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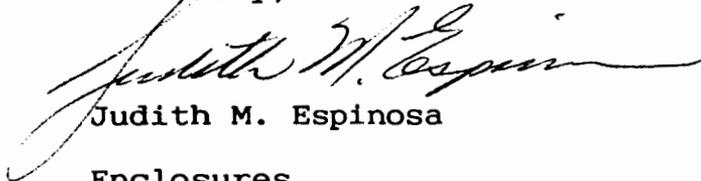
The Honorable Bob Forrest
Mayor, City of Carlsbad
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Dear Mayor Forrest:

I invite you to participate in a meeting of stakeholders concerning the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant; the meeting is being hosted by the New Mexico Environment Department. As you may be aware, the Department of Energy's Carlsbad Area Office has requested the opportunity to revise its Part B permit application for WIPP. DOE wishes to revise the application to "reflect the current programmatic direction regarding the WIPP."

I understand DOE has been contacted by some stakeholders requesting a meeting of this type prior to my making a decision on the draft permit, and I feel it would be appropriate to include the city of Carlsbad in such discussions. I have attached a copy of some pertinent correspondence. I hope you will be able to attend the meeting; it is scheduled for January 28, 1994, at 8:30am in my conference room (Room N4050 in the Harold Runnels Building). If you have any questions, please call me or Kathleen Sisneros at 827-2834.

Sincerely,


Judith M. Espinosa

Enclosures

