WHEREAS, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (hereinafter "WIPP") is a federal project intended for the permanent disposal of defense transuranic radioactive wastes; and

WHEREAS, the WIPP is located in southeastern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the transportation and emplacement of such wastes at WIPP create the potential for an accidental release of radioactive materials; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical personnel who may be involved in responding to a WIPP accident must be adequately trained and equipped for this task in order to protect human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Departments of Health and Environment have convened a broad-based "WIPP Medical Working Group" (hereinafter "Working Group") whose objectives include efforts to improve the training of health care workers and response preparedness of hospitals along the WIPP transportation route in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Working Group has made significant progress to date in enhancing such WIPP training and response preparedness; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 16(g) of Public Law 102-579, entitled the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act of 1992, the United States Department of Energy (hereinafter "DOE") has encouraged the Governor of the State of New Mexico to appoint an advisory group of health professionals and other experts in the field to review DOE's emergency response medical training programs for incidents involving transuranic waste being transported to or from the WIPP;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRUCE KING, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in this office by virtue of §9-1-9 NMSA 1978 and the federal WIPP Land Withdrawal Act of 1992, Public Law 102-579, hereby create an advisory committee to be known as the "WIPP Emergency Response Medical Training Advisory Committee" (hereinafter "Advisory Committee").

1. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor who shall serve at his pleasure.

2. The purpose of the Advisory Committee shall be to review, within sixty (60) days after its establishment, and annually thereafter, the DOE's emergency response medical training programs for incidents involving transuranic waste being transported to or from the WIPP.

3. In conducting its review, the Advisory Committee shall solicit input on the DOE's emergency response medical training programs from the WIPP Medical Working Group and from any other qualified organization or individual deemed appropriate by the Committee.

4. The Advisory Committee shall report its findings to the Governor of the State of New Mexico, the United States Secretary of Labor, acting through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the United States Secretary of Energy.

5. The New Mexico Department of Health shall provide staff support and administrative assistance to the Advisory Committee in fulfillment of its duties.
6. The Advisory Committee shall remain in existence for a two-year period, beginning on the date of its establishment, pursuant to §9-1-9 NMSA 1978.

7. The term of office for each member of the Advisory Committee shall be for the duration of the Governor's term.

8. Each member of the Advisory Committee shall receive compensation for travel and per diem expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties within budgeted amounts and in accordance with the provisions of the Per Diem and Mileage Act, Section 10-8-1 to 10-8-8 NMSA 1978.

9. The Advisory Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair within one month following the effective date of this order and then at such times determined by the Chair.

10. The Governor shall appoint the Chair of the Advisory Committee prior to the first meeting of the Advisory Committee.

This Executive Order supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 1993

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

BRUCE KING
GOVERNOR
Membership list of WIPP Health Advisory Committee
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June 22, 1993

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VA Medical Center - Radiology Service

Tom Duffin
Carlsbad Fire Department

Tina Enslin, RN
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Barbara McAneny, M.D.
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