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Hello Ricardo,

Please see my letter attached.

My thanks,

Cathrynn Brown

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RE: Draft Permit Issued on August 6, 2018 by NMED
Pertaining to WIPP Volume of Record

Dear Mr. Maestas,

Please consider this my public comment regarding the draft permit identified above.

It is my understanding that NMED has elevated the U.S. Department of Energy's request for a permit modification pertaining to the WIPP volume of record (VOR) to a Class 3. I still very strongly support NMED's granting of this permit modification and will refrain from restating my reasons in this letter, as I wrote to you on this matter during an earlier comment period.

My purpose in writing today is to request that Secretary Tongate issue a final decision in favor of the permit modification before the end of the calendar year. Public meetings around the state have been well attended, and the VOR plan has been clearly articulated and discussed. Stakeholders have asked questions and received answers to those questions, and everyone who wanted to submit public comments has had ample opportunity to do so. I do not see a justification for going to a hearing and believe that such a step would be not only duplicative but would result in unnecessary delay and expense. In the event NMED does decide to add a hearing, I request that the hearing be held in Carlsbad, the city closest to WIPP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathrynn Novich Brown".

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