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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 4, 2015

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**RE: CLASS 1 MODIFICATION, NOVEMBER 7, 2014
WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Franco and McQuinn:

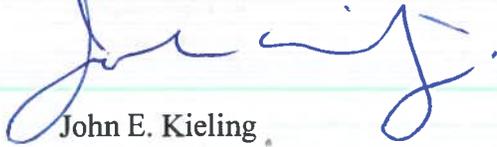
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) acknowledges receipt of a Class 1 Permit Modification Notification (Notification) to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit). The Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (collectively the Permittees) submitted the Notification in a letter dated November 7, 2014, and was received on November 12, 2014. The Notification contained five items: 1) Contingency Plan Update- Equipment used for Internal Communications; 2) Contingency Plan Update- Editorial Change in Attachment D, Section D-4d (10); 3) Contingency Plan Update- Contact Information Tables D-8 and D-9; 4) Editorial Change in Attachment C, Table C6-1, Item 28; and 5) Contingency Plan Update- Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Emergency Coordinator clarification.

NMED has reviewed and incorporated the modifications to the Permit. The modifications identified in the Notification 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.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ricardo Maestas at (505) 476-6050 or myself at (505) 476-6035.

Sincerely,



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