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**SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ON A DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT FOR WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT**

Dear Interested Person:

The New Mexico Environment Department (**Department**) is providing the attached Notice on a public hearing, and the opportunity for the public to comment on, a pending action before the Department for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (**WIPP**). Specifically, the Department intends to issue a hazardous waste permit to WIPP to manage, store, and dispose hazardous waste, and to close hazardous waste disposal units, in accordance with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act and its implementing regulations. The proposed activity is more fully described in the attached notice.

The Notice provides information on how to submit public comment and the public hearing process. Public comment will be received through the end of the public hearing. The public hearing on the draft Permit will begin **Monday, August 9, 2010 at 9:00 AM MDT** and continue as necessary through **Friday, August 20, 2010**. The public hearing will be held at the Santa Fe Community College located at 6401 S. Richards Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87508, in the Board Room (Room 223), with one day for non-technical oral public comment in Carlsbad, NM on **Monday, August 16, 2010 at 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** at the Best Western Stevens Inn located at 1829 S. Canal Street, Carlsbad, NM 88220.

Any person seeking additional information regarding this notice may contact:

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