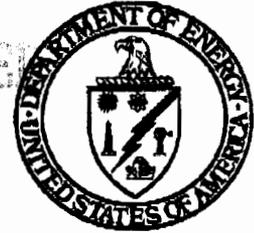


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The purpose of this letter is to describe and submit supplemental data to support the development of a Statement of Basis (SOB) for the Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) described in the WIPP Voluntary Release Assessment Work Plan (DOE/WIPP Draft 2115 - July 1995). Based upon discussions held on June 26, 1996, with your staff and from EPA Region VI, we understand the development of the SOB cannot be completed based entirely on the TCLP data contained in Data Summary Reports 1 through 3.

In order to provide this data prior to the issuance of the draft Part B permit, the DOE proposes to collect a series of organic and inorganic samples at a single borehole (sample at 2 horizons) at each of the 11 SWMUs identified in Enclosure I. The Voluntary Release Assessment Workplan originally proposed the sampling from two boreholes within the various SWMUs, nevertheless, with the single borehole, along with the TCLP information, we believe we show with high confidence, these SWMUs pose no threat to human health or the environment. Samples will be collected from the boreholes where the highest TCLP metals concentrations were identified in Data Summary Reports 1 through 3. Samples will be collected using the same sampling and QA protocols described in the Voluntary Release Assessment Work Plan. All samples will be analyzed for the "totals" constituent concentrations, and will be analyzed for the same constituents listed in the Voluntary Release Assessment Workplan. All analytical data will be provided in a series of data summary tables. The location of each borehole will be provided on individual SWMU sample location maps.

We request that any comments you have on this supplemental sampling program be provided at the earliest possible date. As we discussed with your staff, we will begin sampling immediately in an effort to provide this supplemental data prior to the issuance of the draft permit. If you have any questions, or require any additional information please contact Mr. Craig Snider at (505) 234-7452.

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