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Subject: Submittal of 2003 Annual Update to the Facility Work Plan, WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, EPA ID Number NM4890139008

Dear Mr. Zappe:

Based on conversations on February 11 and February 12, 2003 between you and Mr. H. L. Plum of the Carlsbad Field Office, the DOE understands that further updates to the Facility Work Plan (FWP) are not appropriate at this time. This is because there is pending action by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) regarding DOE's petition for No Further Action (NFA) for the Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concern (AOCs) covered by the FWP. The NFA Petition clearly indicates that the approved FWP activities have been completed for these SWMUs and AOCs. A listing of these SWMUs and AOCs can be found on the enclosed list. Until and unless the NMED makes a determination that further action is needed, modification of the FWP is inappropriate and potentially confusing.

Should you need to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr. Plum at 234-7462.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ines R. Triay
Manager

Enclosure

cc w/enclosure:

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Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern Included in the WIPP Facility Work Plan

1. SWMU 001g
2. SWMU 001h
3. SWMU 001j
4. SWMU 001k
5. SWMU 001l
6. SWMU 001m
7. SWMU 001n
8. SWMU 001o
9. SWMU 001p
10. SWMU 001q
11. SWMU 001s
12. SWMU 001t
13. SWMU 001x
14. SWMU 004a
15. SWMU 007b

1. AOC 001r
2. AOC 001u
3. AOC 001v
4. AOC 001w
5. AOC 001ac
6. AOC 001ae
7. AOC 010b
8. AOC 010c