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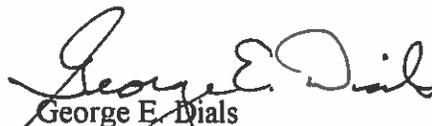
Mr. Mark E. Weidler, Secretary
New Mexico Environment Department
P.O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, N.M. 87502

Dear Mr. Weidler:

Please find enclosed a complete revised Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit application submitted in response to the Technical Adequacy Notice of Deficiency issued March 14, 1996. Additionally, copies of this application are being provided to your staff on disk, including the redline/strikeout version from the previous revision, to ease the review and permit development process.

With this submittal, we have met the regulatory time limit established for responding to notices of deficiencies and continue to meet the milestones we set for ourselves. We appreciate the commitment your staff has shown in meeting with us these past months. I understand the meetings were most beneficial in ensuring this application will stand up to the scrutiny of the regulatory process. I look forward to the next step of dialogue with you and your staff which will involve the development of the draft permit. As I have said in previous correspondence, I commit to making our project participants available to assist your staff in any way to enhance their abilities to review and render a timely decision on this important permit application.

If you have any questions or require further information, please call.


George E. Dials
Manager

Enclosure

cc w/enclosure:
B. Garcia, NMED (4)



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RECEIPT

I acknowledge receipt of the following materials from the U.S. Department of Energy:

5 copies of Revision 6 of DOE/MIPP 91-005 entitled "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Part B Permit Application" for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

5 copies of "Responses to New Mexico Environment Department Notice of Deficiency Dated March 14, 1996"

Disks containing the revised permit application (Redline/Strikeout and Final)

Signed: *Bernd J. Haccin* for the New Mexico Environment Department
Date: *4/12/98*