



**Department of Energy**

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VIA FACSIMILE



Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief  
New Mexico Environment Department  
Hazardous and Radioactive  
Materials Division  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-6110

RE: Inspection of Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Pursuant to the Inspection of Public Records Act, §§14-2-1—14-2-12, N.M.S.A. 1978 (1995 Repl.) and confirming a recent telephone conversation with Steve Zappe, of your staff, this is to request the opportunity to inspect, index, and perhaps copy portions of all records in the possession, custody or control of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) that pertain to the RCRA Part B Permit Application, filed by the U.S. Department of Energy and Westinghouse Electric Corp., Waste Isolation Division (WID), for the WIPP facility in Carlsbad, New Mexico, that are not exempt or excepted under §14-2-1.

Inspection and indexing of these records will be performed by a summer intern with the Westinghouse WID. It is anticipated that this work will be performed during one or more periods of several days each, during the course of the summer, with exact dates and times to be arranged with Mr. Zappe.

Please call me at (505) 234-7329, if you have any questions with regard to this request. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Cooper H. Wayman  
Area Office Counsel

cc: Susan McMichael, NMED  
Steve Zappe, NMED (Facsimile)  
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