Mr. Peter Maggiore, Secretary  
New Mexico Environment Department  
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Subject: WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT HAZARDOUS WASTE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT PART A AND PART B PERMIT APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION OF SALE OF THE WESTINGHOUSE WASTE ISOLATION DIVISION  

Dear Mr. Maggiore:  

The purpose of this letter is to provide official notification that the divestiture of Westinghouse Electric Company from the CBS Corporation has been completed, effective March 22, 1999. The Westinghouse Electric Company has been purchased by MK/BNFL GESCO LLC, a limited liability company owned jointly by Morrison Knudsen Corporation (MK) and British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL) through its wholly owned BNFL U.S. subsidiary company, BNFL Nuclear Services Inc. (BNSI). The MK/BNFL GESCO LLC has been renamed Westinghouse Government Environmental Services Company LLC (WGES). WGES will include the existing Westinghouse divisions providing environmental and remediation services, including the Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division (WID) management and operating contractor at the United States (U.S.) Department of Energy’s (DOE’s) Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) located in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Under the new ownership structure, senior managers of the Westinghouse WID will maintain their current positions.  

Please accept this letter as notification for purposes of the WIPP Part A and Part B Hazardous Waste Permit Applications, which Westinghouse signed as Co-Operator. We intend to file a revised Part A Permit Application reflecting this new status. If you require revision of other documents related to the Part A and Part B Permit Applications, please let us know.
Please note that the U.S. DOE will remain the Owner, Co-Permittee and Operator of the WIPP.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Gloria Barnes at (505) 234-7377.

Sincerely,

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