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Dear Ms. Sisneros:

The Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) has prepared the first of a series of position papers to be used in the System Prioritization Method (SPM). This first paper, entitled "Performance Assessment Methodology" is enclosed for your review. The paper outlines the general mathematical theories and project assumptions used to formulate computer models for analysis of the long-term performance of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). This paper forms the basis for discussion at the first SPM Stakeholder Meeting scheduled for August 30-31, 1994.

We would like for you to review this document and provide any comments you may have to Mr. Robert Bills, Performance Assessment Manager prior to this August meeting. Examples of comments that would be useful regarding the paper include:

- General questions regarding the performance assessment (PA) theory
- Comments associated with clarity of diagrams and drawings
- Inquiries about the types of information to be analyzed by the PA computer codes
- Ideas and justifications for variations in our technical assumptions regarding modeling parameters

Please note that your comments are not limited to the above examples, they are provided as an example of the theme of the stakeholder meetings. At these meetings, we will have a trained facilitator to ensure that all discussions lead to answers to your questions. This method will also allow appropriate time for each stakeholder to develop his/her questions and concerns.

We look forward to your involvement in this interesting and critical process. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bills at (505) 234-7481 or Ms. Patty Sallani, External Affairs Manager, at (505) 234-7313.

Sincerely,

George E. Dials
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