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July 31, 2002

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Mr. Peter Maggiore, Secretary
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous Waste Bureau
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Bldg. 1
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Subject: Support of State of New Mexico Attorney General's Office Request for 30-Day Extension for a Decision

Dear Secretary Maggiore:

The Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) is in receipt of the July 24, 2002 letter from the New Mexico Attorney General's Office (NMAG) requesting that you extend the public comment period for thirty (30) days to allow them the opportunity to review and comment on the seven permit modification requests submitted to your office on June 27, 2002. We have considered this request by the AG's office and have heard similar comments of concern from other interested parties regarding the limited amount of time for completing their review of our requests. We would like to advise you that we are aware of this request and do not have an objection to this action should you choose to honor their request for this thirty (30) day extension.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (505) 234-7300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Inés Triay".

Dr. Inés R. Triay
Manager

cc:
J. Plum, CBFO
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CBFO Mailroom

