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

Dear Commenter:

On November 1, 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 Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC formerly Washington TRU Solutions LLC (the Permittees) submitted this PMR to the Hazardous Waste Bureau on July 5, 2012 seeking to:

- Add the shielded container as a shipping package;
- Add descriptions of how the volume of RH TRU mixed waste which is disposed in shielded containers will be tracked;
- Add related changes to waste handling descriptions.

NMED approved the modification with changes. 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. You are receiving this mailing because you provided public comment on this modification. NMED's specific response to all comments as well as further information on this administrative action may be found on the NMED WIPP Information Page at <<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wipp/>>.

NMED appreciates your participation by submitting comments on these permit modification requests. Please contact Trais Kliphuis at (505) 476-6051 or via e-mail at <[trais.kliphuis@state.nm.us](mailto:trais.kliphuis@state.nm.us)> if you have further questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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