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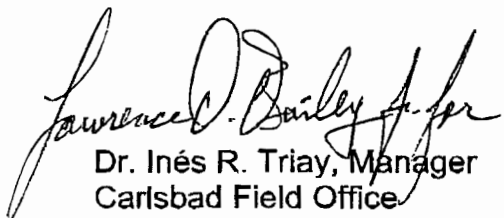
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If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact Mr. Jody Plum at (505) 234-7462.

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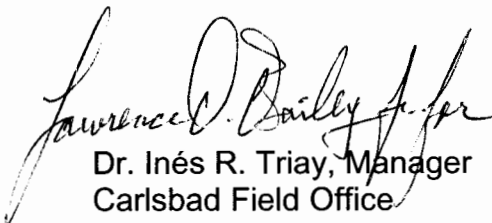
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List of Acronyms

CBFO	Carlsbad Field Office
COC	Chain of Custody
DOE	Department of Energy
HWFP	Hazardous Waste Facility Permit
NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
SWMU	Solid Waste Management Unit
TSDf	Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility
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**), Carlsbad Field Office (**CBFO**) 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, and succeeding reports due every 90 days. This report summarizes SWMU activities for February 2002 through April 2002.

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

- 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

The compilation of sampling data for the No Further Action Report continued this quarter. The format for the report has been developed and the report will be written in the next quarter.

The NMED approved the Revised 2002 Facility Work Plan in February of 2002.

3. Estimate of the Percentage of Work Completed

Approximately 20 percent of the No Further Action Report has been drafted. Additional sampling requested by NMED is complete and no further sampling is anticipated.

4. Summaries of All Findings

No new findings were found during this quarter. There are no outstanding comments from prior reports.

5. Problems and Corrective Actions

No difficulty was experienced during this quarter. No potential problems were noted.

6. Projected Work for the Next Reporting Period

During the next reporting period, WIPP plans to continue and complete compilation of information which will be used to prepare a report to support a Petition for No Further Action for the SWMUs. The No Further Action Report and Petition will be submitted to NMED in September 2002.

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.

No written, or telephone, and personal contacts, concerning SWMU corrective actions or the NFA Report, were made with NMED during this reporting period.

8. Changes in Key Personnel

There were no changes in personnel during this quarter.

9. Changes in Funding

There are no changes in funding since the last report.

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, 2001a. *Resolution of Comments Associated with the Solid Waste Management Units Sampling and Analysis Plan*. Letter from Cynthia A. Zvonar (CBFO) to Steve Zappe (NMED) dated August 10, 2001.

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