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memorandum

 Carlsbad Area Office
 Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

DATE: DEC 18 1995

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CAO:EKH 95-2988

SUBJECT: Documentation Data for Well H-19

TO: Keith McKamey, NMED, WIPP

WIPP

Barbara

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Steve Z

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*Is Well H-19 a monitoring well?
yes*

In response to your letter of November 28, 1995, I am providing you herein with the "written documentation" you requested. Negotiations concerning the H-19 well data did not take place via a telephone conference. When asked at the November 15, 1995 DOE Interface meeting if the Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) intended to reply to the Ed Kelley letter of September 19, 1995, I informed you that there would be no reply based on discussions between Mr. Kelley, Mr. George Dials, CAO Manager, and Dr. Cooper Wayman, CAO Legal Counsel. This discussion actually took place at the NMED Santa Fe offices and was not specific to your request for H-19 data since the CAO, prior to receipt of the Kelley letter, had already committed to a December delivery date.

The discussions, at the NMED with Dr. Kelley and staff, pertained to NMED/WIPP authorized work scope under the terms of the Agreement in Principle (AIP). It was agreed at this meeting that these issues would be resolved in the future through the Site Specific Protocol (that you and I have been jointly working on) under the new AIP and the new Umbrella Protocol.

Please note that the 1995 executed AIP Statement of Joint Objectives requires data to "be released to the State within 90 days after receipt from the laboratory and appropriate level of review and quality control/quality assurance (QC/QA) validation." (emphasis added) It is significant to point out that the AIP Scope of Work is limited to: A) monitoring of on-site discharges and emissions; B) water quality monitoring; C) air quality monitoring; D) off-site radioactivity surveillance; E) emergency response.

If necessary, I will be happy to continue discussion of this matter with you at the next Interface meeting.

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