

**Department of Energy**  
Albuquerque Operations Office  
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Project Office  
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Dear Colleague:

Secretary of Energy James D. Watkins has directed that the public and all organizations or individuals participating in the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) be provided with an opportunity to review and comment on the recently issued Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (ER/WM) Five Year Plan (FYP) and the Site Specific Plans (SSP). This public comment period will extend from September 15, 1991 until November 15, 1991. You will find enclosed a copy of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Five Year Site Specific Plan.

The WIPP Five Year SSP complements the DOE Albuquerque Field Office (DOE-AL) Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Five Year Plan. The ER/WM document overviews the general plans to address environmental and waste management issues under the purview of the DOE-AL. The WIPP Five Year SSP is a single part of the AL Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Five Year Plan that is focused on waste management and storage of radioactive and hazardous (or mixed) waste at WIPP.

This WIPP Five Year SSP identifies activities proposed for implementation throughout the next five years. This plan is being reviewed concurrently by state officials, members of Congress, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Indian governments, regional groups, citizen groups, local governments, and other federal agencies.

You are invited to provide comments on the contents of the WIPP Five Year SSP. All comments will be included in the public comment response document which will be available at the public reading rooms by December 1991. Please direct your comments to Michael Daugherty, Chief, Administrative Staff, WIPP Project Office.

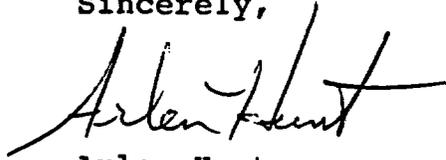
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Should you need additional information, contact Mr. Daugherty at (505) 885-7315. Your continued cooperation is appreciated in facilitating the ongoing plans at WIPP.

Sincerely,



Arlen Hunt  
Project Manager

Enclosure

*see enclosure itself.*