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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 14, 2017

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**RE: NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS
NOVEMBER 10, 2016 REVISED CLASS 3 PERMIT MODIFICATION REQUEST
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Shrader and Covert:

On November 15, 2016, the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) received the Department of Energy’s (“DOE”) and Nuclear Waste Partnership’s (“NWP”) (collectively, “Permittees”) Response to the July 22, 2015 Technical Incompleteness Determination (“Response”) issued by NMED, and a Revised Class 3 Permit Modification Request for Panel Closure Design (“Revised Request”) in a letter dated November 10, 2016. The Revised Request includes Modifications to the WIPP Panel Closure Plan only, and no longer contains Repository Reconfiguration or Changes to the VOC Monitoring Program that were included in the original March 18, 2013 Class 3 Permit Modification Request. This Response and Revised Request is currently being processed by NMED in accordance with the requirements specified in 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(c)). NMED has performed an administrative and technical review of the Revised Request and finds it to be administratively complete. Technical completeness will be addressed under a separate letter to the Permittees.

The New Mexico Hazardous Waste Fee Regulations require the assessment of fees when administrative review of a document is complete, as specified in 20.4.2.301 NMAC. NMED issued a Notice of Administrative Completeness on July 29, 2013 and a fee invoice in a letter

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dated August 7, 2013 for the review of the original March 18, 2013 Class 3 Permit Modification.
No further fees are required for the November 10, 2016 Revised Request.

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

Sincerely,



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Chief
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