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Dear Mr. Bahr:

Pursuant to paragraph 1 (page 11) of the first Modification to the Agreement for Consultation and Cooperation between the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the State on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), we provide the following estimate of the first shipping date of each waste form:

CH-TRU	August 1989 (earliest date)
RH-TRU	To Be Determined

The existing administrative land withdrawal provisions for WIPP do not permit storage of radioactive waste materials. Either a change to these provisions is required before waste can be received and stored at WIPP or Congress may pass a bill in the next session which would contain appropriate language to effect this change.

DOE no longer plans to conduct defense high level waste (DHLW) experiments at WIPP. Therefore, future quarterly reports to you will not contain an anticipated date for the receipt of DHLW.

If you have any questions concerning the above information, please feel free to contact Jack Tillman, WIPP Project Manager, at 887-8102.

Sincerely,

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