The Honorable Gary Johnson  
Governor of New Mexico  
State Capitol Building  
Santa Fe, NM 87503

August 9, 1999

Dear Governor Johnson:

The U.S. Department of Energy's Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) is providing 14-day notification of the next four shipments to the WIPP on the established shipment corridor from the Idaho Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). This notification is provided in accordance with commitments to the Western Governors' Association, the State of New Mexico, and Tribal governments. In part, these commitments include a provision that notification be made of the first five shipments from a generator site. The first INEEL shipment was made on April 27, 1999.

We plan to make the second shipment, consisting of 28 drums of non-mixed transuranic (TRU) waste, on August 23, 1999. If there is cause for delay, we will immediately notify you and remain in close communication regarding our delay plans. Follow-on shipments are projected on September 14, September 28, and October 18, 1999.

As with all WIPP shipments, the DOE's Transportation Tracking and Communication System (TRANSCOM) will provide a continuing rolling eight-week schedule and the 7-day pre-notification of each shipment. The enclosed provides detailed information about these shipments.

Thank you for your continued support in making the WIPP transportation program a success. Should additional informational needs or questions arise, please contact me at (505) 234-7300 or Mr. Jim Klaus at (505) 234-7350.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Inés R. Triay  
Manager

Enclosure

Refer to CAO NTWP.HFK 99-0988 / UFC 5822
Initial Notice of Shipment

Shipper
Name: Lockheed-Martin Idaho Technologies Company
Address: 2525 Fremont Avenue
         Idaho Falls, ID 83415
Telephone: 208-526-2487

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

Receiver
Name: DOE Carlsbad Area Office
      Westinghouse Electric Company
Address: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
        370 WIPP Road
        Carlsbad, NM 88221
Telephone: 505-885-6883

Typical Transportation Information

Proper Shipping Name: Radioactive Material, n.o.s., 7, UN2982

Additional Description: Am241, Pu238, Pu239, Pu240, Pu241, Pu242
                       Approximately 1.2 Tera-bequerels (32.4 curies) per package
                       Radioactive Fissile, n.o.s.
                       Radioactive Yellow II Label
                       TI=0.4 minimum

Point of Origin: Idaho Engineering and Environmental Laboratory
Period: Beginning August 23, 1999
Destination: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Carlsbad, NM
Period: Beginning August 23, 1999

Points of Contact for current shipment information:
Keith Nelson 208-526-8023
Central Monitoring Room Operator 505-885-6883
                                 505-234-8457/8125