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Ms. Sandra Martin, Bureau Chief  
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New Mexico Environment Department  
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Subject: Request for 30-Day Hazardous Waste Storage Extension

Dear Ms. Martin:

The purpose of this letter is to request a 30-day extension to the 90-day accumulation time limit for hazardous waste at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) site, NM4890139088. This extension is allowed by 20.4.1.300 of the New Mexico Administrative Code, which incorporates 40 CFR Part 262.34(b).

The extension is needed for one drum of Barium Chromate low-level mixed waste containing approximately 20 gallons. This waste was accumulated in a satellite accumulation area at the WIPP site in the radiochemistry laboratory.

This laboratory ceased operation on August 30, 2003, thus initiating the 90-day accumulation time limit. The 90-days will end on November 28, 2003. Extensive efforts were made to coordinate a waste shipment within the 90-day limit, however due to extenuating circumstances by our contracted mixed waste disposal facility; this cannot be accomplished within 90 days.

Our mixed waste disposal facility informed us they would be able to receive and dispose of this waste in December of 2003. Therefore, the requested 30-day extension will accommodate the disposal of this waste.

Sincerely,

Dr. Inés R. Triay  
Manager

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