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**RE: NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS OF CLASS 3 PERMIT MODIFICATION
EXCAVATION OF A NEW SHAFT AND ASSOCIATED CONNECTING DRIFTS
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Lachman and Dunagan:

On August 16, 2019, the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") received the Department of Energy's ("DOE") and Nuclear Waste Partnership's ("NWP") (collectively, the "Permittees") Class 3 Permit Modification Request ("PMR") *Excavation of a New Shaft and Associated Connecting Drifts*, dated August 15, 2019.

The PMR is currently being processed by NMED in accordance with the requirements specified in 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(c)), and NMED has determined that the PMR is administratively complete. The results of a technical review will be addressed under separate cover.

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 will issue a fee invoice under separate cover.

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

Sincerely,



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