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**SUBJECT: COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA ID# NM4890139088**

Dear Drs. Triay and Warren:

On May 6, 2003, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) conducted a hazardous waste Compliance Evaluation Inspection at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), located on the Jal Highway, 30 miles East of Carlsbad. Based on that inspection and review of the information obtained, NMED has determined that WIPP is a Large Quantity Generator of hazardous waste and a Storage and Disposal Facility.

At the time of the Inspection, the NMED requested additional information including, among other items, training and qualification records of waste handlers at WIPP. The NMED received that information on May 16, 2003 and further clarification during informal discussions between NMED and WIPP staff. Upon review of the information, the NMED determined that either all appropriate staff members were fully trained, or those personnel whose training had lapsed did not perform waste handling duties until training requirements were met. In conclusion, NMED observed no violations of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20.4.1 NMAC).

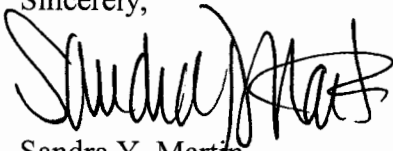
No further action is required at this time. However, this letter does not relieve WIPP of its obligation to comply with any other applicable laws and regulations.



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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Brian L. Salem of my staff at 505-841-9487. Please address your written response to 4131 Montgomery NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra Y. Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "M".

Sandra Y. Martin
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