

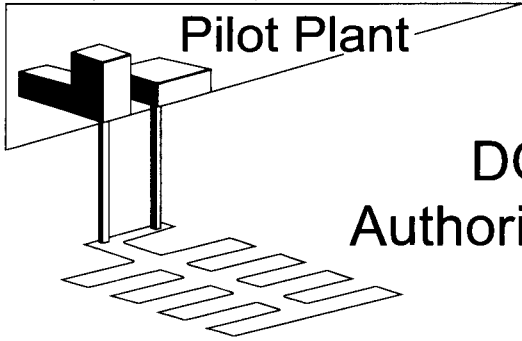
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# DOE Requests Temporary Authorization for Permit Modification

The U.S. Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office (DOE) and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWP), collectively referred to as the Permittees, submitted a request for a temporary authorization (TA) to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on November 10, 2016. The TA request is for the revised Class 3 Permit Modification Request, "Modifications to the WIPP Panel Closure Plan," also submitted on November 10, 2016, with the Permittees' response to the Technical Incompleteness Determination issued by the NMED on July 22, 2015.

Pursuant to 20.4.1 New Mexico Administrative Code (incorporating Title 40 CFR Part 270.42 (e)(2)(ii)(A)), the activities to be conducted under this TA are as follows:

- Install closure bulkheads in order to isolate filled underground hazardous waste disposal units (HWDUs)
- Discontinue inspections associated with existing closure components and bulkheads in filled underground HWDUs: Panels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Terminate hydrogen, methane, and ongoing volatile organic compound disposal room monitoring in filled panels

The Permittees are requesting this TA be effective for 180 days, with a possible additional 180-day extension, to allow the NMED time necessary to complete the administrative process for the Class 3 Permit Modification Request.



The Permittees' TA request demonstrates the proposed modification does not change the Permittees' ability to protect human health or the environment. In addition, the Permittees demonstrate that this TA is necessary to facilitate timely implementation of closure or corrective action activities and facilitate other changes that protect human health and the environment.

For more information contact the WIPP Information Center at 1-800-336-WIPP (9477). You also may visit the WIPP Home Page at <http://www.wipp.energy.gov>.