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Ms. Judith M. Espinosa, Secretary
New Mexico Environment Department
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Dear Ms. Espinosa:

This letter is in response to the requirements in the order issued by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on September 2, 1994 regarding the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Draft Hazardous Waste Permit. The proposed schedule for submitting revised chapters of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B permit application to the NMED is as follows; Chapters B, E, G, J, & K submitted on October 3, 1994; Chapters F & H submitted on October 12, 1994; Chapters D & I submitted on January 6, 1995; Chapters A, C, L, & M submitted on March 2, 1995; a full submittal of all chapters on May 31, 1995. This schedule is summarized, with a brief description of each chapter, as an attachment to this letter.

Also pursuant to the aforementioned order, the scheduled milestones and permit revisions will be explained at the WIPP Stakeholder's Forum meeting scheduled in Albuquerque on September 26, 1994. A copy of the draft agenda for this meeting is also attached.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at (505) 234-7300.


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Enclosure

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PROPOSED CHAPTER SUBMITTALS AND DESCRIPTION

Phase	Proposed Submittal Date	Chapter	Description
ONE (Rev. 4)	October 3, 1994	B E G J K	Facility Description Groundwater Monitoring RCRA Contingency Plan Corrective Actions for Solid Waste Mgmt. Units Other Federal Laws
TWO	October 12, 1994	F H	Procedures to Prevent Hazards Personnel Training
THREE	January 6, 1995	D I	Facility and Process Description Closure/Post-Closure Plans & Financial Requirements
FOUR	March 2, 1995	A C L M	Part A Permit Application Waste Analysis Plan No-Migration Determination Certification
FIVE (Rev. 5)	May 31, 1995	All Chapters	Re-Submit Application in Entirety

DRAFT AGENDA AND POTENTIAL SPEAKERS FOR STAKEHOLDER FORUM
September 26-27, 1994

Monday, September 26: Special Stakeholder Update

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

Jim Mewhinney*

Monday, September 26: Stakeholder Forum

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

George Dials*

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

League of Women Voters, Chair

40 CFR 194 or WIPP: the risks and the benefits

Charles Fairhurst, NAS

Regulatory issues

Don Hancock, SWRIC*
[Dan Morales, Texas AG]

The trade-off between storage and disposal

Tim Connor, HEAL
[Beatrice Brailsford, Snake River Alliance]
[Jason Salzman, Greenpeace]
[Deanne Butterfield, Rocky Flats Initiative]

Key challenges to demonstrating compliance

Bob Neill, EEG*

3:05 p.m. Break

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

Lisa Hansen, Rocky Flats SSAB, Chair

A generator/storage state perspective

Steve Hill, State of Idaho

A host-state perspective

Chris Wentz, NMEMNR*

A host-community perspective

Don Kidd*

A citizen's perspective

NRDC

A transportation perspective

SSEB*

5:00 p.m. General discussion among participants

George Dials*

5:30 p.m. Adjourn; No-host reception

Tuesday, September 27: Stakeholder Forum

8:00 a.m. Kick off

George Dials*

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

Gary King, Chair*

Is the WIPP relevant to the nation?

League of Women Voters

If not WIPP, then what?

Beatrice Brailsford, Snake River Alliance
[Deanne Butterfield, Rocky Flats Local Impact Initiative]

Special challenges of nuclear waste disposal

American Nuclear Society

*Relationship between WIPP and cleanup***

Jon Carter
[INEL or Rocky Flats employee]
[NRDC or Savannah River activist]
[Nevada Project Council]

9:30 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. Public issues related to the WIPP project: Panel discussion

Judy Espinosa, Chair

- What are the outstanding transportation issues?
- Where does the WIPP stand on safety?
- How should DOE resolve environmental concerns?
- How do we obtain credibility?

Invite 3-5 of the following:

Political

Alex Flint, Staffer for Sen. Pete Dominici

Tribal

Marvin Osborne, Chairman of Shoban Tribal Council
[Umatillas]
[National Tribal Council]
[Gilbert Sanchez, San Idelfonso]
[Petersen Zah, Navajo]
[Wendell Chino, Mescalero Apache]

Media

John Fleck, *Albuquerque Journal*
[Tony Davis, *Albuquerque Tribune*]
[Keith Easthouse, *Santa Fe Mexican*]

Activist

Jason Salzman, Greenpeace
[Tim Conner, HEAL]
[Sierra Club]
[Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice]

State transportation

Lisa Hansen, Rocky Flats SSAB
[John Denko, NM State Police Chief]

12:00 noon Lunch (on your own)

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

Kathleen Sisneros, NMED, Chair

How do we obtain credibility in environmental communications?

*Peter Gray**

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

Dr. Mildred McClain, Citizens for Environmental Justice
[Deanne Butterfield]
[Beatrice Brailsford]

Suggestions for improvement of CAO's involvement program *Margaret Carde, CCNS*

2:00 p.m. General discussion among participants -- comments invited from other participants
*George Dials**

3:00 p.m. Adjourn

3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Media briefing

Notes: The sessions will be facilitated by a recognized "neutral" party, such as the NMED Secretary, the League of Women Voters, etc.

The invitee list is more extensive than the speaker list (approximately 170 persons are on the invitee list), and invitees will be encouraged to comment throughout the meeting. Representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will be invited as observers, and in some cases, to chair certain sessions.

Some sessions will be 10-minute presentations by each individual, followed by 10 minutes for questions; the panel discussion will include three to five persons speaking 5 minutes each, followed by audience discussion. Persons shown in brackets on this agenda are back-up candidates for speaker or session chair tasks.