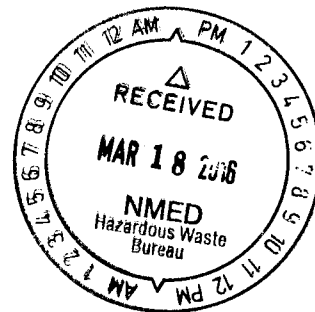




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Mr. John E. Kieling, Chief
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Subject: Information Requested by the New Mexico Environment Department during the November 18, 2015, Inspection of the WIPP Facility, Permit Number NM4890139088-TSDF

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to provide information requested by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous Waste Bureau during the inspection of the WIPP Facility in Carlsbad, New Mexico, conducted on November 18, 2015. Accompanying this letter is a binder containing the documentation requested by the NMED.

We certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under our direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on our inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. We are aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George T. Basabilvazo at 575-234-7488.

Sincerely,

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2015 WIPP Permit Inspection:
NMED Request Description (5 items)
Date of Inspection: November 18, 2015
Note: WIPP Response Due on March 18, 2016



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2015 WIPP Permit Inspection: NMED Request Description (5 Items)

Date of Inspection: November 18, 2015

Note: WIPP Response Due on March 18, 2016

1. (a) Information and data regarding any derived waste that has been generated and accumulated in the WHB from December 9, 2014 to November 18, 2015. Permit Condition 2.3.5. (b) Submit all manifests of low level WIPP waste to low level waste depositories from December 9, 2014 to November 18, 2015.

2. Documentation regarding all Occurrence Reports (except counterfeit parts) from December 9, 2014 to November 18, 2015. Permit Condition 1.7.

3. Photocopies of calibration records from December 9, 2014 through March 9, 2015 for all specific types of instruments (one for each instrument of each specific type) used to demonstrate Permit compliance with Attachments E, L, N, N1 and O. Radiological instruments are not considered to be demonstration of Permit compliance. Permit Condition 1.7.10

4. Training records (two individuals from each position title) of the following positions: Hazardous Waste Workers, TRU Mixed Waste Handlers, Facility Shift Engineers, Facility Shift managers, and Central Monitoring Room Operators. Inspector is requesting summary of training records for the time frame of December 9, 2014 through November 18, 2015. Permit Conditions Attachments F, F1 and F2.

5. Generate and provide a histogram from the WWIS database, plotting number of containers versus number of days in storage, demonstrating whether storage times were ever exceeded from December 9, 2014 through February 9, 2015. Permit Conditions Attachments F, F1, and F2.

Site Inspection Walk Through: November 18-19, 2015.

As part of the inspection the following (but not limited to) items will be viewed by the NMED inspectors:

NOTE: The Site Inspection Walk Through covers a review of information that is included in some Attachments of the Administrative Order (AO) Monthly Reports and include:

- Inspection of WIPP Site Inspection Records (Attachment 1)
- Inspection of Waste Handling Building: TRU Mixed Waste in storage (Attachment 2)
- Inspection of Surface Monitoring Activities (Attachment 3)
- Inspection of Waste Handling Building: Derived Waste in storage (Attachment 4)

(See numbers 1 through 6 below)

1. Random selection of Inspection data summarized in Attachment 1 of the AO Monthly Report: Underground Openings-Roof Bolts and Travelways.

2. Random selection of Inspection data summarized in Attachment 1 of the AO Monthly Report: Ambulances (Surface) and related emergency supplies and equipment.

3. Random selection of Inspection data summarized in Attachment 1 of the AO Monthly Report: Fire Extinguishers (Surface).

4. Random selection of Inspection data summarized in Attachment 1 of the Administrative Order Monthly Report: Fire Sprinkler Systems.

5. Random selection of Inspection data summarized in Attachment 1 of the Administrative Order Monthly Report: Rescue Trucks (Surface).

6. The NMED Inspectors will also want to visually inspect the following areas:

- the less than 90 day storage area,
- the surface SAA,
- the Waste Handling Building (WHB),
- the location of the current Contingency Plan,
- the locations of air monitoring devices,
- the two SSAs in the habitable underground.

There will be a closing meeting as soon as the NMED inspectors have concluded the 2015 Annual WIPP Permit Inspection.

