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I have attached the ads for the modifications being submitted under the Class 2 process. This is not the formal notification—simply letting you know that they have been published.

The mailing list notification went out on Friday, August 31, 2001.

The modifications will be posted to the web page by noon today.

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## Public Information Meetings



### On Modifications to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

October 9, 2001

6 to 8 p.m.

WIPP Information Center  
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 4021 National Parks Highway  
 Carlsbad, New Mexico

October 11, 2001

3 to 5 p.m.

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Courtyard by Marriott  
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- Explain the process for submitting comments
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To obtain information about the Class 2 Permit Modification, contact Bobby St. John at the WIPP Information Center, 1-800-336-9477. The permit modifications are also available on the WIPP Web site, <http://www.wipp.carlsbad.nm.us>, and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**Send written comments to:**

Mr. Steve Zappe  
 New Mexico Environment Department  
 2905 Rodeo Park Drive, Building 1  
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
 Phone: 505-428-2517  
 E-mail [steve\\_zappe@nmenv.state.nm.us](mailto:steve_zappe@nmenv.state.nm.us)  
 Display ad posted on: September 4, 2001  
 Comment period begins: September 4, 2001  
 Comment period ends: November 2, 2001

The permittee's compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the Agency contact person (Mr. Steve Zappe).

Comments to the permittees relative to this permit modification should be submitted to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221 by October 26, 2001.

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