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Dear Stakeholders:

In response to stakeholders' concerns about the Department of Energy's draft application for certification, EPA plans to re-open the public comment period on the proposed 40 CFR Part 194 this summer. DOE plans to submit the draft application in two portions, the second of which the Agency believes will be provided in July, 1995. This second portion may be construed by some as a comment on Part 194. While EPA does not believe that the draft application would in any way affect the content of the finalized Part 194, the Agency prefers to err on the side of caution and will re-open the comment period once the second part of the draft application is received. The Agency will, however, allow the present comment period to close on May 1.

The Agency plans to publish a notice in the *Federal Register* once the second part of the draft application is received. This notice will announce that additional comments are being solicited on the proposed 40 CFR Part 194 and announce when the period during which comments can be submitted will begin and end. We will also make an announcement on the WIPP information line, 1-800-331-WIPP. We welcome any comments on the proposed rule received during the comment period and intend to respond to all such comments in a document to be published along with the final rule.

Sincerely,

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