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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 6, 2011

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RE: REQUEST TO DISCONTINUE MONTHLY SUBMITTAL OF VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND MONITORING INFORMATION WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT, EPA ID# NM4890139088

Dear Messrs. Ziemianski and Sharif:

On May 25, 2011 the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received a request to discontinue the monthly submittal of volatile organic compound (VOC) monitoring information from the Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) and Washington TRU Solutions LLC (WTS) (collectively, **the Permittees**). The Permittees have been submitting this information as part of a December 4, 2009 NMED request when the running annual average for carbon tetrachloride was approaching its concentration of concern (COC) of 165 parts per billion by volume (ppbv).

On December 30, 2010 the COC for carbon tetrachloride in the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Permit (**Permit**) was modified and increased to 960 ppbv. The Permittees' request explains that the current running annual average of 155 ppbv, as reported in the last monthly report, is well below the new COC.

NMED agrees the monthly submittals of VOC monitoring information are no longer necessary due to the increased limit and due to the fact that the same VOC monitoring information is provided in the semi-annual VOC monitoring reports required by Permit Condition 4.6.2.2. Therefore, NMED hereby grants the Permittees' request to discontinue

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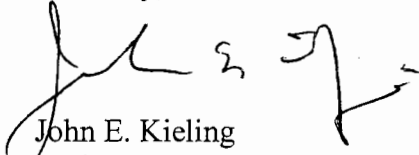


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monthly submittals of VOC monitoring information.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me at (505) 476-6035 or Ricardo Maestas of my staff at (505) 476-6050

Sincerely,



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