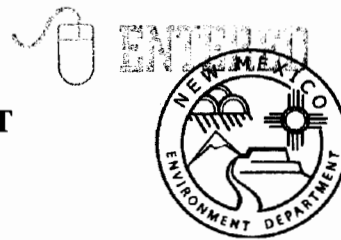




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**RE: CLASS 1 MODIFICATION, FEBRUARY 13, 2015
WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Franco and McQuinn:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) acknowledges receipt of a Class 1 Permit Modification Notification (Notification) to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit). The Department of Energy’s Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (collectively the Permittees) submitted the Notification in a letter dated February 13, 2015, and was received on February 19, 2015. The Notification contained two items: 1) Clarify the Date When Laboratory Procedures are Provided to NMED and 2) Add New Emergency Response Equipment.

NMED has reviewed and incorporated the modifications to the Permit. The modifications identified in the Notification are effective as requested by the Permittees under the conditions specified in 20.4.1.900 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §270.42(a)(1)). The current Permit can be found on the NMED HWB website.



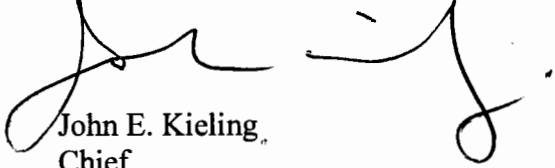
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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ricardo Maestas at (505) 476-6050 or myself at (505) 476-6035.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Kieling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "K".

John E. Kieling,

Chief

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