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May 15, 2002

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**RE: REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION TO IMPLEMENT THE FEBRUARY 25, 2002 REVISED  
HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT LANGUAGE  
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT  
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Dr. Triay and Mr. Lee:

On April 5, 2002, NMED received a letter from the Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) requesting a time extension to implement the Class 1 permit modifications reflected in NMED's February 25, 2002 administrative completeness determination and related revision to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The CBFO letter stated that the modifications as approved were different than those submitted in the July 21, 2000 permit modification notice, and that the additional time (approximately 90 days) was necessary to make the appropriate changes to generator/storage site documents. CBFO indicated that these changes could be implemented by June 1, 2002. NMED notes that the next generator/storage site audit is scheduled for Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site during the week of June 3 – 7, 2002, and that the time extension will enable this audit to evaluate the adequacy, effectiveness, and implementation of these changes.

Based upon the information provided in the CBFO letter, NMED hereby approves the request for an extension to implement the February 25, 2002 Class 1 permit modifications until June 1, 2002.

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If you have any questions regarding this extension, please contact me at (505) 428-2517.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Zappe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Zappe".

Steve Zappe  
NMED WIPP Project Leader

cc: James Bearzi, NMED HWB  
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