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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 26, 2015

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**RE: NON-FINANCIAL RECORDS REVIEW INSPECTION OF PERMITTEES
ANNUAL WIPP INSPECTION, DECEMBER 2014
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT
EPA I.D. NUMBER NM4890139088**

Dear Messrs. Shrader and Breidenbach:

On December 9, 2014, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) conducted a Non-Financial records review (NRR) inspection of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, New Mexico. A NRR is a category of environmental compliance evaluation conducted by NMED involving a detailed review of records of a non-financial nature. The purpose of this inspection was to determine the US Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (the Permittees) compliance with the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit).

This inspection included a review of records, interviews with personnel, an above-ground site walk through, and a review of WIPP operational procedures. NMED provided the Permittees with a list of specific questions on December 9, 2014, associated with the requirements identified in Permit Sections 2.3.5, 2.8, 4.8.2; Tables 3.1.1 and 3.1.2; and Attachments A4, E, F, F1, F2, L, N, N1, and O, including, but not limited to; training records, maintenance and inspections records for below ground equipment and systems. The requested information was received by NMED on October 2, 2015.



Messrs. Shrader and Breidenbach

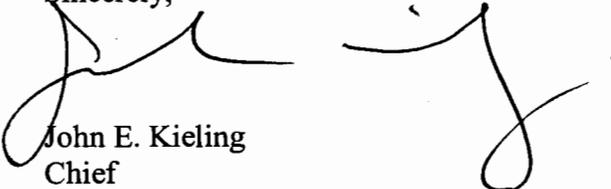
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Based on the inspection and subsequent review of the information, NMED finds no violations of the above referenced Permit requirements. No further action is required at this time. However, this letter does not relieve the Permittees of their obligation to comply with any other sections of the Permit or other applicable laws and regulations.

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

Sincerely,



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