Steve Zappe

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NOTICE

SUBMITTAL OF THE ANNUAL MODIFICATION TO THE WIPP FACILITY WORK PLAN FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS/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 (WIPP Facility Work Plan) to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous Waste Bureau. The WIPP Facility Work Plan will be available on February 22, 2002, for public review at the information repositories and reading rooms shown on the attached page. The WIPP Facility Work Plan will be submitted to the NMED on February 22, 2002.

This notice fulfills requirements contained in Module VII.D.4 of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility 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."

Written comments concerning the WIPP Facility Work Plan should be forwarded to the NMED representative Mr. Steve Zappe, WIPP Project Leader, at the address provided below, by March 12, 2002. The address for the NMED WIPP Project Leader is: Hazardous Waste Permits Program, Hazardous Waste Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department, 2905 E. Rodeo Park Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303.

WIPP INFORMATION REPOSITORIES AND PUBLIC READING ROOMS

WIPP Information Repositories:

New Mexico State Library
1209 Camino Carlos Rey
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

University of New Mexico
General Library
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131-1466

Skeen-Whitlock Building
WIPP Information Center
4021 National Parks Highway
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Public Reading Rooms:

DOE/Forrestal Building
Reading Room
MA-73 FOIA/PA-US DOE
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Room 1E-190
Washington, DC 20585

Defense Nuclear Facilities
Resource Library
Old Museum Building W008-0433
P.O. Box 339
Window Rock, AZ 86515

New Mexico Institute of Mining and
Technology
Government Documents
Campus Station
Socorro, NM 87801

Raton Public Library
244 Cook Avenue
Raton, NM 87740

New Mexico State Library
The Southwest Road
325 Don Gaspar
Santa Fe, NM 87501-2777

DOE Public Reading Room
230 Warehouse Road
Suite 300
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Zimmerman Library
Government Information Department
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131-1466

Reading Rooms Government & Corporate entities:

Sandia National Laboratories
Nuclear Waste Management
Program Library
P.O. Box 5800 MS 1330
Albuquerque, NM 87185-1330

Sandia National Laboratories
Strategic Studies Department 1
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