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Subject: Status Information

Dear Ms. Martin:

The intent of this letter is to improve communications with the New Mexico Environment Department. For your information, we have enclosed a summary of actions pending before the Hazardous Waste Bureau. There is no need to respond to this correspondence except to inform us of errors in the enclosed table.

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

Sincerely,

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Status of WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Related Activities – October 14, 2003
 Status of Open Items and Most Recent Activity

Final Generator Site Audit Reports at NMED

Audit	Date Submitted	Date of Last Action	Nature of Last Action	Days in Process
INEEL A-03-15 (Lab Services certification)	July 25, 2003	October 7, 2003	Submitted revised audit report to NMED, based on NMED comments on RFETS report.	81
Hanford A-03-14 (Recert)	August 13, 2003	NA	NA	62
RFETS A-03-22 (Solid Sampling)	August 21, 2003	NA	NA	54
LANL A-03-24 (HSG System)	September 2, 2003	NA	NA	42
ANL-E A-03-26 (Homogeneous Solid Follow-up)	October 8, 2003	NA	NA	6

NMED Inquiries Originating at Generator Site Audits

Audit	Date of Inquiry	Date of Last Action	Nature of Last Action	Days in Progress
A-03-15	May 22, 2003	June 16, 2003	Response sent to NMED	145
A-03-14	June 20, 2003	July 18, 2003	Response sent to NMED	116
A-03-05	August 22, 2003	NA	NA	53

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Permit Modification Requests (PMR)

PMR Description	Date Submitted	Date of Last Action	Nature of Last Action	Days in Progress
Improvement in the Data Management Process (Class 3)	June 27, 2002	July 22, 2002	Administrative completeness and Class 3 determination	474
RH (Class 3)	June 28, 2002	August 8, 2003	NMED provided a partial response to the WIPP's May 5 NOD Response/Revised PMR clarifying its position on the legal basis for the RH PMR	473
Panel Closure Redesign (Class 3)	October 7, 2002	October 11, 2002	Administrative completeness and Class 3 determination issued	372
PMR to modify Attachment A to document the history of the M&O contractor's change of ownership, name and organization since 1997 (Class 1*)	Feb 27, 2003	September 22, 2003	Met with NMED. NMED indicated that additional information might be required to complete this PMR.	229
Construction and Use of HWDUs (Class 3)	May 13, 2003	August 14, 2003	Administrative Completeness Determination issued	154
LANL Sealed Sources Waste Streams HSG Sampling and Analysis Requirements (Class 2)	May 13, 2003/ Denied September 11, 2003	October 10, 2003	Proposed changes to the PMR were submitted to the NMED	154
Packaging-Specific DAC for New Approved Waste Containers (Class 2)	May 13, 2003/ Denied September 11, 2003	September 25, 2003	Met with NMED to discuss specific comments provided by the NMED on September 11, 2003	154

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Other Items

Item Description	Date	Date of Last Action	Nature of Last Action	Days in Progress
No Further Action Petition for SWMUs	October 8, 2002	NA	NA	371
RCRA Inspection on WIPP Facility	May 6-8, 2003	August 6, 2003	CBFO transmitted a letter to the NMED that explained that additional training documentation is available that could clarify training status. An example of the additional information was provided. This was provided in response to discussions with NMED on July 29, 2003.	159
NMED Request for Information Regarding Over packing of Waste	October 7, 2003	NA	NA	7