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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 8, 2016

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**RE: FINAL DETERMINATION, CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION DECISION
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Shrader and Breidenbach:

On January 8, 2016, the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) took final administrative action on a Class 2 modification request (“Modification”) to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (“Permit”). The Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC submitted this Modification on September 8, 2015, and was received by NMED on September 10, 2015. The Modification seeks to revise the Volatile Organic Compound Monitoring Procedures of the Permit.

The Modification was evaluated and processed in accordance with the requirements specified in 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(b)) and was subject to a 60-day public comment period running from September 12, 2015 through November 12, 2015. NMED received written comments from several individuals and organizations during the comment period.

NMED hereby approves this Modification with changes. Attached is a disc containing the revised applicable sections of the Permit where language deleted from the permit is ~~stricken out~~, language added to the permit as proposed in the Modification is highlighted in redline and

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specific language changes imposed by NMED are distinguished by yellow highlight, as well as a clean final version. This permit modification is effective on February 10, 2016.

Further information on this administrative action, including NMED's response to comments and the final Permit, may be found on the NMED WIPP Information Page at <https://www.env.nm.gov/wipp/>.

If you have any question regarding this matter, please contact Ricardo Maestas of my staff at (505) 476-6050.

Sincerely,



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