July 10, 2000

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RE: NOTICE OF EXTENSION FOR CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION DECISION
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088

Dear Dr. Triay and Mr. Epstein:

On April 10, 2000, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received a Request for Class 2 Permit Modifications to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit from the Department of Energy’s Carlsbad Area Office and Westinghouse (Permittees) dated March 30, 2000. According to 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(b)(6)), NMED must take specific action on the modification request no later than ninety (90) days after receipt of the request.

By this letter, I am notifying you as the Permittees that NMED will decide on this modification request within the next thirty (30) days, as allowed by 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating §270.42(b)(6)(i)(E)).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (505) 827-1758.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gregory S. Lewis
Director
Water and Waste Management Division