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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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**RE: CLASS 1 AND CLASS 1\* MODIFICATIONS  
WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT  
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Shrader and Breidenbach:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) acknowledges receipt of several Class 1 Permit Modification Notifications (Modifications), not requiring prior approval, and one Class 1\* Modification, requiring prior agency approval, 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 following Modifications respectively:

- Update Co-Permittee Project Manager and List of Active Environmental Permits, dated Jun 11, 2015;
- Change in the Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office Manager, dated June 29, 2015;
- Update Figure C-1, Revise Procedure Number in Table E-1, Editorial changes in Part 4 and Attachment C3, dated August 17, 2015;
- Update RCRA Emergency Coordinator List in Attachment D, Table D-2, dated August 27, 2015;
- Revise Attachment A4 to Add Description and Update Figure for New East Gate, dated September 15, 2015;

- Clarify Inspections of Liquid-Fueled Vehicles in Attachment E, Add Automatic On-Board Fire Suppression Systems to Emergency Equipment in Attachment D and Attachment E, Enhance Inspection Frequency of Mine Pager Phones in Attachment E, Update Emergency Response Training in Attachment F1, Update Chronology in Attachment A, Update Figures in Attachment D, and Update Facsimile Number in Part 1, all dated September 30, 2015;
- Change in the Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office Manager, dated October 8, 2015;
- Remove Obsolete References to 40 CFR §264.56(i) and Related Text from Part 1 and Attachment D, dated December 30, 2015;
- Class 1\* Modification, requiring prior agency approval, seeking to Revise Closure Schedule Dates in Attachment G, dated December 30, 2015.

NMED has reviewed these Modifications and has determined that they are administratively complete. The modifications have been approved and incorporated into the Permit and are effective as requested by the Permittees under the conditions specified in 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(a)(1) and 40 CFR §270.42(a)(2)). The Permittees must send a notice to all persons on the facility mailing list within 90 calendar days of this Class 1\* approval as specified in 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(a)(1)(ii)). The current Permit can be found on the NMED HWB website at <https://www.env.nm.gov/wipp/>.

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

Sincerely,



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