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**NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
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SANTA FE, NM 87505**

APRIL 30, 2004

NOTICE OF REVISED DATES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

**CONCERNING INTENT TO APPROVE AN AGENCY-INITIATED MODIFICATION
TO THE
HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT
FOR THE
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO
EPA ID NO. NM4890139088**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) proposes to approve an agency-initiated modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) pursuant to the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act, NMSA 1978 §§ 74-4-1 et seq. (Repl. Pamp. 2000). This modification would limit waste eligible for disposal at WIPP to the inventory identified when the permit was originally issued. The WIPP facility is owned and operated by the US Department of Energy (DOE) and co-operated by Washington TRU Solutions LLC (the Permittees). WIPP is located north of the Jal Highway (State Highway 128) in Eddy County, New Mexico, approximately 26 miles east of Carlsbad.

Today NMED announces revised dates for a public hearing to consider public comment prior to final agency action on this permit modification. The hearing is now scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 1, 2004 from 9:00 AM until approximately 6:00 PM in Room 307 of the New Mexico State Capitol Building ("the

Roundhouse") in Santa Fe. The hearing will continue as necessary from 8:30 AM until 6:00 PM on the following dates: June 2, 3, 4; July 6, 7, 8, 9; August 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

Any person may present non-technical oral public comment at the hearing. The Hearing Officer will reserve time for non-technical oral comment at 11:30 AM each day of the public hearing, and at two special evening sessions on Tuesday, June 1 and Thursday, June 3 from 7:00 to 7:30 PM in the Runnels Building Auditorium, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Any person may file non-technical written comment in lieu of oral comment on or before the date of the hearing with the Hearing Clerk at NMED, Room N-4071, 1190 St. Francis Drive, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502.

Further information regarding this proposed agency-initiated modification is contained in Public Notice 03-12 dated November 26, 2003,

which is available on the NMED WIPP Information Page at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wipp/> or from Mr. Steve Zappe of the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau, 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, (505) 428-2517. Additional information regarding the details of the public hearing may be obtained from the Hearing Clerk at the address provided above or by telephone at (505) 827-2002.