August 12, 2003

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RE: NOTICE OF EXTENSION FOR CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION DECISION  
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT  
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088

Dear Drs. Triay and Warren:

On May 14, 2003, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received a Request for Permit Modifications to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit from the Department of Energy’s Carlsbad Field Office and Washington TRU Solutions LLC (Permittees) dated May 13, 2003. These Class 2 modifications included the following items:

- Packaging-Specific Drum Age Criteria for New Approved Waste Containers
- Removal of Booster Fans
- LANL Sealed Sources Waste Streams Headspace Gas Sampling and Analysis Requirements
- Remove Formaldehyde as a Required Analytical Parameter for LANL
- Add New Hazardous Waste Numbers

According to 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(b)(6)), NMED must take specific action on the modification request no later than ninety (90) days after receipt of the request. In this instance, the date for a decision would be August 12, 2003. By this letter, I am notifying you as the Permittees that NMED will decide on this modification request within the next thirty (30) days, as allowed by 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating §270.42(b)(6)(i)(E)).
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Steve Zappe of my staff at (505) 428-2517.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Cabinet Secretary

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