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Mr. Alvin C. Dominguez, P. E.  
Cabinet Secretary  
New Mexico Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 1149  
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Subject: NM 524 Alternate Route Request

Dear Secretary Dominquez:

During recent discussions and meetings with New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) South Regional Design, the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) has been informed that construction will take place on NM 200 (The WIPP Relief Route) between January and June of 2013. During this time the east portion of the Relief Route will be closed to through traffic precluding Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) trucks from utilizing this route.

Accordingly, the CBFO is requesting that NM 524/Lea Street, from US 285 to Canyon Street, be designated an Alternate WIPP route during this period. Once our trucks turn north on Canyon Street, they are back on the designated WIPP Route approved for shipments going to the WIPP from the Southeastern part of the United States. Our trucks will continue north on Canyon Street to the intersection with Green Street where they will turn east and continue on US 62/180 to the WIPP North Access Road. Enclosed is a map to show you the requested alternate route.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you require further information, please contact me at (575) 234-7300 or Mr. William Mackie, Manager, Institutional Programs, at (575) 234-7335.

Sincerely,

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