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Hazardous Waste Bureau
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Subject: Notification of Panel 3 Mining

Dear Mr. Zappe:

This letter is to advise you of the beginning of mining activities for Panel 3 of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). Although this notification is not required by the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, we want to ensure the New Mexico Environment Department is kept up to date on our site activities. This work will start the week of February 3, 2003, and is expected to be completed in approximately 19 months or approximately September 2004.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Inés R. Triay
Manager

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