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Mr. Robert Bills
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Dear Bob:

Here is another action item for the next WIPP stakeholder meeting.

I would like an explanation of the criteria which now apply to numbers incorporated into the SPM baseline. As Al Lappin explained at the meeting, the baseline previously had to be supported by available data and reports. Now it may be supported by what he described as work in process or work not begun, but in which people have high confidence. Please explain precisely what the new rules are, how the previous white paper positions are affected by this change, and how this change bears upon the draft applications to be submitted to EPA in 1995.

I also request that you explain to the stakeholders by what process this change came about and what considerations led to its adoption. Was schedule the determining factor?

I look forward to your discussion of these matters at a forthcoming stakeholder meeting.

Best regards,

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