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### Notice of Public Comment Period and Opportunity to Request a Public Hearing on a Draft Hazardous Waste Permit Modification for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

**Santa Fe-**The New Mexico Environment Department issued a public notice yesterday proposing the draft permit for public comment regarding the Modification of the WIPP Panel Closure Plan. The 60-day public comment period ends on **April 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

The U.S. Department of Energy and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (the "Permittees") submitted a revised modification request to NMED on November 10, 2016. The request includes modifications to the WIPP Panel Closure Plan.

The draft permit, fact sheet, public notices and modification request can be found on the NMED webpage at <https://www.env.nm.gov/hazardous-waste/wipp/>. The fact sheet provides a summary of the proposed modification to the permit.

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**.For your Twitter Feed:** NM Env. Dept. issued notice of public comment period opening re: WIPP Panel Closure Plan. <http://bit.ly/2CDSTog> #WIPP #NMED

**For your Facebook Feed:** The New Mexico Environment Department issued a public notice yesterday proposing the draft permit for public comment regarding the modification of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Panel Closure Plan. The 60-day public comment period ends on April 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Fact sheet at: <http://bit.ly/2CDSTog> #WIPP #NM #NMED

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