

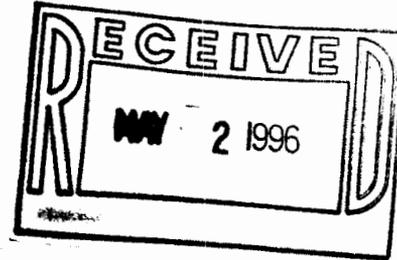


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Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

This letter provides response to your request delivered by Steve Zappe on April 24, 1996, regarding additional information required on the Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs). You request additional information on the SWMUs in order to develop the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) module of the WIPP draft permit by May 3, 1996.

We are seeking an extension to respond with the requested information in order to fully and adequately address the needs identified in your letter. The additional material will be provided no later than May 24, 1996. My staff will be coordinating with you on this topic.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at (505) 234-7480 or Craig Snider at (505) 234-7452.

Sincerely,

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