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RE: Notification of a Class 1 Permit Modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility
Permit to Correct the Description of Filter Vent Location on Standard Waste Boxes
and Ten-Drum Overpacks, Permit Number: NM4890139088-TSDF

Dear Mr. Zappe:

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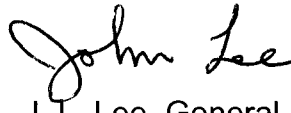
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding the permit modification or waiver of administrative fees, please contact Mr. Jody Plum at (505) 234-7462.

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Notice of Class 1 Permit Modification

**Correct Description of Filter Vent Location on Standard Waste Boxes and
Ten-Drum Overpacks**

**Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
Carlsbad, New Mexico**

WIPP HWFP Number NM4890139088–TSDF

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Transmittal Letter



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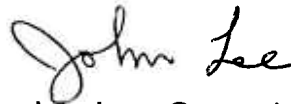
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Acronyms and Abbreviations

CBFO	Carlsbad Field Office
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DOE	Department of Energy
HWFP	Hazardous Waste Facility Permit
NMAC	New Mexico Administrative Code
NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
PMN	Permit Modification Notification
SWB	Standard Waste Box
TDOP	Ten-Drum Overpack
WIPP	Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
WTS	Westinghouse TRU Solutions, LLC

Overview of Permit Modifications Notification

This document contains a Class 1 Permit Modification Notification (**PMN**) to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (**HWFP**) at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (**WIPP**), WIPP HWFP Number NM4890139088–TSDf hereinafter referred to as the WIPP HWFP.

This notification of permit modification is being submitted by the U.S. Department of Energy (**DOE**), Carlsbad Field Office (**CBFO**) and Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC (**WTS**), collectively referred to as the Permittees, in accordance with the WIPP HWFP, Condition I.B.1 (20.4.1.900 New Mexico Administrative Code (**NMAC**) incorporating 40 Code of Federal Regulations (**CFR**) § 270.42(a)). This PMN is necessary to correct an error in the HWFP. This change does not reduce the ability of the Permittees to provide continued protection to human health and the environment.

The requested modification to the WIPP HWFP and related supporting documents are provided in the following sections of the PMN. The proposed modification to the text of the WIPP HWFP have been identified using a double underline for new information added and a ~~strikeout~~ font for information proposed for deletion. There is also a right hand /outside margin Revision Bar to assist in location of all additions.

Attachment A
Proposed Modified Permit Text

Table 1. Class 1 Permit Modification Notification

No.	Affected Permit Sections	Item	Category	Attachment A Page #
1	a.1 M1-1b	Correct description of the filter vent location on standard waste boxes and ten-drum overpacks.	A.1	A-3

Item 1

Correct Description of Filter Vent Location for Standard Waste Boxes and Ten-Drum Overpacks

Description:

Modify the text in the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (HWFP) Attachment M1 to correctly describe the location of filter vents on Standard Waste Boxes and Ten-Drum Overpacks.

Basis:

The Standard Waste Box and the Ten Drum-Overpack are designed with filter vents on the body of the container and not on the lid. Figures M1-4 and M1-5 show the correct position of the filters on these containers. The text in Attachment M1-1b and M1-1d(1) is currently inconsistent with the figures and container designs.

Discussion:

The revised permit text from the NMED dated February 25, 2002 makes the language in Attachment M1-1b inconsistent with Figures M1-4 and M1-5, with regards to the location of filter vents on SWBs and TDOPs. Therefore, the Permittees are submitting a Class 1 modification to correct the text in Attachment M1-1b.

Revised Permit Text:

a.1 Attachment M1-1b

Standard Waste Boxes

The SWBs meet all the requirements of DOT specification 7A regulations.

One or more filtered vents (as described in Section M1-1d(1)) will be installed in the SWB lid body and located near the top of the SWB to prevent the escape of any radioactive particulates and to eliminate any potential of pressurization. They have an internal volume of 66.3 ft³ (1.88 m³). Figure M1-4 shows a SWB.

The SWB is the largest container that may be used to collect derived waste.

Ten-Drum Overpack

The TDOP is a metal container, similar to a SWB, that meets DOT specification 7A and is certified to be noncombustible and to meet all applicable requirements for Type A packaging. The TDOP is a welded-steel, right circular cylinder, approximately 74 inches (in.) (1.9 meters (m)) high and 71 in. (1.8 m) in diameter (Figure M1-5). The maximum loaded weight of a TDOP is 6,700 pounds (lbs) (3,040 kilograms (kg)). A bolted lid on one end is removable; sealing is accomplished by clamping a neoprene gasket between the lid and the body. Filter ports One or more filter vents are located near the top of the TDOP on the body ~~One or more filtered vents (as described in Section M1-1d(1)) will be installed in the TDOP lid~~ to prevent the escape of any radioactive particulates and to

eliminate any potential of pressurization. A TDOP may contain up to ten standard 55-gal (208-L) drums or one SWB. TDOPs may be used to overpack drums or SWBs containing CH TRU mixed waste. Figure M1-5 shows a TDOP.