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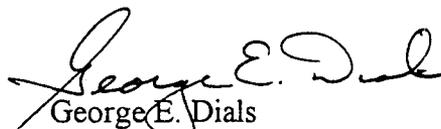
Dear Ms. Trovato:

The Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) received a copy of the letter addressed to Al Alm dated December 19, 1996, requesting that we provide supporting documentation for the Agency review of the Compliance Certification Application (CCA) for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). My staff has indicated that some of the supplementary information requested will require more time to collect. In the interest of facilitating a timely review we will provide the requested information in a phased manner over the next few weeks.

Enclosed you will find the second response package. We have reproduced the issue verbatim from the enclosures to the December 19, 1996, letter and inserted the response from the CAO in each case. We are confident that you will find this supplementary information helpful in your review process. We will continue to provide additional packages which you will receive over the next few weeks.

Should you have any questions regarding this information or require anything further, please contact me at (505) 234-7300.

Sincerely,


George E. Dials
Manager

Enclosure

cc:

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