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December 10, 1999

George Basabilvazo  
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P. O. Box 3090  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

Dear Mr. Basabilvazo:

**RE: NMED Approval of WIPP Information Repository Notice  
EPA No. NM4890139088**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received your letter of December 10, 1999, transmitting a draft notice regarding the establishment of information repositories for WIPP as specified in Permit Condition VII.D. NMED has reviewed the draft notice to determine whether it fulfills the notice requirements of Permit Condition VII.D.2, adequately describes the contents of the information repositories, and explains the process for notification of individuals on the facility mailing list concerning subsequent submittals required by the Permit. NMED believes the following statement needs to appear at the end of the notice:

“Individuals wishing to be included on the facility mailing list must submit a written request either to the NMED Secretary or to the DOE at the address in the letter head above.”

With this change and the minor editorial corrections made on the attached copy of the notice, NMED hereby approves the notice for mailing to the public.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 827-1560, x1013.

Sincerely,

Steve Zappe  
WIPP Project Leader  
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau

Attachment

cc: WIPP File - Red '99



**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:

Location:

Library Hours:

1. Sante Fe:  
New Mexico State Library  
1209 Camino Carlos Rey  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm
  
2. Albuquerque:  
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. Carlsbad:  
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. ←

*and other documents deemed appropriate by 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. ←