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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 24, 2000

Dr. Inés Triay, Manager  
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Department of Energy  
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Mr. Joe Epstein, General Manager  
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**RE: NOTICE OF EXTENSION FOR CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION DECISION  
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT  
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Dr. Triay and Mr. Epstein:

On April 24, 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 April 20, 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 no later than August 17, 2000. This deadline is well within the thirty (30) day timeframe allowed by 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating §270.42(b)(6)(i)(E)).


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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory J. Lewis', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Gregory J. Lewis  
Director  
Water and Waste Management Division

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