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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

May 20, 2015

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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") to the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") and Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC ("NWP"; collectively, with DOE the "Permittees") requiring the submittal of a WIPP Nitrate Salt Waste Container Isolation Plan ("Plan"). On October 7, 2014, NMED issued a letter that modified paragraph 23 of Order to allow for twice weekly, instead of daily, technical calls between NMED and the Permittees, and to memorialize such updates in written submission to NMED.

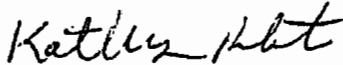
This letter hereby modifies Paragraph 23 of the Order to reduce the frequency of the technical calls between NMED and the Permittees as well as the email updates. Effective immediately, the technical calls shall be held at 3:00 pm every other Thursday; the next scheduled technical call shall be Thursday, May 28, 2015, and then shall continue every other Thursday after that. The Permittees shall provide weekly updates in written email submissions to NMED on Thursdays. All other provisions and requirements of the Order, as modified, shall remain in full force and effect.



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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,



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