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Dear WIPP Stakeholder

As a stakeholder in the future of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), you should be aware of an opportunity next week to voice your opinion on an important environmental compliance issue.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold formal hearings on *Criteria for Certification and Determination of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's Compliance With Environmental Standards for the Management and Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel, High-Level, and Transuranic Radioactive Wastes (40 CFR Part 194)*. The hearings will be held at three locations in New Mexico:

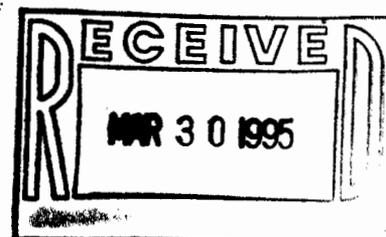
- Carlsbad, from noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at the Quality Inn, 3706 National Parks Highway.
- Albuquerque, from noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at the Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second Street, N.W.
- Santa Fe, from noon to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at the High Mesa Inn, 3347 Cerrillos Road. Additional testimony will be heard, if needed, from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, March 24 at the same location.

Attendees may register the day of the meeting to make oral presentations. Each person will be allocated five minutes to speak, time permitting. Individuals testifying as the official representative or spokesperson on behalf of groups and organizations will be allocated 10 minutes for an oral presentation, exclusive of any time consumed by questions from the EPA panel and answers to those questions.

Written comments must be submitted in duplicate no later than May 1, 1995, to:

Docket #A92-56  
 Air Docket, Room M-1500 (LE-131)  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
 401 M Street, S.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20460

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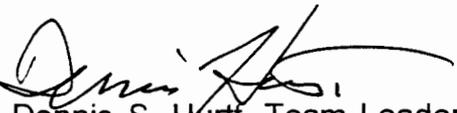
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Copies of the proposed rule are available through EPA's toll-free WIPP Information Line at 1-800-331-WIPP. Copies also are available for review at three EPA docket locations in New Mexico: in Carlsbad at the Municipal Library; in Albuquerque at the Government Publications Department, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico; and in Santa Fe at the Fogelson Library, College of Santa Fe.

Your participation will be a valuable contribution to this important EPA rulemaking process.

Sincerely,



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