



**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENT**

CONCERNING INTENT TO APPROVE)
A CLASS 3 MODIFICATION TO THE)
HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT) **HWB 02-01 (M)**
FOR THE WASTE ISOLATION PILOT)
PLANT, CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO)

NOTICE OF EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The New Mexico Environment Department (**NMED**) hereby gives notice that it will continue to take written public comment on the proposed Class 3 modification of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (**WIPP**) permit relating to a change in requirements for Drum Age Criteria (**DAC**), until September 13, 2002.

On May 13, 2002, in response to a permit modification request filed by the WIPP Permittees, the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau issued a Draft Permit that would allow transuranic mixed waste generator sites that transport such waste to WIPP to use specific DAC prior to headspace gas sampling, based upon specific packaging configurations. At a hearing held on August 26, 2002, the Hazardous Waste Bureau proposed changes to the Draft Permit based upon public comment that was received prior to the hearing. The Proposed Final Permit would still allow specific DAC to apply to specific packaging configurations. However, at the request of members of the public, and to assure that the public has had a full opportunity to provide written comment, the written comment period is extended until September 13, 2002.

A copy of the Proposed Final Permit dated August 26, 2002 is available on the NMED website at <<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wipp>>, or a copy can be viewed at the office of the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau listed below. All written comment must be received by Mr. Steve Zappe on or before September 13, 2002. Comments may be submitted by e-mail (steve_zappe@nmenv.state.nm.us), facsimile (505-428-2567), or mailed to NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau, 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Bldg. 1, Santa Fe, NM, 87505, Attention: Mr. Steve Zappe.

Date: August 30, 2002

