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Re: Schedule Extension for Permit Modification Requests

Dear Dr. Triay and Mr. Lee:

On June 28, 2002, the Department of Energy, Carlsbad Field Office, and Westinghouse TRU Solutions (the Permittees), filed seven permit modification requests with the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). These requests consisted of the following: (1) Electronic Data Management (determined to be a Class 3 modification on July 22, 2002), (2) Control charting, (3) Radiography in lieu of visual verification, (4) HalfPACT, (5) New hazardous waste number (U134), (6) Classified information, (7) Additional waste container types. Following the procedures outlined in 40 CFR §270.42(b)(5), a public notice was issued by the Permittees stating that comments on the modification requests are due to be filed no later than September 3, 2002.

On July 24, 2002, the Attorney General’s Office requested by letter that the comment and other periods outlined in 40 CFR §270.42(b)(5) and (6) be extended by 30 days, to avoid a scheduling conflict with a hearing previously scheduled on another permit modification request submitted by the Permittee. On July 31, 2002, NMED received a letter from Dr. Triay, Manager, Department of Energy, Carlsbad Field Office, stating that the Permittee has no objection to the requested extension.
Based upon these requests, the dates specified in 40 CFR §270.42(b)(5) and (6) for the aforementioned permit modification requests are hereby extended an additional 30 days. Accordingly, the comment period provided by 40 CFR §270.42(b)(5) shall end on October 3, 2002. The Permittee shall provide public notice of this extension by publication and by posting on its website.

Sincerely,

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