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Dear Dr. Triay:

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Subpart A Inspection Report
Monitoring Inspection Report*

Enclosed are two Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspection reports regarding the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The first is a report on the Department of Energy's (DOE) compliance with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 194.42 on monitoring. In the Compliance Certification Application (CCA), DOE conducted an analysis to determine which parameters would be monitored during the operation of the WIPP and after closure of the WIPP. EPA inspected the implementation of the pre-closure monitoring program to ensure that it was operational prior to the first receipt of waste as required by 194.42. The second report is on an inspection of DOE's compliance with the start-up guidance for 40 CFR Part 191, Subpart A. Subpart A limits radiation doses to members of the public from management and storage of transuranic waste.

EPA inspected the monitoring and Subpart A programs on March 23-25, 1999. EPA has determined that:

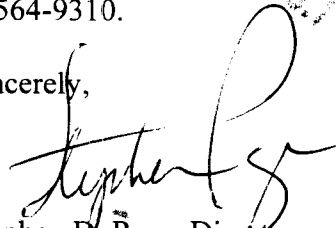
- (1) DOE has satisfactorily implemented the monitoring commitments made in the CCA and certified by EPA in May 1998. EPA has no findings with regard to the implementation of monitoring at WIPP.
- (2) DOE has satisfactorily implemented EPA's guidance on Subpart A. EPA has determined that DOE has accomplished all tasks associated with the start up of the Subpart A program and is prepared to monitor and report on compliance with Subpart A while receiving waste at WIPP. EPA has no findings with regard to compliance with Subpart A; however, the inspection team has made some recommendations to improve the sampling efficiency at Station A of the air exhaust shaft.

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We appreciate your staff's cooperation in facilitating these inspections. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kruger at (202) 564-9310.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen D. Page". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S".

Stephen D. Page, Director
Office of Radiation and Indoor Air

Enclosure

cc: Bob Neill, EEG
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Subpart A Inspection Report
(40 CFR 191.03)

Of The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

March 23-24, 1999



Monitoring Inspection Report
(40 CFR 194.42)

Of The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

March 24-25, 1999

