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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

December 28, 2011

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Department of Energy  
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**RE: NOTICE OF EXTENSION FOR CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION DECISION  
WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT  
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Ziemianski and Sharif:

On October 3, 2011, the New Mexico Environment Department (**NMED**) received a Request for Class 2 Permit Modification to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit from the Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office and Washington TRU Solutions LLC (**Permittees**) dated September 29, 2011. This Class 2 modification included the following items:

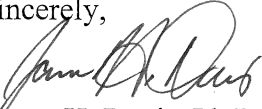
- Update Ventilation Language
- Addition of Shielded Container
- Revise the WIPP Groundwater Detection Monitoring Program Plan

According to 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(b)(6)), NMED must take specific action on the modification request no later than ninety (90) days after receipt of the request. In this instance, the date for a decision would be December 31, 2011. By this letter, I am notifying you as the Permittees that NMED will decide on this modification request within the next thirty (30) days, as allowed by 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating §270.42(b)(6)(i)(E)).

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Trais Kliphuis of my staff at (505) 476-6051.

Sincerely,



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