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MEMORANDUM

To: Alex Valdez, DOH Secretary
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John Chavez, TRD Secretary
Representative Robert S. Light, Advisory Member
Senator Tom Rutherford, Advisory Member

From: Jennifer A. Salisbury, EMNRD Secretary and Chair
N.M. Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force

Subject: **WIPP TASK FORCE MEETING: JULY 14 IN SANTA FE**

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The first N.M. Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force meeting of the Johnson administration is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 1995, in Room 321 of the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe. A copy of the tentative agenda is attached.

As indicated by the agenda, the focus of this meeting will be on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), its operations and activities. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the Environmental Evaluation Group (EEG), and possibly the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be making presentations, as will a number of public interest groups. We also plan on hearing from Task Force staff on the state's WIPP Transportation Safety Program.

Please don't hesitate to call Chris Wentz of my staff at 827-5950 should you have any questions. Please make every effort to be in attendance at this first Task Force meeting. Thank you.

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PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE
NEW MEXICO RADIOACTIVE WASTE CONSULTATION TASK FORCE
(Governor's WIPP Task Force)

FINAL AGENDA

Friday, July 14, 1995
State Capitol Building, Room 321
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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| I. Introductory Remarks
- Jennifer A. Salisbury, Task Force Chair | 9:00 a.m. |
| II. Action Items
- Approval of Meeting Agenda | 9:10 a.m. |
| III. Public Comment
- Public Interest Groups
* Rathleen Sabo /Susan Hirshberg.
Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety
* Don Hancock
Southwest Research and Information Center
- Public in Attendance | 9:15 a.m. |
| IV. Status Reports by Government Officials

- WIPP Project: Overview and Status Report
George Dials, Manager
Carlsbad Area Office/U.S. Department of Energy

- EPA's Role and Responsibilities concerning WIPP
Al Colli, Branch Chief
Radioactive Waste Management Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/HQ

- WIPP Issues and Activities
Robert H. Neill, Director
N.M. Environmental Evaluation Group

- New Mexico's WIPP Transportation Safety Program
Chris Wentz, Task Force Coordinator | 10:00 a.m.

10:40 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. |
| V. Discussion of Next Meeting:
Location, Date, Agenda Items | 11:50 a.m. |
| VI. Adjournment | 12:00 noon |

NOTICE OF WIPP PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the New Mexico Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force (Governor's WIPP Task Force), Section 74-4A-6 NMSA 1978, will hold a public meeting in Room 321 of the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe (located at the corner of Old Santa Fe Trail and Paseo de Peralta), beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 1995. The Task Force is composed of the Governor's cabinet secretaries of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Environment Department, Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, Taxation and Revenue Department, and the State Highway and Transportation Department, or their designees. The powers and duties of the Task Force are set out at Section 74-4A-7 NMSA 1978. A primary purpose of the meeting is to provide a forum and solicit public input on issues relating to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), a nuclear waste repository intended for the permanent disposal of defense transuranic radioactive waste. Included on the agenda are status reports by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Environmental Evaluation Group, State agencies, and others on current WIPP issues and activities. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend. People with disabilities requiring special accommodation should contact Chris Wentz or Heidi Snow, Task Force staff, 2040 Pacheco Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, at 505/827-5950 or TDD 505/827-5970 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

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NEW MEXICO RADIOACTIVE WASTE CONSULTATION TASK FORCE

The N.M. Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force, sometimes known as the Governor's WIPP Task Force, is authorized by the *Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Act* [Section 74-4A-2 through 74-4A-14 NMSA 1978]. The membership is comprised of the Secretaries of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Taxation and Revenue Department, Department of Health, Environment Department, Department of Public Safety, and the State Highway and Transportation Department, or their designees. In addition, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the joint interim legislative Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee, or their representatives, participate as advisory members. The Governor appoints the Chairman of the Task Force.

The primary duties of the Task Force include negotiating on behalf of the State of New Mexico with the federal government in all areas relating to the siting, licensing, and operation of new federal disposal facilities for high-level, transuranic, and low-level radioactive wastes (e.g., WIPP); conducting technical and policy analyses of related issues; recommending legislation to implement the State's policies with respect to new federal disposal facilities; identifying and disseminating information on impacts associated with those disposal facilities; and coordinating any related investigations or studies undertaken by State agencies. The Task Force is also required to meet with the Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee of the New Mexico State Legislature and keep them apprised of all actions taken by the Task Force.