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RE: ADDITION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT IN WASTE HANDLING BUILDING
WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088

Dear Dr. Triay and Mr. Lee:

The Hazardous Waste Bureau (HWB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed for technical and regulatory adequacy the notification of the addition of waste management equipment received on January 28, 2002. The Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC (the Permittees) submitted this notification in compliance with Permit Condition I.E.11.a. The notification documented the Permittees’ intent to add a second 6-ton overhead crane at each of the two TRUDOCKs and a third 13-ton forklift in the CH Bay of the Waste Handling Building.

A review of the Permit indicates that the addition of this equipment is consistent with current requirements and descriptions in Attachment M1, Sections M1-1c(1) and M1-1d(2). The Permittees state that the new equipment will be functionally equivalent to existing equipment and will comply with requirements specified in Attachment M1, Tables M1-1 and M1-2. The Permittees further state that such equipment will be maintained and inspected in accordance with all existing Permit conditions applicable to the existing equipment. Under these conditions, the notification is therefore accepted.
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (505) 428-2517.

Sincerely,

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