April 18, 2011

RE: FINAL PERMIT DECISION AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS, CLASS 2 MODIFICATION REQUEST
WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088

Dear Interested Person:

On April 15, 2011, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) took final administrative action on a Class 2 permit modification request (PMR) to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Washington TRU Solutions LLC (the Permittees) submitted this PMR to the Hazardous Waste Bureau on January 11, 2011, seeking to add the TRUPACT-III as a shipping package and the Standard Large Box 2 (SLB2) as a storage and disposal container, to add Room 108 and Airlock 107 as part of the Contact-Handled Bay in the Waste Handling Building Storage Unit, and to add equipment to the facility to allow for the handling of the TRUPACT-III and SLB2.

NMED approved this PMR with changes for the reasons specified in the response to comments. This Class 2 PMR was subject to a 60-day public comment period running from January 17, 2011 through March 17, 2011, during which NMED received written specific comments from a total of four individuals and organizations.

Further information on this administrative action, including the response to comments, may be found on the NMED WIPP Information Page at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wipp/>. Please contact Steve Zappe at (505) 476-6051 or via e-mail at <steve.zappe@state.nm.us> if you have further questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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