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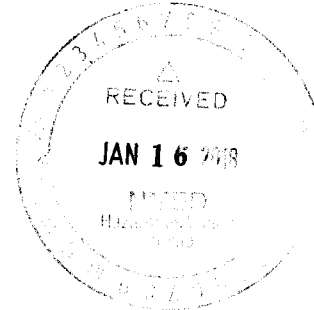
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To: Ricardo Maestas  
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Dear Mr. Maestas:

As mayor of the City of Carlsbad, N.M., I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the recent Permit Modification Request submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department by the Department of Energy and Nuclear Waste Partnership. I support prompt approval of this PMR, as I believe it to be in the best interest of WIPP's mission and its employees.

Our understanding is that the proposed modifications to WIPP's training program will modernize the curriculum and make the program more consistent with other regulations. It will make sure that the correct employees are receiving the correct training.

Upgrades to the Underground Ventilation Filtration System are important to ensure that WIPP is fully restored to its intended operational status and is meeting its mission goals. This new system will allow WIPP to handle maintenance outages and filtration changes and support mining and waste emplacement efforts. We appreciate your assistance with making the necessary adjustments to the WIPP permit.

Thank you again for your consideration in this matter. We realize your office is addressing a significant number of permit modification proposals at the same time; please let us know if we may be of any assistance

Sincerely,

Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway



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