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Mr. James Bearzi, Chief  
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Subject: Status of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Emergency Services Program

Re: Transmittal of Information Requested in Your Letter Dated March 6, 2008 to Dr. D. C. Moody and Mr. M. F. Sharif

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The purpose of this letter is to provide follow-up information to my April 11, 2008, letter relative to the status of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program. The enclosures to this letter provide documentation that the WIPP EMS program may now provide services at the Intermediate level.

The DOE path forward is to comply with the direction set forth by Dr. Schenck in her July 15, 2008, letter with regard to continuing training.

If you have further questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. H. L. "Jody" Plum at (575) 234-7462.

Sincerely,

David C. Moody, Manager  
 Carlsbad Field Office

M. F. Sharif, General Manager  
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June 26, 2008

TO: Dr. Deborah Schenck, Medical Director, WIPP EMS Program

FR: Ute Fennicks, NM BLS/ILS Coordinator, EMS Bureau

RE: EMS Skills Testing for WIPP EMS Program Personnel

Dear Dr. Schenck,

On Monday, Jun 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 I conducted an EMS skills test for the following EMT-Intermediates listed below:

Bolton, Eugene  
Castillo, Rudy  
Easley, Darren  
Eaton, Jason  
Kuhn, Nadine  
Pearce, Jim

Each individual tested separately and was asked to complete a full patient assessment (chest pain scenario) and treatment (verbally) and to demonstrate an IV initiation and one IV medication administration.

All individuals successfully completed the patient assessment portion and demonstrated competency at the EMT-Intermediate level. Rudy Castillo initially struggled with the patient assessment portion, but with minimal direction he successfully completed the evaluation.

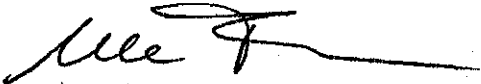
Everyone also successfully completed the skills portion of the evaluation. No one had any problems initiating IV access and demonstrating IV medication administration including a simple drug calculation.

Standing out in their knowledge, skills performance and interaction with the evaluator were Nadine Kuhn and Jim Pearce.

I had separate conversations with each candidate and found that they have welcomed the training they have been receiving in the last few weeks and hope that it will continue in the future. I do believe the same as these individuals at this time function well at their licensure level and due to the low call level at their work place will require continuous training to remain competent at the EMT-Intermediate level.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (505) 476-8215 or [ute.fennicks@state.nm.us](mailto:ute.fennicks@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,



Ute Fennicks  
NM BLS/ILS Coordinator  
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CC: Leroy Bostick, Director of Surface Operations & Maintenance, WIPP  
Kyle Thornton, Chief, NM EMS Bureau

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Date: July 15, 2008

TO: Tom Ferguson  
WIPP  
RE: Emergency Services

Dear Tom,

I have received a letter from Ute Fennicks of the EMS Bureau regarding the skills testing for our EMS Personnel. She said the following EMT-Intermediates successfully completed training and testing:

Eugene Bolton

Rudy Castillo

Darren Easley

Jason Eaton


Nadine Kuhn

Jim Pierce

As long as at least one of these persons is in attendance, the Service may return to functioning at the Intermediate level for the time being. Ms Fennicks agrees with me that all personnel will require continuous training to remain competent at the EMT-Intermediate level. This training should be performed by someone from the EMS Bureau that is not associated with the site.

Thank-you for your efforts to help us get our EMS up to speed. I really appreciate your help and understanding.

Sincerely,



Deborah J. Schenck MD, MS

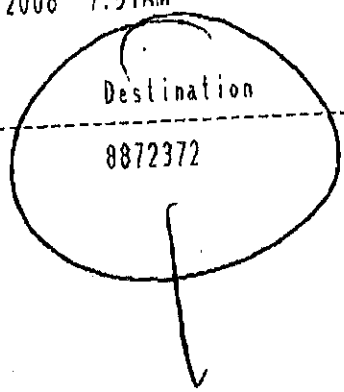
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