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Dear Mr. Neill:

Thank you for your letter of May 18, 1993, continuing our discussion of the location and documentation of oil and gas wells within one mile of the WIPP site boundary. It remains unclear whether the technical issue you refer to so often is the ability of institutional control to prevent human intrusion or the failure of markers and public records to convey accurate information. You have referenced both on numerous occasions, and each is stated in your May 18 letter.

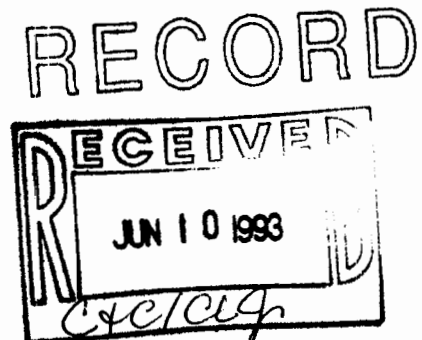
Be assured that as we continue to develop and refine performance assessment calculations over the next several years, we will reevaluate the value of institutional control and the credit we give it in our calculations.

We note both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of New Mexico Environmental Department were copied on your May 18 letter. Both have a vested interest in this issue, and we believe they will evaluate your input as part of their roles in accordance with the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act.

Sincerely,

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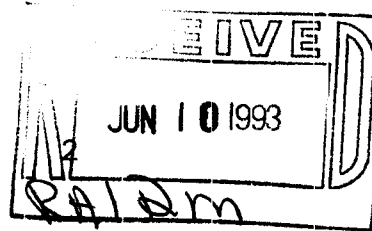
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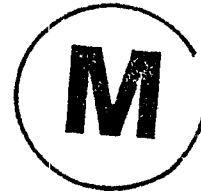
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