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Honorable Susana Martinez  
Governor of New Mexico  
State Capitol Building, Room 400  
490 Old Santa Fe Trail  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Subject: Shipment of Contact Handled Transuranic Waste from Idaho National Laboratories, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Waste Control Specialists, Andrews, Texas and Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad, New Mexico

Dear Governor Martinez:

In accordance with the Department of Energy's (DOE's) commitments to the Western Governors' Association, Southern States Energy Board and the Council of State Governments, DOE is providing 14-day prior notification for the resumption of shipments of transuranic nuclear waste from Idaho National Laboratories (INL), Idaho Falls, ID and Savannah River Site (SRS), Aiken, SC to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, NM.

Shipments from INL and SRS are planned to begin during the first week of April, 2017, with one shipment per week through each shipping corridor. Shipping rates will not exceed more than 2 shipments per week total for the first 5 shipments through either shipping corridor. The shipping routes from INL to WIPP and SRS to WIPP that are currently authorized will be used for these shipments. Shipment details will be provided through the 8-Week Rolling Schedule. If there is cause for delay or change to the shipping schedule, you will be notified of the change through receipt of an 8-Week Rolling Schedule Revision, as soon as schedule changes are finalized. All shipments to WIPP will be via truck utilizing a Type B shipping cask, which has been certified by the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the transport of nuclear material.

Shipments from Waste Control Specialists (WCS) near Andrews, TX to WIPP are also anticipated to commence very soon, but the route notification process for those shipments is being addressed individually with the states of New Mexico and Texas outside of this 14-day notification process.

Thank you for your continued support in making the clean-up and transportation of transuranic waste a success. If you have questions concerning this notification, please contact Mr. James Mason, Institutional Affairs Manager, at (575) 234-7335 or by email at [james.mason@cbfo.doe.gov](mailto:james.mason@cbfo.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

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