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Mr. Charles Rice, Chair
Citizen Advisory Board
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Re: Comments to WIPP Draft Permit

Dear Mr. Rice:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Department of Energy's (DOE) Draft RCRA Permit prepared for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) located near Carlsbad, New Mexico. NMED will review each comment and may revise the draft permit to incorporate appropriate comments. NMED will provide public notice regarding any revisions to the WIPP draft permit and will make any revisions available for public review and comment.

You also requested the presence of a NMED representative to discuss the WIPP draft permit at your next meeting in Idaho Falls, Idaho in September. Regrettably, we cannot send a representative to discuss the draft permit during this stage of the administrative proceedings. The public comment period closed on August 14, 1998 and, as previously stated, NMED is in the process of reviewing and responding to public comments. However, you will have ample opportunity to question NMED representatives and participate at the public hearing on the WIPP draft permit. NMED will inform you at a later date of the time, location and place of hearing as soon as that information is available.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to call Susan M. McMichael at (505) 827-1027.

Sincerely,

Ed Kelley, Director
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cc: Susan M. McMichael
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