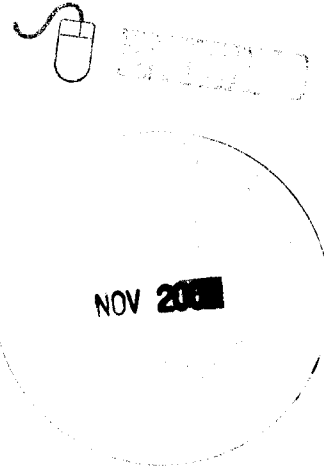




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Subject: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's Quarterly Progress Report for Solid Waste Management Unit Activities


Dear Mr. Zappe:

The purpose of this letter is to submit the subject report, as required by Module VII.I.1 of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. NM4890139088—TSDf. This report addresses activities from August 1, 2002 to October 31, 2002.

*I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.*

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

Sincerely,

  
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**Waste Isolation Pilot Plant**

**November 2002 Quarterly Progress Report  
for Solid Waste Management Unit Activities from  
August 1, 2002 through October 31, 2002**



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### **List of Acronyms**

<b>AOC</b>	<b>Area of Concern</b>
<b>DOE</b>	<b>Department of Energy</b>
<b>HWFP</b>	<b>Hazardous Waste Facility Permit</b>
<b>NFA</b>	<b>No Further Action</b>
<b>NMED</b>	<b>New Mexico Environment Department</b>
<b>SWMU</b>	<b>Solid Waste Management Unit</b>
<b>TSDf</b>	<b>Treatment Storage and Disposal Facility</b>
<b>WIPP</b>	<b>Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</b>
<b>WTS</b>	<b>Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC</b>

1. Introduction

Module VII.I of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (**WIPP**) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (**HWFP**), number NM890139088-TSDF, requires the U.S. Department of Energy (**DOE**) and Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC (**WTS**), hereafter known as the Permittees, to submit quarterly progress reports within ninety (90) days of beginning Solid Waste Management Unit (**SWMU**) activities, and succeeding reports due every 90 days. This report summarizes SWMU activities for August through October 2002.

This report contains the following items, as required by the HWFP:

- Description of the work completed;
- Estimate of the percentage of work completed;
- Summaries of all findings;
- Summaries of all problems or potential problems encountered and corrective actions implemented;
- Projected work for the next reporting period;
- Summaries of contacts pertaining to corrective action or environmental matters;
- Changes in key personnel;
- Changes in funding which may impact the completion date; and
- Summaries of all implementation changes.

2. Description of the Work Completed

The "WIPP's No Further Action (**NFA**) Petition for SWMUs and Areas of Concern (**AOC**)" and associated data (herein referred to as the Final NFA Report) was submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department (**NMED**) on October 8, 2002.

3. Estimate of the Percentage of Work Completed

The Final NFA Report is 100 percent complete and has been submitted to the NMED on October 8, 2002.

4. Summaries of All Findings

On October 21, 2002, the NMED commented on the 2002 *Annual Modification of the WIPP Facility Work Plan for SWMUs and AOC*.

5. Problems and Corrective Actions

No difficulty was experienced during this quarter. No potential problems were noted.

6. Projected Work for the Next Reporting Period

During the next quarter, NMED's comments on the 2002 *Annual Modification of the WIPP Facility Work Plan for SWMUs and AOC* will be resolved and a revised report submitted to the NMED.

As stated previously, the NFA Report was submitted to the NMED for consideration on October 8, 2002. Work resolving comments received during the next quarter on the NFA Report will be initiated.

7. Summaries of Contacts

During the reporting period, no contact regarding SWMU corrective actions or environmental matters was made with representatives of public interest groups.

On October 21, 2002, a letter from NMED was received. In the letter, NMED made comments on the annual modification of the WIPP Facility Work Plan. These comments will be addressed and a revised report submitted during the next quarter. As stated previously, the NFA Report was submitted to the NMED for consideration on October 8, 2002. No other written, or personal contacts concerning SWMU Corrective Actions were made with NMED during this reporting period.

8. Changes in Key Personnel

Steve Kouba has been appointed acting SWMU Project Manager replacing Steve Travis.

9. Changes in Funding

There were no changes in funding since the last report.

10. Changes in Implementation

No changes in the implementation of the *WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern* (DOE, 2001) were made during this reporting period.

11. References

DOE, 2001. *WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern*. DOE/WIPP-00-2001, Rev. 1.