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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 25, 2014

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**RE: CLARIFICATION OF AUGUST 29, 2014 AMENDMENT TO REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS DATED
FEBRUARY 27, 2014 AND MAY 12, 2014
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Franco and McQuinn:

On May 12, 2014, the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) issued an Administrative Order (“AO2”) requiring the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) and Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC (“NWP”; collectively, with DOE the “Permittees”) to report certain information pertaining to permit compliance for underground activities at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (“WIPP”). This required report was to be submitted biweekly and combined with mandatory submittals pertaining to permit compliance for above ground activities found in the Administrative Order issued on February 27, 2014 (“AO1”). On August 29, 2014, NMED issued a letter amending the reporting frequency from biweekly to monthly for all reporting required under AO1 and AO2. NMED received the Bi-Weekly Report for the reporting period of August 11-24, 2014 on September 9, 2014.

With this letter NMED is clarifying that the monthly report due on October 15, 2014 shall include activities from August 25-31 and the entire month of September, and shall follow the format, including all required information, set forth in the August 29, 2014 letter. Monthly

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submittals shall be submitted to NMED no later than the 15th of each month for activities conducted during the previous month.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ricardo Maestas at (505) 476-6050 or myself at (505) 476-6035.

Sincerely,



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