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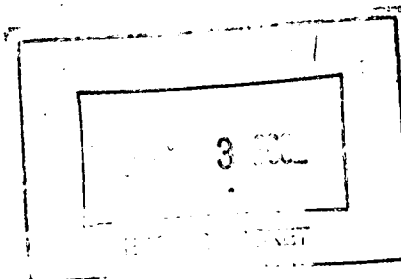
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Dr. Inés Triay, Manager  
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Dear Dr. Triay:

Thank you for your June 21, 2002, letter submitting the June 2002 report entitled, "Environmental Assessment for the Actinide Chemistry and Repository Science Laboratory." We have reviewed the report and have determined, in accordance with 40 CFR 194.4(b), that since the proposed radiochemistry laboratory will not be constructed at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) site, there will be no significant impact on our May 1998 Certification Decision for the WIPP. We hope that experiments at the proposed facility will increase knowledge about actinide chemistry at the WIPP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Betsy Forinash".

Betsy Forinash, Director  
Center for Federal Regulations

cc: Harold Johnson, CBFO



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