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September 19, 2016

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

Dear Interested Person:

On September 19, 2016, the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) took final administrative action on a Class 2 modification request (“Modification”) to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC submitted this Permit Modification on June 3, 2016, and was received by NMED on July 8, 2016. The Modification is entitled “*Revise the RCRA Contingency Plan and Associated Emergency Response Personnel Training and Active Room Ventilation Rate*” and was submitted as a 2-Item Class 2 Modification.

NMED 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(b)) and was subject to a 60-day public comment period running from June 8, 2016 through August 8, 2016. NMED received written comments from several individuals and organizations during the comment period.

Further information on this administrative action, including the response to comments, may be found on the NMED WIPP Information Page at <https://www.env.nm.gov/wipp/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Maestas".

Ricardo Maestas
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