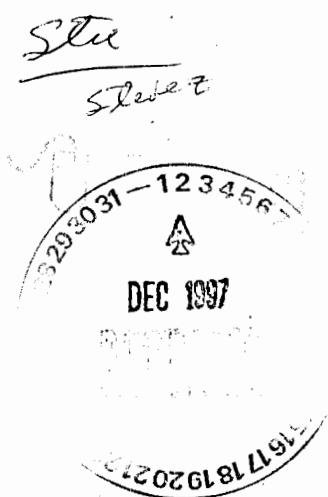




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December 1, 1997



Ms. Susan McMichael
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Re: Replacement Pages (Revision 6.3) and New Mexico Reading Room Inspections

Dear Ms. McMichael:

Pursuant to your written request, dated November 20, 1997, and based upon our telephone conversation with Eric Ames on November 24, 1997, we have enclosed replacement pages from our "Revision 6.3" of the permit application, dated July 18, 1997. The enclosed replacement pages are the same pages provided to the New Mexico Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) in our submittal dated July 18, 1997, with the addition of "stamped clarifying information," consistent with your request and our telephone discussion. Each page of the 6.3 revision that had been modified in our submittal dated July 18, 1997, has been stamped with the following statement: "Revision 6.3, July 18, 1997, Supersedes all prior versions." We have enclosed five (5) sets of the replacement pages for your use.

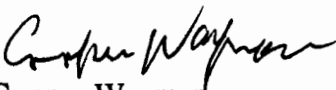
Also, pursuant to your request, we have enclosed a list of state-wide locations at which copies of the permit application have been made available for public review by the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division (WID). We have also included the New Mexico Environment Department's district locations, which we understand have received copies of the application from the HRMB. The DOE and WID staff will inspect all applications at the locations identified on the enclosed list to confirm that the applications contain complete and accurate information. It is also our intent to include the latest revision to the application (Revision 6.5) during our inspections as well as any other necessary information that is not currently included in the copies. We intend to complete these inspections after the HRMB's acceptance of Revision 6.5 and the application is deemed complete.



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We trust the enclosed information fully addresses your concerns. If you have any questions or need additional information, we will be happy to provide it as expeditiously as possible. Please contact me at (505) 234-7329, if you need additional information.

Sincerely,


Cooper Wayman
Area Office Counsel

Enclosures

cc: w/o enclosures
Eric Ames
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