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Mr. William B. Mackie, Coordinator
State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
2040 South Pacheco Street
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Reference: NEW MEXICO'S REQUESTED EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUNDING
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2001 AND 2002

Dear Mr. Mackie:

The U.S. Department of Energy's Carlsbad Area Office (CAO) has reviewed New Mexico's proposed budgets and work plans for emergency preparedness activities. The proposal was for fiscal years (FY) 2001 and 2002, with funding to begin in July 2000. The State's agencies have requested a total of \$3,789,711 for the two years, which represents an increase of 50 percent over the current FY 1999 and 2000 budgets.

CAO has continued to experience budget shortfalls within the agency. With increasing demand to ship waste and open transportation routes from the Hanford Reservation, Nevada Test Site, Savannah River Site, Argonne National Laboratory East (Chicago) and the Mound Facility (Ohio), the ability to fully fund all proposed activities is no longer possible.

As a result, CAO plans to fund the state of New Mexico \$500,000 for FY 2001 and \$543,500 in FY 2002.

If you have any questions on this matter, please call me at (505) 234-7335.

Sincerely,

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E. Ralph Smith
Project Officer

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