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Subject: Transmittal of the 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 November 1, 2002 to January 31, 2003.

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

**February 2003 Quarterly Progress Report
for Solid Waste Management Unit Activities from
November 1, 2002 through January 31, 2003**

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List of Acronyms

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

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 Washington 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 November 2002 through January 2003.

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

In response to comments to the *WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern* transmitted by NMED on October 15, 2002, a revised Facility Work Plan (**FWP**) (DOE, 2002a) was submitted to the NMED on November 20, 2002.

3. Estimate of the Percentage of Work Completed

No revision to the FWP is needed at this time pending response from the NMED on the petition for no further action.

4. Summaries of All Findings

No findings or comments were received this quarter.

5. Problems and Corrective Actions

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

6. Projected Work for the Next Reporting Period

The *WIPP No Further Action Petition for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern* (DOE, 2002b) was submitted to the NMED for consideration on October 8, 2002. During the next quarter, the Permittees will be prepared to resolve NMED's comments (*if any*) and submit a revised report to the NMED, if required.

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.

No written or personal contacts concerning SWMU Corrective Actions were made with NMED during this reporting period.

8. Changes in Key Personnel

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

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 FWP were made during this reporting period.

11. References

DOE, 2002a. *WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern*. DOE/WIPP-00-2001, Rev. 4.

DOE, 2002b. *WIPP No Further Action Petition for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern*. DOE/WIPP-02-3221, Rev. 0.