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Ms. Judy Espinosa, Secretary
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Dear Ms. Espinosa:

For your review and comment, please find enclosed a copy of the TRU Waste Characterization Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP), CAO-94-1010 (July 8, 1994). The QAPP establishes the quality assurance requirements for the Waste Characterization Program for DOE's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The QAPP identifies the quality of data necessary, as well as the techniques designed to ensure the required quality, for the waste characterization efforts at DOE's generator/storage sites. Waste characterization data will be collected to support the regulatory compliance program associated with the WIPP facility. These regulatory compliance programs include an assessment and certification of the WIPP repository performance, the preparation of permit applications and a No Migration Variance Petition, and an evaluation of existing transportation restrictions. Although the QAPP specifies waste testing, sampling, and analytical methods, it also allows for the introduction, consideration, and development of innovative techniques for TRU waste characterization. The QAPP will be reviewed annually, and revised as necessary, to incorporate lessons learned during waste characterization activities.

In order for the QAPP to be finalized and issued this fiscal year, comments need to be provided to this office by August 15, 1994. I greatly appreciate your efforts to review and provide comments on this document.

If you have any questions, or we can be of further assistance, please contact Mark Matthews, of my staff, at (505) 234-7467.

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