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MEMORANDUM

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To: Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force
John Chavez, Taxation and Revenue Department
Pete Rahn, State Highway & Transportation Department
Alex Valdez, Department of Health
Mark Weidler, Environment Department
Darren White, Department of Public Safety

From: Jennifer A. Salisbury, Task Force Chair

Re: WIPP Presentation to State Employees

As part of their public outreach and education program, the State's WIPP Working Group has scheduled presentations for state employees on the afternoon of October 29 and the morning of October 30 at the Harold Runnels Building Auditorium. Representatives of the WIPP Working Group and the U.S. Department of Energy will present information about the WIPP shipping campaign and the State's WIPP Transportation Safety Program, as well as respond to issues or concerns expressed by participants. In addition, the WIPP transporter, with TRUPACT containers, will be available for viewing outside the building during these sessions.

As you know, misinformation about WIPP and the safety of WIPP shipments is a significant barrier to public support of the WIPP project. The WIPP Working Group will communicate to state employees what WIPP is and how each agency is involved in making WIPP shipments safe. Please encourage your departments' employees to attend one of these awareness events. Enclosed is a flyer on these events for you to duplicate and post in your department. In addition, you might consider offering a couple of hours of administrative leave to enable them to participate in one of these events.

If you have any questions regarding these events, please contact Chris Wentz or Heidi Snow at 505/827-5950. Thank you.

Enclosure

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NEW MEXICO'S WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAM

PRESENTATION FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

OCTOBER 29, 1997

1:30 - 4:30 P.M.

OR

OCTOBER 30, 1997

8:30 -11:30 A.M.

**AT THE
HAROLD RUNNELS AUDITORIUM
1190 ST. FRANCIS DRIVE**

The State of New Mexico's WIPP Working Group invites state employees to attend their presentation on the state's WIPP Transportation Safety Program. Representatives of the WIPP Working Group and the U.S. Department of Energy will present information on the WIPP shipping campaign and the State's WIPP Transportation Safety Program, as well as respond to concerns you may have. The WIPP transporter, with TRUPACT containers, will be available for viewing outside the building during these sessions. Find out the basics about WIPP and how your agency is involved in making WIPP shipments safe.

The WIPP Working Group is made up of representatives from the:

- Department of Health,
- Department of Public Safety,
- Department of Taxation and Revenue's Motor Transportation Division,
- Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department,
- Environment Department's Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau,
- State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO), and
- State Highway & Transportation Department.

Please contact Heidi Snow or Chris Wentz at 827-5950 for more information.