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RE: NOTICE OF APPROVAL  
GROUNDWATER PERMIT MODIFICATION WORK PLAN  
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT  
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088

Dear Messrs. Ziemianski and Sharif:

On December 21, 2009, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received from the United States Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Washington TRU Solutions (collectively, the Permittees) the document entitled Groundwater Permit Modification Work Plan (hereafter, the Plan). NMED has reviewed the Plan and hereby issues this Notice of Approval.

In accordance with paragraph 10.b of Stipulated Final Order (SFO) number HWB 09-47, dated December 1, 2009, the Permittees must submit a Class 2 Permit Modification Request (PMR) within 60 days from NMED’s approval. Therefore the PMR must be submitted no later than October 4, 2011.
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (505) 476-6035 or Tim Hall at (505) 476-6049.

Sincerely,

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Acting Bureau Chief
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