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**8. DATE** 4/15/96

*Tom Daker, Public Records Officer*  
*Per our telephone conversation of 4/11/96.*  
*Thanks!*

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April 15, 1996

**Mr. Tom Duker**  
**Public Records Officer**  
**P.O. Box 26110**  
**Santa Fe, NM 87502**

**Re: Inspection of Public Records Act Request**

Dear Mr. Duker:

Pursuant to the Inspection of Public Records Act, §§14-2-1-14-2-12, N.M.S.A. 1978 (1995 Repl.), and confirming our telephone conversation of last week, this is to request the opportunity to inspect, and perhaps copy portions of, all records in the possession, custody or control of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) that pertain to the RCRA Part B Permit Application filed by the U.S. Department of Energy and Westinghouse Electric Corp., Waste Isolation Division, for the WIPP facility in Carlsbad, New Mexico, that are not exempt or excepted under §14-2-1.

Please call me at (505) 845-5216 if you have any questions with regard to this request. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

**Michele A. Reynolds**  
**Attorney**  
**Office of Chief Counsel**

cc:  
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April 16, 1996

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

Your request was received today regarding the inspection of New Mexico Environment Department records pertaining to RCRA Part B Permit Application filed by the Department of Energy and Westinghouse Electric Corporation for the WIPP facility in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

I have forwarded your request to Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief of the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Division. That bureau will reply directly to you. If the information requested cannot be furnished within three days, they will respond no later than May 1, 1996 and inform you as to when such requested records will be available.

Please find enclosed a copy of Appendix C of the New Mexico Environment Department Policy on Public Records Requests which explains what you, as a requestor of records, should know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Duker".

Thomas C. Duker  
Public Records Officer

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