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Subject: Inspection of the Installation of an Additional Post Indicator Valve in the Fire Water Supply Line to the Waste Handling Building

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our coordination with the New Mexico Environment Department to facilitate a timely inspection of the installation of a new Post Indicator Valve (PIV) in conjunction with the Fire Suppression System (FSS) primary supply line to the Contact-Handled portion of the Waste Handling Building (WHB). This letter also serves as follow-up to a September 16, 2008, e-mail from Steve Zappe of your staff by providing correspondence stating the scope and expectations for the inspection.

The NMED was notified of a planned change to the permitted facility regarding the installation of this new PIV in accordance with the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) Condition I.E.11. in a letter dated June 30, 2008. The Permittees will be completing the installation of the PIV in the FSS supply line to the Waste Handling Building between September 19 and 21, 2008. A New Mexico Registered Professional Engineer (PE) is scheduled to inspect the installation on Monday September 22, 2008. According to Steve Zappe's September 16, 2008, request, Mr. Tom Kesterson of the NMED's DOE Oversight Bureau will be available to observe this inspection on NMED's behalf. The PE will verify that the line and PIV have been installed in accordance with the engineering drawings and provide a water line that is capable of supplying the required flow and pressure to protect the Contact-Handled waste area of the WHB, as required by the Permit.

Upon completion of the inspection, the Permittees will submit a letter containing a copy of the PE letter stating the installation has been inspected and verified to be in compliance with the Permit Condition I.E.11.b. A Class 1 Permit Modification Notification to update figures in the Permit with regard to PIV valves will be submitted to the NMED. The Permittees anticipate the forthcoming letter, PE letter of compliance, Class 1 Permit Modification Notification, and the independent verification performed by NMED staff can be the basis for NMED's finding that the modification to the facility is in compliance with the permit. Following the inspection of the newly installed PIV valve and FSS supply



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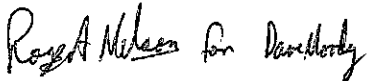
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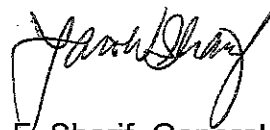
line, the excavated area will be back filled and the Parking Area Unit repaired prior to any Waste Handling in the affected area.

The Permittees appreciate NMED's timely support for the inspection of this installation and the willingness to coordinate these activities. Please contact Mr. H. L. (Jody) Plum at (575) 234-7462 if you have any questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,



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