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Subject: Status Information

Dear Ms. Martin:

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 – November 3, 2003**

Status of Open Items and Most Recent Activity

**Final Generator Site Audit Reports at NMED**

<b>Audit</b>	<b>Date Submitted</b>	<b>Date of Last Action</b>	<b>Nature of Last Action</b>	<b>Days in Process</b>
ANL-E A-03-26 (Homogeneous Solid Follow-up)	October 8, 2003	NA	NA	26
LANL A-03-24 (HSG System)	September 2, 2003	NA	NA	62
RFETS A-03-22 (Solid Sampling)	August 21, 2003	NA	NA	74
Hanford A-03-14 (Recertification.)	August 13, 2003	NA	NA	82
INEEL A-03-15 (Lab Services certification)	July 25, 2003	October 7, 2003	Submitted revised audit report to NMED	101

**NMED Inquiries Originating at Generator Site Audits**

<b>Audit</b>	<b>Date of Inquiry</b>	<b>Date of Last Action</b>	<b>Nature of Last Action</b>	<b>Days in Progress</b>
A-03-15	May 22, 2003	June 16, 2003	Response sent to NMED	165
A-03-14	June 20, 2003	July 18, 2003	Response sent to NMED	136
A-03-05	August 22, 2003	NA	NA	73

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**Permit Modification Requests (PMR)**

<b>PMR Description</b>	<b>Date Submitted</b>	<b>Date of Last Action</b>	<b>Nature of Last Action</b>	<b>Days in Progress</b>
Improvement in the Data Management Process (Class 3)	June 27, 2002	July 22, 2002	Administrative completeness and Class 3 determination	494
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	493
Panel Closure Redesign (Class 3)	October 7, 2002	October 11, 2002	Administrative completeness and Class 3 determination issued	392
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*)	February 27, 2003	September 22, 2003	Met with NMED. NMED indicated that additional information may be required to complete this PMR.	249
Construction and Use of HWDUs (Class 3)	May 13, 2003	August 14, 2003	Administrative Completeness Determination issued	174
LANL Sealed Sources Waste Streams HSG Sampling and Analysis Requirements (Class 2)	May 13, 2003	October 27, 2003	NMED denied the initial submittal September 11, 2003; Met with NMED on October 27, 2003 to discuss additional information provided on October 10th.	174
Packaging-Specific DAC for New Approved Waste Containers (Class 2)	May 13, 2003	October 27, 2003	NMED denied the initial submittal September 11, 2003; Met with NMED on October 27, 2003 to discuss breaching of layers of confinement for supercompacted waste.	174

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**Other Items**

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date of Last Action</b>	<b>Nature of Last Action</b>	<b>Days in Progress</b>
NMED Request for Information Regarding Over packing of Waste	October 7, 2003	October 13, 2003	CBFO transmitted a letter to NMED which responded to the NMED request. The response stated the DOE and EPA positions on the issue and requested a meeting with NMED to further discuss their concerns.	27
No Further Action Petition for SWMUs	October 8, 2002	NA	NA	391
RCRA Inspection on WIPP Facility May 6-8	May 8, 2003	August 6, 2003	CBFO transmitted a letter to the NMED which 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.	179