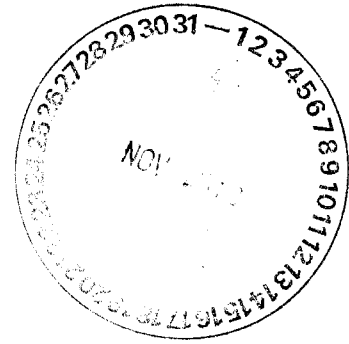




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Subject: Water Quality Sampling Program-6A Chlorinated Halogens Samples

Dear Mr. Zappe:

Mr. Ricardo Maestas performed inspections at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) site and also split groundwater samples from the Water Quality Sampling Program (WQSP)-4 during the week of October 5, 2010. When at the WIPP site, we explained to Mr. Maestas that while shipping the samples obtained from WQSP-6A during the week of September 20, 2010, some of the sample containers broke while in shipment to the laboratory for analysis. The samples that were lost were the chlorinated halogens (TOX) duplicate, TOX Matrix Spike (MS), and the TOX Matrix Spike Duplicate (MSD). The primary sample for TOX from WQSP-6A was received by the laboratory in good condition and was analyzed.

An explanation of these conditions was presented to Mr. Maestas and we proposed that the Permittees not resample the TOX duplicate, MS, and MSD. The purpose of this letter is to document your October 5, 2010, concurrence with our proposal not to resample WQSP-6A for TOX.

If you have questions, please contact Daniel J. Ferguson at (575) 234-8128.

Sincerely,

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