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Subject: Centralized Waste Confirmation Permit Modification

Dear Mr. Zappe:

The United States Department of Energy (DOE), Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) is requesting that the Class 3 permit modification entitled Centralized Waste Confirmation submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on June 6, 2001 be rescinded and that further review of this permit modification cease.

The DOE is currently performing further cost/benefit analyses of this program to verify that this is the most cost effective and efficient mechanism by which to aid small quantity generators in the characterization and confirmation of their waste.

For this reason the DOE is formally withdrawing the Class 3 permit modification entitled Centralized Waste Confirmation.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jody Plum at (505) 234-7462.

Sincerely,

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