Director  
Multi-Media Planning and Permitting (6PD)  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Region VI  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75202-2733  
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,

[Signature]

Keith A. Klein  
Acting Manager  

cc:  
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