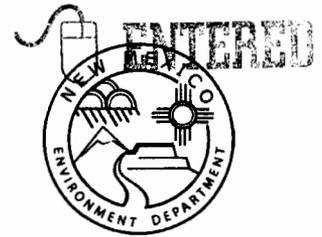




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**RE: MODIFICATION TO MAY 20, 2014 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Franco and McQuinn:

On May 20, 2014, the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) issued an Administrative Order (“Order”) requiring the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) and Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC (“NWP”; collectively with DOE the “Permittees”) to submit a Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (“WIPP”) Nitrate Salt Waste Container Isolation Plan (“Plan”). This letter hereby modifies paragraph 23 of the Order as follows:

The Permittees shall provide ~~daily~~ updates twice a week on the implementation of the WIPP Nitrate Salt Bearing Waste Container Isolation Plan during pre-scheduled technical calls and memorialize such updates in ~~daily~~ written submissions to NMED until NMED indicates otherwise.

Effective immediately the technical calls shall be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the first technical call scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2014. All other provisions and requirements of the Order shall remain in full force and effect.

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Messrs. Franco and McQuinn

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ricardo Maestas at (505) 476-6050 or John Kieling at (505) 476-6035.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Blaine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Tom Blaine, P.E.

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