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From: Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2014 8:57 PM
To: Kieling, John, NMENV; Kendall, Jeff, NMENV
Cc: Maestas, Ricardo, NMENV; Hower, Jennifer, NMENV
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Sorry, missed sending this out earlier. We should probably discuss at the 11:30 call on Tuesday.

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From: Kimberly Wood
Date: 05/12/2014 12:57 PM (GMT-07:00)
To: "Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV" , "Herrera, Cathy, NMENV"
Cc: Ray Wood
Subject: Trinity Engineering Associates, Inc.

Ms. Kliphuis,

It has come to my attention that NMED HWB has contracted with Florida International University Research Foundation and Ines Triay to provide guidance to your Department regarding the recent incident at the WIPP. While Dr. Triay has intimate knowledge of the WIPP, the majority gained during her tenure at DOE and her continued affiliation as a DOE sponsored Chair at FIU through 2013, she may have an institutionalized and conflict of interest bias due to her past relationship with DOE and CBFO.

Trinity's contract with NMED includes all technical support at the WIPP, including AK, permit modifications, audits and inspections. Over the past several years we have noticed a sharp decline in requests for support, to the point where Acceptable Knowledge and the recent permit modification request were the only support being provided. We assumed this decline in support was primarily due to maturity in the life cycle of activities at the WIPP as you informed me that NMED had no problems with the quality of services being provided by Trinity.

I would like to take this time to remind you that Trinity Engineering Associates, Inc. has a great deal of experience with technical and regulatory guidance issues around the WIPP. In addition to our support work for NMED, Trinity has been closely involved with WIPP since 1996 from other perspectives, including:

- performing over 100 quality and technical audits at WIPP generator locations throughout the United States to support EPA's regulation of WIPP under 40 CFR 194;
- providing technical analysis to support our drafting of background information and regulatory support documents for EPA ORIA;



- technical assessments of DOE submittals for the Compliance Recertification Application for the WIPP;
- evaluation of the 2005 recertification application for EPA;
- drafting position papers analyzing methods for characterizing Remote Handled waste;
- evaluation of data quality and peer review activities

In order to provide these broad scope services to EPA, Trinity employs a highly qualified scientific and engineering staff, including PhD Nuclear Engineers, PhD Certified Health Physicists, and PhD Chemists as well as Geologists, Hydrogeologists and quality assurance specialists, most with advanced degrees and over 20 years of experience. Trinity is also a highly regarded firm in the field of emergency preparedness and emergency response, and has supported these activities for EPA and Homeland Security since 2000. Since you have felt it necessary to contact FIU for support, it is our belief that that we may have been remiss in not providing you with information regarding our level of knowledge and experience related to radiological and mixed waste issues in general (and WIPP in particular), but we would welcome the opportunity to do so at your convenience.

As always, Trinity maintains a strong allegiance with NMED HWB supporting safe and regulatory compliant WIPP related activities. We have an intimate knowledge of the WIPP project dating back over 20 years, highly qualified technical staff, and no conflict of interest with DOE involvement at the site. As the CEO of Trinity Engineering Associates, I am very concerned that NMED has felt the need to go outside our services in procuring support regarding the incident at the WIPP. I would like to inquire if NMED has any issues with Trinity's support services and be offered the opportunity to address and rectify any issues and concerns.

Thank you,
Kim Wood
Trinity Engineering Associates, Inc.