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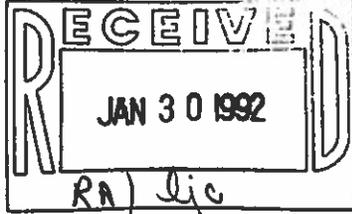


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January 28, 1992

Mr. Arlen Hunt  
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Dear Mr. Hunt:

Per your request in your November 22, 1991 letter, please find attached the itemized estimate for the RCRA permit fees that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) plans to assess for processing the permit application from the Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. The estimate is preliminary, but the NMED does not anticipate any radical changes in the figures given.

In regards as to when the NMED anticipates assessing this fee, that will depend upon the receipt of the augmented permit application and the completeness of that application. An administrative review can take at least three months. If the augmented application is complete, the fee will be assessed at the end of those three months; if the application is incomplete, the fees will be assessed upon receipt of the requested additional information. The NMED is hopeful that the fees will be assessed during 1992.

If you have any questions, please contact Benito Garcia on my staff at 827-4363.

Yours truly,

*Kathleen M. Sisneros*  
Kathleen M. Sisneros, Director  
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**ESTIMATES FOR WIPP PERMIT FEES**

Travel expenses are as follows: per diem, \$48/day; car expenses, 0.22/mile x 500 miles/trip = \$110/trip

**ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS**

| <u>POSITIONS</u> | <u>TASK</u>      | <u>RANGE OF HOURLY RATES/LINE ITEM</u> | <u>TIME/ITEM INVOLVED</u> | <u>COSTS</u>    |          |
|------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| NMED Adm.        | Monthly meetings | 30.296-15.492                          |                           |                 |          |
|                  | In-house         |  | 144 hrs.                  | \$ 3,355        |          |
|                  |                  | W/facility                             |                           | 72 hrs.         | \$ 1,315 |
|                  |                  | RCRA WIPP supervision                  |                           | 640 hrs.        | \$ 9,915 |
|                  |                  | Permit review                          |                           |                 |          |
|                  |                  | Draft                                  |                           | 960 hrs.        | \$20,752 |
|                  |                  | Final                                  |                           | 880 hrs.        | \$18,329 |
|                  |                  | Site visit                             |                           | 48 hrs.         | \$ 744   |
|                  |                  | Travel                                 |                           |                 |          |
|                  |                  | Per diem                               | \$48/day                  | 6 days          | \$ 288   |
|                  | Car              | \$110/trip                             | 4 trips                   | \$ 440          |          |
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|                  |                  |  |                           | <b>\$55,138</b> |          |

**TECHNICAL, LEGAL, CLERICAL COSTS**

| <u>POSITIONS</u> | <u>TASK</u>                 | <u>HOURLY RATE/LINE ITEM</u> | <u>TIME/ITEM INVOLVED</u> | <u>COSTS</u>    |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Geol. III        | Permit process coordination | 14.34                        | 2 yrs.                    | \$60,113        |
|                  | Travel                      |                              |                           |                 |
|                  | Per diem                    | \$48/day                     | 34 days                   | \$ 1,632        |
|                  | Car                         | \$110/trip                   | 12 days                   | \$ 1,320        |
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|                  |                             |                              |                           | <b>\$63,065</b> |

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| <u>POSITIONS</u>        | <u>TASK</u>           | <u>HOURLY RATE/<br/>LINE ITEM</u> | <u>TIME/ITEM<br/>INVOLVED</u> | <u>COSTS</u>    |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Water Res.<br>Spec. III | Permit application    |                                   |                               |                 |
|                         | tech. review          | 14.225                            | 1280 hrs.                     | \$18,208        |
|                         | Pub. info.<br>meeting |                                   | 112 hrs.                      | \$ 1,593        |
|                         | Pub. hearing          |                                   | 112 hrs.                      | \$ 1,593        |
|                         | Site visits           |                                   | 48 hrs.                       | \$ 683          |
|                         | Travel<br>Per diem    | \$48/day                          | 34 days                       | \$ 1,632        |
|                         | Car                   | \$110/trip                        | 12 trips                      | \$ 1,320        |
|                         |                       |                                   | <hr/>                         | <b>\$25,029</b> |
| Engineer                | Permit application    |                                   |                               |                 |
|                         | tech. review          | 20.77                             | 1,280 hrs.                    | \$26,595        |
|                         | Pub. info.<br>meeting |                                   | 112 hrs.                      | \$ 2,327        |
|                         | Pub. hearing          |                                   | 112 hrs.                      | \$ 2,327        |
|                         | Site visits           |                                   | 48 hrs.                       | \$ 997          |
|                         | Travel<br>Per diem    | \$48/day                          | 34 days                       | \$ 1,620        |
|                         | Car                   | \$110/trip                        | 12 trips                      | \$ 1,320        |
|                         |                       |                                   | <hr/>                         | <b>\$35,198</b> |



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|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Legal<br>Counsel   | Permit application review | 23,461                            |                               |                      |
|                    | Draft                     |                                   | 320 hrs.                      | \$ 7,508             |
|                    | Final                     |                                   | 320 hrs.                      | \$ 7,508             |
|                    | Public hearing            |                                   | 112 hrs.                      | \$ 2,628             |
|                    | Travel                    |                                   |                               |                      |
|                    | Per diem                  | \$48/day                          | 14 days                       | \$ 672               |
|                    | Car                       | \$110/trip                        | 8 trips                       | \$ 880               |
|                    |                           |                                   |                               | <hr/>                |
|                    |                           |                                   |                               | <b>\$19,196</b>      |
| Hearing<br>Officer | Public hearing            | Reg. \$100/hr.<br>O/T \$150/hr.   | 112 hrs.<br>56 hrs.           | \$11,200<br>\$ 8,400 |
|                    | Travel                    |                                   |                               |                      |
|                    | Per diem                  | \$48/day                          | 14 days                       | \$ 672               |
|                    | Car                       | \$110/trip                        | 8 trips                       | \$ 880               |
|                    |                           |                                   |                               |                      |
|                    |                           |                                   |                               | <b>\$21,152</b>      |
| Clerk              | Pub. hearing              | Reg. \$50/hr.<br>O/T \$75/hr.     | 112 hrs.<br>56 hrs.           | \$ 5,600<br>\$ 4,200 |
|                    | Travel                    |                                   |                               |                      |
|                    | Per diem                  | \$48/day                          | 14 days                       | \$ 672               |
|                    | Car                       | \$110/trip                        | 8 trips                       | \$ 880               |
|                    | Transcripts               | 4.75/page                         | 2000 pp.                      | \$ 9,500             |
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|                    |                           |                                   |                               | <b>\$20,852</b>      |

