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Subject: Transfer of Water from Pond A to Pond 1 And or 2 and Weekly Status Report for the WIPP Storm water Infiltration Controls Project Pond A

Dear Mr. Marshall:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the telephone discussion between you, Jody Plum of the U.S. Department of Energy, and Dale Bignell of Washington TRU Solutions on Monday, May 16, 2005. During this phone conversation, it was requested and you authorized a continuance of the verbal authorization you provided on May 10, 2005, to pump an estimated 130,000 gallons of water from Storm Water Infiltration Control (SWIC) Pond A to SWIC Pond 1 and/or 2. A Notice of Intent (NOI) documenting your May 10, 2005, authorization was documented in a letter mailed on May 16, 2005.

Based on your May 10, 2005, verbal authorization for the NOI letter mailed on May 16, 2005, the estimated 130,000 gallons of water was transferred to SWIC Pond 1. Over the weekend, May 14 and 15, 2005, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) site received an additional 0.48 inches of rain resulting in collection of an equal volume of water and continued need to pump from SWIC Pond A to SWIC Pond 1 and or 2.

The removal of this water from Pond A is necessary to facilitate resuming construction in SWIC Pond A. Pond A is estimated to contain less than 130,000 gallons of water. The construction contractor is scheduled to resume earthwork during the week of May 23, 2005, if the pond is adequately dried and no additional rainfall is received.

Due to continued precipitation events and submittal of several NOIs, DOE would like to request that it be allowed to submit a weekly status report of the pumping activities and associated construction progress on Pond A. In this manner, you will be informed of our progress and conditions at hand and have a subsequent reduction in administrative action. If you have no objections to this proposal, we will provide you the first report on the date you request by letter or e-mail as directed by your office.

Thank you for your assistance and if you have any questions or need additional information please contact Mr. H. L. Plum at (505) 234-7462.

Sincerely,

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