MEMORANDUM BY FAX

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N.M. Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force

Subject: WIPP PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM 1996: FINAL SCHEDULE

February 9, 1996

Attached is the final schedule for the State of New Mexico/U.S. Department of Energy 1996 WIPP Public Awareness Program. We have tried to accommodate everyone's calendar, but conflicts still exist. The important thing is that we have a minimum of 2-3 State personnel and 1-2 DOE/Westinghouse personnel at each open house.

Again, we envision that these WIPP public awareness activities will be structured largely as they have in the past: hosting an informal "Open House" with WIPP transportation displays, informational materials, videos, and the TRUPACT-II transporter. We are in the process of determining whether a TRANSCOM station could be set up and demonstrated during the event. Representatives of both DOE/Westinghouse and the State of New Mexico will be available to provide information and answer questions about the transportation system and corresponding programs being implemented to ensure the safety of WIPP shipments. Where possible, we will schedule formal presentations before city councils, county commissions, chambers of commerce, tribal councils, and local emergency planning committees in conjunction with the "Open Houses."

Over the next few weeks, we will be trying to nail down the locations of the March-December events. We will keep you posted and disseminate this information as it becomes available. If anyone has any comments or recommendations about the proposed program, please don't hesitate to give us a call at 827-5950.

Thanks.

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WIPP PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM 1996:
FINAL SCHEDULE FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

January 31st -- Albuquerque/Bernalillo County LEPC briefing (ABQ Fire Academy, 9:00 am) {COMPLETED}

February 15th -- Moriarty (Moriarty Community Center, 201 Broadway Avenue, 1:30 - 4:30 pm; 6:00 - 8:00 pm)
February 16th -- Tesuque (Camel Rock Casino on U.S. 84/285 north of Santa Fe, Pueblo of Tesuque, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm)

March 21st -- Albuquerque (Location TBD, 1:30 - 4:30 pm; 6:00 - 8:30 pm)

April 9th -- San Miguel County Commission (Commission Chambers, Las Vegas, 1:00 pm); “Open House,” (Location TBD, 3:30 - 8:30 pm)
April 11th -- “Open House,” (Location TBD, 1:00 - 4:30 pm); Las Vegas City Council (Council Chambers, Las Vegas, 6:00 pm)

May 21st-23rd -- Nambe, Pojoaque, Santa Fe (Locations TBD; 1:30 - 4:30, 6:00 - 8:30 pm)

June 5th-6th -- Los Alamos, San Ildefonso (Locations TBD; 1:30 - 4:30, 6:00 - 8:30 pm)

July 9th-10th -- Springer, Wagon Mound (Locations TBD; 1:30 - 4:30 pm; 6:00 - 8:30 pm

August 14th-15th -- Raton, Trinidad (Locations TBD; 1:30 - 4:30 pm; 6:00 - 8:30 pm)

September 11th-12th -- Eldorado, Lamy/Galisteo (Locations TBD; 1:30 - 4:30, 6:00 - 8:30 pm)

October 23rd-24th -- Encino, Vaughn (Locations TBD; 1:30 - 4:30 pm; 6:00 - 8:30 pm)

November 20th-21st -- Roswell (Locations TBD; 1:30 - 4:30 pm; 6:00 - 8:30 pm)

December 10th-12th -- Artesia, Carlsbad, Loving (Locations TBD; 1:30 - 4:30; 6:00 - 8:30 pm)
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MEETING; WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PROJECT
TRANSPORTATION ROUTE
HIGHWAYS U.S. 84/285 - U.S. 25
at Camel Rock Casino, Pueblo of Tesuque
February 16, 1996, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Welcoming remarks/Invocation: Governor Frederick Vigil, Pueblo of Tesuque

Presenter: Governor Elmer Torres, Pueblo of San Ildefonso; concerns and recommendation of The Pueblo

Presenter: Mr. Ralph Smith DOE/WIPP & Mr. Steve Longchase, WIPP/Carlsbad, Native American liaison, "Emergency Response Plan"/1st Responder.

Presenter: Mr. Christopher Wentz, N.M. Energy, Mineral, & Natural Resources/ Governor Johnson's Radioactive Waste Task Force.

Presenter: Mr. Ron Gaines, Deputy Secretary, N.M. Highway & Transportation Department (Planning Division).

Presenter: New Mexico Environmental Department, (U.S. Department of Energy Oversight Bureau), Mr. Tom Tatkin, Hazardous Waste Management Bureau & Mr. Bobby Lopez, Hazardous & Radioactive Materials Bureau.

The floor will be open for questions, remarks and discussions.

Closing remarks/Adjourn: Tribal Representative

All Tribal Officials/Tribal Environmental Contacts on the WIPP Route are invited to this very important meeting to discuss and make recommendations of the transport of (Remote-handled contaminants, High-level Radioactive Materials) through Tribal land to the WIPP site in Carlsbad!!

Contact Michael Vigil or Bruce Dyleski at (505) 983-2667 or 988-3620 to confirm your attendance.