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*Kathy -
 Do you want
 to attend? What
 do we need to
 say?
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JUDITH ESPINOSA
 Secretary
 New Mexico Environment Department
 Camino de Los Marquez #4
 PO Box 26110
 Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Ms. Espinosa:

It is my pleasure to invite you to speak at an important stakeholder meeting on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The meeting, to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on September 26-27, 1994, will be in anticipation of the Secretary of Energy's visit to Carlsbad on October 3. She asked the Carlsbad Area Office to host a meeting to identify issues that she should be aware of regarding the WIPP.

We will have individuals with a range of viewpoints on the WIPP make brief presentations of the key points about the WIPP they would want to put in front of the Secretary. Each presentation, which should be about 10 minutes long, will be followed by another 10 minutes of open discussion among the participants. There is also a panel discussion on the second day. A draft agenda, list of invitees, and travel fact sheet are enclosed. The key points from the meeting will be captured and presented to the Secretary when she is in Carlsbad. I do hope you can attend.

The meeting will be held at the Howard Johnson's Plaza-Hotel on I-25, north of Albuquerque, 6000 Pan American Freeway N.E., beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, and ending the next day at 3:00 p.m. To make room reservations and arrange for airport transportation, call (505) 821-9451, and identify yourself as part of the "WIPP Stakeholder Forum." The deadline to register for reserved rooms is Monday September 19, 1994. The Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) will reimburse travel and per diem costs for stakeholders who have no budget for such meetings. Please R.S.V.P. to Sue Johns at (505) 234-7214. Participants may also talk to her about reimbursement needs or special equipment needs for your presentation. For any other questions about the meeting, please call Ann Marshall at (505) 885-0085.



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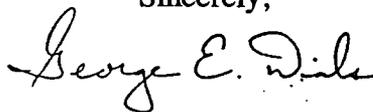
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In conjunction with this forum, DOE is offering a briefing on the schedule and revisions to the RCRA Part B Permit Application at 10:00 a.m. prior to the Stakeholder Forum at the Hotel.

I look forward to your participation in the meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George E. Dials".

George E. Dials
Manager
Carlsbad Area Office

3 Enclosures

Travel Tips for DOE/CAO Stakeholders

The Department of Energy, Carlsbad Area Office (DOE/CAO) is looking forward to your participation in the Stakeholder Forum, September 26-27, 1994. DOE/CAO can reimburse travel costs of invited stakeholders who wish to participate in the meeting but do not have budgets to travel. If you are in this category, please call Sue Johns at 505 234-7214. To make the reimbursement process go as smoothly as possible, we have compiled the tips below.

1. Please remember to save all of your receipts for allowable expenses.
2. Please take advantage of the hotel's free airport shuttle. Call 505 821-9551 to arrange for free pick-up from the airport.
3. Receipts should be turned in within 10 days after travel. This enables us to complete reimbursements as soon as possible.

Allowable expenses include:

- *Airfare*
Remember to save your airline ticket voucher even if your tickets have been prepaid.
 - *Lodging*
Remember to save your receipts for your hotel room; the government ceiling on lodging in Albuquerque is \$60 per night (including tax).
 - *Meals and Incidental Expenses*
You will be reimbursed at the rate of \$34 per day; the reimburse is prorated, so please provide the times of departure and return to your home base.
 - *Rental Car*
If a rental car is necessary, remember to save your receipt and any receipts for fuel; the government allows rental of subcompact cars, unless subcompacts are not available.
4. Please mail receipts to:
Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division
c/o Sue Johns
P.O. Box 2098
Carlsbad, NM 88221
 5. If you have any questions or if we can be of any help, please contact Sue Johns at (505) 234-7214.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR WIPP STAKEHOLDER FORUM
September 26-27, 1994
Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel, 6000 Pan America

Monday, September 26: Special Stakeholder Update

10:00 a.m. **Briefing on RCRA Part B**

Monday, September 26: WIPP Stakeholder Forum

1:00 p.m. **Welcome, introductions and overview**

1:45 p.m. **Technical and legal issues regarding the WIPP**

WIPP: the risks and the benefits

Regulatory issues

The trade-off between storage and disposal

Key challenges to demonstrating compliance

3:05 p.m. **Break**

3:20 p.m. **Nuclear waste disposal at WIPP -- state issues**

A generator/storage state perspective

A host-state perspective

A host-community perspective

A citizen's perspective

A transportation perspective

5:00 p.m. **General discussion among all participants**

5:30 p.m. **Adjourn, No-host reception**

Tuesday, September 27

8:00 a.m. **Kick-off**

8:05 a.m. **WIPP and the nuclear waste dilemma**

Is the WIPP relevant to the nation?

If not WIPP, then what?

Special challenges for disposal of nuclear waste

Relationship between WIPP and generator site cleanup

9:30 a.m. **Break**

9:15 a.m. **Public issues related to the WIPP project: Panel discussion**

What are the outstanding transportation issues?

Where does the WIPP stand on safety?

How should DOE resolve environmental concerns?

How do we obtain credibility?

12:00 noon **Lunch** (on your own)

1:00 p.m. **Strategies for stakeholder involvement**

How do we obtain credibility in environmental communications?

What are the best ways to involve stakeholders in complex nuclear waste issues?

Suggestions for improvement of CAO's stakeholder involvement program

2:00 p.m. **General discussion among all participants**

3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Note: Specific agenda topics are tentative, pending preparation by presenters.