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**RE: FINAL PERMIT DECISION AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS, CLASS 2 MODIFICATION
REQUEST
WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Interested Person:

On January 31, 2012, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) took final administrative action on a Class 2 permit modification request (PMR) to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Washington TRU Solutions LLC (the Permittees) submitted this PMR to the Hazardous Waste Bureau on October 3, 2011, seeking to update ventilation language, add a shielded container, and revise the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Groundwater Detection Monitoring Program Plan.

NMED approved the groundwater revisions and the ventilation language updates with changes and denied the shielded container addition. This Class 2 PMR was evaluated and processed in accordance with the requirements specified in 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(b)). It was subject to a 60-day public comment period.

Further information on this administrative action, including response to comments, may be found on the NMED WIPP Information Page at <<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wipp/>>.

Sincerely,

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