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Mr. Keith E. McKamey
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Dear Mr. McKamey:

The Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) has reviewed the proposed Lead Sampling Work Plan submitted by your office on August 2, 1996. At this time, the CAO does not intend to implement the recommendations contained in your submittal.

The CAO believes that the existing efforts of the CAO and the Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division (WID) are adequate to achieve the objectives noted in the proposed work plan. However, should existing efforts fail to satisfy those objectives, the CAO will consider the activities outlined in the proposed work plan as the logical targets to significantly expand and intensify efforts to resolve the questions and issues regarding the presence of lead in water collected from WIPP's shafts.

Please contact me at 505-234-7456 if there are any questions.


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