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Mr. John Kieling, Hazardous Waste Permits Program Manager
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous & Radioactive Materials Bureau
2044 Galisteo
P.O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Subject: Transmittal of Draft Notice Regarding Information Repositories for WIPP

Dear Mr. Kieling:

Section VII.D of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Permit requires that a notice be sent to all individuals on the facility mailing list maintained by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary regarding the information repositories established in Sante Fe, Albuquerque, and Carlsbad for corrective action activities. Section VII.D.2 of the permit requires that this notice be mailed within thirty calendar days of the effective date of the permit. Consequently, the notice must be mailed no later than December 26, 1999. With the upcoming holidays, the latest practical date for mailing the notice is December 20, 1999. Prior to mailing the notice, it must be submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary for approval. The Carlsbad Area Office/Department of Energy (CAO/DOE) has prepared a draft notice for the information repositories for the Secretary's approval.

Please obtain the Secretary's approval or required changes to the notice and return the approval notice to us no later than December 17, 1999. On December 20, 1999, we will mail either the notice approved by the Secretary received on or about December 17, 1999, or we will mail the attached notice, if we have received no further guidance from the Secretary.

The CAO/DOE is pleased to provide this draft notice to comply with this Permit requirement. If you have any questions or comments, please call Ms. Cynthia A. Zvonar at (505) 234-7495, or myself at (505) 234-7488.

Sincerely,

Harold Johnson for

George T. Basabilvazo, Acting Assistant Manager
Office of Regulatory Compliance

Attachment

cc:

Linda Frank-Supka, WID
WID Hazardous Waste Permit Files



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**THIS NOTICE WOULD BE PRINTED OUT ON DOE LETTER HEAD
NOTICE**

**INFORMATION REPOSITORIES FOR THE WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT, CARLSBAD, NEW
MEXICO**

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has established three repositories for information associated with the corrective action activities at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). This notice is provided to all individuals on the WIPP Facility mailing list maintained by the Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). These information repositories were established to provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on the corrective action activities specified in Module VII of the Hazardous Waste Permit for WIPP. The information repositories are located in the following three New Mexico cities as required by the Hazardous Waste Permit:

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Library Hours:</u>
1. <u>Sante Fe:</u> New Mexico State Library 1209 Camino Carlos Rey Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505	Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm
2. <u>Albuquerque:</u> University of New Mexico General Library Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131-1466	Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am-12:00 pm Friday: 8:00 am-9:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 am-6:00 pm Sunday: 10:00 am-12:00 pm
3. <u>Carlsbad:</u> Skeen-Whitlock Building WIPP Information Center 4021 National Parks Highway Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220	Monday-Friday: 7:00 am – 4:30 pm

As required by Module VII of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Permit, the DOE will place copies of all completed documents related to corrective action activities in the information repositories. These documents will include correspondence, progress reports, work plans, and reports. Each document placed in the repository will include the date of submittal to the repository. The documents will be placed in the repositories on or before the date the submittal is due to the NMED Secretary.

At least five days prior to the due date of each submittal required by Module VII, the DOE will provide additional notices to individuals on the facility mailing list. These notices will define the date that the submittal will be made available for public review at the information repositories.

Written comments concerning each scheduled submittal, should be forwarded to the NMED representative identified in the notice, within 15 calendar days of the date each submittal is due to the NMED Secretary.