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 Governor of New Mexico
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Subject: Shipment of Transuranic Waste from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

Dear Governor Richardson:

On September 9, 2008, I informed you that the Department of Energy (DOE) would be shipping approximately 550 shipments of transuranic waste from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, New Mexico. In that letter, I provided you with the agreed route these shipments would take. Since the issuance of this letter, there has been a change in the route that will be used in Texas and New Mexico; therefore, I am writing to provide you with this route correction.

Shipments from ORNL will travel primarily using the U. S. interstate highway system; on surface roads to Tennessee 162 to Interstate 40/75 south to Interstate 75 south to Interstate 24 (around Chattanooga, TN) to interstate 59 south to Interstate 459 (around Birmingham, AL) to Interstate 20/59. The shipments will continue south on Interstate 20/59 until it passes Meridian, Mississippi where it will continue west on Interstate 20 across Texas to Big Spring, Texas where it will exit the interstate onto Texas Route 176. The shipment will continue west on Texas Route 176 to New Mexico Route 18. The shipments will proceed north continuing on New Mexico Route 18 to Hobbs, New Mexico where it will then proceed west on US 62/180 to the North WIPP Access Road. This route has been agreed upon with state representatives, and emergency response training has been provided upon request.

Once again, thank you for your continued support in making the clean up and transportation of transuranic waste a success. If you have questions concerning this notification, please contact Mr. William Mackie, Institutional affairs Manager, at (575) 234-7335.

Sincerely,

David C. Moody

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 Manager

