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Subject: RCRA Permit Schedule

Message:

Thank you for your periodic updates on the RCRA part B schedule. I was wondering if your timeline for issuing a final part B permit has changed any since we last talked. I recall back in late February or early March you sent me a copy of a Gantt chart showing that you had anticipated a final permit decision by 6/5/97, assuming that DOE met all the necessary prerequisites. Is this still your "official schedule?"

Also, I understand that DOE has responded to your notice of deficiency. Have you any early reactions to their submission? When you will determine whether their response has been adequate?

Thanks for your help Steve, Vic Sgobba.

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To sgobbav.rced@gao.gov:smtp
From: Steve Zappe
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Subject: Reply to: RCRA Permit Schedule

Reply text:

From: Steve Zappe
Date: Apr 26,96 10:20 AM
Thanks for your inquiry. I attended the WIPP Quarterly meeting in Carlsbad on Wednesday, April 24, and provided the following information:

We received DOE's revised application (Rev 6) on April 12 in response to our Notice of Deficiency of March 14, 1996. Our technical contractor did not receive a copy until April 24, and thus were delayed in initiating their review of the application. Currently, we anticipate completing this review and issuing a determination on the application around May 24. This determination will state our intent to either proceed with development of a draft permit based upon the contents of the current application, or our intent to deny due to insufficient information. The latter course of action is highly unlikely. Upon issuing this determination, we will also issue a revised schedule reflecting our estimate of time required to develop the draft permit. I have yet to figure it out, but we still expect releasing the draft permit for public comment sometime in mid to late summer of this year. This revised schedule will probably reflect an earlier date for the final permit decision, but I don't know yet when that might be. Hope this helps! Steve Zappe

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