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Subject: RESPONSES TO THE NMED COMMENTS ON CHAPTER B OF THE WIPP RCRA PERMIT APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit responses to the comments in the notice of deficiency (NOD) regarding Chapter B of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit application (Enclosure 1). These comments were provided to the Department of Energy (DOE) and Westinghouse by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) in your letter dated August 4, 1992.

Also enclosed are revisions to the permit application (Enclosure 2). These revisions reflect the NMED's direction to the DOE to focus the application on the Test Phase activities. The revisions include descriptions of all bin-scale testing.

If you have any questions regarding the materials attached to this letter, please contact Dr. James A. Mewhinney of my staff at extension 887-8143.

Sincerely,

Arlen E. Hunt, Manager
WIPP Project Site Office

2 Enclosures

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