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Subject: Response to NMED Letter of September 11, 1997

Dear Dr. Kelley:

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This letter will address your letter dated September 11, 1997. Upon receipt of your letter by facsimile, my staff immediately scheduled a meeting with Mr. Steve Zappe of the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB).

WIPP personnel traveled to Santa Fe on Monday, September 15, 1997 to review the official copy of the WIPP RCRA permit application. The purpose of this review was to ensure the NMED's official copy of the application contained all information submitted by the WIPP. The comprehensive review confirmed that the official copy of the application in the NMED's HRMB offices on Galisteo Street contains all information submitted by WIPP and is accurate. The official copy reviewed contains the initial application and updated information previously provided in response to the HRMB's request for additional and/or updated information to clarify, modify, or supplement the application.

In addition, we confirmed that Mr. Zappe had, in his possession, the most recent versions of various WIPP documents that are related to the application. These include controlled procedures used in the groundwater program, the Waste Acceptance Criteria, the Quality Assurance Program Plan, the Seals final report, the final report on active institutional controls, and the descriptions of the WIPP Waste Information System requirements and description.

Based upon our visit to the NMED offices and inspection of the various documents, we have determined that the HRMB has an accurate official copy of the WIPP permit application.

If you have any questions regarding this material, please contact me at 234-7300.

Sincerely,

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Manager

Dr. Ed Kelley

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