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November 17, 1998

Mr. Benito J. Garcia  
Chief, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau  
State of New Mexico Environment Department  
P.O. Box 26110  
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Re: David D. Diaz, Grant County Commissioner

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated November 13, 1998 which you addressed to David D. Diaz. Please make note that Mr. Diaz is no longer a Grant County Commissioner. The present Grant County Commissioners are as follows:

Manuel Serna  
Zeke Santa Maria  
Carl Scholl

Mr. David Conway will take the place of Mr. Santa Maria beginning January 1, 1999.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to give this office a call.

Sincerely,

*Helena K. Lara*

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Legal Assistant

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PETER MAGGIORE  
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November 13, 1998

David D. Diaz  
Grant County Commissioner  
P.O. Box 898  
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Dear Concerned Citizen:

Enclosed is the public notice from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) announcing the availability of a revised draft Permit and a public hearing to consider public comment for issuance of a final Permit to the U.S. Department of Energy's and Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), located 26 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico. The proposed draft Permit will authorize WIPP to store and dispose transuranic mixed waste.

All written public comment on the revised draft Permit must be received no later than 5:00 PM January 18, 1999. The public hearing will begin on February 22, 1999 in Santa Fe, will continue in Carlsbad on March 8, and will reconvene in Santa Fe on March 15, if necessary. Please refer to the public notice for procedures for submittal of written public comment and public participation at the public hearing.

NMED has also developed a fact sheet that sets forth the significant factual, legal, and policy questions considered in preparing the revised draft Permit. This fact sheet is available on the NMED WIPP Information Page at <<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wipp/>>, or may be obtained by writing to the Hearing Clerk at the address listed on the last page of the public notice, or calling Ms. Idalee Sisneros at (505) 827-2842.

If you have any questions, or if there are any corrections necessary to your address, please contact Mr. Steve Zappe of my staff at (505) 827-1560, x1013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Zappe".

for Benito J. Garcia  
Chief, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

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