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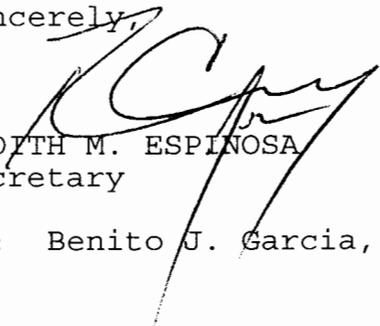
Dear Mr. Metcalf:

Thank you for your September 29 statement on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (**WIPP**). The WIPP is currently undergoing regulatory and technical review by EPA for a no-migration variance petition, and the New Mexico Environment Department (**NMED**) is monitoring the proceedings closely. The US Department of Energy (**DOE**) has also begun submittal of a revised Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (**RCRA**) permit application for the WIPP to the State.

NMED will review all WIPP activities to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal environmental regulations. Opportunities for full public participation are provided in the regulatory process.

If you need further information on this issue from a technical or regulatory perspective, please contact Mr. Benito J. Garcia of my staff at (505) 827-4358.

Sincerely,



JUDITH M. ESPINOSA
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cc: Benito J. Garcia, Bureau Chief, HRMB

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Secretary Judith Espinosa:

I am writing to ask for a thorough scientific review and stringent regulations for WIPP.

Sincerely:
Thomas M. McCoy