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SUBJECT:

Transmittal of Waste Characterization Task Force report "Fundamental Bases of the Characterization Requirements for Disposal of Transuranic Waste at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant"

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TO: Inés Triay

Attached is the report "Fundamental Bases of the Characterization Requirements for Disposal of Transuranic Waste at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant". This report, a product of the Waste Characterization Task Force, is comprehensive compilation of the legal, regulatory, safety, and technical bases for CAO's waste characterization requirements summarized in the TRU Waste Characterization Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP), Rev. 0 and Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC), Rev. 4. It traces the source of each requirement to its origins in transportation, WIPP operations and safety, WIPP RCRA permitting, and EPA certification. It is a primary source for the Task Force's Findings and Recommendations report, which is scheduled for completion in July.

The report has been widely reviewed by the Task Force members and other knowledgeable CAO and contractor staff. It was recently updated based on specific comments from Kent Hunter.

I envision two specific uses of the report in addition to its use by the Task Force. Its first use is to assist the National Academy of Sciences' WIPP Subcommittee on TRU Waste Characterization in its understanding of the bases for CAO's waste characterization requirements. We presented an overview of an early draft of this document to them in January and their interest in it is high. Its second use is to provide the NTWP with a document that identifies the basis for each of its waste characterization requirements, and which would be updated and maintained by the NTWP as those requirements are modified.

I am ready to discuss any aspect of this document with you at your convenience.



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**OF THE**

**TRANSURANIC WASTE CHARACTERIZATION**  
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