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Mr. George Dials  
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U.S. Department of Energy  
P.O. Box 3090  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

*received 12/17/96*

Dear Mr. Dials:

This is to thank you for your letter of November 29, 1996, by which you forwarded us sections of two WIPP-related contracts dealing with Price-Anderson indemnification coverage for the State of New Mexico and its citizens. We appreciate you providing this information pursuant to paragraph III.A.2(b)(2) of the 1982 *Supplemental Stipulated Agreement (SSA)*.

Your correspondence indicated it was your understanding, based on previous conversations between your staff and mine, that "...the State of New Mexico does not want copies of our (DOE-CAO) contracts as required under the SSA." For clarification purposes, the State's position is that your November 29, 1996 submittal fully meets our requirements at this time. We reserve the right, however, to request complete copies of these and/or other additional WIPP-related contracts in the future. In light of this possibility, we greatly appreciate the commitment in your letter to submit such contracts to us upon our request.

Again, thank you for your diligence in meeting this important obligation to the State of New Mexico as specified in the SSA and corresponding documents.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by...*

Jennifer A. Salisbury  
Cabinet Secretary and Chair  
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