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December 8, 2017

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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 Covert:

The New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) acknowledges receipt of a Class 1 Permit Modification, not requiring prior approval, and a Class 1* Modification, requiring prior agency approval, to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit). The Department of Energy’s Carlsbad Field Office (“CBFO”) and Nuclear Waste Partnership (“NWP”) (collectively “the Permittees”) submitted the following Modifications respectively:

- Class 1 Modification dated October 6, 2017, not requiring prior approval, for the following three items: Editorial Correction in Attachment A4, Section A4-3; Update to Attachment E, Table E-1; and to Add Live Fire Extinguisher Refresher Training to Attachment F2;
- Class 1* Modification dated October 23, 2017, requiring prior agency approval, seeking Changes to Groundwater Sampling Procedures described in Attachment L.

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

Messrs. Shrader and Covert

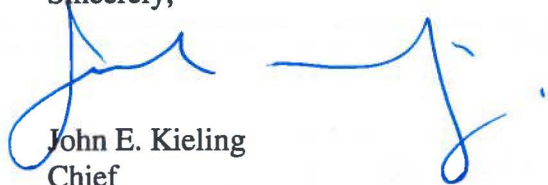
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(incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(a)(1) and 40 CFR §270.42(a)(2)). The Permittees must send a notice to all persons on the facility mailing list within 90 calendar days of this Class 1* as specified in 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(a)(1)(ii)). NMED has also corrected the pagination of Attachment D and Attachment E. The current Permit can be found on the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau ("HWB") website at <https://www.env.nm.gov/hazardous-waste/wipp-permit-page/>.

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

Sincerely,



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