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RE: 30-DAY EXTENSION FOR RESPONDING TO NMED COMMENTS AND REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION, WIPP MINE VENTILATION RATE MONITORING PLAN AND REPORT
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088

Dear Dr. Triay and Mr. Lee:

On January 9, 2002, NMED received a faxed letter from the Department of Energy’s Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) requesting a 30-day extension to the deadline imposed in an NMED letter dated December 5, 2001 (“Second Request for Supplemental Information (RSI) - Technical Adequacy Review of WIPP Mine Ventilation Rate Monitoring Plan, and NMED Comments on WIPP Volatile Organic Compound and Mine Ventilation Rate Monitoring Report For July 2000 – June 2001”). The CBFO letter stated that the nature of NMED’s request and the extent of the response required additional time, and that the extension of time would allow CBFO and its contractors to perform a thorough technical review to ensure that all outstanding issues will have been adequately addressed in the response and revised Mine Ventilation Rate Monitoring Plan.

Based upon the information provided in the extension request, NMED hereby approves the request for a 30-day extension and will accept the response to the RSI and comments no later than February 11, 2002.
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If you have any questions regarding this extension, please contact me at (505) 428-2517. If you have any questions regarding the December 5, 2001 letter, please contact Phillis Stevens at (505) 428-2518.

Sincerely,

Steve Zappe  
NMED WIPP Project Leader

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