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**From:** Maestas, Ricardo, NMENV  
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**To:** Allen, Pam, NMENV  
**Subject:** FW: Support for WIPP Permit Modifications

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**From:** John Waters [<mailto:jwaters@developcarlsbad.org>]  
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**To:** Maestas, Ricardo, NMENV  
**Subject:** Support for WIPP Permit Modifications

Ricardo Maestas  
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Dear Mr. Maestas:

Please accept my comments of support for the pending WIPP permit modifications.

I believe that the proposed revisions to the RCRA Contingency Plan will align better with the other plans at the WIPP facility and across the state. The proposed revision simplifies the process and improves on WIPP's ability to respond to emergencies.

I believe that the proposed revisions to Active Room Ventilation Flow Rate will allow workers to continue emplacing waste even in cases where an active room ventilation flow rate of 35,000 standard cubic feet per minute can't be met, which will allow WIPP to utilize site conditions and common sense to make decisions that will protect workers from possible VOC emissions. It should also allow WIPP and your agency to work closely together in developing an action plan that protects workers and allows the use of valuable disposal space in the underground instead of having to vacate it.

Regards,

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