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Subject: 40 CFR 191

Dear Mr. Crawley:

Enclosed is a brief summary of the recently published 40 CFR 191 final rule entitled "Environmental Standards for the Management and Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel, High-Level and Transuranic Radioactive Wastes." The intent of this summary is to describe the applicability of 40 CFR 191 to WIPP and outline the actions which will be required by the project to comply with the regulation.

Some of these actions have already been initiated, e.g. the performance assessment, and others are being planned now that the final rule has been published. We are prepared to sit down with you and discuss any questions you may have.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure

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