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Subject: Notification of Last Waste Emplacement and Intent to Commence Closure of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Disposal Unit Panel 2

Dear Mr. Zappe:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) of the Permittees intent to commence closure of Hazardous Waste Disposal Unit Panel 2 at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant site. This notification fulfills the requirements of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (NM4890139088-TSDF), Permit Condition II.L.3 and Permit Attachment I-1d(1) to notify NMED 60 days prior to the date on which closure activities are scheduled to begin, and 30 days prior to placing the final waste in a panel, respectively.

Final waste emplacement in Panel 2 is scheduled for June 18, 2005, and closure activities for Panel 2 are expected to commence on or about July 18, 2005. These dates are dependent on the availability of waste and may change. The NMED will be notified of the actual dates after they occur.

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

Sincerely,

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