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E. Kent Hunter, Assistant Manager
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Dear Mr. Hunter:

The New Mexico Environment Department would like to participate in the upcoming WIPP Waste Characterization and Quality Assurance Audit of the Idaho National Engineering and Environment Laboratory scheduled for April 21 - 25. I wish to send two staff members to represent the Water and Waste Management Division.

The Department may request to send a greater number of staff to future audits, especially those occurring at Los Alamos National Laboratory. This will assure that concerns relating to all the programs at NMED pertaining to WIPP are addressed. I will be forwarding additional requests as required in advance of the scheduled audits. Thank you for your assistance in facilitating our participation. Should you require additional information please contact either Benito Garcia (827-1557) or John Parker (827-1536).

Sincerely,

Ed Kelley, Director
Water and Waste Management Division

cc: Benito Garcia
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