Mr. Mark E. Weidler, Secretary
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Subject: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant RCRA Part A and RCRA Part B Permit Applications; Notification of Westinghouse Electric Corporation’s Pending Separation into Industrial and Media Businesses; Pending Name Change

Dear Mr. Weidler:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Westinghouse Electric Corporation is planning to separate its industrial operations from its media-related businesses. The pending separation, which is scheduled to occur September 1, 1997, will involve a transfer of permits and/or applications to the new corporate entity. Although the new legal name of this entity has not been formally adopted, it will most likely be “Westinghouse Electric Company.” Consequently, the RCRA Part A and Part B permit applications, which Westinghouse signed as co-operator at the U. S. Department of Energy’s Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), will need to reflect this change in status and the new Westinghouse name.

We will contact you as soon as the date of the separation and new legal name change has been finalized. At that time we will be able to submit a revised Part A application for the new Westinghouse industrial operations corporate entity. In the interim, if you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at (505) 234-8200 or Ms. Gloria Barnes at (505) 234-8383.

Very truly yours,

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