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John D'Antonio, Jr.  
Cabinet Secretary  
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Re: Delegation of Authority in HWB 02-01 (M)

Dear Secretary D'Antonio:

On July 15, 2002, in a "Notice of Docketing and Hearing Officer Assignment", then secretary Peter Maggiore delegated to me the final decision-making authority in the WIPP Drum Age Criteria Class 3 Permit Modification proceeding. To date, I have not taken any actions in this proceeding. At this time, I respectfully request to remove myself from this proceeding due to the upcoming administration change on January 1, 2003, and my lack of availability prior to that date.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Lewis  
Director

cc:



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