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Attn: Chf. Benito Garcia,

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Dear Ms. Martin:

Thank you for your inquiry about the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is currently reviewing an application from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for disposal of transuranic mixed waste at WIPP, and expects to issue a draft permit for public comment later this year. Your requests were forwarded to me by both Mr. Maggiore and Mr. Garcia, since I am the lead permit writer on this project and have greatest access to the type of information you might need. My role as a regulator also affords me the opportunity to maintain an unbiased, balanced perspective of this rather controversial topic.

I am enclosing several papers I recently developed (both are still in draft form) which may provide some information useful in your term paper. I am also serving as a project advisor to a group of high school students at Santa Fe Indian School who are attempting to model the rate of contaminant transport if the repository is ever breached.

This morning I also called DOE's WIPP Information Center and requested that they send you material for your paper. Once you have reviewed the materials and find you need additional information on a particular aspect of WIPP, please contact me either by mail, e-mail (ad343@rgfn.epcc.edu), phone, or fax. I can respond in a more timely fashion if you have an e-mail address or a fax number where I could send more information. Good luck on your paper, and let me know if you need anything else.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Zappe".

Steve Zappe, RCRA Permits Program
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

Enclosures

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