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Mr. Steve Zappe
New Mexico Environment Department
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Subject: Approval of Hanford Site VE and RTR Data Collected Prior to the Effective Date
of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit

Dear Mr. Zappe:

This letter is to request review and response to the CAO determination that real-time radiography and visual examination data collected at the Hanford Site prior to the effective date of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit meets the requirements specified in the Attachment B Waste Analysis Plan. This request is per our discussions on this issue during the Hanford Site Audit conducted on January 24 - 28, 2000. The CAO approval of the subject data is documented in Corrective Action Report No. 012 and was transmitted to Mr. John Kieling on May 1, 2000, as part of the Final Audit Report for the Hanford Site.

Please contact me at (505) 224 - 7357 should you have any questions regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry W. Watson".

Kerry W. Watson, Assistant Manager
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