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Mr. Steve Zappe
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Subject: Domestic and Firewater Tank Maintenance

Dear Mr. Zappe:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) that the Permittees intend to perform maintenance on the domestic and firewater tanks beginning in February 2005. This notification is being provided to keep your office informed of maintenance activities at the WIPP facility.

The domestic water tank will be taken out of service initially. Approximately 20,000 gallons of this water will be retained in a temporary tank. The domestic water tank will be out of service for approximately five months. Once the maintenance is completed the domestic water tank will be placed back in service and a similar process will occur with the firewater tank.

All necessary plumbing changes will occur to ensure that sufficient fire or domestic water is available during these maintenance activities. This maintenance will not impact safety or the environment at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) facility.

Although this notification is not specifically required by the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, we believe that the NMED should be informed of these maintenance activities.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (505) 234-7462.

Sincerely,


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RCRA Program Manager

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