



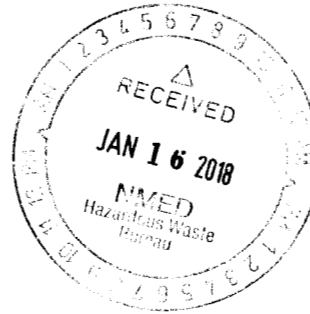
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Dear Mr. Maestas:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Class 2 Permit Modification Request proposing changes to the training program as well changes due to the construction and operations of a new filter building.

The Carlsbad Mayor's Nuclear Task Force has reviewed these two requests and participated in the pre-submittal process. We believe they make improvements to the WIPP facility and encourage the safety of its employees and the public.

The upgraded Underground Ventilation System will ensure that WIPP has sufficient ventilation capacity to support mining and waste emplacement operations at the same time. Furthermore, this system will direct and filter potentially contaminated air.

The proposed changes to the training permit will improve efficiency of WIPP's curriculum and allow WIPP's operators to make to make changes to titles and descriptions in a timely manner.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the pre-submittal process. These proposed changes are in support of WIPP's mission, and we encourage their prompt resolution.

Sincerely,

John Heaton, Carlsbad Mayor's Nuclear Task Force Chair

Dave Sepich, Task Force Permitting Subcommittee Chair

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