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July 11, 2002

Mr. Peter Maggiore, Secretary
 State of New Mexico Environment Department
 Harrold Runnels Building
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RE: Request for Additional Time to Respond to
 Notice of Deficiency (NOD), Class 3 Permit Modification Request
 For Centralized Waste Confirmation
 WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit
 EPA I.D. Number NM4890139088

Dear Secretary Maggiore:

On June 19, 2002 the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) received a Notice of Deficiency (NOD) from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) regarding the Centralized Waste Confirmation Facility (CCF) Class 3 Permit Modification Request (PMR). Given the range of issues raised in the NOD we respectfully request an additional 180 days, beyond July 19, 2002, in which to provide a response to NMED. This extension will also help to provide additional time resources for interested parties and the agency to apply to modification requests that are already in progress.

Secretary Maggiore, thank you in advance for the Department's thoughtful consideration of this request. If you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter please call us.

Sincerely,

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