1. RCRA Part B Permit Application

- Received WIPP Disposal Phase Part B Application, Revision 5, on May 26, 1995.
- Entered into a contract with A.T. Kearney to provide technical assistance to NMED.
- Performed phased technical review from September to December.
- Conducted informal discussions with DOE between October 26 and November 29.
- Issued requests for additional information to DOE November 2, 16, and 30.
- HRMB released a revised schedule (12/8/95) delaying all subsequent activities by two months, based upon a DOE request for further discussions.
- DOE submitted Revision 5.2 (six volumes) on January 17, incorporating comment responses and revisions to Part B permit application.
- Currently reviewing revised application and technical comments from contractor, developing items for a Notice of Deficiency (NOD).
- Will issue a formal NOD around March 8.

2. Development of Draft Permit

- Assuming no delay in DOE response to NOD, determination of technical adequacy and draft permit development to begin in early April.
- Projected issuance of draft permit for public comment is September or October 1996.
- Remaining schedule is tenuous due to uncertainties surrounding public comment process (requests for public hearing, extension of comment period, etc).
Notes to WIPP RCRA Permit Schedule:

1) Scheduled dates and durations are estimates as of 12/8/95.

2) Duration days are working days, not calendar days.

3) Some activities may not occur (e.g., Public Hearings), but have been included for completeness. Other activities may occur more than once (e.g., Issue Technical NOD).

4) Some activities have relatively certain durations (e.g., Public Notice/Comment) due to regulatory requirements. Other activities have highly uncertain durations (e.g., NOD Responses) due to the initial adequacy of the application and the applicant's ability to fully respond in a timely fashion.