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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 26, 2018

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**RE: NOTICE OF EXTENSION FOR CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION DECISION
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Shrader and Covert:

On November 30, 2017, the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) received a Request for a Class 2 Permit Modification (“Modification”) to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (“Permit”) from the Department of Energy and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (“the Permittees”) dated November 29, 2017. The Modification is entitled “*Training Program Revision and Changes Due to Construction and Operation of a New Filter Building.*”

Pursuant to 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(b)(6)), NMED must take specific action on a modification request by no later than ninety (90) days after receipt of the request. In this instance, the date would be February 28, 2018. Pursuant to 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating §270.42(b)(6)(i)(E)), a thirty-day extension may be authorized. By this letter, I am notifying you as the Permittees that NMED will be utilizing a 30-day extension to make a determination on the Modification, which will now occur no later than March 30, 2018.

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

Sincerely,



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