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SUBJECT: Class 3 Permit Modification Request for Waste Isolation Pilot
Plant

DATE: May 14, 2013

NMED received a Class 3 permit modification request (PMR) on March 20, 2013 from the Permittees.

The PMR is for three items includes:

- Panel Closure Redesign
- Repository Reconfiguration
- Volatile Organic Compound Monitoring Program Changes

The public comment period is for the PMR ends on May 20, 2013. The Permittees held public meetings on April 16th and 18th, 2013. To date, fifteen comments have been received, all in support of the PMR. Upon the conclusion of the Permittees required comment period, the permit modification request will be reviewed by staff taking into consideration the public comment received.

A draft Permit will be produced by the Department and then public noticed for a 60-day period and made available for public comment and requests for public hearing.

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At the conclusion of the Department's public comment period all comments will be reviewed for consideration in the next step in making a final decision. If requests for public hearing are received, the Department will consider these in scheduling a public hearing.