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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

August 18, 2016

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**RE: CLASS 1 MODIFICATIONS  
WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT  
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Shrader and Breidenbach:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) acknowledges receipt of two Class 1 Permit Modification Notifications (Modifications), not requiring prior approval, to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit). The Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (collectively the Permittees) submitted the following Modifications respectively:

- Six (6) Item Class 1: Dated February 17, 2016 and received February 19, 2016:
  - 1) Technical Training Organizational Change in Attachment F;
  - 2) Descriptive Changes Regarding Ventilation Configurations in Attachments A2 and D;
  - 3) Update RCRA Coordinator List in Attachment D;
  - 4) Update Chronology in Attachment A;
  - 5) Revise a Procedure Number in Attachment E, Table E-1a;
  - 6) Update the Underground Ventilation System Description to include the Interim Ventilation System in Attachments A2, A4, D, and O.
  
- Three (3) Item Class 1: Dated April 27, 2016 and received May 2, 2016:

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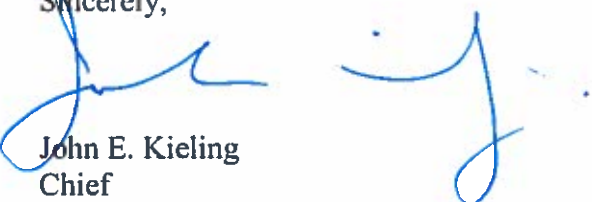
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- 1) Revise Recordkeeping Requirements for Training in Part 2;
- 2) Add Option for VOC Contract Laboratory Proficiency Testing in Part 4 and Attachment N;
- 3) Add Live Fire Extinguisher Training in Part 2 and Attachment F2.

NMED has reviewed and incorporated the Modifications into the Permit. The Modifications are effective as requested by the Permittees under the conditions specified in 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(a)(1)). The current Permit can be found on the NMED HWB website at <https://www.env.nm.gov/wipp/>.

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

Sincerely,



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