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**Subject:** Request for a 10-Day Extension of Storage Time for Waste in Storage in the Waste Handling Building Storage Unit at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Number NM4890139088-TSDF

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of storage time for contact-handled transuranic (CH TRU) mixed waste in storage in the Waste Handling Building Container Storage Unit (WHB Unit) at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) facility.

Permit Part 3, Section 3.1.1.7., *CH TRU Mixed Storage Time Limit*, limits the storage of CH TRU mixed waste to 60 calendar days. There are two ten-drum overpack containers (TDOPs) in storage in the WHB Unit that are approaching the 60-day storage time limit. These TDOPs were received in shipments from the Idaho National Laboratory (shipments IN190198 and IN190199). These TDOPs were placed into the WHB Unit on September 23, 2019; therefore, the 60-day storage limit expires on November 22, 2019.

The Permittees request a 10-day storage time extension until December 2, 2019, for this waste for the reason below:

- Due to an unexpected electrical problem that occurred at the WIPP facility on November 14, 2019, power is not currently available to the Interim Ventilation System; therefore, the ventilation required to emplace these payloads (containers) is not available.

This request is being made pursuant to Permit Part 1, Section 1.10.3., *Extension of Time*. Your timely response to this letter is appreciated.

Mr. John E. Kieling

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael R. Brown at (575) 234-7476.

Sincerely,

Signatures on file

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