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Albuquerque Operations Office
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

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DATE:
REPLY TO:
ATTN OF: WIPP:RAC 86:1179
SUBJECT: Performance Assessment

TO: Ray C. Mairson, Project Manager, Westinghouse

The Department of Energy has made the decision to transfer the responsibility for Performance Assessment work related to WIPP from Westinghouse Electric Corporation to Sandia National Laboratories provisional to the formal acceptance of these responsibilities by Sandia.

The additional responsibilities for Sandia is for evaluation of the long-term performance of the WIPP transuranic waste disposal system to determine compliance with Containment Requirements, Individual Protection Requirements, and Groundwater Protection Requirements of EPA 40 CFR 191, Subpart B.

Westinghouse and Sandia should work together to ensure the following:

1. A smooth transition of responsibility.
2. No significant increase in costs of performing the work.
3. Full compliance with the proposed schedule for completion of work during the demonstration phase of the project and prior to the decision of whether or not WIPP becomes a permanent repository.
4. Retention by the WIPP Operating Contractor of the responsibility of assuring compliance with Environmental Standards for Management and Storage, Subpart A, and Assurance Requirements, Subpart B, of 40 CFR 191.
5. Retention of a position at WIPP for the present Performance Assessment Facilitator to provide assurance that WPO requirements are fulfilled in performance assessment, and to act as an interface between Sandia and the operating contractor for 40 CFR 191 compliance activities.
6. Strong consideration by Sandia for utilization of other IT personnel presently working on performance assessment.

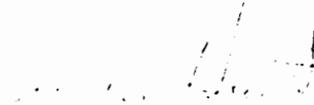
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I would appreciate your assurance that you will endeavor to work toward a smooth transfer of this program.


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