



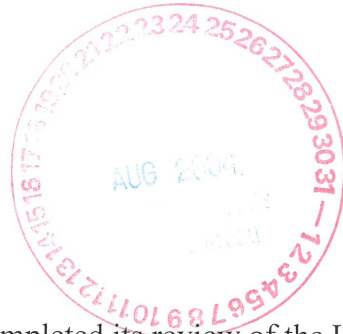
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Dear Dr. Detwiler:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) Carlsbad Field Office's (CBFO) 2003 report on changes in activities or conditions that pertain to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), in accordance with 40 CFR 194.4(b)(4). On the basis of the information provided by CBFO in correspondence dated November 13, 2003, and the supplemental information dated June 28, 2004, we determined that the report is complete and that the reported changes are not significant.

The Department submitted the change report to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on November 13, 2002. Based on a preliminary review of that report, we requested revisions to Table 1: *Changes in WIPP Conditions or Activities Reportable*. DOE re-submitted a revised version of Table 1 on June 28, 2003. This revised version incorporated the necessary updates.

As previously approved in a letter dated May 22, 2003, the 2004 change report should reflect changes between July 1, 2003, and June 30, 2004, and should be submitted in mid-November 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Sharp at (202) 343-9265.

Sincerely,

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