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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF EPA PROPOSED COMPLIANCE CRITERIA FOR WIPP: INTERMEDIATE MILESTONE 5702-711-404

Dear Dr. Baca:

On March 3, 1995, the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) transmitted the review of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Proposed Compliance Criteria for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). Based on our review, conducted by James Firth, it was determined that this deliverable was transmitted on time and is adequate and consistent with the technical direction provided to the CNWRA. Therefore, the transmitted document acceptably meets the requirements of Intermediate Milestone 5702-711-404. Additionally, the CNWRA is to be commended for completing the review within the tight schedule constraints dictated by the publication date of the proposed compliance criteria and the comment period of the EPA.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please contact Tim McCartin at (301) 415-6681.

Sincerely,

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