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July 25, 1995

Mr. George Dials, Manager
Carlsbad Area Office
Department of Energy
P. O. Box 3090
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

Dear Mr. Dials:

**RE: Completion of Administrative Review of RCRA Part B Application
EPA I.D. Number NM4890139088**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has completed its review for administrative completeness of the RCRA Part B Permit Application submitted by the Department of Energy (DOE) and Westinghouse for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) on May 26, 1995. The application seeks a permit for the management of transuranic mixed waste in portions of the Waste Handling Building and the ultimate disposal of this waste into underground hazardous waste management units.

This permit application has been determined to be administratively complete. This determination does not preclude NMED from requesting clarification or additional technical information during the subsequent technical review of the application. Any request for such additional information will not render the application incomplete. The technical review will commence once the contract with A.T. Kearney for technical support services has been finalized.

The New Mexico Hazardous Waste Fee Regulations (HWFR-1) require the assessment of permit fees when a permit is reviewed. NMED established a permit fee of \$940,484 in a September 21, 1994 letter to you, and concurred with the payment schedule proposed in your letter of December 14, 1994. As of July 1995, NMED had received permit fee payments totaling \$547,832, and anticipates a final payment of \$392,652 in September 1995.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this permitting process. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Steve Zappe of my staff at (505) 827-4308.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hoditschek

Barbara Hoditschek, RCRA Permits Program Manager
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cc: Benito J. Garcia, HRMB
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