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MEMORANDUM

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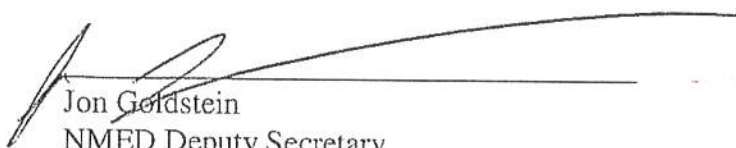
SUBJECT: COST SAVING PROPOSAL FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR
WIPP AUDITS

DATE: July 7, 2008

A condition of the hazardous waste permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) requires HWB staff to travel out-of-state to various Department of Energy (DOE) generator sites for WIPP audits. HWB estimates fifteen out of state trips are required annually.

The Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) of DOE often provides NMED a thirty day notice of pending audit activity. During this time, the WIPP group initiates all travel plans necessary for the audit. To avoid costly delays and additional fees for short notice travel arrangements, HWB requests authorization for the HWB bureau chief to approve travel for these WIPP Audits without the required authorization of the Deputy Secretary's Office.

I agree with the suggested out of state travel waiver exemption and give authority to the HWB Bureau Chief to authorize travel specifically for required out-of-state WIPP audits.


Jon Goldstein
NMED Deputy Secretary

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