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**RE: FINAL ACTION AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS, CLASS 3 PERMIT MODIFICATION
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Interested Person:

On September 7, 2018, the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") took final administrative action on a revised Class 3 Permit Modification Request ("Modification") to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit ("Permit"). The Department of Energy and Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC submitted this revised Modification on November 10, 2016 entitled "*Modifications to the WIPP Panel Closure Plan*".

NMED has approved this Modification with changes. The Modification was evaluated and processed in accordance with the requirements specified in 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(c)) and was subject to a 60-day public comment period running from February 22, 2018 through April 23, 2018. NMED received written comments from several individuals and organizations during the comment period.

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/hazardouswaste/wipp/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ricardo Maestas".

Ricardo Maestas
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