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P. O. Box 3090
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

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April 12, 1999

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

Dear Mr. Wentz:

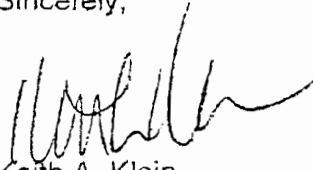
In accordance with commitments to the Western Governors' Association, the Shoshone-Bannock tribal government, and the State of New Mexico, the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) is providing 14-day notification of the first shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP)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

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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, (2.78e1Ci)
Pu238, Pu239, PU240, Pu241, Pu242, AM241
Radioactive Yellow II label
TI=0.4

Solid, Oxide
1.36 TBq (3.69e1Ci)
Pu238, Pu239, PU240, Pu241, Pu242, AM241, U235
Radioactive Yellow II label
TI=0.4

Solid, Oxide
0.999 TBq, (2.7e1Ci)
Pu238, Pu239, PU240, Pu241, Pu242, AM241
Radioactive Yellow II label
TI=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	505-885-6883 or 505-234-8457/8125