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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

April 27, 2018

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**RE: NOTICE OF EXTENSION FOR CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION DECISION  
CLARIFICATION OF TRU MIXED WASTE DISPOSAL VOLUME REPORTING  
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT  
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Shrader and Covert:

On February 2, 2018, the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) received the Department of Energy’s (“DOE”) and Nuclear Waste Partnership’s (“NWP”) (collectively, the “Permittees”) January 31, 2018 Request for a Class 2 Permit Modification (“Modification”) to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (“WIPP”) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (“Permit”). The Modification is entitled “*Clarification of TRU Mixed Waste Disposal Volume Reporting.*”

Pursuant to 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(b)(6)), NMED must take specific action on a modification request by no later than ninety (90) days after receipt of the request. In this instance, the date would be May 3, 2018. Pursuant to 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating §270.42(b)(6)(i)(E)), a thirty-day extension may be authorized. By this letter, I am notifying you as the Permittees that NMED will be utilizing a 30-day extension to make a decision on the Modification, which will now occur no later than June 1, 2018.

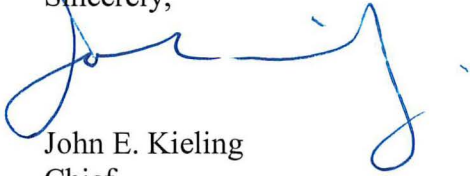
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If you have any question regarding this matter, please contact Ricardo Maestas of my staff at (505) 476-6050.

Sincerely,



John E. Kieling  
Chief

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