April 12, 1999

Mr. Chris Wentz, Coordinator
NM Radioactive Waste Consultation
Task Force
2040 Pechecco St.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Mr. Wentz:

In accordance with commitments to the Western Governors' Association, the
Shoshone-Bannock tribal government, and the State of New Mexico, the U.S.
Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) is providing 14-day
notification of the first shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) on the
established shipment corridor from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental
Laboratory (INEEL).

We plan to make a single shipment, consisting of 42 drums of non-mixed TRU waste
on April 27, 1999, assuming favorable weather conditions. If there is cause to delay
that shipment, we will immediately notify you and remain in close communication
regarding our delay plans. We have not established specific plans for follow-on
shipments from the INEEL.

As with all WIPP shipments, the DOE's Transportation Tracking and Communication
System (TRANSCom, supplemented by electronic mail) will provide updates of the
"Rolling Eight-Week Schedule," which will include the "7-day Pre-notification" of the
shipment. The enclosure provides detailed information about this shipment.

Thank you for your continued support in making the WIPP transportation program a
success. If you have any additional questions concerning this notification or other
WIPP programs, please contact me at (505) 234-7300.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Klein
Acting Manager

Enclosure
Initial Notice of Shipment
(10 CFR 71.97)

Shipper: Lockheed-Martin Idaho Technologies
2525 Fremont Avenue
Idaho Falls, ID 83415

Carrier: CAST Transportation, Inc.
9850 Havana
Henderson, CO 80640-8443
800-353-6377

Receiver: Westinghouse Electric Company
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
370 WIPP Road
Carlsbad, NM 88221
505-885-6883

Typical Transportation Information

Proper Shipping Name: Radioactive Material, Fissile, n.o.s., UN2918

Additional Description:
- Solid, Oxide
  1.03 TBq, (2.78e1 Ci)
  Pu238, Pu239, Pu240, Pu241, Pu242, AM241
  Radioactive Yellow II label
  Tl=0.4

- Solid, Oxide
  1.36 TBq (3.69e1 Ci)
  Pu238, Pu239, Pu240, Pu241, Pu242, AM241, U235
  Radioactive Yellow II label
  Tl=0.4

- Solid, Oxide
  0.999 TBq, (2.7e1 Ci)
  Pu238, Pu239, Pu240, Pu241, Pu242, AM241
  Radioactive Yellow II label
  Tl=0.4

Point of Origin: Radioactive Waste Management Complex, Scoville, ID
Period: On April 27, 1999

Destination: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Carlsbad, NM
Period: On or about 32 hours later

Points of Contact for current shipment information:

Keith Nelson 208-526-2487
Max Ruska 208-526-2414
INEEL 24-hour Number 208-526-1515
Central Monitoring Room Operator 505-835-6883 or 505-234-8457/6125