Pursuant to 20.1.4.500.C(2) NMAC, the Hazardous Waste Bureau (“Bureau”) of the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) hereby submits the following written Comment to the Hearing Officer’s Report (“Report”).

COMMENT

As found in both written and oral testimony, as well as the Report’s Conclusions of Law, the August 6, 2018 draft Permit, including the agreed upon language for the definition of “Shielded Container,” meets the regulatory requirements of the Hazardous Waste Act and the Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. While the Report discusses the “Shielded Container” language that was agreed upon by the parties in paragraphs 59, 60, 83, 164, and 182, as well as paragraph 3 of the Conclusions of Law, the language is not then specifically recommended for approval in the Hearing Officer’s Conclusion, which was likely an inadvertent oversight.

CONCLUSION
The Hazardous Waste Bureau respectfully requests that the Report’s Conclusion be revised to recommend approval of the draft Permit, as issued on August 6, 2018, along with the agreed upon changes related to shielded containers, for the reasons stated within the Report.

Respectfully submitted,
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