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Ms. Michele A. Reynolds  
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Dear Ms. Reynolds:

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

The New Mexico Environment Department Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (**HRMB**) has received your request to inspect all records in our possession pertaining to the RCRA Part B Permit Application filed by DOE and Westinghouse for the WIPP facility. Mr. Steve Zappe of my staff has reserved the conference room in our office for your use on Friday, May 3, beginning at 8:30 AM. At that time, he will provide you with access to all records that are not exempt or excepted under the Inspection of Public Records Act §14-2-1.

HRMB understands you may wish to inspect these records periodically as the permitting process continues. Please submit a written request to HRMB at least ten working days before the date you wish to review the records. This will allow us time to schedule a mutually agreeable date for your visit.

Thank you for your cooperation in this records review process. If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Zappe at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

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