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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

April 7, 2004

Mr. R. Paul Detwiler, Acting Manager
Carlsbad Field Office
Department of Energy
P.O. Box 3090
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221-3090

Dr. Steven Warren, President
Washington TRU Solutions, LLC
P.O. Box 2078
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**RE: NOTICE OF EXTENSION FOR CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION DECISION
WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Mr. Detwiler and Dr. Warren:

On January 8, 2004, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received a Request for Class 2 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 January 7, 2004. These Class 2 modifications included the following items:

- Packaging-Specific Drum Age Criteria for New Approved Waste Containers
- Allow the Use of Either Track or Non-Track Mounted Conveyance Cars

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 April 7, 2004. 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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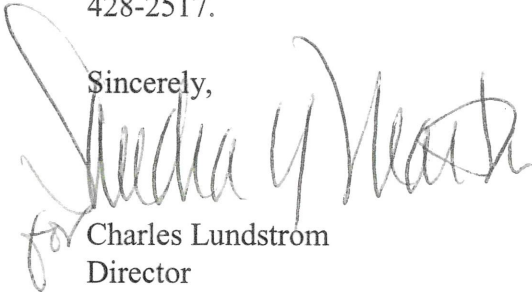
Mr. Detwiler and Dr. Warr

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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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for Charles Lundstrom

Director

Water and Waste Management Division

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