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Mr. Benito J. Garcia, Chief
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Subject: Meeting request regarding Land Withdrawal Act Amendment

Dear Mr. Garcia:

With the recent Presidential signing of the Defense Authorization Bill, which amended the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act, the WIPP is exempted from conditions outlined in the Land Disposal Restrictions, 40 CFR 268. I understand there may be some discussion on this exemption in the New Mexico Environment Department.

I propose that we, along with our technical and legal teams, meet at the earliest possible time and discuss this most recent development to the environmental regulations applicable to WIPP. I would like to recommend meeting at your office on October 24, 1996.

Please contact me at (505) 234-7486 regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Michael H. McFadden
Assistant Manager
Office of Regulatory Compliance

