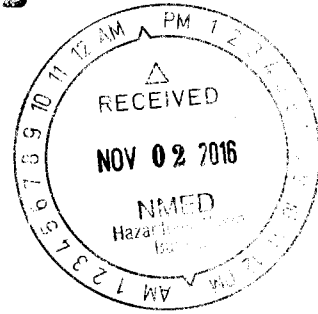




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New Mexico Environment Department
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
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Subject: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Biennial Environmental Compliance Report for reporting period April 1, 2014, through March 31, 2016

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Enclosed is a copy of the 2016 Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Biennial Environmental Compliance Report (BECR) for reporting period April 1, 2014, through March 31, 2016. As required by Section 9(a)(2) of the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) must submit, every two years, documentation of continued compliance with laws in Section 9(a)(1) of the LWA, pertaining to public health and the environment that are applicable to the WIPP Facility to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and, with regard to compliance with the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), to the State of New Mexico.

A copy of the BECR has also been sent to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and DOE Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance for their review, comment, and confirmation of compliance with respect to laws they enforce.

If you need any additional information or have any comments, please contact Mr. Anthony Stone of the DOE Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-7475.

Sincerely,

Todd Shrader, Manager
Carlsbad Field Office

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