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Mr. John Kieling, Chief  
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Subject: Notification of Planned Change to the Permitted Facility Regarding the Construction of a New Filter Building, Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, Number: NM4890139088-TSDF

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notification to the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) of a planned change to the permitted facility in accordance with Permit Part 1, Section 1.7.11. (20.4.1.900 New Mexico Administrative Code incorporating Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations §270.30(l)). The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWP), collectively referred to as the Permittees, intend to upgrade the underground ventilation system (UVS) by constructing a new High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filter building. The UVS is broadly described in Permit Attachment A2, Section A2-2a(3).

The new HEPA filter building will be located southeast of the existing filter building, as shown on the attached conceptual drawing (Figure 1). This addition will require an expansion to the Property Protection Area and a modification to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant facility fence line. Additionally, the new exhaust stack will result in an alternate effluent discharge point that will be higher than the current exhaust stack discharge point.

Plans for the new filter building include six exhaust fans and 22 HEPA filter banks and associated ductwork to provide an increased amount of air to the underground. The primary function of the new filter building will be to remove airborne radioactive particulate from the exhaust air through HEPA filtration before the air is released to the environment. The new filter building will supply additional air to the underground in order to achieve up to 540,000 actual cubic feet per minute (acfm) in filtration mode. A conceptual drawing depicting the general location of the new filter building is attached for information (Figure 2).

The Permittees anticipate that the construction of the new filter building will be completed in calendar year 2020. Upon completion of the construction, the Permittees will provide the NMED a letter with a New Mexico registered professional engineer's certification statement that the facility has been constructed in compliance with the Permit and provide the NMED the opportunity to inspect the alteration pursuant to the Permit Part 1, Section 1.7.11.



Mr. Kieling

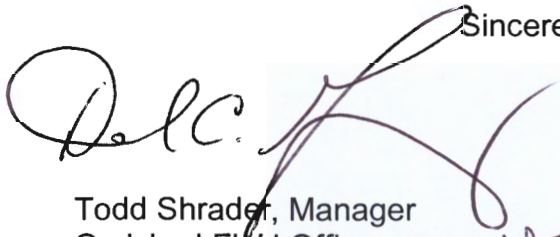
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The Permittees anticipate submitting a Permit Modification Request to revise descriptive text to address changes to the UVS.

We certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under our direction or supervision according to a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on our inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. We are aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George T. Basabilvazo at (575) 234-7488.

Sincerely,



Todd Shrader, Manager  
Carlsbad Field Office

*for Todd Shrader*



Philip J. Breidenbach, Project Manager  
Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC

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R. Maestas, NMED \* ED

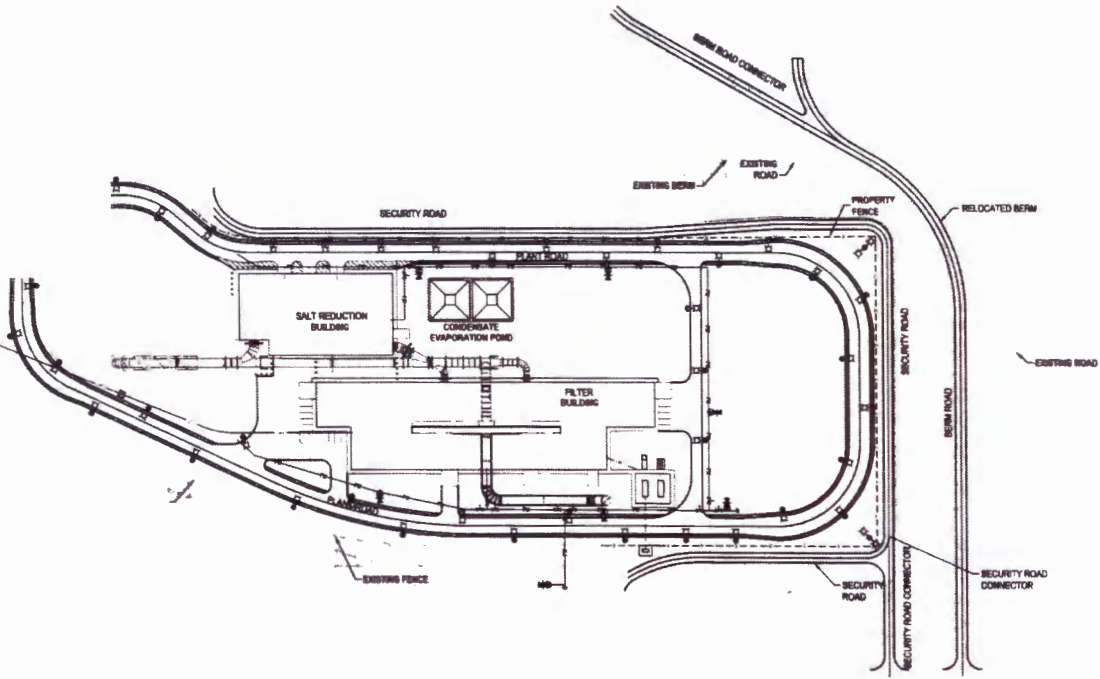
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New Filter Building  
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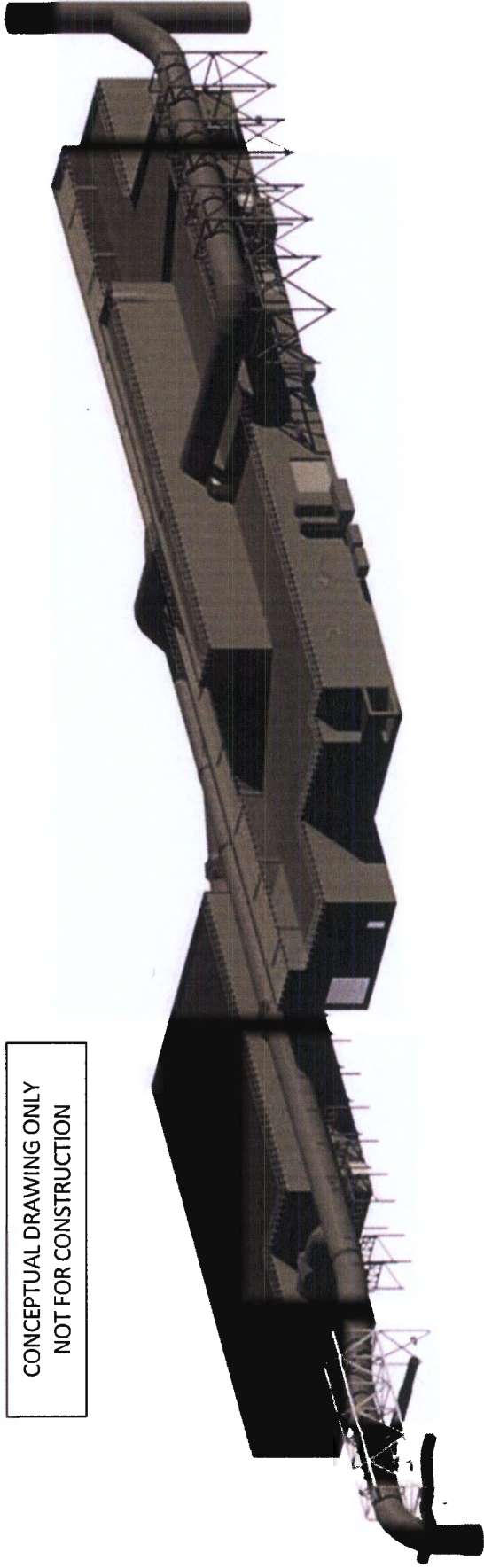
- △ CONTROL POINT CP/BM
- MAJOR CONTOURS
- - - MINOR CONTOURS
- OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL WITH POLES
- - - FENCELINE
- RAILROAD TRACKS
- BORE HOLE LOCATION
- UTILITY BOX
- POTABLE WATER TIE IN LOCATION
- SANITARY WASTEWATER FORCE MAIN TIE IN LOCATION
- WATER LINE 2" HDPE, OD = 2.375"
- SANITARY FORCE MAIN 2" HDPE, OD = 2.375"
- STORM DRAINAGE LINE
- CATCH BASIN
- STORM DRAINAGE MANHOLE
- UNDERGROUND COMMUNICATIONS & SECURITY
- UNDERGROUND FIBER OPTIC HAND HOLE
- UNDERGROUND FIBER OPTIC
- ELECTRICAL DUCT
- - - GROUND LOOP
- ⊕ LIGHT POLE
- SHEET FLOW
- DIRECTION OF FLOW

**PLAN**  
SCALE 1"=60'

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0 30 60 90 120 150 FEET

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Figure 2 – New Filter Building