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Dear Bob:

I am writing to you since you are in charge of the Systems Prioritization effort, a large component of which is stakeholder involvement.

EPA/OSW has sent me the attached letter concerning a meeting among DOE-CAO and various regulatory entities, which is scheduled to be held on November 9. The topic is waste characterization, an issue on which a stakeholder meeting is scheduled for December 1-2. As far as I know, the meeting has not been announced on the WIPP line or otherwise.

I request that DOE not conduct substantive meetings with regulators on issues of obvious concern to stakeholders without giving sufficient notice so that stakeholders can arrange to attend.

Please let me know your position as to this request.

Best regards,

Lindsay

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Dear Colleague:

An information exchange meeting among the U.S. Department of Energy/Carlsbad Area Office (CAO), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Office of Solid Waste, EPA/Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, EPA/Region VI, and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will be held on November 9, 1994, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The objectives of the meeting are to provide and discuss the CAO approach to TRU waste classification, the Quality Assurance Program Plan, and TRU waste characterization as applied to waste characterization and requirements under 40 CFR Parts 264, 268, and 270, and performance assessment. The application of process knowledge in combination with non-invasive and invasive analysis techniques will be discussed. This meeting is a direct result of the CAO, NMED, and EPA/Region VI meeting held in Santa Fe, New Mexico on October 14, 1994, as well as NMED's request to continue relevant discussions. To facilitate exchange of information, the meeting will be conducted informally using prepared handouts as appropriate to stimulate discussion. Topics to be discussed include:

1. Highlights of the October 14, 1994, CAO/NMED/EPA/Region VI meeting.
2. TRU Waste Classification
 - Technical Basis
 - Baseline Inventory Report
3. TRU Waste Characterization and Quality Assurance Program Plan
 - Development of data quality objectives
 - Application to retrievably stored TRU waste
 - Application to future generated waste
 - Specific waste stream examples
 - Comment review and resolution
4. Performance-based Waste Acceptance Criteria
5. EPA visits to DOE facilities
 - Objectives
 - Schedule

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The meeting will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico at Benchmark Environmental Corporation, 4501 Indian School Road, N.E., from 8:30am - 4:30pm.

If there are any questions, please call Mr. Craig Snider at (505) 234-7452 or myself at (505) 234-7467.

Sincerely,



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