

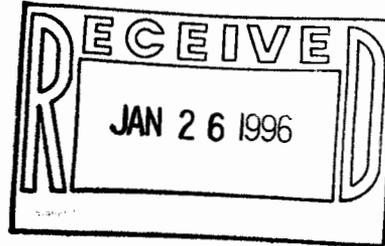


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Dear Mr. Zappe:

DUE/WIPP-069 Rev 5

Enclosed is the latest draft of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC), Revision 5. This draft contains criteria for a "Pipe Component." The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has not yet approved this transportation element; we have already determined that we will delete these criteria from the WAC until the NRC has approved the application for its use. You may still comment on this aspect of the document, in as much as the wording presented about the pipe component is being considered for inclusion in the WAC, if and when we receive that approval.

The Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) welcomes any comments you have on the WAC. The CAO intends to publish this document by the end of February 1996; therefore, in order for your comments to be incorporated in the final version, we will need them by February 12, 1996.

Your comments may be E-mailed to bisbinr@wipp.carlsbad.nm or faxed to the National TRU Program at (505) 887-0707.

Sincerely,

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