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RAJ SOLOMON, P.E. Deputy Secretary

April 18, 2011

RE: FINAL PERMIT DECISION AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS, CLASS 2 MODIFICATION REQUEST WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088

Dear Interested Person:

On April 15, 2011, 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. The Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Washington TRU Solutions LLC (**the Permittees**) submitted this PMR to the Hazardous Waste Bureau on January 11, 2011, seeking to add the TRUPACT-III as a shipping package and the Standard Large Box 2 (**SLB2**) as a storage and disposal container, to add Room 108 and Airlock 107 as part of the Contact-Handled Bay in the Waste Handling Building Storage Unit, and to add equipment to the facility to allow for the handling of the TRUPACT-III and SLB2.

NMED approved this PMR with changes for the reasons specified in the response to comments. This Class 2 PMR was subject to a 60-day public comment period running from January 17, 2011 through March 17, 2011, during which NMED received written specific comments from a total of four individuals and organizations.

Further information on this administrative action, including the response to comments, may be found on the NMED WIPP Information Page at http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wipp/. Please contact Steve Zappe at (505) 476-6051 or via e-mail at <steve.zappe@state.nm.us> if you have further questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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