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**Mark Weidler
State Environment Department
State of New Mexico**

May 22, 1996

Dear Mr. Weidler:

I am a concerned citizen living near the proposed **Triassic Park Hazardous Waste Landfill**. I appeal to your responsibility to protect the interests and health of all citizens of the state of New Mexico and request for a public hearing on the proposed site.

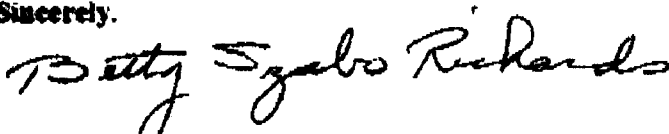
I have extensive experience in hazardous waste materials. I have worked with numerous officials within the Department of Energy in the Waste Isolation Pilot Project in Carlsbad. A consistent theme in my efforts, and in the efforts of the various groups concerned about hazardous waste is to request that regulated standards be implemented and adhered to.

There is a growing concern that a public hearing may not be granted by the department regarding the first hazardous waste facility permitted in New Mexico. We request this hearing so that the citizens that are directly affected will feel comfortable that the applicants will comply with all rules currently in effect.

The concern is the apparent lack of an adequate site study and the lack of a detailed engineering design. It is my understanding that EPA requires that these aspects be completed prior to a permit being granted. I have been informed that the Environment Department may approve the site without these preliminary federal requirements being met.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue. If you need any additional information please contact me at

Sincerely,



Betty Szabo

cc: Lou Gallegos, Governors Office, Chief of Staff
Barbara Hetckek, Hazardous Waste Bureau, Director