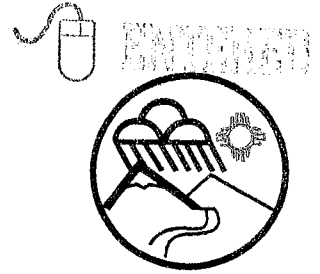


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August 21, 2003

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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 23, 2003, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received a Request for Permit Modification 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. This Class 2 modification included the following item:

- Revise PCB Prohibition

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 21, 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)).


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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Steve Zappe of my staff at (505) 428-2517.

Sincerely,



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