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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 3, 1995

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

Dear Mr. Dials:

RE: Request for Water Quality Sampling Well Information

The New Mexico Environment Department Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) is currently conducting a technical review of the WIPP RCRA Part B Permit Application. Part of this review includes an evaluation of DOE's request (contained in Chapter E) for a waiver from the groundwater monitoring requirements of 20 NMAC 4.1, Subpart V, §264.90 to ensure the environmental performance standards required for miscellaneous units under 20 NMAC 4.1, Subpart V, §264.601(a). This evaluation must consider the alternative of detection monitoring required under 20 NMAC 4.1, Subpart V, §264.90(c)(2).

The 1994 WIPP Site Environmental Report discussed the installation of six new wells for the purpose of water quality sampling (DOE/WIPP 95-2094, Section 7.3, page 7-5). The report further stated the "new wells are constructed to EPA standards and have the potential to meet detection monitoring standards." To expedite our evaluation of the waiver request in the Part B permit application, please submit all construction information and logs for water quality sampling wells WQSP 1 through 6A to our office as soon as possible.

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

Sincerely,


Barbara Hoditschek, RCRA Permits Program Manager
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

cc: Benito J. Garcia, HRMB
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