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Westinghouse Electric Corp
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Re: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP): Modified review process;
Part B permit Application, Chapter C NOD - Extension

Dear Messrs Trego & Hunt,

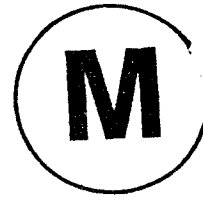
As technical review period for the WIPP Part B Application continues the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has evaluated the review process and determined the process too constrained to concurrently review the application, our consultant's technical comments, and DOE/WID's response. We've modified the original approach in the following manner: NMED will issue a Request for Information letter for each Part B Chapter remaining to be reviewed which will describe the concerns on the Chapter in question. In an interactive manner, NMED will attempt to resolve concerns stated in our Request for Information letter(s) by December 4, 1992. Any outstanding issues remaining on that date will be put in a final, formal NOD to DOE/WID. The deficiencies noted in the December 4, 1992 NOD must be addressed in detail by January 15, 1993. It is NMED's position that the January 15, 1992 date is a firm date with no flexibility on the part of the applicant.

In order to provide as much flexibility as possible in the review and response process detailed in this letter, NMED is extending the October 9, 1992 due date to our August 25, 1992 Chapter C NOD to November 13, 1992. However we encourage you, due to the iterative

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and complex nature of Chapter C, to respond as soon as possible. You may expect an immediate NMED review to any "draft" submissions.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to call me or Susan Collins at (505) 827-4308.

Sincerely,

Susan Collins for Barbara Hoditschek

Barbara Hoditschek, RCRA Program Manager

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