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Ms. Kathleen Sisneros, Director
Water & Waste Management Division
New Mexico Environment Department
P.O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110

Dear Ms. Sisneros:

Enclosed is the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) mine inspection report for the inspection conducted August 3 - 11, 1994, at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Bruce Lilly at 234-8136.

Sincerely,

E. K. Hunter
E. Kent Hunter, Chief
WIPP Site Branch

Enclosure

cc w/enclosure:
B. Garcia, Bureau Chief, NMED
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G. Dials, CAO
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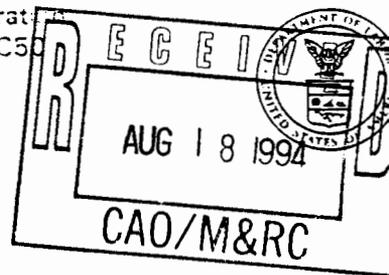
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Mine Safety and Health Administration
1100 Commerce Street, Room 4C50
Dallas, TX 75242-0499



August 15, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Vernon Gomez, Administrator
Metal & NonMetal Mine Safety & Health

FROM:

Harold R. Yount for
Raymond C. Austin, District Manager
South Central District

SUBJECT:

Mine Inspection, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico

A regular inspection (01) of this entire operation was conducted August 3 through 11, 1994 by MSHA Inspector Moises A. Lucero.

No violations of CFR 30 Part 57 were found on this inspection.

We have enclosed the following inspection information:

1. Inspection Information Sheet.
2. Listing of who attended the Pre-Inspection Conference.
3. Listing of who attended the Close-Out Conference.

cc:

George Dials
Raymond C. Austin
WIPP Correspondence
CHRON

OPTIONAL FORM 99 (7-90)

FAX TRANSMITTAL

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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REGULAR INSPECTION INFORMATION

DATE(S) 8/3-11/94 ID No. WIPP EVENT No. WIPP
INSP. No. 1 2 3 (4) TRAVEL AREA N12 MINE STATUS F TEL. (505) 887-8100
COMPANY DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
MINE WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT (WIPP)
CITY Carlsbad DIRECTIONS TO OPERATION: 30 Miles east of Carlsbad on
Hwy. 62/180 to WIPP sign.

MINE TYPE Underground MINING METHOD N/A PRODUCT N/A
No. of EMPLOYEES 800 WORK SCHEDULE: hours/shift 8 shifts/day 1 days/week 5
MSHA INSPECTOR(S) Moises A. Lucero
INSPECTION PARTY Frank Briceno - DOE Safety; Dough Ripley - Safety Eng./Safety Mgr. of
Jim Ellet - Westinghouse OPS Mgr.

OFFICE FILES REVIEW:

- 1. Past inspection reports and MIS printouts reviewed? yes (x) no ()
 - 2. Part 50 reporting reviewed? yes () no () N/A
 - 3. Health Ranking: (ABCD) Noise N/A Dust N/A Other N/A (specify)
 - 4. 104(d) series? Initial Action: Date none Cit/Ord No. None N/A ()
 - 5. 104(e) pattern of violations? yes () no (x)
 - 6. Petitions for Modification? yes () no (x)
- Other pertinent file information none

PREINSPECTION CONFERENCE: Date 8/3/94 Company attendees check notes for
information pre-inspection conference attendance.

Miners representative None
Address checked on confined spaces.
TEL. ()

Comments/issues no hazards & No violations observed throughout the regular inspection
the 4th inspection of 1994.

	Issued	Terminated	Extended	Modified	Replaced by Order	Vacated	Outstanding
Citations	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Orders	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

No. of Health Samples Taken: Noise -0- Dust -0- Other -0-

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PREINSPECTION CONFERENCE: Date: 08/03/94 Attendees: Moises A. Lucero

Operator/Miners Representative/Inspector comments: Time 10:20

Frank Briceno - Safety DOE (In place of Mr. Lilly)

Rick So. ers - West .House OP. H.

Jim Ellet - " " OPS Mgr.

Doug Ripley - " " E. S. Matl.

Moe Lucero - MSHA

Nikki Cox - Maintence Operators

Linda Calderon - Westinghouse Industrial Safety

Fred Ashford - " E S H & R L

Bob Billett - " Operations

Gene Bradley - " Maint. Ops.

Curtis McAvoy - " Mine Ops.

Bob Kuginskie - " Operations

M. Crsrser - " I S

Joe Epstein - " Dept. Gen. Mgr.

Notified of possible special assessment? - - - - -yes () N/A ()

Notified of possible knowing/willful violation? - - -yes () N/A ()

Notified of right to safety & health conference? - - -yes () N/A ()

LV 07:45
ARR 08:30

CLOSEOUT CONFERENCE

Date: 08/11/94

Attendees:

Moises A. Lucero - Mine Safety Health Adm. "Conference Room tied up"! (Mine Inspector)

Operator/Miners Representative/Inspector comments: Had inspection conference. Planned for 09:00 hrs., but could not get conference room till 09:30.

F. G. Ashford	Westinghouse	Mgr.Safety/Emergency Mgmt.
Gene Bradley	"	Maint. OPS.
Nikki Cox	"	"
Doug Ripley	"	ES & H
Jim Ellet	"	OPS
Dwayne Davis	"	"
Curtis L. McAvoy	"	Mine/OPS
Robert A. Billett	"	Operations
Jack Gilbert	DOE/OPS	
Rick Sowers	Westinghouse	Operations
Mike Oliver	DOE/WSB	
Frank D. Briceno	DOE	
R. Kuginskie	Westinghouse	OPS
Moises A. Lucero	MSHA	

Time 09:30 started Closeout Conference with the WIPP-Operators and thanked all who assisted me on the inspection. I told them how much I appreciated their co-operation. I had asked Jim Ellet & Curtis McAvoy, at the inspection, if I had inspected the WIPP Project (both surface & underground) in it's entirety. They both said yes you have. No CAV Notices were issued during the inspection. Operators were very pleased with the inspection and they all thanked me and shook my hand.

Notified of possible special assessment? - - - - -yes () N/A (X)
 Notified of possible knowing/willful violation? - - -yes () N/A (X)
 Notified of right to safety & health conference? - - -yes () N/A (X)