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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**August 29, 2014**

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**RE: AMENDMENT TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2014 AND MAY 12, 2014  
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT  
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Franco and McQuinn:

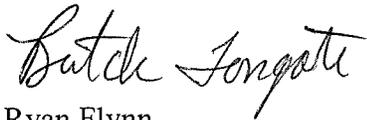
On May 12, 2014, the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") issued an Administrative Order ("AO2") requiring the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") and Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC ("NWP"; collectively, with DOE the "Permittees") to report certain information pertaining to permit compliance for underground activities at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant ("WIPP"). This required report was to be submitted biweekly and combined with mandatory submittals pertaining to permit compliance for above ground activities found in the Administrative Order issued on February 27, 2014 ("AO1"). This letter hereby amends the reporting frequency from biweekly to monthly for all reporting required under AO1 and AO2. The monthly submittal shall be submitted to NMED no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for activities conducted during the previous month. The amended schedule shall be effective on September 16, 2014, with the first monthly report due on October 15, 2014. The biweekly reporting shall cease after the submittal of the last report due on September 8, 2014.

Additionally, the following reporting provisions found in AO1 and AO2 are modified as follows. The Item numbering is per the format of the current biweekly reports:

- 1) Item 3 is no longer required;
- 2) Item 4 is only required when information previously provided to NMED changes (e.g. revised WHB deadline);
- 3) Item 5 is no longer required;
- 4) Item 6 is clarified to require reporting changes to the location of any environmental monitoring equipment or addition of new equipment;
- 5) Item 7, Attachment 3 - Round sheets for differential pressure reporting of WHB filtration system are no longer required;
- 6) Item 8, Attachment 5 - Differential pressure reporting for exhaust filter building HEPA system shall cease until the new skid mounted supplemental exhaust HEPA systems are installed;
- 7) Items 12, 13, and 17 are not required, including Attachments 9 and 10; and
- 8) The meteorological data reported in Attachment 4 is no longer required.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Trais Kliphuis at (505) 476-6051 or John Kieling at (505) 476-6035.

Sincerely,



 Ryan Flynn  
Secretary

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