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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 24, 2020

**RE: FINAL DETERMINATION CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION REQUEST AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Interested Person:

On January 24, 2020, 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 (“Permit”) submitted by the Department of Energy (“DOE”) and Nuclear Waste Partnership (“NWP”) (collectively the “Permittees”) entitled “*Removal of Deteriorating/Non-Essential Water Level Monitoring Program Wells*” dated October 25, 2019 and received by NMED on October 29, 2019.

NMED approved the PMR with changes. The PMR 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 October 27, 2019 through December 26, 2019. NMED received and responded to three written comments 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,

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