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RE: NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS, EXTENSION FOR CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION DECISION  
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT  
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088

Dear Dr. Triay and Mr. Lee:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) acknowledges receipt of the request for Class 2 permit modification to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The specific submittal reviewed for administrative completeness is as follows:

- Request for Class 2 Permit Modification, Dated 3/7/01, Rec’d 3/8/01

NMED has reviewed this document and determined that this permit modification request is administratively complete. The New Mexico Hazardous Waste Fee Regulations require assessment of fees when administrative review of a document is complete, as specified in 20.4.2.301 NMAC. NMED will issue an invoice to you under a separate letter. Payment is due within sixty (60) calendar days from the date that you receive the invoice.

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. In this instance, the date for a decision would be June 6, 2001. 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)). During this time, NMED is also delaying any upcoming deadline for complying with the groundwater quality reporting requirements specified in Permit Condition V.J.2.a of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact either Steve Zappe at (505) 428-2517 or me at (505) 827-1758.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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