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Dear Interested Person:

This is a notice rescheduling a public hearing concerning the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (draft permit) for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (**WIPP**). On November 23, 2005, the New Mexico Environment Department (**NMED**) issued a public notice on the draft permit to solicit public comment and requests for public hearing by January 23, 2006. NMED previously established a public hearing in a notice published on February 27, 2006, but is rescheduling it for the reasons described in the attached public notice.

The public hearing will now begin on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 in Carlsbad, New Mexico and will continue there through Tuesday, June 6. The hearing will reconvene in Santa Fe, New Mexico on Wednesday evening, June 7, and continue through June 9, 2006, or until all persons have been afforded an adequate opportunity to present comment. The public comment period is automatically extended to the close of the public hearing. See the attached public notice for details concerning specific times, locations, and the manner in which you may participate in the public hearing.

The draft permit, public notices, and fact sheet are available on the NMED WIPP Information Page at <<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wipp/>>. These documents, along with the entire administrative record for this administrative action, may be reviewed at the Hazardous Waste Bureau at the address listed in the letterhead above.

If there are any corrections necessary to your address or you no longer want to receive mailings from NMED concerning WIPP, please contact me at the address or phone number listed in the letterhead above, or e-mail me at <james.bearzi@state.nm.us>.

Sincerely,

James P. Bearzi
Chief
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Enclosure