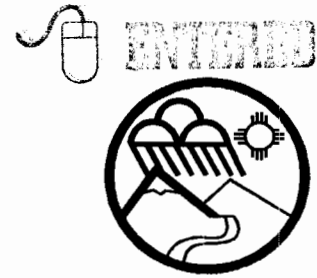




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**RE: WITHDRAWAL OF DIGITAL RADIOGRAPHY/COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY PERMIT
MODIFICATION REQUEST, JANUARY 23, 2001
WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Concerned Citizen:

On April 23, 2001, the DOE Carlsbad Field Office and Westinghouse TRU Solutions (**the Permittees**) withdrew their Class 2 permit modification originally submitted on January 23, 2001, which had sought approval to use digital radiography and computed tomography (**DR/CT**) in lieu of visual examination (**VE**) as a quality control check on radiography under the facility's Hazardous Waste Permit. The stated reason for withdrawing the request was to "allow DOE to address the technical comments raised during the public comment period on the DR/CT modification request." This withdrawal notification is attached to this letter.

This Class 2 modification was subject to a sixty (60) day public comment period, which ran from January 31, 2001 through April 2, 2001. NMED received written comments from eleven individuals and organizations, including you, during this time. However, because the Permittees withdrew their modification request prior to final agency action, specific responses from NMED to the comments received are not required. In lieu of these specific responses, NMED's comments on the DR/CT modification request provided to the Permittees on May 17, 2001 are incorporated in the second attachment to this letter.

Information on this action may also be found on the NMED WIPP Information Page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wipp/>.

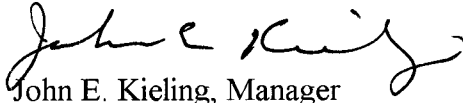
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Thank you for your participation by submitting written comments on this permit modification request. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Steve Zappe at (505) 428-2517.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

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