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Mr. Frank Marcinowski
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Dear Mr. Marcinowski:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) is providing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA) a notice of proposed change (Notification), as required by 40 CFR §194.4(b)(3), to receive and dispose of remote-handled (RH) transuranic (TRU) waste. This Notification has been written in accordance with the guidance provided by EPA in *Guidance to the U.S. Department of Energy on Preparation for Recertification of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant with 40 CFR Parts 191 and 194*. The information we are providing with this letter describes characterization activities proposed to meet requirements under the 40 CFR Parts 191 and 194 regulations and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Land Withdrawal Act (LWA). This Notification has been revised to include specific procedures for the Dose-to-Curie (DTC) Method in response to questions raised by EPA and internal reviewers. A matrix of the changes will be sent by Thursday, March 14, 2003.

Should you require further information, please contact Dr. Clayton Gist at (505) 234-7407.

Sincerely,

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