

CARLSBAD DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT



June 30, 2003

Mr. Steve Zappe
New Mexico Environment Department
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
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Dear Mr. Zappe:

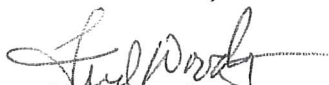
The Carlsbad Department of Development is writing in response to the request for written comments for the record presented at the June 24th public information meeting held in Carlsbad detailing the proposed Class 2 permit modification that would allow the WIPP facility to store and dispose of transuranic waste contaminated with PCB's.

The information presented was very informative and the members of the Department of Development in attendance were reassured by the fact that the total PCB's that would be stored at WIPP would amount to less than 2% of the total facility volume.

The Carlsbad Department of Development would like to go on record to be in total support of this modification. For the successful closure of Rocky Flats and other nuclear facilities around the country to proceed as scheduled, and for the safety and security of the entire country, it is imperative that this permit modification occur as quickly as possible without delay or change to a Class 3 permitting process.

As stakeholders closest to the WIPP facility, the Carlsbad Department of Development is hopeful that its endorsement of this modification serves as an indication of the Carlsbad community's confidence in the overall safety of WIPP and our trust in the U.S. Department of Energy's management of the facility.

Sincerely,



Fred Woody
President-Elect

