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Subject: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Groundwater Level Measurements for April 2011

Dear Mr. Bearzi:


The purpose of this letter is to submit the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Groundwater Level Measurements for April 2011, as required by Part 5, Section 5.10.2.2. of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. NM4890139088-TSDF.

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If you have any questions regarding this data transmittal, please contact Daniel J. Ferguson at (575) 234-7018.

Sincerely,


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SUMMARY COMMENTS FOR THE WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENTS FOR THE
MONTH OF APRIL 2011

1. The WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit), Attachment L, Section L-4c (1) requires reporting of cumulative fluctuations noted in the Detection Monitoring Program (DMP) wells of more than two feet in the course of one year which are not attributable to site tests and subsequent stabilization. The Calendar Year 2009 Annual Site Environmental Report (ASER), was submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department in compliance with the Permit, and summarizes and discusses DMP water level changes greater than two feet for calendar year 2009. Changes in DMP well water levels greater than two feet for the current year, if any, are reported in the data sheet and will be discussed in the ASER for calendar year 2011.
2. Calculations used to derive water level and fresh water head elevations in Table 1:
 - $\text{Adjusted Depth to Water(ft)} = \text{Depth to Water from Measuring Point(ft)} - \text{Adjustment(ft)}$
 - $\text{Water Level(ft amsl)} = \text{Top of Surveyed Casing Elevation(ft amsl)} - \text{Adjusted Depth to Water(ft)}$
 - $\text{Column Height(ft)} = \text{Water Level(ft amsl)} - \text{Culebra Midpoint Elevation(ft amsl)}$
 - $\text{Fresh-water Head(ft amsl)} = \text{Specific Gravity} \times \text{Column Height(ft)} + \text{Culebra Midpoint Elevation(ft amsl)}$
3. For production-injection packers (PIPs) installed on tubing or Water Quality Sampling Program wells with tubing access ports, an adjustment is necessary to reference the water level to the surveyed fixed permanent casing [Top of Casing(TOC)]. If the measuring point is above the TOC, the depth to water relative to TOC is less. If the measuring point is below the TOC, the depth to water relative to TOC is greater (ref: WP 02-EM1014, Rev 6).
4. Groundwater level measurements were not taken at wells H-02b1, H-09bR, H-09c and H-04c due to Sandia National Laboratories testing and instrumentation activities. Water level measurements at H-04c and H-02b1 are anticipated to resume in May 2011. Water level measurements at H-09bR and H-09c are anticipated to resume in June 2011.

Groundwater level Measurements for April 2011

Well Number	Zone	Top of Surveyed Casing Elevation (ft amsl)	Date	Time	Depth to Water from Measuring Point (feet)	Adjustment (feet)	Adjusted Depth to Water (feet)	Adjusted Depth to Water (m)	Water Level (ft amsl)	Water Level (m amsl)	Fresh-water Head (ft amsl)	Culebra Midpoint Elevation (ft amsl)	Specific Gravity	Column Height (feet)	Notes
AEC-7	CUL	3657.06	04/12/11	08:43	612.48	0.00	612.48	186.68	3044.58	927.99	3064.86	2784.60	1.078	259.98	NA
C-2737 (PIP)	CUL	3400.76	04/13/11	09:40	386.08	-0.60	386.68	117.86	3014.08	918.69	3022.30	2709.70	1.027	304.38	NA
ERDA-9	CUL	3410.17	04/13/11	10:11	398.39	-0.03	398.42	121.44	3011.75	917.98	3034.70	2693.00	1.072	318.75	NA
H-02b2	CUL	3378.36	04/13/11	09:56	335.42	0.00	335.42	102.24	3042.94	927.49	3046.84	2742.80	1.013	300.14	NA
H-03b2	CUL	3389.91	04/13/11	09:01	387.64	0.00	387.64	118.15	3002.27	915.09	3015.17	2702.20	1.043	300.07	NA
H-04bR	CUL	3334.64	04/13/11	08:00	330.27	0.00	330.27	100.67	3004.37	915.73	3007.57	2826.76	1.018	177.61	NA
H-05b	CUL	3506.78	04/12/11	09:08	466.85	0.00	466.85	142.30	3039.93	926.57	3081.17	2596.50	1.093	443.43	NA
H-06bR	CUL	3349.22	04/12/11	12:43	289.35	0.00	289.35	88.19	3059.87	932.65	3072.00	2731.90	1.037	327.97	NA
H-07b1	CUL	3163.72	04/11/11	12:39	165.99	0.00	165.99	50.59	2997.73	913.71	2998.35	2893.80	1.006	103.93	NA
H-10c	CUL	3688.40	04/11/11	14:52	719.81	0.00	719.81	219.40	2968.59	904.83	3027.95	2316.30	1.091	652.29	NA
H-11b4	CUL	3410.79	04/12/11	09:58	423.09	0.00	423.09	128.96	2987.70	910.65	3003.67	2674.60	1.051	313.10	NA
H-12	CUL	3427.33	04/12/11	07:32	456.61	0.00	456.61	139.17	2970.72	905.48	3011.57	2588.90	1.107	381.82	NA
H-15R	CUL	3482.02	04/13/11	09:20	507.01	0.00	507.01	154.54	2975.01	906.78	3018.53	2609.30	1.119	365.71	NA
H-16	CUL	3410.06	04/13/11	12:29	374.17	0.00	374.17	114.05	3035.89	925.34	3048.48	2695.63	1.037	340.26	NA
H-17	CUL	3385.24	04/12/11	10:15	417.96	0.00	417.96	127.39	2967.28	904.43	3008.42	2664.80	1.136	302.48	NA
H-19b0	CUL	3418.33	04/13/11	07:35	425.29	0.00	425.29	129.63	2993.04	912.28	3015.39	2664.40	1.068	328.64	NA
I-461	CUL	3283.61	04/11/11	11:35	239.81	0.00	239.81	73.09	3043.80	927.75	3044.48	2907.10	1.005	136.70	NA
SNL-01	CUL	3512.84	04/11/11	09:51	432.51	0.00	432.51	131.83	3080.33	938.88	3085.38	2900.00	1.028	180.33	NA
SNL-02	CUL	3323.06	04/11/11	10:46	252.72	0.00	252.72	77.03	3070.34	935.84	3072.30	2852.30	1.009	218.04	NA
SNL-03	CUL	3490.35	04/12/11	11:19	417.47	0.00	417.47	127.24	3072.88	936.61	3082.65	2723.80	1.028	349.08	NA
SNL-05	CUL	3379.98	04/11/11	10:31	307.17	0.00	307.17	93.63	3072.81	936.59	3075.54	2731.00	1.008	341.81	NA
SNL-06	CUL	3646.11	04/12/11	08:10	689.32	0.00	689.32	210.10	2956.79	901.23	3107.98	2307.90	1.233	648.89	1
SNL-08	CUL	3555.73	04/12/11	09:24	543.54	0.00	543.54	165.67	3012.19	918.12	3052.25	2586.00	1.094	426.19	NA
SNL-09	CUL	3360.96	04/11/11	11:58	311.00	0.00	311.00	94.79	3049.96	929.63	3054.57	2793.80	1.018	256.16	NA
SNL-10	CUL	3377.59	04/12/11	13:19	325.75	0.00	325.75	99.29	3051.84	930.20	3054.43	2764.10	1.009	287.74	NA
SNL-12	CUL	3339.46	04/11/11	13:57	337.89	0.00	337.89	102.99	3001.57	914.88	3002.73	2768.60	1.005	232.97	NA
SNL-13	CUL	3294.22	04/12/11	14:01	280.38	0.00	280.38	85.46	3013.84	918.62	3016.62	2893.10	1.023	120.74	NA
SNL-14	CUL	3368.41	04/12/11	10:24	376.84	0.00	376.84	114.86	2991.57	911.83	3005.03	2698.90	1.046	292.67	NA
SNL-15	CUL	3479.93	04/12/11	09:40	573.69	0.00	573.69	174.86	2906.24	885.82	2985.84	2557.10	1.228	349.14	2
SNL-16	CUL	3133.00	04/11/11	12:18	124.65	0.00	124.65	37.99	3008.35	916.95	3009.08	2926.70	1.009	81.65	NA
SNL-17	CUL	3238.06	04/12/11	14:12	232.61	0.00	232.61	70.90	3005.45	916.06	3005.92	2886.50	1.004	116.95	NA
SNL-18	CUL	3375.44	04/11/11	10:09	301.13	0.00	301.13	91.78	3074.31	937.05	3075.81	2824.20	1.006	250.11	NA
SNL-19	CUL	3222.65	04/11/11	11:04	151.31	0.00	151.31	46.12	3071.34	936.14	3072.56	2867.60	1.006	203.74	NA
WIPP-11	CUL	3427.78	04/12/11	11:37	362.53	0.00	362.53	110.50	3065.25	934.29	3083.57	2570.00	1.037	495.25	NA
WIPP-13	CUL	3405.67	04/12/11	12:26	342.90	0.00	342.90	104.52	3062.77	933.53	3079.16	2690.30	1.044	372.47	NA
WIPP-19	CUL	3435.11	04/13/11	10:23	389.54	0.00	389.54	118.73	3045.57	928.29	3064.98	2665.00	1.051	380.57	NA
WQSP-1	CUL	3419.25	04/13/11	11:27	358.93	0.18	358.75	109.35	3060.50	932.84	3077.89	2705.60	1.049	354.90	NA
WQSP-2	CUL	3463.87	04/13/11	11:00	398.85	0.20	398.65	121.51	3065.22	934.28	3085.26	2638.80	1.047	426.42	NA
WQSP-3	CUL	3480.14	04/13/11	10:40	466.39	0.19	466.20	142.10	3013.94	918.65	3071.81	2620.30	1.147	393.64	3
WQSP-4	CUL	3433.09	04/13/11	07:22	442.79	0.18	442.61	134.91	2990.48	911.50	3016.87	2652.20	1.078	338.28	NA
WQSP-5	CUL	3384.38	04/13/11	08:46	378.22	0.20	378.02	115.22	3006.36	916.34	3014.22	2725.70	1.028	280.66	NA
WQSP-6	CUL	3364.72	04/13/11	08:30	343.34	0.19	343.15	104.59	3021.57	920.97	3025.63	2767.60	1.016	253.97	NA
C-2737 (ANNULUS)	MAG	3400.76	04/13/11	09:44	256.60	0.00	256.60	78.21	3144.16	958.34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H-03b1	MAG	3390.72	04/13/11	08:55	244.24	0.00	244.24	74.44	3146.48	959.05	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H-06c	MAG	3348.69	04/12/11	12:48	277.97	0.00	277.97	84.73	3070.72	935.96	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H-08a	MAG	3433.28	04/11/11	13:14	409.56	0.00	409.56	124.83	3023.72	921.63	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H-10a	MAG	3688.45	04/11/11	14:44	575.84	0.00	575.84	175.52	3112.61	948.72	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H-11b2	MAG	3411.86	04/12/11	10:04	272.22	0.00	272.22	82.97	3139.64	956.96	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H-14	MAG	3347.08	04/13/11	08:17	211.45	0.00	211.45	64.45	3135.63	955.74	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H-15	MAG	3483.50	04/13/11	09:15	342.66	0.00	342.66	104.44	3140.84	957.33	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H-18	MAG	3414.21	04/13/11	11:17	260.39	0.00	260.39	79.37	3153.82	961.28	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WIPP-18	MAG	3457.57	04/13/11	10:30	307.89	0.00	307.89	93.84	3149.68	960.02	NA	NA	NA	NA	4
WQSP-6a	DL	3364.05	04/13/11	08:35	167.53	0.25	167.28	50.99	3196.77	974.38	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CB-1	B/C	3329.12	04/12/11	10:43	314.43	0.00	314.43	95.84	3014.69	918.88	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
DOE-2	B/C	3419.18	04/12/11	12:13	352.23	0.00	352.23	107.36	3066.95	934.81	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Notes

1. Recovering from development 09/2005 and bailing 01/2007.
2. Recovering from pumping 04/2007.
3. Water level depressed due to sampling 4/4/11- 4/6/11
4. Water level depressed from SNL testing ending on March 2010; recovering.

B/C= Bell Canyon
 CUL=Culebra
 MAG=Magenta
 DL=Dewey Lake
 SR= Santa Rosa

NA = Not applicable