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RE: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 Approval of Additional Extension of Storage Time for Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plan (WIPP) located at Carlsbad, New Mexico (EPA I.D. No. NM4890139088).

Dear Mr. Franco:

We are in receipt of your letter of April 22, 2015, in which you requested an additional extension of storage time until June 30, 2016, for PCB TRU and PCB TRU mixed waste beyond the current deadline of May 6, 2015, approved in our letter of January 13, 2015. This extension request was submitted because of the limited alternative storage options while the WIPP continues to evaluate its recovery options. Your request is hereby granted until June 30, 2016, with the following condition:

No new off-site generated PCB waste may be received at the WIPP until normal operations resume. This condition is added pursuant to condition III-B of our Conditions of Approval dated May 21, 2013, and 40 CFR 761.75(c)(3)(ii) to ensure that the landfill operations do not present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment.

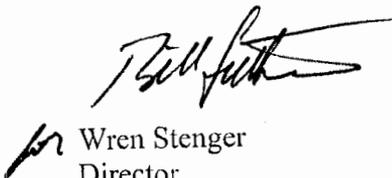
You previously informed us that the WIPP experienced a vehicle fire in the underground, which required disposal operations to be temporarily halted. On February 14, 2014, the WIPP experienced a radiological incident. Until investigations and corrective actions have been completed, the WIPP will be unable to resume normal operations, which will require an emergency extension of approved storage time. In order for EPA to stay informed of the WIPP's progress in resolving the storage issues, please send a copy of: (1) any updates to the interim Performance Measurement Baseline (PMB), and (2) a copy of the report you are required to submit to NMED in accordance with the effective Administrative Order to the attention of Mr. James Sales, Region 6 PCB Coordinator, Mail Code 6PD-A.

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If a PCB storage approval extension is required beyond the expiration date of June 30, 2016, please submit your request by May 30, 2016. Please contact me if you have any questions, or have your staff contact Mr. Sales at (214) 665-6796.

Sincerely,



Wren Stenger
Director
Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division

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