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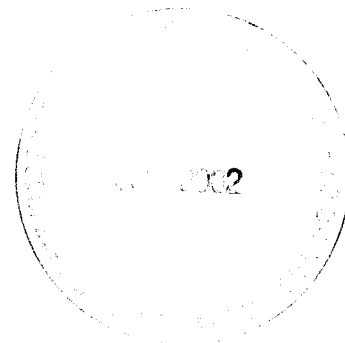


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Mr. Steve Zappe
New Mexico Environment Department
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Dear Mr. Zappe:

On June 28, 2002, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), as permittee under the Hazardous Waste Act permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, filed seven permit modification requests with the Environment Department (NMED). A public notice has been issued, stating that comments are due to be filed no later than September 3, 2002. At present NMED will be conducting public hearings concerning the Drum Age Criteria (DAC) modification shortly before the September 3 date. To relieve the schedule problem, we request that NMED extend by 30 days the dates specified in 40 CFR § 270.42(b)(5) and (6). The public comment period would then end on October 3, 2002.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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