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P.S. I also faxed a copy of this schedule to Messrs. Sgobba, Semick, and Slocum from the GAO who attended last week's meeting with you, as well as the DOE Carlsbad Area Office.

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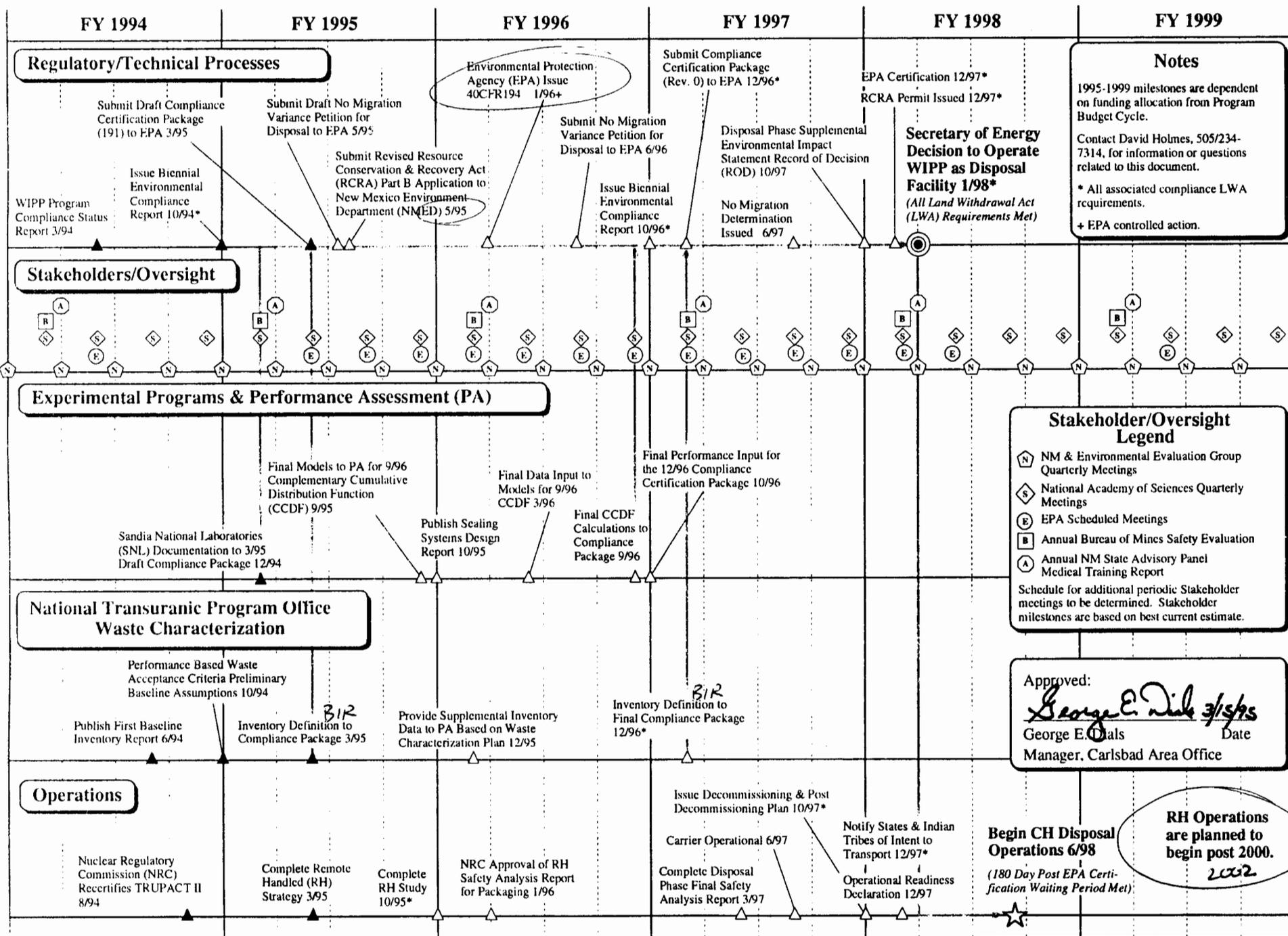
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WIPP Disposal Decision Plan

Revision 1
March 15, 1995



PERMITTING PROCEDURES

- Operating Permits

Submit Application Information

- Part A
- Part B

Administrative Review Parts A & B

- All regulatory subjects addressed
- Requests for additional information
- Additional information reviewed
- completeness determined
- Fee assessed

Quality of application determines the review time line, average application requires 120 working days or 22 weeks to review.

Technical Completeness (Part B)

- Technical Review determines the applications adherence to technical regulations.
- Requests for additional information
- Additional information reviewed
- Completeness determined

Draft Permit

- Document is crafted
- Public notice issued

Public Comment Period

- Regulations require a 45 day public comment period
- NMED holds a public meeting
- Public comments reviewed and incorporated into draft permit

Public Hearing if held adds 90 working days.

Permit sent to Secretary for Decision

- signed permit becomes effective 30 days after signature

Maintenance Period of Permit - 10 years

- Permit Modifications
 - Class I review and approval - 90 working days
 - Class II review and approval - 120 working days
 - regulatory requirement - 60 day public comment period
 - Class III review and approval - 180 working days
 - regulatory requirement - 60 day public comment period
- Closure Plans - unit(s) close
 - Review of Plan
 - Approval includes 30 day public comment period
 - Closure Certification
- Post Closure Permit (unit(s)) monitoring of releases (Post Closure Care Period approximately 30 years)
 - similar to permit process

Average NMED FTE does approximately 3 facilities:
 - 2 new permits
 - 5 permit maintenance activities per year

EPA takes an average of:
 - 3 to 5 years for a new permit
 - 1 to 1.5 years for a new RD&D permit

- Applicant Control
- State Control
- Public Control