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RE: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's Quarterly Progress Report for Solid Waste
 Management Unit Activities for November 15, 2001 through January 31, 2002

Dear Mr. Zappe:

The purpose of this letter is to submit the subject report, as required by Module VII.I.1 of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. NM4890139088-TSDF. Please note that this report addresses activities from November 15, 2001 through January 31, 2002, rather than a complete three-month period. Staggering the reporting period with the submittal date will allow us to submit complete reports that address a discrete period of time. Future quarterly reports will cover three-month periods of time, and be submitted by the 15th day of the month following the end of the reporting period.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact Mr. Jody Plum at (505) 234-7462.

Sincerely,

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Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
Quarterly Progress Report
for Solid Waste Management Unit Activities
for November 15, 2001 through January 31, 2002

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List of Acronyms

DOE	Department of Energy
HWFP	Hazardous Waste Facility Permit
NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
SWMU	Solid Waste Management Unit
WIPP	Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
WTS	Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC

1. Introduction

Module VII.I of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (**WIPP**) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (**HWFP**), number NM890139088-TSDF, requires the U.S. Department of Energy (**DOE**) and Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC (**WTS**), hereafter known as the Permittees, to submit quarterly progress reports within ninety (90) days of beginning Solid Waste Management Unit (**SWMU**) activities. This report summarizes SWMU activities for the time period November 15, 2001 through January 31, 2002.

This report contains the following items, as required by the Permit:

- Description of the work completed;
- Estimate of the percentage of work completed;
- Summaries of all findings;
- Summaries of all problems or potential problems encountered and corrective actions implemented;
- Projected work for the next reporting period;
- Summaries of contacts pertaining to corrective action or environmental matters;
- Changes in key personnel;
- Changes in funding which may impact the completion date; and
- Summaries of all implementation changes.

2. Description of the Work Completed

During the reporting period the annual revision to the *WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern* was completed.

Compilation of data for the report to support the Petition for No Further Action was initiated and the format for the report was developed during this reporting period.

3. Estimate of the Percentage of Work Completed

The annual revision to the SWMU Work Plan was one hundred percent (100%) completed. Approximately five percent (5%) of the report to support the Petition for No Further Action was drafted.

4. Summaries of All Findings

There were no findings during this reporting period.

5. Problems and Corrective Actions

No problems were identified during this reporting period, and consequently no corrective actions were required.

6. Projected Work for the Next Reporting Period

During the next reporting period, WIPP will submit the annual revision of the *WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern* to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the public information repositories. In addition, public notices regarding the annual revision to the Work Plan will be distributed to the facility mailing list.

WIPP also plans to continue compilation of data for the report to support the Petition for No Further Action.

7. Summaries of Contacts

During the reporting period, no contact regarding SWMU corrective actions or environmental matters was made with representatives of public interest groups.

Numerous written, telephone, and personal contacts with NMED occurred during the reporting period regarding sampling data, the format for transferring sampling data to NMED, status of the No Further Action issue, transfer of NMED data to DOE, and data validation levels.

8. Changes in Key Personnel

There were no changes in key personnel during this reporting period.

9. Changes in Funding

A small increase in the funding to evaluate risks for the No Further Action Report was included in the Fiscal Year 2002 budget. No major impact to the completion date of SWMU activities is anticipated.

10. **Changes in Implementation**

No changes to implementation of the *WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern* (DOE, 2001b) were made during this reporting period.

11. **References**

DOE, 2001b. *WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern*. DOE/WIPP-00-2001, Rev. 1.