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Director
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Environmental Protection Agency
Region VI
1445 Ross Avenue
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Attention: Mr. Steve Vargo

Dear Sir:

As required by 40 CFR 61.09 of the regulations implementing the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, this letter notifies you that, depending upon developments in litigation, the U. S. Department of Energy could initiate operation of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) by late March of 1999.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Klein
Acting Manager

cc:
✓ NMED
New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division

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