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The Honorable Gary Johnson
Governor, State of New Mexico
400 State Capitol
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Santa Fe, NM 87503

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Dear Governor Johnson:

The Carlsbad Area Office (CAO), in accordance with the agreements with the Western Governors' Association, the state of New Mexico, and commitments to the tribal governments, is providing the projected shipment schedule for the remainder of calendar year 1998. This schedule will be updated by July 31, 1998.

Contingent upon certification by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and approval by Secretary Federico Peña, the CAO is scheduled to begin shipping contact-handled transuranic (TRU) waste in May 1998. The initial shipping campaign is based on the shipment of non-mixed TRU waste (without Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous constituents). Shipment of TRU mixed waste will begin after the state of New Mexico issues the RCRA Part B permit for the WIPP Site. Shipments are expected to reach a rate of approximately five shipments per week distributed between the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL), the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), and the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS). The first shipment(s) will depart from the INEEL, to be closely followed by shipments from LANL and RFETS. A summary of the shipments for the calendar year 1998 is provided in the enclosed tables.

The Transportation Tracking and Communication System (TRANSCOM) will provide a one-month prenotification for the shipment schedules. The shipment-specific information (point of origin, departure date and time, scheduled arrival date and time, isotopes, becquerels [curies], proper shipping name[s], and the number of packages) will be available on TRANSCOM at the time of shipment.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice please contact the CAO Transportation Manager, Tim Sweeney, at (505) 234-7350.

Sincerely,

George E. Dials
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Manager

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Non-Mixed TRU Waste Shipments

SITE	START DATE	TYPE WASTE	TOTAL SHIPMENTS
INEEL	May 1998	Contact Handled	19
LANL	May 1998	Contact Handled	32
RFETS	May 1998	Contact Handled	16

Mixed and Non-mixed TRU Waste Shipments

SITE	Est. Start Date	TYPE WASTE	TOTAL SHIPMENTS
INEEL	October 1998	Contact Handled	22
LANL	October 1998	Contact Handled	23
RFETS	October 1998	Contact Handled	59

The shipping information available at this time is:

Proper Shipping Name - Radioactive Material, Fissile, N.O.S. or

- Radioactive Material, N.O.S.

Isotopes: Pu-238, Pu-239, Pu-240, Pu-241, and Am-241