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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

July 25, 2001

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**RE: 30-DAY EXTENSION FOR RESPONSE TO NMED'S COMMENTS ON THE WIPP  
GROUNDWATER MONITORING REPORT FOR JUNE – DECEMBER 2000,  
ROUND 11  
WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT  
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Dr. Triay and Mr. Lee:

The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Hazardous Waste Bureau (HWB) has received a fax copy of a July 25, 2001 letter from the Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) requesting a 60-day extension to respond to NMED's June 29, 2001 comment letter on the "WIPP Groundwater Detection Monitoring Program Semiannual Groundwater Monitoring Report", Round 11, September to November 2000. NMED's June 29 comment letter (received by CBFO on July 6, 2001) requested a response to comments within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of the letter. CBFO's extension request stated that the development of a response is not feasible at this time because all current resources are being utilized in the preparation of the upcoming Round 12, Semi-Annual WIPP Groundwater Monitoring Report (due to NMED in September 2001) and "other activities that must be completed to meet compliance driven requirements." CBFO requested an extension of 60 days in their letter; however, the new due date was reported as September 4, 2001 (a 30-day extension).

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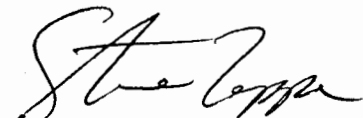


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Based upon the information provided by CBFO in the extension request, NMED hereby approves a 30-day extension for CBFO to submit a response to comments no later than September 4, 2001.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact William Fetner of my staff at (505) 428-2520 or me at (505) 428-2517.

Sincerely,



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WIPP Project Leader  
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