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. Kent Hunter, Chief
WIPP Site Branch

Enclosure

cc w/enclosure:
B. Garcia, Bureau Chief, NMED
J. Parker, Program Manager, NMED
P. McCasland - NMED-Site
C & C File

cc w/o enclosure:
G. Dials, CAO
B. Lilly, CAO
R. Wise, CAO
D. Hurtt, CAO
August 15, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR: Vernon Gomez, Administrator
Metal & NonMetal Mine Safety & Health

FROM: Harold R. Young
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

RCA/mcr
DATE(S) 8/3-11/94

ID No. WIPP EVENT No. WIPP

INSPI. No. 1 2 3 (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 O:
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: Dust: 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

PRE-INSPECTION CONFERENCE:

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

Miners representative: None

Address: checked on confined spaces.

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

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Supv. Initial: MAL

No. of Health Samples Taken: Noise 0 Dust 0 Other 0
EVENT No. WIPP R-4-94

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 Sowers - West House OP. H.
Jim Ellet - " " OPS Mgr.
Doug Ripley - " " E.S Matl.
Moe Lucero - MSHA
Nikki Cox - Maintainence Operators
Linda Calderon - Westinghouse Industrial Safety
Fred Ashford - " E S H & R L
Bob Billett - " Operations
Curtis McAvoy - " Mine Ops.
Bob Kuginskie - " Operations

M. Crsrser - " I S

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 ( )

MSHA Form 4000-49C, Aug. 93 (revised)
Event No. WIPP Closeout Con:

LV 07:45
ARR 08:30

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

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
DCE/OPS

Rick Sowers
Westinghouse Operations

Mike Oliver
DCE/WSB

Frank D. Briceno
DCE

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)