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Mr. Mark E. Weidler, Secretary Designate
New Mexico Environment Department
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Dear Mr. Weidler:

Please find attached a copy of our revised Chapter D, Facility and Process Description, and Chapter I, Closure/Post-Closure Plans & Financial Requirements, of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit application. After discussion with Hazardous & Radioactive Material Bureau staff, we will be hand delivering the remaining four copies to them on Monday, January 9th, at the Stakeholders' System Prioritization Method workshop here in Carlsbad.

Our next submittal will be on March 2, 1995, and will address the remaining four chapters of the Revision 4 application. These Chapters are A, Part A Permit Application; C, Waste Analysis Plan; L, No-Migration Determination; and M, Certification. On May 31, 1995, we will be submitting as Revision 5, a complete application containing all required chapters and appendices.

We enjoyed a good working relationship with the NMED under former Secretary Espinosa's administration and anticipate this relationship to continue under your leadership. As you are aware, the WIPP project is critical to our Nation in solving the problems of TRU waste management and disposal. Therefore, this office will continue to place the highest emphasis on the relationships we have with our stakeholders and regulators and fulfilling our obligations together in a timely manner to ensure the safety of the public and the environment.

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


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