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Mr. Steve Zappe, WIPP Project Leader
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Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
P. O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Subject: WIPP Waste Handling Building

Dear Mr. Zappe:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the NMED of the intent of the DOE/CAO to make certain modifications within the WIPP Waste Handling Building.

This notification is pursuant to 20 4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR 270.30(1)(1)) and as required in the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Number NM4890139088—TSDF, Permit Condition I.E.11.a.

The DOE will initiate modification activities in the Overpack and Repair Room and also in the site Generated Waste Room to allow for the installation of physical and chemical instrumentation necessary to characterize waste at the WIPP facility. These modifications include the installation of a Headspace Gas Sampling system, the construction of a containment structure to contain a Visual Examination facility, and the extension of utilities, ventilation and fire protection to accommodate these modifications.

Please contact Mr. Jody Plum at (505) 234-7462, if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

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