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January 5, 1998

Mr. George Dials, Manager  
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Mr. Joe Epstein, General Manager  
 Westinghouse Electric Corporation  
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Dear Messrs. Dials and Epstein:

**RE: Completeness Determination of RCRA Part B Application Revision 6.5  
 EPA I.D. Number NM4890139088**

On September 26, 1997, the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) rescinded its prior completeness determination of June 27, 1996. Subsequently, the Department of Energy and Westinghouse submitted additional information regarding financial requirements under 20 NMAC 4.1.500 (incorporating 40 CFR 264 Subpart H) and a new certification statement, which HRMB received on November 20, 1997 as Revision 6.5 of the RCRA Part B Permit Application for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

HRMB has reviewed this permit application (including all revisions to Revision 6 originally submitted on April 12, 1996) for completeness and determined that it meets the requirements for RCRA applications identified in the State's Hazardous Waste Management regulations, 20 NMAC 4.1.900 (incorporating 40 CFR §270 Subpart B), effective March 1, 1997. HRMB is continuing development of the draft permit based upon relevant information contained in the administrative record.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Steve Zappe of my staff at (505) 827-1561.

Sincerely,

Benito J. Garcia, Chief  
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