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Subject: Request to Discontinue Monthly Submittal of Volatile Organic Compound Monitoring Information

Reference: NMED Correspondence (ZW:09:00801) from Mr. James P. Bearzi to Dr. D. C. Moody and Mr. M. F. Sharif, dated December 4, 2009, Subject: Submittal of Corrected Volatile Organic Compound Information, WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, Environmental Protection Agency I.D. Number NM4890139088

Dear Mr. Kieling:

As you are aware, monthly volatile organic compound (VOC) reports were requested in December 2009, when the running annual average was approaching the concentration of concern (COC) for carbon tetrachloride (165 parts per billion by volume [ppbv]). This information was requested as Items 3 and 4 in the referenced letter and has been provided because the running annual average for carbon tetrachloride remains above 60 ppbv.

Subsequent to the December 2009 letter, the COC for carbon tetrachloride in the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Permit (Permit) was increased from 165 ppbv to 960 ppbv. Since the COC for carbon tetrachloride has increased, the measured concentrations have not approached the new COC. The current running annual average reported in the last monthly report (155 ppbv) is well below the COC for carbon tetrachloride. Therefore, the frequency for updating this information on a monthly basis is unnecessary and we request the monthly submittal be discontinued. The same information provided on a monthly basis is in the semi-annual VOC monitoring reports required by the Permit.

Please contact George T. Basabilvazo at (575) 234-7488 if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

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