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Dear Dr. Triay:

Enclosed is the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) inspection report for EPA Inspection No. EPA-RFETS-4.99-8 of the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS). EPA inspected RFETS on April 27-28, 1999. This report is issued in accordance with EPA's regulations at 40 CFR 194.8(b)(3). EPA has determined that RFETS has demonstrated compliance with the requirements of 40 CFR 194, Section 194.24, for the waste characterization systems and processes inspected by EPA.

With this letter, EPA is approving applicable waste characterization activities at RFETS required under Conditions 2 and 3 of EPA's certification of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (Appendix A to 40 CFR 194). This approval is limited to the systems and processes for characterizing contact-handled crucible and salt wastes that EPA inspected and found to be adequately implemented at RFETS. DOE is approved to ship from RFETS to WIPP crucible and salt wastes that can be characterized using the approved systems and processes, in addition to wastes that can be characterized using previously approved systems and processes.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kruger at (202) 564-9310.

Sincerely,

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