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Subject: Completion of Explosion Isolation Wall Construction

Dear Mr. Zappe:

The purpose of this letter is to provide a courtesy notification to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) that construction of the panel 1 explosion isolation wall has been completed. The explosion isolation wall was constructed to meet or exceed the specifications in Appendix G of Attachment I1 of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (HWFP).

Consistent with the requirements of the HWFP closure plan. Attachment 12, the WIPP retains a survey plat indicating the location of and dimensions of hazardous waste disposal units with respect to permanently surveyed benchmarks on file. Also on file is a certification by an independent New Mexico registered professional engineer. Once closure of Panel 1 is complete, the required documentation will be provided to the NMED.

Please address any questions regarding the subject explosion isolation wall to the undersigned at (505) 234-7349.

Sincerely,

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RCRA Compliance Manager

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