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Subject: Transmittal of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Quarterly Progress Report for Solid Waste Management Unit Activities

Dear Mr. Zappe:

The purpose of this letter is to submit the subject report, as required by Module VII.I.1 of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. NM4890139088-TSDF. This report addresses activities from November 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005.

We certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under our direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on our inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. We are aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact Mr. Jody Plum at (505) 234-7462.

Sincerely,

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**Waste Isolation Pilot Plant**

**February 2005 Quarterly Progress Report  
for Solid Waste Management Unit Activities from  
November 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005**

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**List of Acronyms and Abbreviations**

DOE	Department of Energy
HWFP	Hazardous Waste Facility Permit
NFA	No Further Action
NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
SWMU	Solid Waste Management Unit
WIPP	Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

1. Introduction

Module VII.I of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (**WIPP**) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (**HWFP**), number NM4890139088-TSDF, requires that the U.S. Department of Energy (**DOE**) and Washington TRU Solutions LLC, hereafter referred to as the Permittees, submit quarterly progress reports within ninety (90) days of beginning Solid Waste Management Unit (**SWMU**) activities, and succeeding reports every 90 days thereafter. This report summarizes SWMU activities for November 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005.

This report contains the following items, as required by the HWFP:

- Description of the work completed;
- Estimate of the percentage of work completed;
- Summaries of findings;
- Summaries of problems or potential problems encountered and corrective actions implemented;
- Projected work for the next reporting period;
- Summaries of contacts pertaining to corrective action or environmental matters;
- Changes in key personnel;
- Changes in funding which may impact the completion date; and
- Summaries of implementation changes.

2. Description of the Work Completed

On October 8, 2002 the WIPP's No Further Action (**NFA**) Petition for SWMUs and Areas of Concern and associated data (herein referred to as the Final NFA Report) was submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department (**NMED**). No comments have been received on the Final NFA Report. A request for additional information from Carl Chavez (NMED) was forwarded to the Site by CBFO on November 1, 2004. The Permittees will respond to these requests for additional information during February 2005.

As required by Module VII.I of the WIPP HWFP, a quarterly progress report has been prepared for submittal.

3. Estimate of the Percentage of Work Completed

The work is 100 percent complete pending the approval of the Final NFA Report.

4. Summaries of Findings

No findings or information requiring a summary have been discovered during this

quarter.

5. Problems and Corrective Actions

No problems were experienced during this quarter. No potential problems were noted and no corrective actions have been implemented.

6. Projected Work for the Next Reporting Period

The quarterly SWMU Report will be generated. Response to requests for clarification and additional information are being prepared and will be completed in February.

7. Summaries of Contacts

NMED contacted CBFO with additional information requests in September. The Permittees contacted Carl Chavez and Steve Zappe to discuss the information request on December 21, 2004. No contacts have been made with the public this quarter concerning SWMU's.

8. Changes in Key Personnel

There were no changes in key personnel this quarter.

9. Changes in Funding

There were no changes in funding this quarter.

10. Changes in Implementation

No changes in the implementation of the *WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern* (DOE, 2001) were made during this quarter.

11. References

DOE, 2001. *WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern*. DOE/WIPP-00-2001, Rev. 1.