RE: COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA ID# NM4890139088

Dear Messrs. Franco and Sharif:

On November 13, 2012, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) conducted a hazardous waste Compliance Evaluation Inspection Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), located at 34 Louis Whitlock Dr., Carlsbad. Based on that inspection and review of the information obtained, the NMED has determined that your facility is a Large Quantity Generator and a permitted Treatment, Storage, and Disposal facility of hazardous and mixed-hazardous waste, as defined in the Notification of Regulated Waste Activity Instructions (EPA Form 8700-12). Further, the NMED observed no violations of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20.4.1 NMAC).

WIPP is an underground geological repository licensed to permanently dispose of transuranic waste that is derived from the research and production of nuclear weapons. Hazardous wastes derived at the facility are disposed of off-site through Stericycle Specialty Waste Solutions, Inc.

During the inspection it was noticed that the permanent decontamination stations located in Area 474, the above-ground 90-day accumulation area, were nonoperational. A temporary eyewash station was placed in the area until the permanent decontamination stations could be repaired. A review of the weekly inspection records indicated that the stations have been inoperable since
July 2011. Although a temporary eyewash station was placed in the area, NMED recommends
as a best-management-practice fixing the permanent decontamination equipment while large
volumes of corrosive and flammable wastes are stored in the area.

No further action is required at this time. However, this letter does not relieve WIPP of its
obligation to comply with any other applicable laws and regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Doug Hopinkah of my staff at 505-
222-9542 or doug.hopinkah@state.nm.us. Please address any written response to the attention of
Mr. Hopinkah at the address on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

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