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October 28, 1996

Mr. Craig Snider
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Dear Mr. Snider:

RE: Request for latest NMED WIPP RCRA Permitting Schedule

The NMED Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) received your letter dated October 24, 1996, in which you requested a copy of the latest schedule developed by NMED for the WIPP RCRA permitting process. You stated that your need for this schedule arose from the necessity to properly allocate resources for the effort of securing a RCRA permit for WIPP.

Enclosed is a copy of the "NMED Tentative WIPP RCRA Permitting Schedule" dated June 27, 1996. HRMB staff distributed copies of this schedule at the July 25, 1996, WIPP Quarterly Meeting held in Santa Fe. Please note that this schedule only provides dates for those events which have already occurred. The primary purpose of the schedule is for HRMB internal planning and tracking purposes. Dates for future activities are tentative and subject to change due to interaction between HRMB staff, NMED Office of General Counsel (OGC) staff, and contractor staff. HRMB is unable to accurately forecast schedule dates for those activities which occur beyond the responsibility or control of HRMB or its contractors.

HRMB staff, contractor staff, and NMED OGC staff are currently developing the preliminary draft permit for disposal of mixed transuranic waste at WIPP. HRMB is moving forward with its development as expeditiously as possible. HRMB will continue to provide general information to all interested parties concerning the issuance of the draft permit for public comment.

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If you have any questions on this response to your request, please contact me at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Zappe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Steve Zappe
Hazardous Waste Permits Management Program
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

cc: Benito Garcia, HRMB
Susan McMichael, NMED OGC
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NMED Tentative WIPP RCRA Permitting Schedule

ID	Name	Duration	Sched Start	Sched End	1995												1996												1997							
					May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug				
1	Receive Part B, Rev 5	0d	5/31/95	5/31/95	◆																															
2	Administrative Review	44d	5/31/95	7/31/95	▬																															
3	Finalize Technical Review Contract	23d	8/1/95	8/31/95	▬																															
4	Create Technical Review Schedule	5d	9/1/95	9/8/95	▬																															
5	Technical Review	60d	9/11/95	12/7/95	▬																															
67	DOE Submit Revisions	30d	12/4/95	1/17/96	▬																															
76	NMED Evaluate DOE Final Response	41d	1/18/96	3/14/96	▬																															
77	Issue Technical NOD	0d	3/14/96	3/14/96	◆																															
78	Technical NOD Response	22d	3/15/96	4/15/96	▬																															
79	NMED Evaluate NOD Response	46d	4/12/96	6/17/96	▬																															
86	NMED Issue Determination	0d	6/17/96	6/17/96	◆																															
87	NMED Develop Draft Permit																																			
130	Public Notice/Comment																																			
131	Public Meeting																																			
132	Respond to Public Not/Mtg Comments																																			
133	Public Hearing(s)																																			
134	Finalize Permit/Respond to Comment																																			
135	Submit to NMED WWM Div. Director																																			
136	Permit Review by Director																																			
137	Permit Notice of Decision																																			
138	Final Permit Decision																																			

Notes to WIPP RCRA Permit Schedule:

- 1) Scheduled dates and durations are estimates as of 6/27/96
- 2) Duration days are working days, not calendar days.
- 3) Some activities may not occur (e.g., Public Hearings), but have been included for completeness.
- 4) Some activities have relatively certain durations (e.g., Permit Notice of Decision) due to regulatory requirements. Other activities have uncertain durations (e.g., Public Notice/Comment) due to the possibility of requests by the public to extend the allotted time.

Project: NMED WIPP RCRA Permit
Date: 6/27/96

Critical 
Noncritical 

Progress 
Milestone 

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